

Delegate Report AWSC March 10,2024

Hello everyone!

The 64th World Service Conference will be held Thursday, April 18 through Sunday April 21, 2024. This year's theme is "***Our Path toward Grace, Unity, and Understanding***"

Cards may be sent to Jean L. and Becky V. at the following address:

The Founders Inn & Spa

5641 Indian River Road

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

Hold for WSC 4/18-4/21, 2024. Make sure the cards arrive **after** April 16th and use the name and address of the recipient's home address as the return address.

The North Central Regional Delegates Meeting (RDM) will be held March 15-17, 2024 in Bloomington, IL. All five officers, four past delegates and the Regional Trustee (who happens to be from Iowa) will be attending this year! Go IOWA!!!

I hope everyone enjoyed the GR/DR salons. Thank you to everyone that attended and with the help of the Website Coordinator, both salons will be able to be on our Iowa website soon.

January 2024 Chairperson of the Board letter highlights:

Board Development:

The Board engaged in two thoughtful discussions on the following topics:

- *Inclusion as a spiritual principle found in our Legacies and Mission Statement*
- *Hidden norms*

- *As our guideline, we began our conversation using "when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help." The Board concluded that the Al-Anon/Alateen program is immersed in inclusion, particularly in the Traditions. After this attentive discussion, we felt a similar conversation could be useful for any Area or District agenda topic.*

As part of its education regarding inclusion, the Board has learned it is important to identify and document any "hidden norms" by which it has been or is operating. These are items that are understood by some but not documented. The Board has come to

understand “hidden norms” can represent unconscious biases. Is it possible that your Area or District might want to look for “hidden norms” that might help your future trusted servants?

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect

The 2024 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event will be held in Columbia, South Carolina on October 26, 2024. The planning has already begun.

Public Outreach Committee:

The Public Outreach Committee has been busy seeking ways to reach families and friends of alcoholics and professionals who work with them. Some accomplishments of the Committee’s work groups include the following:

- Social Media Work Group
- PO Toolkit Work Group.
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And last but not least:

Thank you from WSO

What a year! Our contributions, literature sales, magazine sales, and subscriptions to the *Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App* all ended the year above budget. The annual transfer from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund was returned!

There was no way to anticipate the fellowship’s response to the release of *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34) with sales of \$908,567. This is the highest-grossing year for literature sales.

Our message to the fellowship has been and continues to be one of gratitude and consistency. The WSO’s role of providing services to the fellowship can only be carried out with consistent contributions, the purchase of Conference Approved Literature (CAL), and subscriptions to our *Mobile App* Premium Content and our magazines (*The Forum, Le lien, and en accion*).