

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Fall Assembly
September 24, 2016

Dear Al-Anon Members,

Thank you for allowing me to serve the members and Groups of our Utah Area Al-Anon for the last three years as your Delegate. It's been a personally rewarding and spiritual experience. I have been humbled and blessed in equal measure. I'm very grateful to have been given your trust.

A comprehensive report of Al-Anon events at the World Service level can be found each quarter in the Letter from the Chairperson of the Board. The current Chairperson of the Board is Debbie G. from Iowa. Her July letter and an Archive of previous Letters is found on the Al-Anon member's website at www.al-anon.alateen.org.

The 2017 World Service Conference will be held April 24-28 in Virginia Beach. The theme of the Conference will be Our Member: Our Hope for the Future.

The name of the Meet the Board event has been changed to Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect. This year's event will be held in Fayetteville, N.C. in October.

Members can now subscribe to receive notices, announcements, and information directly from the World Service Office. Go to the member website at www.al-anon.alateen.org and follow the links to sign up.

At Delegate's Day I spoke to you about the financial challenges facing the Board of Trustees this year in resolving the budget deficit. I'm pleased to share that due largely to the response of the membership, great strides have been made in moving towards a balanced budget. The complete financial update can be found on the member website at www.al-anon.alateen.org. Briefly, through June 30, the General Fund recorded a gain of \$341,930 due in part to higher than budgeted literature sales and lower than budgeted expenses. Contributions for the first six months exceeded 2015 Contributions by \$191,428. The fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund totaled \$4,864,883 at June 30, 2016. In her mid-year report our WSO Treasurer says, "June 2016 was our biggest month ever for contributions, far outpacing our previous best month. If we continue to express our gratitude and financial abundance in like manner for the rest of 2016 and beyond, the World Service Office will be able to support us well in our efforts to carry the message and reach out to those still suffering from the effects of someone else's drinking."

A conversation has begun over the use of the terms "open" and "closed" as they apply to our meetings any confusion these terms might cause for the public and even for Al-Anon

members. It's likely that our new Delegate will want input from our Assembly in the spring to prepare for this discussion at the 2017 World Service Conference. Read more about it on the member website at www.al-anon.alateen.org.

I'll continue our conversation about bidding to host the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention during my time on today's agenda.

Thanks again for letting me serve.

Patrick M.