

DISTRICTS 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19 AND 20**DISTRICT 2****Date:** 7-1-2017**Event:** Assembly**Name:** Linda Doran**District Number:** 2**Position:** DR**Number of Al-Anon Meetings:** 26**Number of Alateen Meetings:** 1**List Counties Served:** Southern half of Milwaukee County (Cudahy, Franklin, Greendale, Greenfield, Hales Corners, Milwaukee, Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, West Allis)**PROJECTS/GOALS:**

1. January 21 Forum Writing Workshop had 14 attendees. We started with a continental breakfast, followed by the workshop, facilitated by Susan B., Area 61 Alt. Delegate and Forum Coordinator
2. We are planning the 2nd Annual District 2 Picnic for Saturday, July 22 in Greendale. We will have an AA and an Al-Anon speaker, potluck and games.
3. District 2 purchased 1,000 business cards to hand out to the public. They say "Does Someone Else's Drinking Bother You?" And the SE Wisconsin AIS/LDC phone number, email address and website are on them. Our GRs have a quantity to give to members of their groups, to be given to anyone who might benefit from knowing about Al-Anon. We plan to re-order them as needed.

DISTRICT 4**Date:** 8/19/17**Event:** AWSC**Name:** Milette K**District Number:** 4**Position:** DR**Number of Al-Anon Meetings:** 20**Number of Alateen Meetings:** 4**List Counties Served:** Waukesha and Jefferson**PROJECTS/GOALS:**

1. We had four GRs attend the Partners in Service Day/AWSC meeting on August 5, 2017. The GRs approved the use of district funds in supporting participation in this Al-Anon service opportunity. The District paid for a room at the Mead and gas to enable our GRs to more easily attend. We are looking forward to their report at our next District meeting on September 2nd.
2. Our last District meeting was held on July 29th. The tone for a very good discussion of Al-Anon principles was set by a reading from page 139 in How Al-Anon Works,

"There is no difference between good spiritual practice and good business practice. As our cofounder Lois W. said, "I don't think there is a spiritual part of the program. I think Al-Anon is a spiritual program. Every activity can have a spiritual motive."

We also read page 305 in the ODAT.

"Al-Anon is not an organization; it has no managers or bosses. It is a fellowship of equals, held together in close union by something called "obedience to the unenforceable." This means that every group conducts Al-Anon's work according to the spiritual principles stated in our Traditions, which they accept and follow of their own free will, without being directed or compelled by anyone."

Liz L., our Alternate DR, has resigned her position because she has accepted a position on the Intergroup Service Board. Too many service positions is not a good idea. We wish her well. No one was willing to stand as Alternate DR, we will continue to pray for guidance and direction and keep it on the agenda under Old Business.

We discussed the possibility of hosting a future Assembly in 2019 or 2020. Because many of us are leaving our service positions when our three year terms are over, we did not feel it was fair to commit our future DR and GRs to an obligation they had no part in making. We will keep this item on our agenda under Old Business as well.

Our final item for business was discussion of the recommended changes to the Area Policy Manual. I had forwarded the proposed documents when I received them and requested the help of the GRs in reviewing them. I requested that all questions be brought to the district meeting so I would be prepared to bring them to the AWSC meeting.

The #1 Question on everybody's list was *why are they doing this?*

The only explanation I can offer is Cheryl A.'s report on Policy vs. Procedure. When it was explained that the Policy Committee consists currently of 5 Past Delegates, the Area Officers, and the Alateen Coordinator; the idea that the Area Policy Manual was too difficult and confusing for them and they need to reorganize it was/is met with total incredulity.

We looked for answers in the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual because that is where the answers can be found. We read the Warranties especially Warranty 2 on pages 219-220, along with Warranties 3 and 5. The DR suggested that the Task Force recommendations are “overturning and amending decisions” made by previous Assemblies. The questions of Area Business be conducted according the Traditions and Concepts was discussed. The discussion went back to the principle of “obedience to the unenforceable”. Is this a principle worthy of practice?

As our meeting time was concluding, we decided each GR should ask two questions of the membership of their groups to bring back and continue the discussion at our next meeting.

1. Is the membership of the groups of District 4 willing to accept the breaking of the Warranties (2, 3, and 5) along with various Traditions in conducting Al-Anon business at the Assembly?

2. Is the principle of “obedience to the unenforceable” worthy of practice?

We will meet again on September 2, to find out more from our fellowship.

3. District 4 will continue with our study of the duties/responsibilities of Group Representatives. We are focusing on using the principles expressed in our Three Legacies: The 12 Steps, The 12 Traditions, and the Concepts of Service including the Warranties to conduct Al-Anon business.

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES:

1. *Will the proposed policy change concerning the Liaison be on the Fall AWSC meeting agenda or will it be “killed” by the Policy committee? I think it can be used as a learning example of the need for all members to be versed in all three of our legacies, The Steps, Traditions and the Concepts including the Warranties. I would like to discuss the merits of using the 5 Warranties: prudent financial principles, unqualified authority over other members, decision reached by discussion, vote and if possible unanimity, personally punitive or public controversy, and is it democratic in thought and action to replace the 5 questions now used for KBDM. This would make the warranties more familiar to the membership. I, personally, find the present 5 suggested questions too corporate. I attend Al-Anon the Fellowship, not Al-Anon the Corporation.*

2. *Matt G. proposed a very good discussion on the WSO DR thread for the need to have a rotation of leadership and the dominance of people who keep changing positions panel after panel. I would like to see some time allowed for this discussion to be held at our Area level. With Fall 2018 being an Election Assembly, the need to have new/different people step up and be willing to serve is imperative. This is an important topic and the health of our Area is dependent on participation by the greatest number. The attitude that issues are too complex for new people to understand needs to be changed. With proper explanations and transitions, any Al-Anon member willing to serve should be welcomed.*

DISTRICT :6

Date: 8/21/17

Event:

Fall Assembly

Name: Selwa P.

District Number: 6

Position: DR

Number of Al-Anon Meetings: 23

Number of Alateen Meetings: 1

List Counties Served (and major cities if not full counties): Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Sheboygan

PROJECTS/GOALS:

1. Our fifth annual Spaghetti Dinner and Open Speaker Meeting, held on April 29, 2017, was a success. The proceeds are going toward our public outreach program. At this writing, we have a tentative date for the 2018 event, and will be distributing Save the Date flyers at Fall Assembly.

2. Our public outreach coordinator, Jean B., is actively taking Al-Anon CAL and meeting lists to the various substance abuse prevention/mental wellness/Human Services board meetings in three of our four counties; has arranged to have an Al-Anon table at various mental health/substance abuse events; and has provided “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” booklets and meeting lists to nine agencies; and mailed meeting lists and the leaflets “Are You Troubled by Someone’s Drinking?” and “Did You Grow Up with a Problem Drinker?” to twenty-seven substance abuse/mental health providers. The next goal is to distribute meeting lists and CAL leaflets to jails and prisons, colleges and tech schools and churches in the four counties; and to attend Assembly to network with the Area and other District public outreach coordinators.

3. The District will purchase 400 of the next printing of “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” for our groups to distribute.

4. After consideration of who our audience for a workshop would be, we decided against planning a workshop for the near future. Aiming for outreach, we will instead plan open meetings or meetings on

wheels, with our focus toward the new treatment centers in our District. Most newcomers to our meetings lately are being referred by these facilities.

5. Of our District's twenty-three groups, eight were represented at the District meeting by either the GR or a member of the group. Eight of our twenty-three groups do not have a GR. We have an on-going participation issue; or to state it more positively, we have a great opportunity for service within our District.

DISTRICT :9**Date:** 8/5/2017 **Event:** Assembly**Name:** Cathy Trojan**Position:** DR**Number of Al-Anon Meetings:** 13**Number of Alateen Meetings:** 0**List Counties Served:** Adams, Columbia, Green Lake, Marquette, Sauk and Waushara**PROJECTS/GOALS:**

Our district workshop held on June 10 was well attended. The panels and speakers were great. Our regular quarterly district meeting was held on the same day.

Outreach projects:

- We will again be ordering 100 copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to distribute to our groups to share with their community as they wish.
- Berlin Listen and Learn has picked up the Law Enforcement Outreach Project and is working with the Green Lake County Sheriff's Department.
- Baraboo Monday Night Serenity is leaving copies of the Forum at the Reedsburg Hospital as one of their members' works at the hospital.

We will again offer a raffle basket at the Fall Assembly as well as the Area Convention consisting of a subscription to the *Forum* and a "gift certificate" for CAL to be purchased from our Literature Coordinator. Our Alt. DR/Literature Coordinator presented the Service Manual Topic of Sponsorship, personal as well as Service Sponsor.

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES: *Questions or issues in your District that should be brought to the attention of the AWSC/ Assembly. Please be brief. (These questions may be referred to the Policy Committee for answers or continued discussion with report back to the body.)*

1. We had a discussion of "crosstalk" and tried to come up with a definition. This is what we have: "Cross talk means that we refrain from interrupting when someone is sharing and we don't give advice". We would be interested in what other groups and district think the term "crosstalk" means to them.
2. Some of our groups have regular business meetings and some do not. What do groups in other districts handle holding business meetings?

DISTRICT 11:**Date:** 8/6/2017 **Event:** Fall Assembly**Name:** Jenni E**District Number:** 11 **Position:** DR**Number of Al-Anon Meetings:** 11 **Number of Alateen Meetings:** 0**List Counties Served (and major cities if not full counties):** Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, La Crosse, and Vernon

PROJECTS/GOALS: *Current or long-term projects or goals proposed or active in your District (Please include highlights and/or issues encountered). Feel free to attach another page to continue these report items.*

1. District 11 is hosting a workshop on October 7, 2017 on "Healthy Groups", in Onalaska, WI. Flyer will be submitted to Webmaster for area website publication, and copies to be available at Fall 2017 Assembly.

DISTRICT 13:**Date:** 8/5/2017 **Event:** Assembly

Name: Sharyl Maniwiller**Position:** DR**Number of AI-Anon Meetings:** 15**Number of Alateen Meetings:** 1**List Counties Served:** Polk County, St Croix County, and Pierce County**PROJECTS/GOALS:**

1. We are in the process of assessing the commitments of members to keep the District going. No DR has stepped up to take my place. My term is over Fall Assembly. We have 3-4 members interested in meeting together to help put on events in the district. There is little interest in serving at GR in the groups.
2. Another group closed because the members were older and unable to keep it going. No younger members attending to take over.

DISTRICT : 15**Date:** 7/7/17 **Event:** Assembly**Name:** Terrie Geyer**District Number:** 15 **Position:** Alt. DR**Number of AI-Anon Meetings:** 8**Number of Alateen Meetings:** 1**List Counties Served (and major cities if not full counties):** Lincoln, Oneida, Price & Vilas**PROJECTS/GOALS:**

1. Visit Minocqua Police Department, Lakeland High School, Howard Young and Marshfield Clinic of Minocqua to determine interest in PowerPoint Presentations. If interest and presentation(s) given, get others in our District to step forward to help with initial contacts at least.
2. Seeking individuals to fill two open GR positions. "Woodruff operating without a GR; Eagle River is being filled by past GR/DR who stepped up since no one else did.

DISTRICT : 19**Date:** 8/18/17**Event:** Fall Assembly**Name:** Connie Oliver**District Number:** 19**Position:** DR**Number of AI-Anon Meetings:** 12**Number of Alateen Meetings:** 1**List Counties Served (and major cities if not full counties):** Brown, Door and Kewaunee**PROJECTS/GOALS:**

1. Issue of continuing our own website has been tabled while waiting for more information. The links to Area 61 & WSO still exist.
2. We ordered another 200 2018 AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism and will staple our meeting lists to them. Each group takes some and members drop off wherever they can. (Doctors, dentists, laundromats – the list goes on.)
3. We talked about doing a Group Inventory and discussing how our abundance can support WSO and the area.
4. District 19 will send \$120.00 to Ann to support the Hospitality Room at the AFG Convention in October. One member brought a bag full of keys for Jami to use. Thank you, Laura. (And John too)
5. Our past DR, Steve H. volunteered to chair the "Host for the 2018 Spring Assembly. He and his team are working with Mary Sky. Thank you, Steve.
6. I have asked everyone to be thinking about next year's elections. We not only need a new DR, but the Area needs new people for Officer and Coordinator positions. There are some requirements, so refer to the service manual or job descriptions on the web site to see how you can volunteer for service.

DISTRICT : 20

Date: 9/16/2017 **Event:** Assembly

Name: Kathy Gritzmacher **Position:** DR

Number of AI-Anon Meetings: 6

Number of Alateen Meetings: 0

List Counties Served: Sawyer, Washburn and Burnett

PROJECTS/GOALS:

1. District #20 will be holding a meeting in Sawyer county on Wednesday August 30 at the Serenity Club in Hayward WI

We made custom address labels to place on 2018 AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism for Public Outreach.

We will be holding Elections for Secretary, Treasurer, Technology Service Positions for District #20.

Our hope is we can reach out and help anyone in need,