

AREA 61 COORDINATOR/OFFICER REPORT

Always submit a report. If you don't have new information, complete the top section and indicate "No report".

You may or may not be asked to read your report at the meeting. You'll have two minutes maximum (approx. 300 words). Additional time may be granted by the Chairperson if requested before you begin.

Your report will be distributed to the Area by the Secretary prior to the AWSC or Assembly if received in a timely manner.

Date: August 19, 2017

Event: Fall Assembly

Name: Carol Vandenberg

Position: Past Delegate

WSO INFORMATION (if applicable):

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

1. Turned in Task Force Report for Policy verses Procedures
- 2.
- 3.

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES: *Questions or issues that have to do with your position 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.
- 2.
- 3.

GENERAL COMMENTS (time permitting):

When I first came to Area 61, as a brand new GR, it was explained to me that AI-Anon was based on an upside down triangle and the only members that voted for what the Area did or did not do was the GRs. This made me feel that I was doing a very important job and needed to be diligent in learning everything I could about what I would be voting for.

In this past year, I have been hearing the rumblings of "us and them." There is no us and them in AI-Anon, the only words we should be using is we. We all love AI-Anon and we are all here to help.

As a new GR, I immediately got a Service Sponsor because I needed to talk with someone that had more service wisdom than I did. I was taught by my Service Sponsors to Presume Goodwill. I discovered that all the people at business meetings were AI-Anon members. They all have the same feelings, hardships, fears, and doubts that I had, plus they also had the love of AI-Anon program as I did. When members stand for positions, they try their best to help AI-Anon grow. Presume Goodwill means that all these trusted servants come in to service to try and help. No one comes here to hurt AI-Anon. Why any of us would hurt the program that has helped us so much I don't know.

Remember what Concept One says "The ultimate responsibility and authority for AI-Anon world services belongs to the AI-Anon groups." The triangle is upside down for a reason. GRs are at the wide top part of the triangle and our other trusted servants are at the narrow point at the bottom. And as our closing says: "We aren't perfect. The welcome we give you may not show the warmth we have in our hearts for you. After a while, you'll discover that though you may not like all of us, you'll love us in a very special way—the same way we already love you.

Talk to each other, reason things out with someone else, but let there be no gossip or criticism of one another. Instead, let the understanding, love, and peace of the program grow in you one day at a time.

Please email your report to: secretary@area61afg.org