
DISTRICTS 2, 9, 13, 15 AND 20

DISTRICT 2**Date:** 7-1-2017**Event:** AWSC**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:** 7/7/17**Event:** AWSC**Name:** Milette K**District Number:** 4**Position:** DR**Number of Al-Anon Meetings:** 16**Number of Alateen Meetings:** 1**List Counties Served:** and Jefferson minus Ft. Atkinson, Brookfield, and eastern Waukesha County

PROJECTS/GOALS:

1. District 4 has a new Al-Anon meeting; Lake Country Let Go and Let God AFG which meets on Monday evening at 6:30 pm. We have a new GR from Sunday Night Survivor in Mukwonago, Kathryn B. I spoke at an open meeting held by Waukesha 12 X 12 on May 31 Our next district meeting will be on July 29.
2. I am pleased that I will be bringing three guests to our Partners in Service Day on Aug. 5. Liz L., Alternate DR., Angela B., and Kathryn B will be attending with me. They are excited to learn more about Al-Anon service at the Area level.
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. We are discussing ways in which GRs can express their opinions on important Al-Anon issues/policies. I am encouraging GRs to participate in discussion in District meetings by allowing everyone an opportunity to share. I am encouraging GRs to participate at the Assemblies by stepping up to the microphone and share their ideas. I am including an email sent by a District 4 GR to all of the members of the AWSC. This is another example of GRs fulfilling their duties to practice the principles of Al-Anon especially applying the Three Legacies to Al-Anon business. We will continue to study the Area 61 Al-Anon/Alateen Policy Manual. It is very important to know exactly what is currently in this book. When the proposed reorganization is presented, GRs will need time and knowledge to digest these proposed changes and insure that the policies passed and approved by GRs at Assemblies have not been rewritten.

The Following is the email referenced above:

May 23, 2017

How could this happen?

We GRs were asked to vote on a change at the Spring Assembly which had been "considered and revised at the Policy Committee meeting on March 3rd and again at the Area World Service Committee on March 4th." The change was the elimination of one word "Liaisons" in our current Area 61 AI-Anon/Alateen Policy Manual, Page 1 line 3. Substituting for "Liaisons" was a new line #4 stating, "A liaison may attend AWSC and Assemblies at the discretion of the Chairperson and will have a voice but no vote."

This loose language could lead to a broad definition of interpretation and corruption of AI-Anon's Three Legacies: Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. After discussion, the GRs voted not to pass this the way it was worded but to send it back to the AWSC for review as suggested by the Chair. Tradition Two worked.

If passed, the broad interpretation of liaison as stated in the dictionary is defined as, "a linking up or connecting of the parts of a whole in order to bring about proper coordination of activities." Anyone responsible for transferring information from one group to another would be subject to this definition. Anyone in service: GRs, DRs, Coordinators, Officers, Delegates, Past Delegates, etc. would be included.

Now that we know who the liaison is, we GRs were to give the discretionary power to the Chairperson to decide which liaisons could attend an AWSC meeting and/or Assembly. This could lead to the Chairperson deciding who they would like to attend or who the Chairperson would not like to attend the AWSC and/or Assembly.

It appears the AWSC and Policy Committee were asleep at the switch. My biggest concern is; where was the input from the Past Delegates? I know for a fact that, in 1986, GRs at the Assembly approved allowing a past delegate to attend the AWSC and Assemblies at the Area expense. The past delegate's duties were to assist the Chairperson with input as to whether the Legacies were being wisely applied, "promoting harmony and growth", and giving guidance for Service for AI-Anon as a whole.

I feel we need to define the purpose of a past delegate attending the AWSC and Assemblies at the Area expense. The definition of purpose from 1986 was what I was anticipating, but did not happen. Not even one past delegate questioned the proposed language change in the new line #4. Thus begging the question, why do we need five or more past delegates attending at Area expense? I feel the number needs to be reduced.

In my opinion, this new line #4 should never have made it to the Assembly floor for consideration if all those in service were doing their jobs. As I understand it, there is a Task Force to reorganize the current Area 61 AI-Anon/Alateen Policy Manual. It frightens me that this reorganization revision is to be presented and possibly passed at the 2017 Fall Assembly when changing only one word, "Liaisons," was so highly debated.

Wayne K., GR Into Action AFG.

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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 AI-Anon the Fellowship, not AI-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 :9**Date:** 8/5/2017 **Event:** AWSC**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.

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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?
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DISTRICT 13:**Date:** 8/5/2017 **Event:** AWSC**Name:** Sharyl Maniwiller **Position:** DR**Number of Al-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:** Aug AWSC

Name: Terrie Geyer **District Number:** 15 **Position:** DR? Alt. DR?

Number of Al-Anon Meetings: 8 **Number of Alateen Meetings:** 1

List Counties Served (and major cities if not full counties): Lincoln, Oneida, Price & Vilas

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. 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 : 20

Date: 8/5/2017 **Event:** AWSC

Name: Kathy Gritzmacher **Position:** DR

Number of Al-Anon Meetings: 6

Number of Alateen Meetings: 0

List Counties Served: Sawyer, Washburn and Burnett

PROJECTS/GOALS:

No report