

## AWSC – August 18 & 19, 2017

### Alternate Delegate Report

Our last AWSC for Panel 55! What a journey it has been!

DR's this will be your Districts last opportunity to submit Red Light Green Light questions at AWSC, that will be used at our last Assembly. Susan Robinson, District 1 DR and I will be choosing 3 questions on Saturday. I will need 3 Districts to volunteer to research a question!!

Volunteers...While were talking about volunteers, I will also be asking for two DR's to assist me with New GR Orientation at Fall Assembly.

#### Did anyone spot the error in the August *Forum*?

Please let me know if any of these members are from your District that have been printed in *The Forum*, so I can display them on the board at Fall Assembly:

- April – Christine A – pg 7 & Arlene L – pg 14
- May – Grace – pg 19 & May - Judy V – pg 24
- June – Paula C – pg 6 & Linda L – pg 11
- August – Carolyn C - pg 3

### PANEL 55 – FINAL PUSH FOR SUBMISSIONS TO – *The Forum*

#### Topic: SERVICE

DR's will find *The Forum* Writing Guidelines sheets in your file to be passed out to Officers, Chairs and GR's in your District. Please feel free to make more copies if necessary. GR's are also welcome to make copies and take them to group members who can write about SERVICE. Please ask members to write and then bring them to Assembly. Then I will send them all to WSO together. Be sure the submission to *The Forum*, is attached to the Writing Guidelines sheet and that the information requested on that sheet is provided. Thank you all for *participating* in this project for *The Forum*!

#### Information from WSO concerning *The Forum*

- We are excited to announce that, beginning with the August and September issues, we are giving *The Forum* a new, more contemporary look. We are experimenting by adding some new design elements that we hope you will find interesting, fun and inviting.
- We remain very short on *Forum* sharings about the three Legacies-especially about Steps Five through Twelve, and all Twelve Traditions and Concepts of Service. We also need sharings from Canadian and Alateen members.
- *Forum* Subscription Reports: First, thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire. We are working with WSO's Software Engineer to fine tune the subscription report so that it better fits your needs. We look forward to presenting it to you when it's ready.
- THE FORUM BOOK (working title): So far, members have sent in over 701 titles and publication dates of *Forum* articles that they consider the best of recent years. Please keep encouraging members to send in *Forum* stories they want to see included in this book. And don't forget to send in your own selections!
- The revised *Forum* Writing Guideline (F-1) was posted on AFG Connects on June 19 of this year. It is also available on the Members site.

- Don't forget to let members know that there is an e-magazine version of *The Forum*. You can now find direct links for ordering it on the AI-Anon Online Store at [al-anon.org/onlinestore](http://al-anon.org/onlinestore) under the "Electronic Literature" category.

A message from Tom C., Associate Director-Literature concerning AI-Anon WSO Facebook page

In the June 2017 issue of *The Forum* magazine, an AI-Anon member shares in the "I Became Willing to Surrender" story (page 8): "One of the first things I learned in AI-Anon was that I was powerless, and, if anything, I was controlled by the alcoholic. After months of struggling with the First Step, I finally accepted how unmanageable my life had become. When I finally admitted I was powerless and my life had become unmanageable, what followed was a sense of freedom. I no longer felt responsible for the alcoholic."

This quote from the story was posted on the AI-Anon WSO Facebook page June 14, 2017. To date, it has received 252 "Likes" and 62 shares. The WSO received a comment (only WSO staff can see comments because of our privacy settings) from a member regarding the June 14<sup>th</sup> Facebook post:

"... I was the one controlled by the alcoholic." After 10 years in AI-Anon, that's the first time I have realized how true that is for me. Light bulb moment. Thank you for sharing. I love this miraculous program!!"

We are sharing this positive comment with you to let you and members of your Area know how *The Forum* articles resonate with followers of our social media pages. Although intended for Public Outreach to newcomers, members' feedback with a "Like" or "share" helps AI-Anon's message and awareness of *The Forum* reach more people (nonmembers as well as members). Our social media posts increase awareness of *The Forum* among members. Members sharings for *The Forum* can reach both within and outside of the fellowship.

Please continue to make members aware of the new *Forum* Writer's Guide for Forum workshops or members' individual use. An online *Forum* sharing sheet is also available in the "Featured Publications" files in the Individuals and Groups sections of the WSO Members website.

Please share this message with members in your Area.

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Many years ago, as I sat in one of our Assemblies, as a new GR, watching and listening to the Officers at the front of the room, I heard the voice inside me say, "Someday you will be sitting up there." My silent thought was "Yeah, right" and with much anxiety and doubt quickly dismissed that from my mind. God has used so many different members to help me learn and grow and be willing to be involved in service. I want to thank each one of **you** for being a part of my service and recovery. Thank you for allowing me, to be **me** during these past 3 years. I have had so much fun and I hope you have enjoyed my honesty and humor. I think Panel 55 has done an AWESOME job and accomplished so much. I have learned so much and I believe this experience has helped me, as I continue to attempt to be all that God intends me to be. I am so grateful to have been a part of this Panel.

Our Spiritual Meeting at the end of each of our AWSC weekends is among my most favorite times during this panel. Your willingness to be open and honest during those times means so much to me and has allowed me to get to know you better. I feel such a connection with you during those times. I love you all. YOU ARE MY PEOPLE!!

Jill O., Alternate Delegate