

Delegate's Report
Florida North Area - Panel 61
2023 January WinterAWSC
January 27-29, 2023



Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding
Enriquecer nuestra recuperación a través de la abundancia, unidad y comprensión
Enrichir notre rétablissement par l'abondance, l'unité et la compréhension

And just like that... We are entering the last year of Panel 61.

First, I will like to wish all the members of the Florida North Area many blessings in this 2023 New Year. As your Delegate, I am already getting ready for the next 63rd World Service Conference that will take place the dates of April 19-24, 2023, at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, Virginia. As reported in the 2021 World Service Office Annual Report, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to approve a three-year trial reducing Conference to four days beginning in 2023. The Board and CLT listened to Conference member comments and are hoping to honor their request to reduce time away from personal and professional lives.

Since this will be our last year participating at the World Service Conference, all the Panel 61 Delegates have many additional tasks to present during the Conference. I am now preparing my farewell speech which should be submitted to the CLT for approval. This message should recap my experience and spiritual growth as a serving Delegate. Another task that we have is to present a skit and a song on the last day of the Conference. We are scheduling 2-hour meetings every two weeks to organize our presentations. I can tell you that your Delegate will be singing in Spanish using "maracas" as part of our presentation. 🎸

It seems that this will be a very busy year, and I am welcoming everything with excitement and open arms. See you soon at the AWSC!!

GREAT NEWS!

The CLT has announced the 2023 Conference theme: (❤️ I LOVE IT!! ❤️)

Love, Laugh, and Grow Together
Aimer, rire et grandir ensemble
Amar, reír y crecer juntos

Chosen Agenda Items (CAI)

In my report for the October 2022 Assembly, I mentioned that as your Delegate, it is my goal this year to give all members of Area 9 the opportunity to provide feedback on the **Chosen Agenda Items** which I could submit to the 2023 World Service Conference. Submitting CAI topics for discussion has been an essential tradition of the Conference for many years. The purpose of the CAIs is to give *all* Conference members (Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and voting members of the WSO administrative Staff) an opportunity to select topics and issues of concern that affect AI-Anon. I will be sending an invitation next week to all the AWSC members to submit CAI suggestions, including the due date required in order to be considered. Since each Delegate is allowed to suggest 2 CAI, it will be easier for me to voice what is important to our Area. Please make sure that you check your Inbox for my email.

October 2022 Chairperson of the Board Letter, by Lynette K. Chairperson, Board of Trustees

The new Chairperson of the Board Letter was presented by Lynette via WebEx to all the WSC members. The letter will be posted the week before the January AWSC on the Delegate's page, ***El Gazette Online*** and it will be in English, Spanish and French. The purpose of this Chairperson of the Board (COB) Letter is to share with you some of the highlights from the October 2022 Board Week. You will also find updates from our Policy Chairperson, a Finance Update from our Treasurer, and a Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update. Please visit the Delegate's page!!!

October 2022 Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update, by Debbie P., Chairperson

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has the responsibility to prepare a World Service Conference (WSC) agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship. The letter will be posted the week before the AWSC on the Delegate's page, ***El Gazette Online*** and it will be in English, Spanish and French.

October 2022 Finance Update, by Cindy M., Treasurer

The update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period that ended 09/30/2022. This update will be posted the week before the January AWSC on the Delegate's page, ***El Gazette Online*** and it will be in English, Spanish and French.

2022 Policy Committee Update, by Jeri W., Chairperson

Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides: the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. They help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply to a new or confusing situation that arises in Al-Anon or Alateen. The Policy Committee meeting occurs quarterly prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. The Policy Committee met virtually on October 21, 2022. This update will be posted the week before the January AWSC on the Delegate's page, ***El Gazette Online*** and it will be in English, Spanish and French.



We are getting closer to the opening of the ***2023 Al-Anon International Convention***. Now is the time to start planning your trip to the beautiful city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, where four days of adventure and recovery await. The Convention takes place from June 29-July 2, 2023. **Register today for the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention!**

November 2022 Appeal Letter - in February, May, August, and November, the Quarterly Appeal Letter gives each member an opportunity to participate in Twelve-Step work beyond the group level. This past year the Treasurer informed us of the deficit in the Budget. It is our responsibility to be present to participate in the 7th Tradition. Another way to help the WSO will be by ordering literature for our groups and for us.

Let us give to Al-Anon -- in return for all we receive every day from this program!

2023 WSC LOVE GIFTS

The CLT is mindful of the special nature of sharing love gifts from one's Area with other Conference members as well as personally receiving cards and letters of support from members in one's Area. After much deliberation, the consensus of the CLT is:

1. We will accept and distribute cards and letters of support!
2. Conference members who wish to share love gifts with other attendees will be limited to *what they can carry with them to and from Conference*, i.e., we *will not* accept any physical packages of love gifts at the hotel for distribution, and we will direct the hotel to not deliver any packages addressed to Conference members to WSO Staff. *If Conference members decide to bring love gifts with them, the CLT requests simply that these not be delivered in the General Session (Conference meeting room) and that Conference members refrain from asking Staff or WSO Volunteers to help in the delivery of the gifts.*

3. *In lieu of love gifts, you, your group, District, and/or Area might consider a contribution to AFG, Inc.*
4. *We will provide an open gathering place where Conference members who choose to can meet with each other prior to Conference, during breaks, meals, etc., which will replace staffing a hospitality room.*

Please share this with members in your Districts who wish to send you cards and letters of support:

Name: EVELYN TORRES (Hold for WSC 4/20–4/23, 2023)

The Founders Inn and Spa

5641 Indian River Rd.

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Please plan to have your cards arrive after April 15th. Remember to use your Delegate’s name and home address as the return address in the event that mail delivery is delayed.

In closing this report I will like to share another part of the 2022 World Service Conference Summary, page 8, with highlights of the opening remarks from the Chairperson of the Board, Lynette K, Trustee.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., it is my honor and privilege to welcome all of you to the 62nd World Service Conference. This year’s Conference theme, “Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding,” will be our spiritual compass, guiding us as we “navigate” through this year’s Conference.

To me the meaning of abundance is having more than enough of something. In order for me to think abundantly, I have to actively practice gratitude, let go of my fears, and have faith that no matter what lies ahead, my Higher Power is already there.

Tradition One speaks of unity and our common welfare. The principle of unity helps me remember that we are all working towards the same goal of helping families and friends of alcoholics. Practicing unity helps me stay focused on the value of working with others for the common good. Understanding for me requires acceptance along with an open heart and an open mind.

To me, understanding means treating others the way that I want to be treated, with kindness, dignity, and respect. Being understanding helps me to encourage others without controlling or giving advice, which allows me to have more harmonious relationships.”

What a wonderful time to be of service!

Thanks for letting me serve as your Delegate... see you soon at our January 2023 AWSC!



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"Talk to each other, reason things out. Keep it simple."

"Panel 61 Delegate’s Slogan: The Legacies live on".