

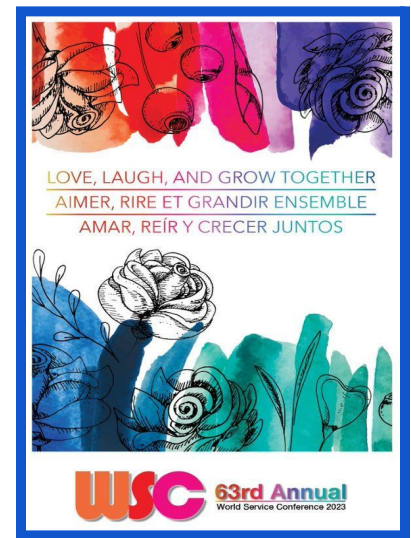
**Delegate's Report**  
**Florida North Area - Panel 61**  
**2023 June Assembly**  
**June 9-11, 2023**

**63rd Annual World Service Conference: Virginia Beach, VA**

*Love, Laugh, and Grow Together*

*Aimer, rire et grandir ensemble*

*Amar, reír y crecer juntos*



This year, Ooooh, this year! Every day I am so grateful that my life is on a spiritual path with a program that is there every single day to help me with the challenges that are part of my Higher Power plan for me.

As many of you know, I have been confronted with a health situation since the end of January (yes, the same Sunday that we all returned home from the January 2023 AWSC). I had to have a very serious and complicated surgery in March and every day since has been a path to recovery, not only physical but spiritual. The support received from my family, friends and so many members of Al-Anon makes me so humble and understand that my program is now more than ever what helps me go through life during the good, the bad and the ugly. Thanks!

Due to my health situation, it was not possible for me to attend the 2023 World Service Conference. What a hard, hard decision to make!! Our Area 9 Alternate Delegate, Gretchen S., stepped up and said YESSS so she went to Virginia Beach to represent our Area 9. Thank you, Gretchen, you are amazing!

Since I did not attend the 2023 Conference, Gretchen will be in charge of presenting the Area the report on what happened during the 2023 World Service Conference. Looking forward to that report.

### **MEMBERS OF THE WSC**

There are 68 Areas in the World Service Conference Structure; ten in Canada, 57 in the US (including Puerto Rico), and the newest Area, the Global Electronic Area (GEA). *Note that Bermuda is part of the North Carolina Area (North Carolina/Bermuda).* The GEA is currently without a Delegate. There are currently 14 Trustees (four vacancies).

There are no vacancies on the Executive Committee, which consists of three Members at Large, the Executive Director, one voting member of the Administrative Staff of the WSO; the Chairpersons of both the Finance and Policy Committees; and the Chairperson of the Board, who serves as an ex-officio member. There are no vacancies on the voting members of the WSO administrative Staff, which consist of the Executive Director, Director of Programs, Director of Communications & Community Awareness, Associate Director-International, Associate Director-Group Services, Associate Director Director-Literature, Associate Director-Community Relations, and Associate Director-Conference.

### **Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect:**

The 2023 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event is being planned for October 28, 2023, in southern California. Mark your calendars and come to join the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee members for a day of fun and connecting with each other.

### **ROAD TRIP 2024**

Yes! *Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect* is scheduled to take place at the conclusion of Board Week on **Saturday, October 26, 2024**...destination to be determined! The due date for an Area to apply is **Friday, September 22, 2023**.

## Southeast Regional Delegates Get Together (SERDGT)

This year SERDGT took place in Parkland, in South Florida, during the dates of March 17-19, 2023

Host: Florida South Area 10

Due to my health situation, I decided to attend this event virtually, via Zoom. I was part of the Technology support group and it was a fantastic experience.

Number of Attendees: 22 in-person/21 on Zoom

Sharing Ourselves – Outgoing Delegates Panel 61

Linda C., KY Evelyn T, FLN Karla K., TN Diane B., FLS

Speaker: Nancy S. – Trustee at Large(last yr of 1st 3-yr term)



Area Highlights, Current Delegates

Aileen WM, NC/BDA 62 Laura M., AL/NWFL 62 Linda C., KY 61 Diane B., FLS 61

Evelyn T., FLN 61 Stacy L., VA 62 Char GF, GA 62 Nieta G., GEA 62 (Alt. Delegate)

During this get-together, we discussed the finances of the group, procedures, and 2 different topics were proposed and discussed related to our experience, strength and hope in our Areas. Several consensus were taken on matters that affect the group. As always, it was a great meeting with a lot of learning experiences.

## UPDATED STATISTICS ON OUR MOBIL APP

148,360 members

46 groups

118 meetings each week

## **Digital Communication: Connecting Members**

**Sarah S., Director of Programs**

**Scot P., Associate Director-Brand Communications**

**AI-Anon Family Groups Mobile App**

**(This is their report)**

The AI-Anon Family Groups Mobile App community continued to grow this past year, with over 130,000 downloads. Thirty-seven AI-Anon groups call the Mobile App home, hosting over 100 AI-Anon meetings each week. Significant updates were made to the Mobile App to improve accessibility, security, and navigation and increase engagement. Staff, together with the development team, created a more visually appealing homepage with large buttons so members can more easily navigate to their favorite sections of the Mobile App, including meetings and the social newsfeed. Members can now also add meetings to a "favorite meeting" list and set a reminder to be notified when meetings are about to start. Staff included new welcome screen links to videos demonstrating how to use the app and other important resources. These updates went live in September. The monthly baseline is roughly 23,000 users logging in each month, with 761 users creating a total of 2,000 newsfeed posts, which garner approximately 8,750 comments.

## Changing Gender pronouns while reading the Steps

Warm greetings from your World Service Office (WSO)! Thanks for posting this question as we are privileged to respond.

In accordance with our AI-Anon World Service Conference Charter, Article 3-d: "**No changes are to be made in the AI-Anon or Alateen Traditions, the Steps, the Concepts of Service (except the descriptive text), or the General Warranties of the Conference Charter (Item 12) without written consent of three-quarters of the AI-Anon Family Groups.**" A proposal to poll the groups worldwide on a change to our Legacies would have to be initiated by the World Service Conference (WSC), AI-Anon's largest group conscience. The purpose of the WSC is to create the foundation of unity for AI-Anon as a whole. If the Conference should decide to propose a change to the legacies, a poll would have to be taken of all 24,000+ registered worldwide groups. The AI-Anon World Service Conference Charter is available in the *2022-2025 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27)* accessible here: [manuals-and-guidelines](#).

While members are free to interpret the Steps and Traditions according to their own perceptions, AI-Anon's unity is preserved when they are read aloud as written in our meetings. It is not within the autonomy of the individual member or

group to change the pronouns when reading the Legacies. Changing the wording of our Steps and Traditions is very similar to bringing outside literature into our meetings. The consistent use of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and reading our Three Legacies as they are written assures Al-Anon members that wherever they go throughout the world, Al-Anon's message of help and hope will remain clear and consistent.

We hope this is helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact [groupservices@al-anon.org](mailto:groupservices@al-anon.org) if you have additional questions. In grateful service,  
Sue Pérez

### **2023 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** (from the 2023 January Chairperson of the Board Letter)

Albuquerque, New Mexico

The 2023 Al-Anon International Convention will be held June 29-July 2, 2023 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme for the 2023 International Convention is "New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery." Registration fees prior to May 10, 2023, are \$200 US and after May 10, 2023, are \$225 US. The 2023 International Convention registration includes access to the following events:

- Party in the Plaza (Thursday night)
- International Big Meeting, including the Language of Love Parade (Friday morning)
- Family Big Meeting (Saturday night)
- Spiritual Big Meeting (Sunday morning)
- Your choice of many sessions throughout the event

Available add-ons, for an additional fee:

- Day of Connecting (all day Thursday): Speakers and workshops celebrating service, the third leg in our recovery. \$55 US, including lunch.
- Trailblazers Breakfast on Route 66! (Saturday morning): A speaker meeting celebrating trailblazers throughout Al-Anon's history, including those still trailblazing today. \$75 US, including breakfast.

For more information, go to:

<https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/>



For the first time, the 2023 International Convention is offering virtual attendance. The registration fee for virtual participation is \$145 and includes access to:

- All three Big Meetings
- A slate of sessions (two on Friday and four on Saturday)
- The International Convention event app to connect with members attending in-person and virtually around the world.

To register for virtual participation in the 2023 International Convention go to: <https://multisoftevents.com/AlAnon23>

From: Rocio Nasir, New Mexico/El Paso Area, Panel 63

### **Volunteers Needed for the Al-Anon International Convention!**

Additional volunteers are needed for one 2-3 hour shift, which will still give you plenty of time to attend the Convention. Jobs include airport and hotel greeters, info booth staff, hospitality, language services, etc. You need to be registered for the Convention to serve as a volunteer. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering and haven't already signed up, please send your first and last name, phone number, email address, languages you speak, t-shirt size, any special needs and the town where you live... to Jud Little at [littlejud2008@yahoo.com](mailto:littlejud2008@yahoo.com).

### **The New Reader will be available at the International Convention**

The Spanish and French titles of the new daily reader. In Spanish, the title of *A Little Time for Myself-A Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences* (B-34) is *Un poco de tiempo para mí-Una colección de experiencias personales de Al-Anon* (SB-34). In French it is *Un peu de temps pour moi-Un recueil d'expériences Al-Anon personnelles* (FB-34).

Further announcements will be made in all three languages in our magazines and electronic newsletters in July, August, and September of this year once the book is introduced at the Al-Anon International Convention.

**2024 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE** - The dates selected for the 2024 World Service Conference are Thursday, April 18 through Sunday, April 21, 2024. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, April 17 and depart on Monday, April 22. The Conference will be held at The Founders Inn and Spa in Virginia Beach.

As reported in the 2021 World Service Office Annual Report, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to approve reducing Conference Week to four days, effective 2023, on a three-year trial basis. The 2024 Conference will be the second Conference of the three-year trial.

The four-day Conference will include an Orientation Meeting for New WSC Members, Sharing Area Highlights, an Opening Lunch, Conference, the Annual Open Board of Trustees Meetings, and the Closing Dinner.

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**In closing:**

I will like to share with you something that resonates with me as your Florida North Delegate.

“I will close with a thought about this year’s WSC theme, which is **“Love, Laugh, and Grow Together.”** The theme reminds me that I am never alone on this Al-Anon journey, to not take things so seriously sometimes and that there is always room for improvement.”

~~Lynette K. Chairperson, Board of Trustees



**Thanks for letting me serve as your Delegate... see you soon at our 2023 June Assembly!**

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*Evelyn T.*



**Delegate Panel 61**

**AFG Area 9, Florida-North**

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

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