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Area Chair's Report

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's such a perfect time to reflect on all I have in my life to be grateful for and this program of recovery is right at the top of the list!

Our first virtual Assembly is over, and I believe it was very successful even though we had a glitch or two to overcome. I am grateful for all who attended and for the Group Representatives that participated and voted on behalf of their groups. We covered a lot of business and got it all done in good time.

Our secretary extraordinaire, Ann A., has done the minutes in record time so you will be able to read them in this Bulletin and see the new Motions that have been passed. THANK YOU, ANN!!

I am VERY pleased to announce our newly elected incoming Officers, Owen H. (District 1) as Delegate, and Nancy M. (District 18) as Alternate Delegate! I know you will join me in huge CONGRATULATIONS to them both and I look forward to working with them in my last year as Chair. They will begin their 3-year terms on January 1, 2022.

I would also like to announce and congratulate our newly appointed Literature Coordinator, Audrey E. (District 16), who many of you know from her exceptional work as the editor of the Focus Newsletter that comes out of the Victoria Al-Anon Information Services. Audrey will complete the last year of the term in this service position. Thank you and welcome, Audrey!!

As you can see from our new Motions, we have created more service positions and therefore more opportunities for members to become more involved.

The Group Representatives decided to accept the recommendations from the Hybrid Event Task Force for a three-year trial period. That means we will hold our Assemblies and Area World Service Committee meetings in person and with Zoom capabilities for those that wish to attend virtually. We have **2 new service positions** as a result and so are looking for interested members to fill them.

The new trial positions are **1. Hybrid Meeting Event Coordinator** and **2. Hybrid Meeting Equipment Coordinator**. The full Job Descriptions for both are in Appendix E of the Hybrid Task Force Findings which can be found on the BC Yukon AI-Anon Website, under Member Resources in the member's section.

Very generally, the Event Coordinator will work with the Chair and Group Records Coordinator to set up registration for online members and manage the online experience so everyone can see, hear, and participate.

The Meeting Equipment Coordinator will again, very generally, be required to rent the needed equipment, manage the set up and monitor the equipment throughout the event.

The recommendations from the Public Outreach Task Force have also been accepted and we return to having one Public Outreach Coordinator with an appointed **Public Outreach Committee** (one-year term) to support and work with the coordinator. Members interested in joining the committee should contact me or Gail S., our Public Outreach Coordinator.

The deadline for receiving resumes for the many service positions available is November 15th, 2021.

The positions that need to be filled are as follows:

Treasurer- 2- years left in term

Group Records- 3-year term

Alateen (now combined with AAPP)- 3-year term

Public Outreach- 3-year term

Archives- 2-year term

Hybrid Meeting Event Coordinator-3-year term

Hybrid Meeting Equipment Coordinator- 3-year term

Gail S. has indicated that she is willing to stay on as Public Outreach Coordinator as she has been filling in the last year of the term. I am grateful for that, but I have not received any resumes for any other positions.

It is difficult for me to see how our Area can function effectively without these positions being filled. I can only let the need be known, express to you how rewarding service is, how wonderful it is to get to know the other members involved and how much personal growth there is to gain and then let it go.

Our theme for 2021 is “Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance.” I sincerely hope that we have members step forward so that we can continue to do that and keep our Area healthy and thriving so we can support and serve our membership.

Finally, I would like to thank the members who have joined the Thought Force (using Knowledge Based Decision Making) to consider the topic of Transforming Permanent Electronic Meetings into AI-Anon Family Groups in our Area. This is a huge topic and I look forward to hearing from them after they gather all the information and consider the issues for our Area.

Thank you all for your support and participation in our BC Yukon Area affairs and for those that attended Assembly.

With Gratitude in Service,
Shannon P.
BC Yukon Area Chair
chair@bcyukon-ai-anon.org

2021 BC/YUKON AREA ASSEMBLY

VIA ZOOM

September 24 & 25, 2021

“Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance”

Officers and Coordinators in Attendance

Shannon Patrick (D15) Chair

Lynn Breese (D32) Delegate

Ally Guevin (D17) Alternate Delegate

Ann Ahearn (D09) Secretary

Janis Armit (D10) Treasurer

Jody Swenson (D10) Group Records Coordinator

Jean Hopley (D27) Bulletin Coordinator

Michelle Westwood (D15) Alateen Coordinator/AAPP

Patty Takacs (D14) Website Coordinator

Annette Palmer (D26) Webmaster

Gail Schuler (D10) Public Outreach Coordinator

Amy Gillard (D17) Victoria AIS Chair

Lynne Gaster (D08) Central Service Office Chair

Friday Evening, September 24, 2021

Shannon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone to our Area's first Virtual Assembly. Shannon reminded us of the Theme this year: 'Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance.' Housekeeping notes were read. Dennis G. (D17) and Annette P. (D26) were acknowledged for their technical support during the meeting.

A moment of silence was observed followed by the Serenity Prayer. Shannon read the Al-Anon/Alateen Welcome. The 12 Concepts were read by Claire L. (D15).

Shannon went over the purposes of Assembly held once a year.

1. Your voice is heard at Assembly through the GRs, one vote per group.
2. To hear the Delegates Report from WSC, to update us on WSO news.
3. Elections/voting for all Al-Anon business. Elections to be held for Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer tomorrow. We were reminded that during the meeting and in all discussions that we show mutual respect to others and presume goodwill.

Shannon introduced the Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons in attendance. Regrets from Lynn B. (D32) Delegate who had a family emergency.

Group Representative Orientation – Ally G. (D17) shared a very relatable slideshow for the Group Representatives. Patty T. (D14) entered the website information into the chat, www.bcyukon-al-anon.org and encouraged everyone to check it out. It was noted that under

member resources there is a Group Representative Orientation to Assembly booklet filled with valuable information. A question-and-answer period followed.

Everyone thanked Ally for her presentation and for her service to BC/Yukon.

Shannon introduced Gail S. (D10) Public Outreach Coordinator and Amy G. (D17) AIS Victoria who were late getting into the meeting and not introduced when the other Officers and Coordinators were.

Ally thanked and acknowledged Shannon for her service as Area Chair, especially with the challenges we have experienced with the pandemic. Shannon is doing an excellent job.

A time of sharing and fellowship followed.

The meeting closed with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Saturday Morning, September 25, 2021

The meeting opened at 9:00 am. Shannon welcomed everyone especially the 1st year Group Representatives. She went over some housekeeping items.

We took a moment of silence to remember fellow AI-Anon members who had passed with a special mention of Nancy M., our past Treasurer and well-loved member. Followed with the Serenity Prayer.

Shannon read the AI-Anon/Alateen Welcome, Laura G. (D02) read the 12 Traditions and Nancy M. (D18) read the 12 Concepts.

Shannon reviewed the purpose of Assembly:

1. Your voice is heard at Assembly through the Group Representatives, one vote per group.
2. To hear the Delegate's Report from WSC, to update us on WSO news.
3. Elections/voting for all AI-Anon business. Elections to be held this afternoon for Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer.

Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons were introduced and shared a bit about their positions. Past Delegates in attendance were acknowledged: Julie F. (D15), Lois K. (D25), Shirley T. (D05), Dennis G. (D17).

Consent Agenda – Ann A.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Claire L. (D15); seconded, Josephine S. (D16)
CARRIED

Treasurer's Report – Janis A.

The Treasurer's Report was presented on a slideshow using the shared screen. The report to be posted on the BC/Yukon website. The Area is in a good financial place currently. As of the end of August we have \$31,436.60 in our bank account. \$10,000 of that is in the form of 2 GICs as a prudent reserve. Our current bank HSBC does not have etransfer options. If this does not change in the future, we will have to change our account to a different bank. For this weekend you can etransfer your **Tradition 7** to Janis A; this option will be available until midnight on Sunday September 26. Janis's email is in the chat, or a cheque can be mailed out. It was noted that expenses may go up as we get back to normal, but we are encouraged to send group contributions to WSO until the end of the year.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Raj J. (D05), seconded, Barb M. (D01) **CARRIED**

A discussion regarding Tradition 7 and other financial related topics followed the report. A question was posed would holding Hybrid meetings incur additional expenses for the Area? Janis advised that the Area already has three computers, and the option of renting equipment might be the way to go. More information regarding the Hybrid meetings to be discussed later in the afternoon. We also discussed literature sales and how they support AI-Anon as a whole. The main income for AI-Anon Information Service comes from literature sales. Lynn B. read us an excerpt from the AI-Anon Family Groups Connects regarding literature sales, which will be put into the next Bulletin. It stated that ordering literature online thru the WSO link, eBooks or physical books supports the WSO the best. Ordering thru an outside source the profit is not as good. WSO sells literature to the Literature Distribution Center at a discounted rate. It was also noted that the Interior also has a Literature Distribution Center in Kelowna.

A poll for candidates was held for all past and present District Representatives who had completed or were completing a three-year term this year to see who would stand for Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer (2-year term). Owen H. (D01) and Nancy M. (D18) let their names stand for Delegate and Alternate Delegate, respectively. There was no candidate for Treasurer. The coordinator positions open in the new year are Group Records, Alateen, Public Outreach and are all 3-year terms. Archives (2-year) and Literature (1-year) are vacant as well. Resumes will be accepted until November 15, 2021. Job descriptions are on the website.

Delegate's Report- Lynn B.

Lynn gave us a very entertaining report mixed in with a scavenger hunt using the Concepts. Lynn spent her last WSC attending at home through a virtual meeting. The highlight of the conference for Lynn was a virtual tour of Stepping Stones, the home of our founders Lois and her husband Bill. It was noted that only an average of 60% of groups send donations to the WSO. Group contributions in BC/Yukon average \$291.83 and, it costs WSO \$320.34 to service a group. Our new daily reader will be out in 2023, AI-Anon International Convention will be held July 29 - July 31, 2023, in Albuquerque New Mexico, and the upcoming Road Trip has been postponed due to the pandemic. Winners of the Scavenger Hunt were Terry S. (D21), Sheri E.

(D04), Amy G. (D17) and Johanna J. (D27). See the October Bulletin for details on how to access the new AI-Anon Public Service Announcements (PSA) on YouTube.

For a full summary of the WSC you can find it at www.al-anon.org website.

Shannon thanked Lynn for her presentation and for her exceptional service over the past 3 years.

Cathie A. (D16) asked Lynn regarding the reference to our Higher Power as a he, has there been any discussion on this subject. Lynn said a summary of this topic will be in the November Bulletin. Doug C. (D32) commented that all 67 Areas at World Service Conference (WSC) were all from North America and was asking about international membership in AI-Anon. Lynn said that AI-Anon is worldwide, Europe and other countries have their own General Service Offices, and they rely on World Service Office (WSO) for support, structure, and guidance. They meet every 2 years at an International Conference, this year it will be held in England. Voting at the WSC is a two-thirds majority of members present at the conference.

Saturday Afternoon, September 25,2021

Shannon invited Ally G. (D17) to share with us why she decided to not let her name stand for Delegate.

Ally shared with us that it was a very difficult decision for her to make but did not feel at this time she could give the Area and the position her best self. She thanked everyone for their support, and we all in turn thanked her for her service to BC/Yukon and AI-Anon as a whole.

Shannon reviewed the voting procedures and the Knowledge Base Decision Making. A Group Representative will make the motion and a Group Representative will second the motion. We were reminded to keep an open mind and presume goodwill as we move into discussing our upcoming motions.

Discussion Topics

Public Outreach

Lois K. (D25) gave the background information on the Public Outreach motion. The Task Force report was in the April 2021 Bulletin.

We took a vote to confirm that everyone was in agreeance to a two-thirds majority for voting.
CARRIED

After discussion we voted on the following motions:

Motion #1

That the Area terminate the trial period for Public Outreach Institutions Coordinator and revert to having one Public Outreach Coordinator, with a three-year term (rotation based on the existing Schedule of Elections and Appointments.)

Motion to approve, Cathie A. (D16); seconded Lorna C. (D16) **CARRIED**

Motion #2

That the Area Officers, in consultation with the Public Outreach Coordinator, appoint a Public Outreach Committee for minimum of a one-year term, to support the Public Outreach Coordinator (to be re-assessed at the end of a three-year trial period.)

Motion to approve, Rosemary M. (D06); seconded Brenda M. (D15) **CARRIED**

No motion required for updating the job description of the Public Outreach Coordinator as this is currently done on a regular basis.

Webmaster

Patty T. (D14) gave the background information on the Webmaster motion.

After discussion we voted on the following motion:

Motion #3

Move that the BC/Yukon create a Webmaster position and that it be a paid position.

Motion to approve, Raj J. (D05), seconded, Collen W. (D05) **CARRIED**

Alateen Coordinator and AAPP Coordinator

Ally G. (D17) gave us the background information on the motion of combining the two Alateen Coordinator positions.

Motion #4

Motion to formally combine the AAPP and the Alateen Coordinator positions to one position -an Alateen Coordinator.

Motion to approve, Barb M. (D01), seconded, Rosemary M. (D06) **CARRIED**

Before hearing from our 2 candidates, Shannon asked if any other District Representatives with the qualifications wanted to let their name stand for the upcoming election. There were no other candidates.

Nancy M. (D18) candidate for Alternate Delegate, shared about herself and her qualifications for the position, and Owen H. (D01) shared about himself and his qualifications for Delegate.

Election of Officers Results: Owen H. (D01) Delegate, Nancy M. (D18) Alternate Delegate

New Business

Transforming Permanent Electronic meetings to AFG's – Lynn B. (D32)

Lynn asked the question: How are we going to deal with and service permanent Electronic Meetings in our Area. No decision is going to be made today. Temporary virtual meetings that were started during the pandemic, which is still ongoing, are registered as AI-Anon Family Groups within their geographic Areas – no need to re-register. Groups that have no intention of returning to a physical location must register with World Service Office as a permanent electronic meeting and will become part of the non-panel non-geographic virtual Area. Lynn asked for any questions and suggested after a discussion we may decide to form a Task Force or Thought Force to discuss further.

Shannon asked if we had enough information to form a Thought Force. We took a vote and 95% of voting members wanted to have a Thought Force formed. Shannon asked anyone interested in being on the Thought Force to email her, chair@bcyukon-al-anon.org.

Hybrid Meetings – Akemi M. (D05)

Akemi showed us a slide show presentation on the findings of the Task Force, which is also available on the BC/Yukon website. It was decided by the Task Force that Zoom was the platform that was best for BC/Yukon. A question and discussion period followed.

Motion #5

Accept the recommendations of the Task Force for a trial period of 3 years with respect to the Area World Service Committee Meeting and Assembly to:

1. Hold hybrid Area events on a Zoom platform.
2. Rent additional required audio/visual equipment; and
3. Create Two new service positions.

Move to approve, Cathie A. (D16), seconded, Lothar S. (D17). **CARRIED**

Motion #6

Move that the BC/Yukon Area purchase a new projector before the first hybrid meeting in May 2022, and a new laptop for the Chairperson.

Move to approve, Rosemary M. (D06), seconded, Lorna C. (D16). **CARRIED**

70th Al-Anon Anniversary Celebration- Gail S. (D10)

Gail shared the committee's plans for the celebration. She asked us to encourage our members to participate. The Anniversary will be held on Zoom, **October 23, 2021, 9:45 am – 3 pm**. Gail has a poster that she will forward out to the Group Representatives to help spread the word.

Shannon asked if any District was offering to host AWSCM in May 2022? No bids. Email Shannon if your District may be interested in hosting.

Shannon asked if any District was offering to host Assembly 2022, in Langley. In the rotation it would be District 9. Elke H. (D09) District Representative for the District said they were up for the challenge.

Shannon advised that at the end of Assembly when you sign off an evaluation form will appear on your screen. Please fill it out.

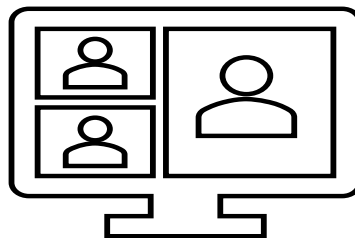
Janis A. (D10) asked if there was any interest in a spiritual meeting on Sunday. She said she would open the Zoom meeting at 9 am and whoever is interested can attend. Same meeting ID and password.

Shannon thanked everyone for their support and participation.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted.

Ann A.
Area Secretary
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Delegate's Message

Hello Al-Anon/Alateen Family,

I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for everyone's participation in our first ever virtual Assembly. Participation is not only the key to harmony (Concept Four) but is also service, whether simply attending or filling a service position. And that brings me to appreciation and congratulations to our newly elected Delegate, Owen H., and Alternate Delegate, Nancy M., both of whom are well-qualified and well-suited to be BC/Yukon's trusted servants for the next three years. Let's pray that next year the pandemic will have subsided, travelling will be safe and Owen will be able to attend World Service Conference 2022 in person in Tarrytown, New York.

During Assembly it was a joy to share my final Delegate's Report from World Service Conference 2021, imagining I was physically in a room with all of you, watching your smiling faces and breathing in good wholesome Al-Anon air. There were a few questions to which I was unable to provide full answers during the time allowed, so I will shorten my message here and take the liberty to answer the queries as "Ask it Basket" questions elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Thanks again for your ongoing support as I complete my term as Delegate – the last three years have been unprecedented in not only their challenges and opportunities but also their speed in passing. Stay well, stay safe and stay serene.

With gratitude in service,
Lynn B., Area Delegate

delegate@bcyukon-al-anon.org

"Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance"

ASK IT BASKET

Q: WORLDWIDE AL-ANON - The World Service Conference structure includes only the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico. How are other countries of the world represented in our worldwide fellowship?

A: At this year's virtual World Service Conference there were representatives from twelve other countries (Argentina, Australia, Ecuador, France, Germany, Italy, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, and UK & Eire) who attended with voice, but no vote. They participated fully in discussions and brought viewpoints from their countries.

In addition, there is an International Coordination Committee (ICC) that provides an avenue of communication to support international growth and to encourage the worldwide unity of Al-Anon and Alateen.

The ICC is an advisory committee to the Board of Trustees and may make recommendations to the Board on matters affecting Al-Anon outside the World Service Conference Structure.

1. An International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) is held biannually to share the experience of Al-Anon national services around the world.
2. It encourages the growth of sound service structures while maintaining worldwide unity through the Twelve Traditions.
3. Each General Service structure can send two Delegates to participate.
4. Zonal meetings are another opportunity for structures to connect in a less formal way than the IAGSM.
5. They are hosted and attended by structures in Central America, Europe, and South America.
6. Zonal meetings have more attendees than the IAGSM and are attended by national service structures as well as evolving structures.
7. Selected WSO Staff and Volunteers attend as guests.
8. Two Zonal Meetings are scheduled this year, the European Zonal Meeting in September, and the IberoAmerican Zonal Meeting in October.
9. For more detailed coverage of this topic please check out the *2021 World Service Conference Summary*, page 23, and pages 105-108.
10. It is available for free downloading from the WSO Al-Anon website (www.al-anon.org).

Q: CHANGING THE WORDS OF CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE (CAL) WHILE READING AT MEETINGS - Some people in our group do not want the use of HE or HIS for GOD, even if we say that we are not a religious program, and that GOD can mean Good Orderly Direction. Whenever I read, I always use THEY and Higher Power in respect for inclusivity for our LGBTQ members and others for whom the words and pronouns are triggers, but some other members adamantly remind me that we cannot change any words to CAL. I have been quite concerned about this, especially since I have become a Group Rep

A: It is true that we should not be changing the words of CAL, especially in the three Legacies. In the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter, found on pages 224-225 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, version two (2), "it states that our three Legacies - the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service - can only be changed by written agreement of three-quarters of all Al-Anon groups." "Any decision to attempt such a change must be agreed to by the Conference." If the Conference should decide to propose a change, a poll would be taken of all groups worldwide, a difficulty reflective of its importance.

Regarding other items of CAL, written by our members who reflect varying personal views, some use "Him," "He," "Her," "She," or no gender to refer to their Higher Power. The Literature Committee respects the intent of the members who share their writings by preserving their interpretations without alteration unless it advocates a specific religious tenet or philosophy.

Specific religious discussions are advised against in the “Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon.”

The Literature Committee has given much attention for more than 30 years now to be reflective of our diversity by using gender-neutral references whenever possible in the creation of new literature and in the revision of older materials. Al-Anon members and their alcoholic friends and relatives are not assumed to be a particular gender. However, there have been some early pieces of CAL such as *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4) and *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6) that many members have asked us not to change. These members feel certain pieces, as originally written, are a useful part of our history. They want to be able to avail themselves of the words and insights of our cofounders and pioneer members as originally written. This year’s World Service Conference maintained that viewpoint in the motions to create new introductions to these books, placing them in historical perspective of the time they were written in rather than revise or update their wording.

Q: PURCHASING CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE - How can I, when purchasing CAL, best support Al-Anon Family Groups?

A: Here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Purchasing eBooks and other electronic literature through the outside entities listed with links on the Al-Anon online store supports Al-Anon Family Groups.
2. Purchasing printed literature through the WSO or your local LDC supports Al-Anon Family Groups, including local Al-Anon services.
3. Purchasing new printed literature through outside entities has a very high markup to support the outside entities.
4. Purchasing used printed literature through outside entities may save you money, but it supports the outside entities.

Groups and members all have a choice – they can support local Al-Anon service and the Al-Anon fellowship, or they can support outside entities. When groups and members are aware, many will remain obedient to unenforceable and will choose to help Al-Anon be self-supporting.

Treasurer

Hello to my Al-Anon friends,

Financial update: Tradition 7 contributions received for Assembly 2021 totaled \$951.00. Our current bank balance on October 15th is \$ 19,299.53.

Thank you for your financial support and engagement with our Area. We currently have sufficient funds to manage returning to meeting in person at AWSCM and Assembly next year. Your Group Representatives voted at Assembly to initiate hybrid meetings for a trial period of 3 years (reviewed annually). This means when public health regulations allow, we hope to have in person Area meetings with the option for members to join us from home using Zoom. Recommendations from the task force report suggest we can manage this using our three existing laptops, upgrading our projector, adding 1 more laptop (for the Area Chair) and renting audio equipment. I estimate these equipment costs will be under \$2500.

We hope that by using the 'hybrid' or 'concurrent' model, many of our members who wouldn't normally be able to attend AWSCM or Assembly can join us from the comfort of their home. My personal experience is that meeting in person provides a much richer experience, with opportunities for exchange of ideas and have deeper discussions at AWSCM and Assembly meetings during coffee and meal breaks. However, there are many valid reasons why members cannot attend in person. We hope that the option of virtual attendance at AWSCM and Assembly will encourage participation from groups that may not typically be represented in BC/Yukon Area decisions. We are especially excited to have participation from remote communities such as those in Yukon, the northern regions of our province, and Kootenay region. Please encourage your Group Representatives, District Representatives, and group members to attend – we need to hear all voices so we can understand and serve the needs of our BC/Yukon members effectively. And remember, our BC/Yukon Area will help pay costs for Group Representatives to attend Assembly and District Representatives to attend AWSCM if a group or district is unable to fund the travel costs. If your group or district needs help with travel costs, please submit a request to the Area Treasurer in advance to ensure funds are available.

I have been filling in as Area Treasurer this year after our former Treasurer, Nancy M., became ill and passed away in the spring. A new Area Treasurer is needed to complete the final 2 years of this term. Candidates need to have completed 3 years as District Representative and have a basic understanding of QuickBooks software or be willing to learn. As with any service position, there is help available while you learn to do the duties of the position. If you have any questions about this service opportunity, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@bcyukon-al-anon.org or by phone 604-454-4873. To apply for the position, please talk to Shannon, our Area Chairperson, chair@bcyukon-al-anon.org . I guarantee you will enjoy participating in service to our BC/Yukon Area!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Area Treasurer.

With gratitude,
Janis A.

Area Treasurer

treasurer@bcyukon-al-anon.org

For contributions to BC/Yukon Area: Cheques payable to “BC Yukon Area Assembly”

Mail to: Janis Armit (no mention of Al-Anon please)
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As with all service positions, the Area Treasurer position is for a period of 3 years. To ensure you are sending funds to the current treasurer, please find updated forms at <https://www.bcyukon-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Donation-Form-HANDOUT.pdf> or email treasurer@bcyukon-al-anon.org.

Group Records

Hello BC/Yukon,

Are you looking for a way to get connected to the Area? Are you wanting to deepen your connection to Al-Anon? Why not consider being the Group Records Coordinator? Over the past three years I have found myself meeting and connecting with members all over the province and the Yukon. With this being our 70th year it gives me great joy in knowing I have done my part to be there for the newcomer and I have made new friends! If you are interested, please review the job description on the BC/Yukon website. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to me at: grouprecords@bcyukon-alanon.org

With the world opening up and members moving back into their meeting spaces please send me an email with the new changes and I can update it for you.

Please remember to include:

1. Group Name
2. Group ID Number
3. District Number

In Service,
Jody S.
Group Records Coordinator
grouprecords@bcyukon-alanon.org

Alateen

Hello AMIAS and fellow AI-Anon members,

I was so happy to see so many members at the Zoom Assembly this year. This is my last year as Area Alateen Process Person and it has been an honor and pleasure to be of service.

The Assembly was very successful in my eyes as I got to see some of the Alateen sponsors and made plans to speak via Zoom in the near future to discuss ways to attract young people to Alateen and to help support the AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) in our Area.

Thank you again for all the support and allowing me to be of service. If you have questions about Alateen or becoming an AMIAS, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michelle W.

Area Alateen Coordinator & Process Person

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Public Outreach

Hello my AI-Anon Family,

While writing this I am feeling excited that the 70th Anniversary Celebration is coming up, and by the time the Bulletin comes out we will have held it and hopefully had a great turn out of AI-Anoners. There were many people who attended the Planning Meetings and participated in the Day of Activities. I want to thank you all for helping make the celebration successful. I bet you are wondering how I can say it was successful when it hasn't happened yet? Well, the answer is that no matter how many people or how many hiccups we may have had, it will always be a success because once again we had a group of AI-Anon members working together in harmony and participating in cooperation. For me that is Success.

At our Assembly, our wonderful Group Representatives voted to join Public Outreach with Public Outreach Institutions and to form a Public Outreach Committee to assist with brainstorming, putting together events and tasks and assisting with Public Outreach. I look forward to this group getting together and if you would like to be on the Committee, please email me at publicoutreach@bcyukon-al-anon.org.

I am extremely excited going forward to plan more and more ways to reach out to AI-Anon members and the public so that everyone will know who and what AI-Anon is and get the help they may need. So, put on your thinking caps and join me at our very first meeting:

Saturday November 13, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. – Noon.

Log in is 985 6094 7531 Pass Code 696634.

I have put my name forward to continue with Public Outreach, and I hope to be able to make a difference with Public Outreach and Institutions over the next 3 years.

Hugs In Service,
Gail S.
Public Outreach Coordinator
publicoutreach@bcyukon-al-anon.org

Central Service - A Literature Depot and an AI-Anon Information Service

What an Assembly last month! Thank you voting Group Representatives, non-voting District Representatives, and Area World Service Committee & Liaisons for an informative session and a great lesson in how to get the business of AI-Anon done respectfully.

The Annual General Meeting of the “AI-Anon Central Services Society” will be held on **Sunday, November 21st, 2021, at 11:00 am on Zoom**. A notice will be sent the week before to the approximately 75 members, then the day before the financials and Zoom information will come to you. We miss you folks and hope you will find time to Zoom into the meeting. At the same time, we will hold the Committee Meeting when we can further some of the discussions we had at Assembly. We need your input or come and listen; we hope to see you on Zoom.

Our Service Manual suggests Alternate Group Representatives attend to keep the links of service active. We need two new Directors for the Society to comply to the Societies Act.

Thank you, Judy K., for researching BC/Yukon Archives with the following: Resources:

- Early History - compiled 1984 - History updated 1996 and from the Bulletin 1990 The forerunner of AI-Anon Central Services can be traced to the Vancouver Intergroup which was formed in 1958. A project of the Vancouver Intergroup was publishing a Newsletter, then on Feb. 1, 1963, it became the Bulletin. First printed on legal size paper. The Bulletin as of 2021 is 58 years old.
- A new office location was opened and named Vancouver Information Services on Nov 1, 1966, the name AI-Anon Central Services was adopted in the late 70's as the office had grown to serve all of BC/Yukon (“AI-Anon Central Services”) and is reserved for AIS/LDCs (AI-Anon Information Services/Literature Distribution Centre) serving entire States, Provinces or Areas - Service Manual. The AI-Anon Central Services office has served BC/Yukon for 63 years as of 2021.

NOTE: THE NEW OFFICE AT 222- 3701 EAST HASTINGS STREET, BURNABY WILL CELEBRATE 1 YEAR IN THE NEW LOCATION.

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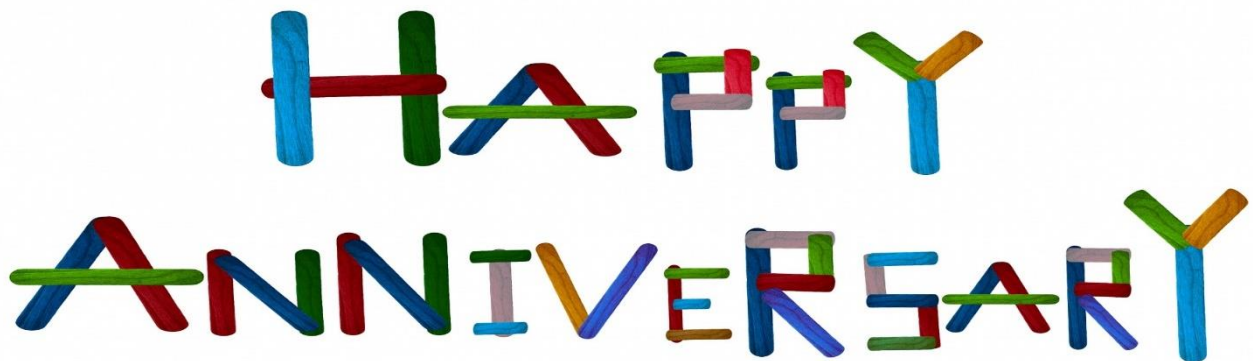
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Events

Hi there!

South Burnaby Al-Anon which meets at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. will be celebrating 54 years on Nov. 8th. Due to COVID, we have very limited space so we would appreciate your joining us in spirit on that date. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Sharon T.



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District 17 Zoom - Workshop

Taking Care of Ourselves

Valuing our Physical, Emotional and Spiritual WellBeing

Join us on Saturday, November 6th, 2021

from 09:15 AM to 12:15

Agenda

09.15 – 09.30

Fellowship

09.30 – 10.15

Speaker on the Workshop Topic / 20 min

10.15 – 12.00

Workshop in Break-Out-Rooms for members sharing on:

- Physical Well-Being / 25 min
- Emotional Well-Being / 25 min
- Spiritual Well Being– 25 min

12.00 – 12.15

Fellowship

Zoom– Meeting ID: 832 6678 6666 Passcode: 069107

7th Tradition – etransfer.alanon.dr17@gmail.com

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