

Public Outreach Report
Area Assembly October 2021

Gina R. Coordinator

Committee Meeting Welcome

A moment of gratitude reflecting on how we show we are grateful by giving of our time and talents in service. Serenity Prayer

Meeting Focus was on our 11th tradition

Coordinator shared excerpts on the Spiritual Principles of Public Outreach including anonymity, unity, responsibility, humility, trust and perseverance.

Followed by Claire L. who discussed Traditional 11. She shared about the experience she gained in motivating others to join in service. Also about the importance of applying principles to Public Outreach.

Discussion followed with participation of committee members Gail, Angela, Denise and Jane.

Coordinator discussed a two-part workshop, part 1 Public Outreach 101, part 2 15 to 20 min. Zoom presentation on Al-Anon to professionals in medical fields, educators, spiritual leaders and others.

Districts reported activities including District 7 meeting with treatment center staff to give Al-Anon information for families of their clients.

Public service announcements from wso and posters were also discussed, in particular to personalize with local info and to add to our local website .

Discussion included the spirituality aspect of Al-Anon. Advised to take caution and ensure that facilities staff understands that we are not in the position to dictate any kind of faith or religion for any Al-Anon members. The term higher power needs to be explained so that professionals who recommend Al-Anon understand that they are not referring their clients to a religious organization.

The group also discussed the closing prayer used in many groups. Suggested a more inclusive closing of a meeting to make more people feel included in the spiritual aspect of Al-Anon.

The Al-Anon declaration was suggested in place of a prayer. Many groups adopted use of our Declaration years ago when WSO introduced the suggestion. Group members can suggest change in their groups. The meeting ended with the Al-Anon declaration at 1pm.

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