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Lifelines – Rhode Island
Your Monthly Newsletter
June 2013 Edition

RI AFG Spring Assembly
June 15, 2013

Where: West Greenwich Community Center, 280 Victory Hwy (rte. 102), West Greenwich, RI
Time: 8:30 (registration) 9-3:30

All Groups are requested to support their GR or (GR proxy-Al-Anon only member) cost $5.
All members are encouraged to participate in area assemblies!

Things to be familiar with (read ahead) for preparation for our upcoming assembly: The Fall Assembly Meeting Minutes, RI AFG Area Assembly Guidelines, and Spring Assembly Agenda, can be found on our area website http://www.riafg.org/ Please review before the assembly. Also, if you or your group does not have a Service Manual, please consider borrowing one until you can have your own copy. Anything you would need to know about Assemblies (RI group conscience), business meetings (our concepts in action) or how to carry the message (step 12 in action) back to your group is found in our Service Manuals. Deb E. will have extra copies for group members wanting their own copy. Cost is on our new Literature Order Form. (Also on our website).
With love for our program,
Barbara M., your Area Chair

ps...Don’t forget to bring a brown bag lunch! Lite snacks and refreshments will be available...

The AA Ocean State Young People’s Conference (young at heart!) with Al-Anon participation has opened up the conference with a choice of a one day fee for $50 which includes meetings, fellowship, recreation, GOOD food and dance (or just the dance for $5)!
EXCELLENT DEAL! For more information email Area61OSYPCRegistrar@Rhodiesland-AA.org

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Groups without GRs

Is your group without a GR? If so, here is what you can do to provide your group with a vote at the assembly and to receive the most current information about RI AFG and WSO.

If both the Group Representative and Alternate GR are unable to attend Assembly, or if a group does not have an elected Group Representative, a member may be elected by the group as a Proxy Vote to attend Assembly on behalf of the group, to vote on behalf of the group and bring information back to the group.

In such cases, the member must bring a note from the group that he/she is authorized to vote for the group during the Assembly.

Member serving as proxy may not also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous

**********************************************************************************************NEWS**********************************************************************************************

• A new blog “How does your group welcome new members?” is posted on the Al-Anon/Alateen Members’ Web site under the green and blue “For Members and Groups” icon. Members can post comments and share their experience, strength, and hope in how their group welcomes new members

• The out-of-print book Having Had a Spiritual Awakening is now available in electronic format for purchase. This 1998 book reflects the diversity of Al-Anon members’ spiritual experiences from around the world and has been out of print since 2004. Members can look for it where they buy electronic books.

Order forms for the 2014 edition of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism have been mailed. The order form is also posted on e-Communities for AISs in English, Spanish, and French.

www.al-anon.alateen.org

If your group needs literature, you can email your order to Deb deb.anon@yahoo.com by June 13th and your representative can pay for and pick up the order at the Assembly.

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Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)
AGENDA ~

SPRING ASSEMBLY ~ June 15, 2013
Where: West Greenwich Community Center,
280 Victory Hwy (rte. 102), West Greenwich, RI

8:30 – 8:55 - Registration / Check-in

OPENING: [20 minutes]
9:00 -9:20 ---Moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer
  ---Welcome:
  ---The Preamble to the Twelve Steps (service manual)
---Our 3 Legacies: Read Steps/Traditions/Concepts
  ---Roll Call/Introductions
9:20 – 9:30 – Housekeeping/Facilities Information

BREAKOUT SESSION: [50 minutes]
9: 30 -10:20 –Breakouts --- (Barbara H.-Linda &.Deb)
  ---Area Restructuring Task Force, Service Workshop, Writing Workshop
10:20-10:30 BREAK (continental breakfast provided-coffee/tea/water)
10:30 – 10:40 - Review and acceptance of November Assembly minutes
10:40 – 11:00- Area business:
  ---Date of next Assembly/Assembly Planning Committee Volunteers
  ---Open service positions – descriptions (Karen)

AREA DELEGATE REPORT (your trusted servants at work):
11:00 – 12:00 – Area Delegate, morning session

12:00 – 12:45 – Lunch (brown bag) (lite snacks and refreshments provided)
  --District Rep election caucuses for Districts without DRs
12:45 – 1:00 – Area Delegate, afternoon session
1:00 –1:35 – Task Force / Breakout groups Report backs
1:35 –1:50 – Trusted Servant News
  --Literature Coordinator Discussion (mailing trail period)
  --Financial/Treasurer Discussion
1:50 – 2:00 – BREAK

MORE ASSEMBLY ACTION ITEMS
2:00 – 2:40 Voting assembly motions, new positions, affirmation of interim officers
2:40 – 3:15 - Group Rep Q&A
  -- focusing on delegate report of WSC and reporting back to groups

CLOSING:
3:15 – 3:25 - Housekeeping matters (evaluations etc.)
3:25 – 3:30 - Motion to adjourn
  --- Closing prayer and Al-Anon Declaration
Please complete your area feedback form before leaving. With love in service!
Will you be willing to grow your recovery by being a trusted service to RI?

**Office Coordinator** - The Office Coordinator ensures that our Area Office on Rolfe Street runs smoothly, making sure it is fully stocked with office supplies and coordinating the volunteers who man office hours, answering the phones, following up on messages, and filling literature orders. The Office Coordinator attends the AWSC meetings as a voting member.

**Archives Coordinator** - Enjoy scrap booking? The Archives Coordinator preserves the experience, history, and memorabilia of the RIAFG. The Coordinator may head up an Archives Committee, which would be responsible for researching the history of Al-Anon in RI. Our archive materials are currently at the Area office. They need to be organized, dated, catalogued, and preserved using archival methods (e.g., acid free paper, boxes. The Archives Coordinator attends the AWSC meetings as a voting member.

**Public Outreach Coordinator** - The Public Outreach Coordinator informs the general public through the media, professionals, facilities, and organizations about who we are, what we do, and how to get in touch with us. Our goal is to attract to our program those whose lives are or have been affected by someone else’s drinking, so that those who need our program can find the help and hope we offer. We also strive for name recognition and credibility as a community resource. The Public Outreach Coordinator serves as a communication link between the WSO and the Area, making presentations or holding workshops at events in the Area and the general community; distributing service projects and information from the WSO to Area Assemblies, Districts, and Groups; encouraging the Area, Districts, and GRs to carry project ideas and information to the groups; and continually educating the fellowship about the need to attract those who are still suffering to our program. The Public Outreach Coordinator attends the AWSC meetings as a voting member.

**Forum Coordinator** - The Forum Coordinator encourages groups and members to submit sharing’s to the Forum magazine and to subscribe. The Coordinator carries Al-Anon’s message of recovery as it is printed in the Forum to the GRs, who are the Forum Representatives at the group level. This coordinator’s duties include, but are not limited to, being available to GRs and DRs for assistance in conducting workshops or outreach activities. Coordinators can ask Area World Service Committee members to assist by subscribing to and sharing the value of the Forum as they conduct their service activities. They may also bring sharing sheets, blank order forms, and copies of the Forum to workshops, assemblies, etc. Display boards may also be made to use at these events. The Forum Coordinator attends the AWSC meetings as a voting member.

**District Representatives for District 2, 5** - The DR is usually any incoming, outgoing, or active past Group Representative who is willing to represent the district at Area World Service Committee meetings and Area Assembly. The DR conveys information to the GRs from the Area World Service Committee, listens to group concerns, and takes any questions or concerns to the Area World Service Committee meetings. The DRs attend the AWSC meetings as voting members.

**Workshop Committee Chair** - The Workshop Committee Chair heads the Workshop Committee, which plans our annual Fall Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to allow members to participate in giving back to the program (Participation Is the Key to Harmony) while enjoying a day of recovery. All proceeds help the Area as a whole, which allows us to be self-supporting. Duties include chairing periodic committee meetings and securing volunteers who take on responsibilities for registration, decorating, hospitality, master of ceremonies, speakers, treasury, meetings, food, craft table, Alateen participation, AA participation, Literature table, and Public Outreach table. This committee chair also troubleshoots and supports these tasks as necessary.
RI Al-Anon/Alateen Events

*NOTICE*
Serenity by the Bay, Wed night 7:30-8:30, has moved to First United Methodist Church, 25 Church St Warren.

JUNE

6th - GR TRAINING  6P-7P St. Paul's Episcopal Church Hall, 2679 East Main Rd. (across from Portsmouth Library)
   YOU are invited to attend – it's a good way to learn if you may want to become a GR!

15 - Area Assembly, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
   West Greenwich Community Center, 274 Victory Hwy (route 102),
   Approximately 3 miles from I-95 (exit 5B).
   As the voice and vote for the individual Al-Anon Groups, all GRs are encouraged to attend.
   All Al-Anon members are welcome to attend (but do not have a vote at the assembly).

21, 22, 23 - 37th AA Serenity by the Sea Ocean State Young People's Conference (OSYPC) with Al-Anon Participation
   "Young means you still have some growing to do" • June 21, 22, & 23
   Salve Regina University • Newport, RI Come for the weekend or come for the day: meetings, fellowship, and recreation!

SUGGESTIONS WANTED:
   How can we get more members to participate in RI AFG Events?

Lifelines e-subscription: Email to: RI_Alan-Anon@hotmail.com (type “Mailing List” in the subject line) or email lin2169@hotmail.com

Web: www.riafg.org

An area newsletter is a vital link in keeping groups and members informed. The purposes of Lifelines are to:
   encourage attendance at service events; communicate local, area, and Al-Anon Information Service news
   ; And attract Al-Anon Members into service.

Editor: Linda S. at lin2169@hotmail.com Please emails me with anything you would like to share.