

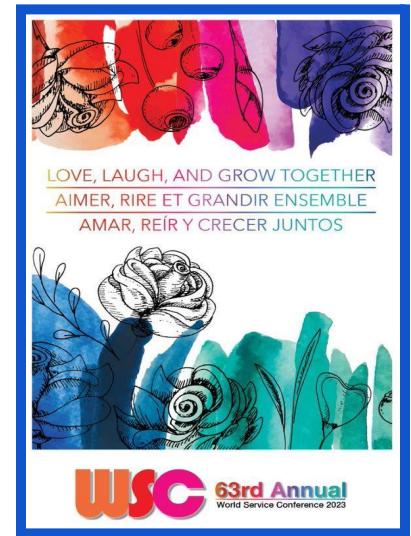
Delegate's Report
Florida North Area - Panel 61
2023 October Assembly
October 13-15, 2023

63rd Annual World Service Conference: Virginia Beach, VA

Love, Laugh, and Grow Together

Aimer, rire et grandir ensemble

Amar, reír y crecer juntos



Hello Florida North Area:

They say “What is important is not the destination; what is important is the journey”. Why? I checked my Google and it says:

It reminds us of the positive change we have made and motivates us to keep it up.

It makes our stories great and prepares us for the vision we have.

It is often more important than the outcome and guarantees to make an impact on our knowledge.

Well... After these 3 years serving as Panel 61 Delegate of the Florida North Area, I can tell you WHAT A JOURNEY! I know that I'm still walking toward my destination and I don't know when I reach that, but it is not for me to know. My Higher Power has guided me on this journey and my responsibility is to Trust with Joy. That's why I keep coming back!

Service and Gratitude for me are the keys to my recovery in progress. Every day during the past 3 years has been a learning experience surrounded by people that hold my hand and provide me with the necessary Al-Anon tools to fulfill my life while I wait to reach my destination. Thank you to my HP, thank you to all the members of Al-Anon, and most importantly thank you to all the people who came before and shared their experience, strength, and hope so I can live my Journey to Recovery.

DELEGATE JOB DESCRIPTION

Are you planning to put your name to be elected our next Delegate?

Area Delegate Job Description and Duties Last Update: August 2020 AWSC

[Delegate Job Description](#)

ELECTIONS AT OUR 2023 OCTOBER ASSEMBLY (from my 2023 July AWSC report)

During this next Assembly, we will experience the election process of our next panel, Panel 64.

Are you planning to put your name to be elected our next Delegate? Here is some information that the World Service Office asked all the Delegates to share with its members on areas that will hold elections this year. This information will help you make an informed decision. If you are willing to serve in this position but still have questions about what is involved, please do not hesitate to contact me at: Delegate-61@afgArea9.org

The World Service Conference (WSC) is Al-Anon's annual business meeting. Considering the WSC accomplishes an incredible amount of work each April, as noted in the World Service Conference Summaries available on the website at:

<https://alanon.org/for-members/world-service-conference-wsc/world-service-conferencesummary/>.

All Conference members put in long days during the WSC. We invite all members considering standing for Delegate to read the "[World Service Handbook](#)" section of the [2022-2025 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual \(P-24/27\) v2](#), especially the "World Service Conference" and "Conference Procedures" on pages 164- 170, as well as the "AI-Anon World Service Conference Charter" on pages 227-231 in the Service Manual.

2024 Conference Dates/Times/Tentative Agenda 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 Four-Day Conference will include an Orientation for New WSC Members, Sharing Area Highlights, an Opening Luncheon, Conference, the Annual Open Board of Trustees Meetings, and the Closing Dinner. The 2024 Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, from 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.

2023 JULY CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD LETTER

The Board Letter was presented to all WSC members in August via WebEx. I was present, and meeting the new Trustees elected during the World Service Conference last April was very rewarding.

The Letter has already been translated and published in 3 languages. You can visit the Delegate's page to read all the documents presented: [Delegate's Trustees P61 \(afgarea9.org\)](#)

The 2023 October Chairperson of the Board Letter will be presented in November.

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect:



Join the Board of Trustees, At-Large members of the Executive Committee, and local and visiting members for an inspirational day of fellowship and fun you won't want to miss!

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Hilton Los Angeles Airport
5711 West Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90045

2023 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Albuquerque, New Mexico

- **Fun Facts:**
- There were 21 international structures represented in person at the Language of Love Parade. In addition, 13 structures participated virtually.
- We had 4,517 registered attendees! Albuquerque was the highest elevation for an AI-Anon International Convention.
- Within the 34 structures represented, the addition of language interpretation technology possibly encouraged their attendance!

2023 CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Due to the Staff resources that were allocated to the 2023 International Convention, the compilation of the *2023 Conference Summary* is behind schedule. It's now anticipated the *Summary* will be posted the fourth week of October with the printed version available for purchase about six weeks later.

Meanwhile, the [Highlights of the 2023 World Service Conference](#) and the [2022 World Service Office Annual Report](#) are available on the website.

In closing:

I would like to quote part of my 2023 Conference share as a Panel 61 Delegate based on the Conference theme: Love, Laugh, and Grow Together; it was published at The Forum.

The experience as a Delegate has given me the love, the laughs, the joy, and the growth that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I have confidence that my Higher Power will continue guiding me in the right direction, and I will be diligently looking for ways to be of service. I am open to discovering! I will be forever grateful for this opportunity and all the love, the laughs, and the growth I have found in these rooms. Thank you, Higher Power. Thank you, Al-Anon!

~~Evelyn Torres, Florida North Delegate, The Forum August 2023, page 26-27



Thanks, Florida North for letting me serve as your Delegate... see you soon at our 2023 October Assembly!

Evelyn T.



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

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



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