

Delegate's Report

The logo for WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) is displayed in the center. The letters 'W', 'A', and 'S' are in a dark blue color, while the 'C' is in a light green color. The letters are bold and have a slight 3D effect. The background behind the logo is a collage of colorful handprints in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) and orientations, some with spiral patterns. The entire graphic is set against a white background with decorative blue and orange diagonal stripes in the corners.

WASC

**Panel 61 Florida North
Assembly October 7-9, 2022**

Who is your Delegate?

**What is the role of your Delegate at the World Service Conference?
and as an Officer of Area 9?**

Delegates:

In addition to listening to, participating in, and voting on matters affecting Al-Anon as a whole, Delegates bring the viewpoint of their Areas on these matters. They also return to their Areas to share a broader perspective of Al-Anon worldwide. Delegates are the bridge of understanding that links the groups in their Area with the world Al-Anon.

They are the trusted servants of Al-Anon as a whole.

Delegate's "El Gazette Online"



NEWS
from WSO

Delegate's Page

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What will you find here?

- Delegate's AWSC Reports (twice/year)
- Delegate's Assembly Reports
- Area Workshops and Presentations
- WSC Information of Interest
- News from the WSO



NEWS
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THE AL-ANON WSO WEBSITE

A Resource for Members



The Members section is where you can find:

- The current version of the
- [Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual](#) (P-24/27)
- [The Al-Anon Guidelines](#)
- [The Member Blog](#)—a place to read and share experience, strength, and hope
- [The World Service Conference Summaries](#)
- [WSO Volunteer opportunities](#)
- [Information about your WSO](#)

The World Service Office (WSO) website, al-anon.org, is a rich resource available to every member. The Newcomers section includes basic information about Al-Anon and many sharings from members that can be read in meetings.

ENHANCING
OUR RECOVERY
THROUGH
ABUNDANCE,
UNITY AND
UNDERSTANDING

ENRIQUECER
NUESTRA RECUPERACIÓN
A TRAVÉS DE LA
ABUNDANCIA,
UNIDAD Y
COMPRESIÓN

ENRICHIR
NOTRE
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PAR L'ABONDANCE,
L'UNITÉ ET LA
COMPRÉHENSION



WSC 62nd Annual
World Service Conference 2022

62nd Annual World Service Conference

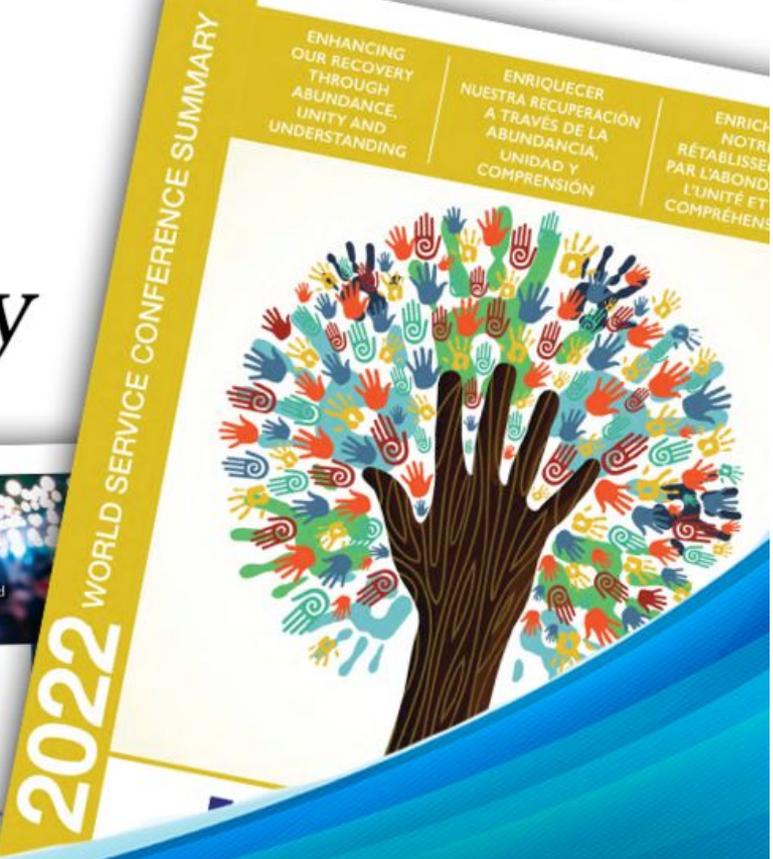
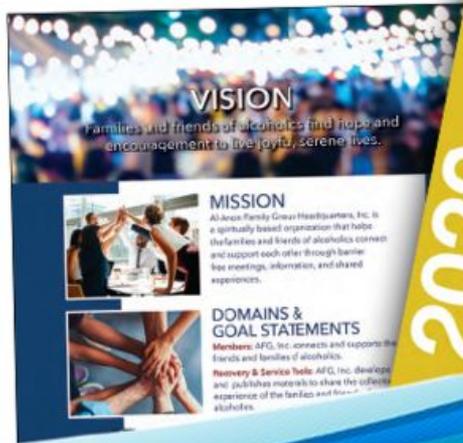
April 26 – 30, 2022 in Tarrytown, NY

Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and
Understanding

Enriquecer nuestra recuperación a través de la abundancia,
unidad y comprensión

Enrichir notre rétablissement par l'abondance, l'unité et la
compréhension

THE OFFICIAL AL-ANON World Service Conference Summary IS AVAILABLE!



al-anon.org

What Is the Value of the *World Service Conference Summary*?

Each April, members of the World Service Conference convene to conduct the business of Al-Anon Family Groups.

Following each Conference, World Service Office (WSO) Staff compiles a full report of the proceedings into a *World Service Conference Summary* (P-46)—also known as the *Conference Summary*.

THE BOARD'S GOALS FOR CONFERENCE.

Here is part of what you will find on page 4 of the 2022 World Service Conference Summary:

“Prior to the start of Conference, the Board’s Goals for the Conference were posted to AFG Connects, as follows: The Conference, Al-Anon’s largest group conscience, will act in the spirit of unity and goodwill to assure that Al-Anon’s world services are continually available to the Al-Anon fellowship:

GOAL 1: The spiritual tone of the Conference will prevail by the demonstration of Al-Anon’s core principles in action.

GOAL 2: The Conference will provide guidance to Al-Anon’s Board of Trustees and the World Service Office (WSO) on services to the fellowship and guardianship of Al-Anon’s Twelve Traditions.

GOAL 3: Conference members will understand the purpose of the Conference, relationships within the Structure, and be able to articulate Conference discussions and decisions. Conference members were asked to select one Goal and share, in a sentence or two, how they will strive to support the Goal they selected during the Conference week.”

For me GOAL #1 --The spiritual tone of the Conference will prevail by the demonstration of Al-Anon’s core principles in action -- is what kept me centered on the task at hand during the week of the 2022 WSC

- *I value the loving and respectful tone members use during sometimes difficult discussions at Conference, and the patience and flexibility shown by our Conference leadership. My goal is to listen with tolerance and understanding and to allow my Higher Power to guide my participation.*
- *I will keep Tradition Two in mind, remembering that Higher Power is present. I will listen to others and my Higher Power with an open mind, and I will do my best to participate with harmony and goodwill.*

The experience of considering a business meeting a spiritual meeting and also a spiritual experience was something new for me before the 2022 WSC, but by keeping in my heart this Goal #1 I was able to have this spiritual awakening and understanding of the purpose of my participation at this such great event.

**TODAY....
THERE WILL BE PRIZES !!!!
...AGAIN**

**Did you know
Al-Anon meetings are held in
more than 130 countries?**



Today Al-Anon is more of a global community than ever.

General Services Offices (GSOs) in countries around the world sell Conference Approved Literature, register and publish meeting information, coordinate national public outreach campaigns, cooperate with professionals, and implement policies. In October of every second year, Delegates representing these GSOs meet at the

International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM)

Browse through summaries of past IAGSMs

to learn about cooperation among the World Service Office and other Structures, dating back to the very first meeting in 1980.

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE (ICC)

The International Coordination Committee (ICC) 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, such as translation and reprint policies and visits to and communication with evolving structures.

More information on the work of the ICC can be found in several places:

- The descriptive text of Concept Eleven in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) details the primary responsibilities of the ICC.
- The al-anon.org website includes an International page with more about the different kinds of structures supported by the WSO.
- The website has an archive of IAGSM Summaries dating back to the first one in 1980.
- World Service Conference Summaries (P-46) include reports of IAGSMs, Zonal meetings, and international trips. Conference Summaries can also be found on al-anon.org.

International Service Meetings

EUROPEAN ZONAL MEETING

The mission of the EZM is to improve communication between European countries in support of Al-Anon/Alateen growth. Topics included Alateen, recognizing electronic groups, public outreach, and legal considerations about selling literature.

IBERO-AMERICAN ZONAL MEETING

There are quite a few countries that have membership in this service meeting. It's not every country in South America, but it is most of them, and it also includes Spain and Portugal in Europe and some Spanish-speaking countries like Mexico in addition to others located in Central America.

CENTRAL AMERICAN ZONAL MEETING

The Central American Zonal Meeting is much smaller than its Ibero-American cousin. There are only about eight member structures. This gives it a little bit more of an intimate feel.

New and Renewed Contacts

We are very excited to have been contacted by members in four new countries:

- Dominican Republic
- Hong Kong
- Antarctica
- Israel

And we also had the opportunity this past year to renew relationships with:

- Cuba
- Norway
- Greece

Service Arm Registrations

- Kazakhstan registered as a new service arm.
- After many years, Russia was formally approved to become a GSO

Translation and Reprints

- The WSO is processing the first-time request to review translated pamphlets and books from Lithuania. The WSO has sent the translated materials to independent reviewers per our process for first-time translation requests.
- We also received a first-time translation request from Bulgaria. WSO Staff are in the process of getting to know the members from Bulgaria, which is part of our usual process for approving a first translation request.
- We were also excited to receive new translation requests from Greece and Turkey



CONNECTING

PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS



New Associate Director-International

Jennifer Ullman, currently a member in the Illinois North Area, has accepted our offer to serve as the new Associate Director-International and joined us at the World Service Office (WSO) on August 22. Jennifer brings with her a wealth of experience in international relations, including a Master of Arts degree in International Policy Studies.

Jennifer is passionate about our Three Legacies and has been active in Al-Anon service. Jennifer's love and passion for Al-Anon radiated throughout the building during her visit to the WSO as part of the extensive interview process. Jennifer speaks Spanish fluently along with French, German, Russian, Italian, Portuguese, and Catalan.

Please join me in sending your warm welcome and congratulations to Jennifer!

Sarah Smith, Director of Programs



August 2022 Appeal Letter

In February, May, August, and November, the Quarterly Appeal gives each member an opportunity to participate in Twelfth-Step work beyond the group level.

What It Takes to Serve as a Trustee



When considering an Al-Anon service position, have you ever thought, *Am I qualified?* Have you wondered whether you have the time to serve?

Rest assured, you are not alone!

For those interested in serving at the world service level, the good news is that, beginning this year, more detailed information is available about the time commitments and skills—in addition to a strong Al-Anon program—that are needed to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.

All Al-Anon members are encouraged to read the new [Trustee Role Description](#). Perhaps you'll recognize that you *do* have skills that would benefit Al-Anon worldwide. Please consider submitting your résumé; if not, perhaps you know a member who does. Most of us genuinely appreciate when a fellow member taps us on the shoulder and shares that they believe we are qualified!



The World Service Office is

AGAIN OPEN for visitors!

But to ensure the safety of everyone we felt it necessary to make some changes!



- Tours will need to be scheduled on our online booking platform at al-anon.org/tourwso at least 24 hours prior to your desired tour time
- Tours are available:
- Tuesday morning and afternoon
- Wednesday morning and afternoon
- Thursday morning and afternoon
- Friday morning only
- In an effort to increase Staff satisfaction, productivity, and comfort the dress code has been changed from business casual to casual. Staff will be wearing comfortable clothing which includes jeans.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS MOBILE APP

The mobile app was launched on August 12, 2020, so it's just over 2 years old.

The app currently is home to 37 Al-Anon Family Groups holding 101 meetings each week.

There are also 6 Alateen Groups holding weekly meetings.

There is one group in Spanish holding weekly meetings.

As of today, there are 117,870 members registered in the app and it continue to get about 1,000 new users each week.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

QUESTION: Are the groups on the AI-Anon Mobile App automatically represented by the Global Electronic Area (GEA)? And if so, could they petition to join a geographic area?

ANSWER: The *AI-Anon Family Groups Mobile App* was created with the intent of uniting AI-Anon members around the world. The meetings that take place in the *Mobile App* attract a global audience with over 115,000 subscribers. In following the purpose of the *Mobile App*, it would be impossible for an electronic group to take place in the *Mobile App* where it attracts only a local audience. Any AI-Anon groups registered in the *Mobile App* will remain part of the Global Electronic Area. If members supporting an AI-Anon group in the *Mobile App* wish to join a geographic Area, they would need to change to a different platform to hold the meeting.

2023 International Convention

June 29 – July 2, 2023

Albuquerque Convention Center

in Albuquerque, NM

Registration will open November 8, 2022



NEW HOPES,

NEW FRIENDS,

RENEWED RECOVERY

2023 AL-ANON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Convention Registration Opening Soon!

[2023 AI-Anon International Convention](#)

[Albuquerque, New Mexico](#)

Registration for the 2023 AI-Anon International Convention opens November 8, 2022!

Now is the time to start planning your trip to the beautiful city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, where four days of adventure and recovery await.

The Convention takes place June 29-July 2, 2023. Set a reminder on your calendar today to register for the 2023 AI-Anon International Convention and check the

2023 International Convention page at al-anon.org/international

See you in Albuquerque!



Website and Video

[2023 AI-Anon International Convention - AI-Anon Family Groups](#)



ROAD TRIP!

YOU AND YOUR
BOARD CONNECT

Saturday, October 29, 2022,
from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Cleveland - Independence, 6200
Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio

Registration: \$30.00 per person;
includes lunch and an afternoon snack

Onsite Registration:
Onsite registration will be available from
8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday,
October 29, for \$30.00 per person,

CLEVELAND

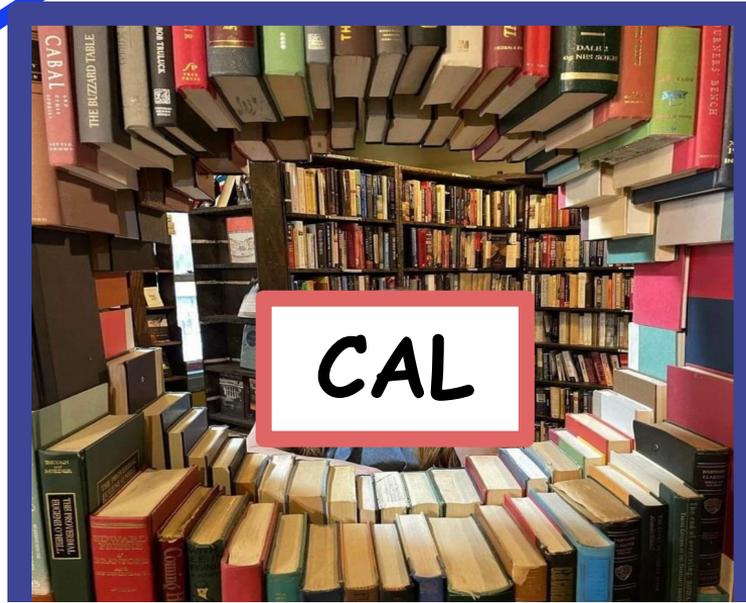




You and Your Board Connect event will be held in
Cleveland, Ohio

Why:

This is an opportunity for Trustees and the Executive Committee to interact with members, as well as for members to interact with Trustees and the Executive Committee.



All Conference Approved Literature (CAL) currently sold as printed books in English, French, and Spanish will also be available as eBooks.

As the Chairperson of the Board shared in her COB Letter, the work required to move forward with this may take several months.



THE Forum

needs your sharings about
our Three Legacies!

al-anon.org

IN THE LOOP

NEWS FROM YOUR WSO

The World Service Office (WSO)
electronic newsletter

IN THE LOOP

Celebrates 5 years & more than

35K SUBSCRIBERS!

Sign up now: al-anon.org/emailme



**Thank you for letting me
serve as your**

Delegate Panel 61

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



The background features a collage of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, interspersed with green foliage. A central white sign on a wooden stand is framed by a pink border. To the right, a yellow box with a red border contains contact information.

Evelyn Torres

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**Thanks,
Gracias, Merci!**