

Alternate Delegate's Report

June 2008



Congratulations to the North Florida Area Assembly. We've made it to year three. Yeahhhh!!!! Are you still having fun, or having fun yet??? I hope so.

I hope you all have been reading and using your *Forum* This "voice of the fellowship" continues to evolve to enhance our "spiritual quest".

The *Forum* department continues to be in the process of restructuring to increase its ability to "build bridges". Next Saturday, June 14, WSO will be holding the first ever *Forum* Coordinator conference call. One of the "Hot Topics" to be discussed is how to encourage the use of the *Forum* in our groups and personal lives. I will be participating in the call and will report back what I've learned.

The *Forum* department has also changed the process of how it shares information with *Forum* Coordinators. Rather than sending by mail, or e-mailing new information, WSO has created a "file exchange" where information is placed and when new things are posted, an e-mail is sent to all *Forum* coordinators directing them to log on with their user name and password in order to retrieve the information.

I reported that in the October 2007 *Forum*, there is a great article on the use of Concept 10 both within Al-Anon and at home. **It highlights responsibility, accountability, and clear communication regarding what a job entails. It also states that if there is no confusion about roles, and we know what a job entails, then we should only take a service job if we're willing to do what the job does entail.** I'm keeping this reminder in my report as we are soon to have elections, and the article is a timely reminder as members consider whether to stand for positions on the next panel.

I was informed a few weeks ago by a WSO *Forum* contact person, that *Forum* subscriptions are down again. And don't forget to also send more sharings to the *Forum*. The *Forum* department currently needs more sharings on the three legacies, particularly the 12 Concepts, as well as sharings incorporating humor. Sharings can still be submitted on-line, by e-mail, faxed, or snail mailed.

I want to share a paragraph with you from the May issue of the *Forum* as a reminder of some of the gifts of the subscribing and writing to the *Forum*. It's titled, *A Very Big Thank You*: "The *Forum* has been a lifeline to me. Between meetings I read the articles and for those few minutes, I do not feel alone. There are others out there with my problems. The help of these articles is timeless, as I have grabbed old editions and found someone who felt the same way as I do. When I felt it was too late to phone someone, I was reassured that there was something to

read that would help me. I'm inspired to thank the Forum for being there and to send a very big thank you to all those who have written".

Have you remembered about this year's *Forum* contest? Until the October 2008 assembly, each district can encourage members in their districts to subscribe or get other members to subscribe or renew subscriptions to *The Forum*. This addition of subscription renewals also being included in the contest is in light of the above reported knowledge regarding subscriptions being down. The D.R. will still be the communication link with me as with the previous contest, and I will again keep a tally until October 2008. And yes....there will be another prize. Good luck and do have fun!

As we all continue growing during year three of Panel 46, please continue to ask the questions and share your successes and concerns.

Love in service,
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