

Virginia Area Public Outreach Report  
Fall 2019 Assembly

For Panel 59, the Area Public Outreach will focus on diversity.

### **Translation Equipment**

The Northern Virginia Service Center and the Area have been working on getting price quotes to have translation equipment available for any of the Groups, District or Area to use at meetings, especially workshops, Assembly and the Convention. Scott S. in the Northern Virginia Service Center has been getting price quotes and finding the best equipment for our needs. Thank you Scott!

Update: The Northern Virginia Service Center decided not to move forward with this project. The Area does not have sufficient funding for the project.

Action Items: If any Groups or Districts feel that this is an important project to fund, please send an email to the Area Public Outreach Coordinator or one of the Area Officers. Translation equipment was successfully used at the Area Convention for Spanish speaking members, and attracted members from outside the Area.

### **Bilingual Calendar**

The Area has created a bilingual English/Spanish 2020 calendar using quotations from Conference Approved Literature (CAL). Samples were available during Spring 2019 Assembly.

Update: Approximately 100 calendars were sold at the August 2019 Convention and will be available at Fall 2019 Assembly. If any Districts would like to sell them at District workshops or events, please let me know.

The calendars are a great way to reach out to the doctors that you adopted during Panel 56, make great gifts for your Sponsor and Sponsees, and for friends and family members affected by the disease of alcoholism.

### **WSO Announcements**

The 2019 World Service Conference Summary (free) is available online at: <https://connect.al-anon.org/communities/community-home/digestviewer/viewthread?MessageKey=6272d20d-d0d1-423c-8d7e-13b35d437b11&CommunityKey=74139724-10f4-41df-8549-d850e38242f5&tab=digestviewer#bm6272d20d-d0d1-423c-8d7e-13b35d437b11>.

A hard copy of the 2019 World Service Conference Summary may be purchased for \$5.00. The order form is available at <https://al-anon.org/pdf/P46-2019orderform.pdf>. Attached is the form for distribution.

### **Adopt a Doc**

Professionals in the medical field refer the most people to Al-Anon. Please consider adopting a doc (or several!) within your Group or District.

A new Fact Sheet for Professionals (S-37E) is available in English, Spanish and French for \$0.15 per copy. It can be viewed online at <https://al-anon.org/resources-for-professionals/>.

### **Logo**

We have jpg and pdf files of the Virginia Al-Anon logo that have been sent to the webmaster.

### **A.A. International Convention**

Online registration for Alcoholics Anonymous' (A.A.) International Convention with Al-Anon participation is open. The Convention will be held July 2–5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium.

Advanced registration for the Convention is available through April 15, 2020 for \$115.00 US per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 US per attendee.

Al-Anon participation will include a variety of sessions held during the day on Friday and Saturday. Al-Anon members are also welcome to attend the A.A. big meetings. Many attendees come early or stay late for a vacation. There are many fun things to do, so see you in Detroit!

[Register Now](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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