

Treasurer Report

Welcome to all new District and Alternate Representatives, Group and Alternate Group Reps whom are attending their first Assembly in May. Also a welcome to the continuing DRs and GRs (including Alternates). I want to thank everyone for giving me the privilege to be the Area Treasurer the next three years. This is truly an honor for me to serve as your treasurer for the Southern California World Service Board.

For those of you that do not know me very well, I have been a member of Al-Anon Family Groups for 33 1/2 years. My first Al-Anon meeting was in Manhattan Beach in October 1978. My first sponsor, Carol T., showed me how to get involved in my own recovery and to be of service. I have been active in Al-Anon service the last 31 years, just by showing up or getting in the car!

I have served in various capacities from Intergroup Rep, GR, Al-Anon convention chairman of Southern California AA Convention in 1987, Al-Anon Chair South Bay Roundup in 1994, AFG Al-Anon chair in 2001 and I am currently the District Representative in District 42 (Coachella Valley).

My accounting and finance experience expands over 40 years. My second full-time job, I was an assistant to the controller of a small company and posted the general ledger (manually) for three different companies. Prior to my retirement from Raytheon/Hughes Aircraft, I managed the capital budget of \$90M. In 2007 after 23 years of service at Raytheon, my husband and I relocated from Gardena to La Quinta. I was able to adapt (different Al-Anon meetings) to the relocation by being involved in service and already knew people living in the desert, including my current sponsor, Pat Hill.

I had aspirations of finding employment out here in the desert, but with the economy the way it is, I decided to start up my own accounting business working remotely from home.

The transition to Treasurer has been a slow learning process. Our previous treasurer has relocated out of state and I have been unable to get the rest of the files I was promised. I have had to re-create the fourth quarter of 2011 to balance to our books for all the coordinators and other board members.

To speed up our contribution process, I secured a check scanner from our bank and as I receive the checks they will be scanned and directly deposited the same day. I do not need to make copies of checks, as I will keep the checks here on file and no need to drive to the bank! I will be posting the checks the same week they are received, so that our books are current.

I would like everyone to pass on to their meeting treasurer that Southern California World Service is no longer using the numbering system our local offices had in place at one time. We are using the same Group ID the meetings have been supplied with by WSO. There is no such group number as #N60, or Tues_Hawth,

etc. The Group ID is very helpful, as I receive many checks with just the meeting night and "Monday night meeting" is not going to help me locate and give credit to your meeting as there are over 250 meetings on Monday night in Southern California. Also, Tom Emmanuel, Sue Picott, or Heidi Tults are no longer the Area Treasurer.

Due the price of postage, we will discontinuing the mailing out receipts for your group contributions. Your cancelled check will be your receipt, or I can e-mail your receipt to the treasurer or alternate contact. Please have your treasurer include an e-mail address on the Group Contribution Form. The e-mail addresses are in a QuickBooks database and will be not used for any other purpose. The e-mail address is also a great tool for any questions that may arise as I process your contribution. I will continue to mail receipts for money orders that are submitted as a form of contribution.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to be of service to Southern California AFG.

Love in Service,
Cathy Satter