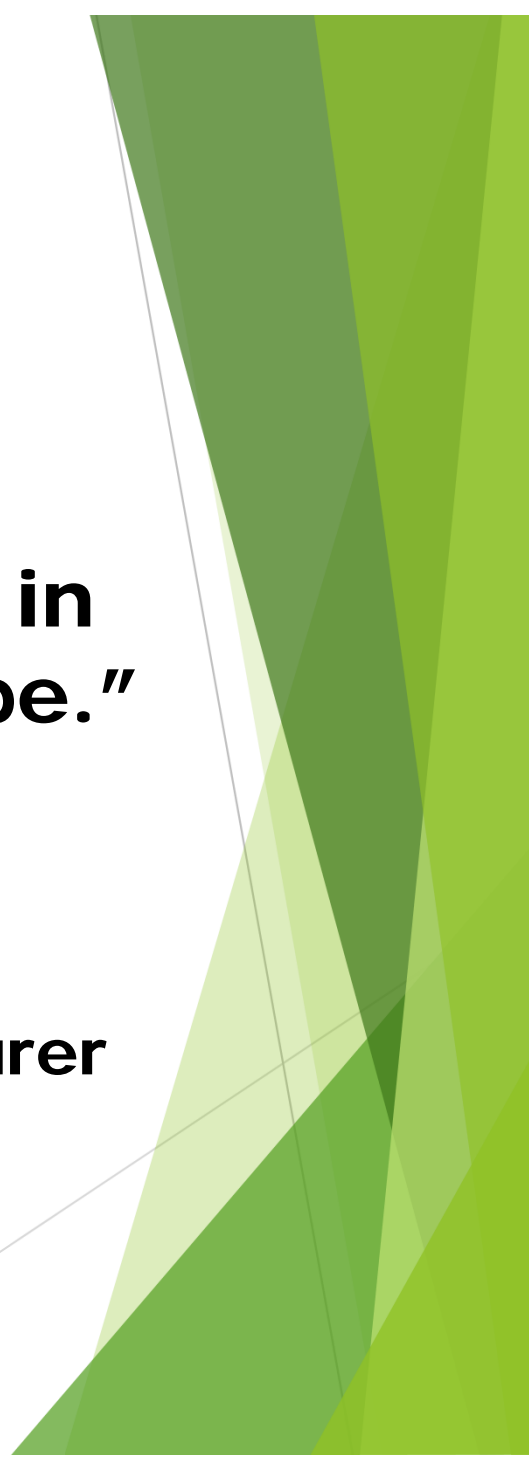





Contributions to World Service Office

AWSC
August 15, 2020



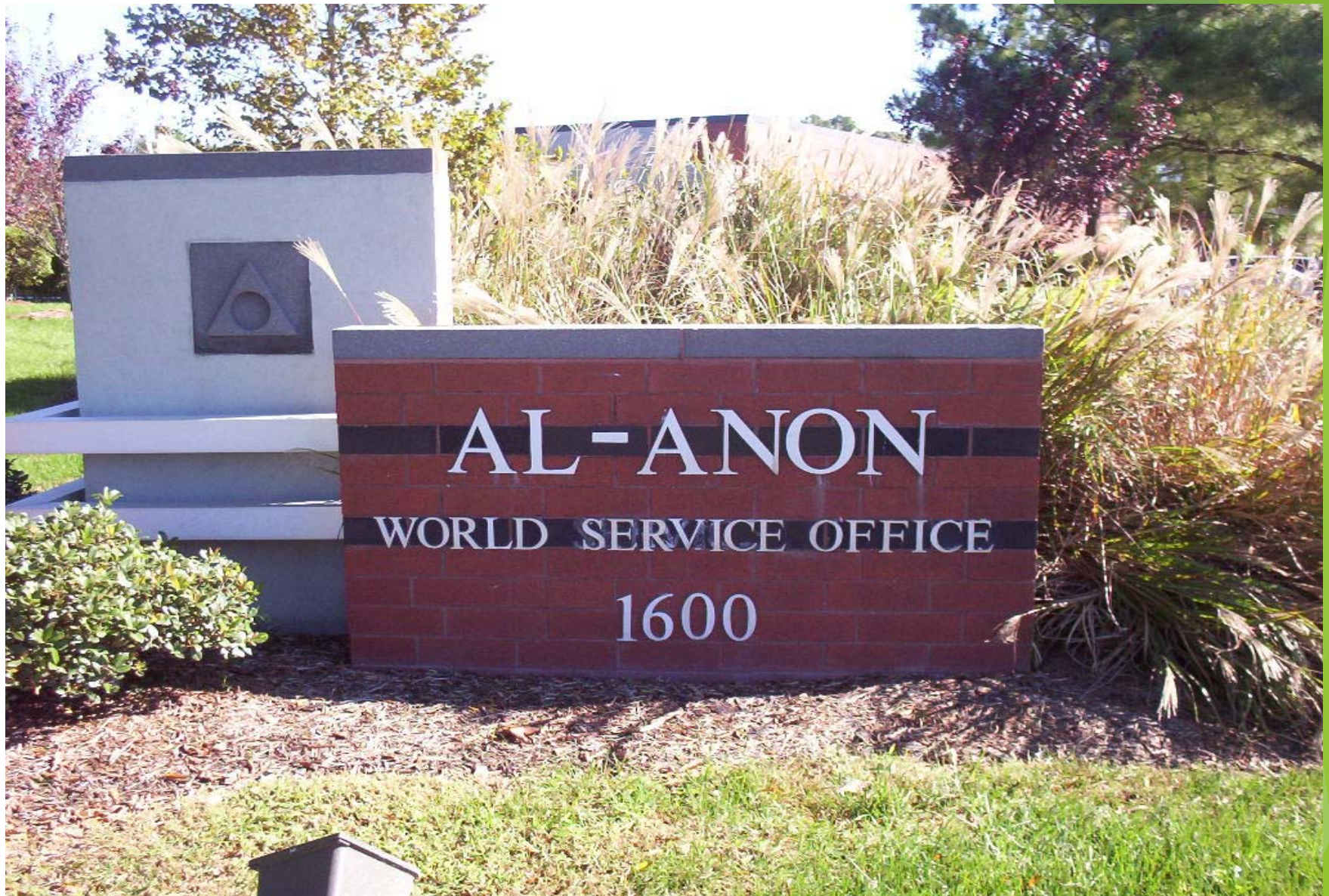
▶ “Money is your messenger in places where you cannot be.”



Vi F., 1962
WSO Treasurer

Southern California World Service History

- Southern California World Service (SCWS) has contributed to the World Service Office (WSO) since 1971.
- Contributions have been based on our budget surplus and our Ample Reserve.
- Contributions have been made annually or semiannually depending on Area expenses/surplus.



AL-ANON

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

1600

WSO Headquarters Virginia Beach, VA



World Service Office (WSO)

Provides:

- ▶ Group Services
- ▶ Public Outreach/Professionals
- ▶ Literature
- ▶ Conferences
- ▶ International & Other Program Services
- ▶ Operations & Administrative Services
- ▶ Digital Strategy
- ▶ Finance & Customer Service

WARRANTY ONE

“Sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.”

- ▶ Group contributions pay a portion of World Service Office expenses; balance is financed by sale of literature. *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (p.213)

2020 World Service Conference (WSC) :

- ▶ Group Contributions to WSO = 40%
- ▶ Literature Sales of the WSO = 54%
- ▶ These two sources do not support WSO's work. The WSO usually needs to tap into their Reserve Fund to transfer to General Fund, up to 4%.
- ▶ Current projected deficit for 2020 = \$420,000!

SCWS Area Responsibilities

- ▶ Communicates with & supports 1250 groups
- ▶ Area Assembly & Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings
- ▶ Helps districts & groups resolve issues
- ▶ Website & Virtual Meeting platform
- ▶ Provides resources for education, communication & Public Outreach

SCWS Area cont...

- ▶ Provides workshops
- ▶ Oversees Alateen: Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), legal requirements, recertification
- ▶ Bulletin production
- ▶ Delegate's equalized expense to attend World Service Conference
- ▶ Hospitality for AWSC & Assembly

SCWS Area cont...

- ▶ Travel expenses for Delegate & members of the SCWS Board
- ▶ Insurance expenses
- ▶ Office supplies/postage/printing
- ▶ Storage facility rental
- ▶ Professional tax preparation
- ▶ Contributions to WSO

Service Manual


- ▶ *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* provides direction regarding contributions to WSO.
- P. 105: Al-Anon Service Arms
“Districts, Al-Anon Information Services (Intergroups), Literature Distribution Centers, Areas, General Service Offices and other Al-Anon/Alateen service entities may also contribute in a spirit of unity directly to the WSO without limit.”
- P. 160: A typical Area budget might include...An Area contribution to the WSO.


Could an Area contribute to an AI-Anon Information Service (AIS)?

- ▶ *AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, p. 67
“The Information Service is supported by the groups it serves within its geographical boundaries; it should not seek or accept support outside that area.”
- ▶ Contributions to SCWS (Area) are from groups from various AISs
- ▶ If an Area contributed to an individual AIS, the Area would be sending contributions from groups outside the AIS geographical boundaries

How does SCWS determine it's ample reserve?

- ▶ *RESERVE FUND GUIDELINE* (G41) states:
- ▶ Area Reserve Fund suggested guide:
 - ▶ Six months to one year's operating expenses
 - ▶ Reserve fund increased each year until goal is achieved
 - ▶ Excess funds from "reserve" may be used to fund special projects
 - ▶ Official approval is needed (Area Assembly)

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- ▶ “If you have received help, and you no doubt have, why not give to further the cause for peace and serenity of future members?”



- ▶ *Anne B.,
Co-founder of Al-Anon,
1958*