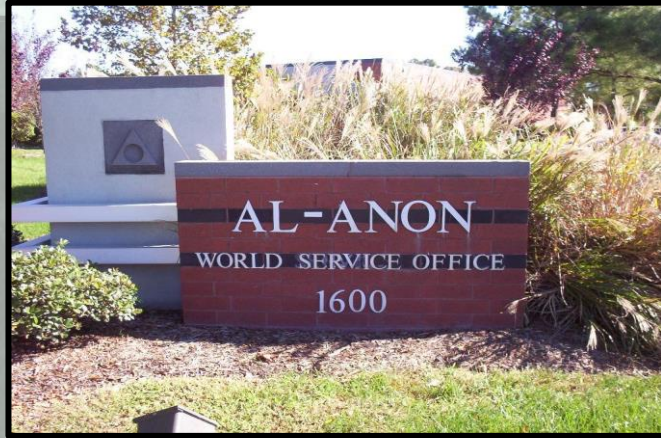


Contributions to World Service Office (WSO)

November 21, 2020

What is the World Service Office?



It is considered the “clearing-house” and headquarters of the Al-Anon Family Groups.

What does the WSO provide groups/members?

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

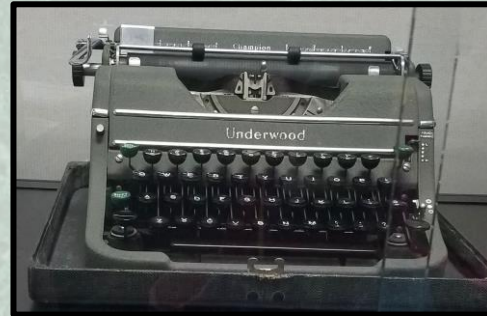


Lois W. and Anne B., Al-Anon Co-Founders

WSO: Warehouse for shipping books.



WSO: Room for shipping pamphlets



Lois' typewriter on display at WSO.

Why does Southern California World Service (SCWS) contribute to WSO?

Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2018-2021 (v-2)

“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.105)

“A typical Area budget might include...an Area contribution to the WSO.(p.160)”

A Glimpse at Al-Anon's History from *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31)

1951:

A man from Massachusetts made the first financial contribution (to the Clearing House), even before the first request for funds. Followed by New York, Alabama and South Dakota. (p.44)

Al-Anon's History, continued...

“This gave us the courage to send out a letter asking the groups if they were ready to contribute toward the operation of the Clearing House.”
(Anne B.)

The funds were used to cover the cost of stationery, printing and postage.

Al-Anon's History, continued...

1954:

“Total income for 1954 was about \$5,200--about \$3,500 from contributions and about \$1,700 in literature sales. This was the last year in which members' cash contributions exceeded the amount of income generated by Al-Anon literature sales”. (p.67)

Why are we talking about WSO's contribution history today?

As of November 4, 2020:

- In response to the predicted budget deficit (July: \$420,000), contributions to WSO have exceeded the revised budget prediction.
- These contributions exceeded the revised budget projections by \$365,000.

- Literature sales exceeded revised budget projections by \$45,900.
- Traditionally, WSO's income has primarily come from Literature sales, not contributions.
- For the first time since 1954, our member's contributions have exceeded literature sales!

- WSO continues to reduce overall expenses, including elimination of all travel and staff salary increases, and many employees are still furloughed.
- Because of reduced expenses and increased revenue from contributions, WSO *may* end the year in a surplus position!

- However, they're not "out of the woods" yet.
"Without your continued contributions, we can easily revert to the previous deficit position."
- "Thank you all for your continued support as we navigate through this history making year."
Lynette K., Chairperson, Board of Trustees