

## 2019 Spring Assembly Area Chair Report

I want to start by thanking you for your generosity in deciding to send me to the Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting (SWRDM) last week. This year's event took place in Hilo, HI and I feel so very privileged to have been able to attend. I met so many wonderful Al-Anon members who were current and past-delegates, past and current chairs, trustees, and many more. I was able to experience the respect, courtesy, love and cooperation that exists within this fellowship. What a wonderful example of working together for a shared goal of helping the fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen move forward. Thank you so very much.

As Chair, I've had the opportunity to get to know some of you, but still have yet to meet many of you, especially our newest members. Please come and introduce yourself to me ~ I want to know who you are and welcome you to our Assembly family.

*Excerpt taken from 2018 World Service Conference Summary  
under "Conference Theme and Opening Remarks" pg. 9*

*I have taken some liberties and substituted our Area terms for WSC terms .... reminds me why I'm here and why I serve the Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups*

"Our purpose at this Assembly is to ensure that our Area continue under all conditions. We are here to act on behalf of Al-Anon as a whole. We are here to apply the spiritual principles of our program as we conduct the business of Al-Anon. Obviously we did not come here to simply sit or stand still! We come in the spirit of freedom - Al-Anon's most cherished liberty - to participate as equals and to share service ideas and experiences with each other."

"May each of us also come with an open mind and a renewed commitment to service, appreciating the privilege of having a seat at this Assembly and representing the fellowship. I am hopeful that our work here this weekend will inspire other members to act - to step forward and to participate - so that Al-Anon and Alateen's message of recovery is heard throughout Colorado and our services remain available to every current member, every group, every potential member and every group not yet formed."