

## Alternate Delegate Report

### 2-Day Fall Assembly

Dear Al-Anon Family,

I want to take this time to thank everyone who sent in shares on the Concepts for the Ohio Al-A-Notes. It was a tremendous outpour of Participation, and it was much appreciated. Rose, Theresa and Ann were kind enough to proofread for me and Daisy was kind enough to email them to all the CMA's and the AWSC Members.

I am back in school this semester taking Advanced Accounting and an Internship. I was granted permission to do the internship with my current employer of 40 years which was one of those coupons in Al-Anon. I told the professor that according to the syllabus he sent me that I do not qualify for the internship, but he and my boss agreed that it would work out just fine. Thankfully at the end of this semester, I will have 2 classes out of the 8 needed to finish my bachelor's degree in accounting, so I am plugging along with my higher power right by my side. My only goal at this time is to complete the goal that I started in the Summer of 2008. I do not know what my higher power has planned for me, but I know it can only be good because that is all He has ever given me and thankfully for Al-Anon, I learned to acknowledge and be grateful for those many gifts. Of course, like most people, I had to learn through the hard knocks of life, but it was through the tough times that I found that I was stronger than I thought and capable of much more than I ever thought possible. Many things in my life I will never get over, but Al-Anon is teaching me how to get through all of them with grace and dependence on a loving and forgiving higher power.

I do not have much to report except that we became grandparents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on July 4 to another baby boy. His name is Mobius Ohio. Being a grandparent like many of you have experienced is a joy like no other and it is a joy that keeps on giving.

I am proposing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Al-A-Notes to ask members to share the blessings that they have received as a result of doing service in Al-Anon. I would like to make the deadline December 12<sup>th</sup> which would be after my final exam. Please email your contribution to [merrig.iamfree@gmail.com](mailto:merrig.iamfree@gmail.com).

Finally, I hope that many of you will plan on coming to the GR (Group Rep Orientation) if you have never attended one. Please see the agenda for the time. Also, we will be having an Important meeting with all the DR's in person and on zoom before the Two-Day Fall to discuss the newest guidelines for the Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements.

Love In Service,

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