



Al-Anon Family Groups  
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

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Dear Al-Anon and Alateen Members,

At the beginning of the 2017 World Service Conference (WSC), the Board of Trustees announced we were beginning the search for the next Executive Director. I am pleased to share that following a series of interviews, the last of which was held July 19<sup>th</sup> with the full Board, we are ready to make that announcement.

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Trustees, Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. announces that on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017, Vali F. will begin her tenure as our next Executive Director. Vali brings with her over 15 years as an active Al-Anon member. She served as a Panel 53 Delegate from Arizona, Area Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Additional Al-Anon service roles include AIS Chair, and Alateen Coordinator. Vali also brings over 20 years of business experience including management of teams of staff throughout the world. Vali has a keen understanding of the world's ever changing landscape and how those changes have and will continue to impact the growth and diversity of our fellowship. Vali fully embraces the continued need to find new ways to reach those whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking.

Our current Executive Director, Mary G. has committed to working side by side with Vali beginning September 5<sup>th</sup> through the October Board meeting. This transition period will ensure that our new Executive Director, our WSO staff and our fellowship as a whole experience a smooth transition.

As shared in previous announcements, the Board believes this transition period is supported by the spiritual principles of our program by offering the sharing of our experience, strength and hope. We then let go and allow the new Executive Director the freedom to oversee the World Service Office in her own way as outlined in Concept Eleven.

We ask that you share the announcement of our next Executive Director with your fellow members. These are exciting times for our fellowship, filled with hope, enthusiasm and a continued commitment to ensuring that all people affected by someone else's drinking will find help and recovery in every community.

With much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie L. G." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Debbie L. G.  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.