It's hard for me to believe that I have entered the final lap as District 30 Representative for the Districts of Toledo.

It is my sincere hope another Al-Anon member will step up and into this opportunity of service, starting in January 2027. It continues to be an enlightening Al-Anon service experience for me. It's one I'm genuinely grateful for. And…I'm truly honored!

It is also my hope, as DR, that when the New Year begins, as current Group Reps roll off, that another Al-Anon member will fill the important role of Group Rep.

As you likely know, having a Group Rep is not required for an Al-Anon Family Group to exist. And, unfortunately, not all Al-Anon Family Groups have Group Reps.

You likely will not be surprised to learn that not all Al-Anon Family Groups are represented by a District Rep.

Unfilled service positions equate to literal gaps within the Al-Anon structure. And to me, that is concerning. Very concerning.

While some Al-Anon members may be hesitant to step into Al-Anon service, *I can honestly say my only regret is not having done so sooner.* The original discomfort within me quickly turned into unexpected growth.

Were it not for attending both Spring AWSC and Fall AWSC meetings, my awareness and understanding of the many crucial behind the scene roles that keep Al-Anon relevant and thriving would be nonexistent. Both of these meetings are important for District Reps to attend and participate in.

The time is soon upon us for other Al-Anon members to step up and into the important position of Group Reps and District Reps. It is my hope that the Districts of Toledo never finds itself not having District Reps for each of its Al-Anon Family Groups. And, ideally, every Al-Anon Family Group will have a Group Rep.

Respectfully submitted,
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