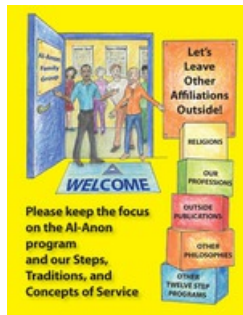


CMA you are receiving this newsletter to distribute to your group in the manner determined per your group conscience so that all have an opportunity to see this information.

For more information please visit our Al-Anon/Alateen Members' Web site at: <http://www.al-anon.org/members/groups/group-resources/item/41-group-e-news>



Tell us how your group uses the *Al-Anon Focus/Declaration Table Card (S-24)*--new survey for members in English, Spanish, and French!

Beginning April 1, a new survey to evaluate how groups use the *Al-Anon Focus/Declaration Table Card (S-24)* will be available on the English, Spanish, and French Members' Web sites. This survey will be open to all members from April 1 – April 29, 2016. The purpose of this anonymous survey, which should take no longer than five minutes to complete, is to hear from individual members how their groups are using this resource in their meetings.

Here's how you can participate:

- Log on to the Al-Anon Members' Web site, al-anon.org/members, from **April 1 – April 29, 2016**. Sign into the Web site using your group's name followed by the letters, AFG, e.g., serenityseekersafg.
- Click on "Surveys for Members" under the "Individuals" tab on the navigation bar at the top of the page.
- Click on the link titled "*Al-Anon Focus/Declaration Table Card (S-24)* Survey."

We thank you for your participation in this project!

How has working the Twelve Steps helped you as a parent or grandparent of a young problem drinker?

The new pamphlet in development for parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers still needs your experience on applying each of the Twelve Steps to your lives. Please be specific about how each Step can be applied to the issues facing you as a parent or grandparent.

If you have been affected by a teenager or young adult's drinking,

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

"Sharing the message of recovery with those who are still hurting, hopeless, and afraid is an essential step to our further growth."

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April Alcohol Awareness Month is a nationwide event designed to draw attention to alcoholism. It provides opportunities for Al-Anon and Alateen groups to create awareness of alcoholism as a family illness, as well as the Al-Anon program of recovery.

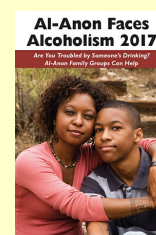
[The Best of Public Outreach](#) and the [2016 Public Outreach CAL Catalog](#) have many ideas to start your group's conversation and development of a public outreach activity.

Why is the Group Phone Contact Position so Important?



The phone contact is a vital group service position, as it allows newcomers seeking Al-Anon's help, or others seeking directions or additional information about the meeting, to connect directly with a member of the group. The Al-Anon member willing to receive these calls becomes a "representative" of the Al-Anon fellowship as a whole, so timeliness in returning calls and a positive first impression are essential. Group phone contact information should be kept up-to-date, as meeting information is provided to hundreds of callers each day on the WSO toll-free meeting line.

Thank you for carrying Al-Anon and Alateen's message of hope!



Members are distributing 150,675 copies of the annual public outreach magazine, *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016 (AFA)*. That is in addition to the 220,025 copies that

- Which Step was the most challenging for you?
- Which Step brought you the greatest rewards?

If you are raising grandchildren due to the drinking of your adult children,

- How has each Step helped you?

Please send your sharings via postal mail, fax, e-mail, or electronically on the Members' Web site, al-anon.org/members. Once you have logged in, click on the "Individuals" tab. Then click on "Featured Publications." Then click on "Send Your Sharing."



Electronic *Forum* is now more widely available!

Individual copies of *The Forum* are now available on Amazon and Kobo for \$1.49 (U.S.) and Apple iTunes for \$1.99 (U.S.). At this time, annual subscriptions are not available from these electronic bookstores.

An annual electronic subscription to *The Forum* continues to be available from *Nook*, the Barnes & Noble electronic bookstore. The cost of an annual subscription is \$11 (U.S.). Individual copies can be purchased for \$1.49 (U.S.).

This announcement is informational only, and is not an endorsement of any electronic store, reader, or other products sold by electronic bookstores.

Carrying Al-Anon's message of hope is a click away!

Would you like to participate in Al-Anon's fellowship-wide outreach on Facebook and Twitter, but are concerned about breaking your anonymity? Social media is a public domain, and while your name and picture do not imply Al-Anon membership, your comments may. The easiest way to protect your anonymity is to share WSO posts without making any comments!

For more information about anonymity at the level of the media—including social media—take a look at the revised *Why Anonymity in Al-Anon?* (P-33) pamphlet.

To participate in WSO social media outreach projects, click on the following links:

English

<https://www.facebook.com/AlAnonFamilyGroupsWSO>

https://twitter.com/AlAnon_WSO

Spanish

<https://www.facebook.com/AlAnon.Alateen.OSM.espanol>

French

<https://www.facebook.com/GroupesFamiliauxAlAnonAlateen.BSM.Francais>

were purchased last July. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to reaching out to those who are still suffering.

We would also like to extend our appreciation for all of the *AFA* sharings we received. Member sharings are the heart of the magazine and it would not be an effective public outreach tool without them. We appreciate every sharing we receive. Keep them coming!

Alateen Guideline Update!



This *Alateen Meetings in Schools* guideline (G-5) has been updated and is posted on the Al-Anon Members' Web site, <http://www.alanon.org/members/pdf/guidelines/G05.pdf>. It offers tips for Al-Anon members interested in starting an Alateen meeting in a school. Your Area Alateen Coordinator can provide you with information about your Area's requirements to become an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) and how to register the group. Please note that in order to use the Alateen name, Alateen groups must register with the World Service Office through their Area Alateen process prior to starting the meeting, and the Alateen Group Sponsors must be certified.

If you have received this e-mail you are listed as the Current Mailing Address (CMA) for your group. If you are uncomfortable with receiving this in the future, please ask your group to choose a new CMA or get an e-buddy who is willing to receive your electronic mail from the WSO. If this e-mail was forwarded to you, please contact the member who forwarded it if you want to be taken off their distribution list.

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