

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>

## 65th Anniversary Celebration!

Please join AllAnon members and their guests as they celebrate the 65th Anniversary of AllAnon Family Groups by attending an open house at the World Service Office followed by a banquet at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel on Saturday, April 16, 2016.



The open house, which is free of charge, includes tours between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm; the office will close at 4 pm. The ticketed banquet, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, includes speakers in English. Tickets for the banquet will go on sale in January 2016—please note that space at the banquet is limited.

Details to come via *Group e-News*, *The Forum*, and the Members' Web site [al-anon.org/members](http://al-anon.org/members).

## We still need your inspiring sharings for the new daily reader

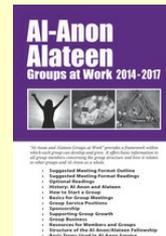
The words you speak at meetings give other members hope, inspiration, and ideas to think about throughout the day. Why not share these ideas with a wider audience? The new daily reader in development needs to include the many voices of Al-Anon—including yours!

Help us create a daily reader that illustrates the rich diversity of experience that we share as a fellowship. Share about a personal insight (under 300 words) that helped you in your recovery. Feel free to reveal your gender, age, relationship to the alcoholic, and other personal details that demonstrate how AllAnon indeed works for *anyone* affected by someone else's drinking. If you wish, end your sharing with a "Today's Reminder"-type summary, a thought-provoking question, or a pertinent quotation from AllAnon literature (including source and page number).

For a new writing guideline spelling out all the details, click here: <http://www.al-anon.org/members/pdf/WeStillNeedYourExperience.pdf>

You can submit your sharing online by following these simple steps:

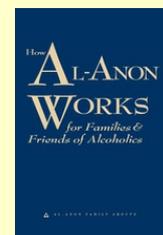
- Go to [al-anon.org/](http://al-anon.org/)
- Click on the "Members' Site" tab
- Click on the "Send Your Sharing" link
- Enter your password—any variation of your group name



Starting a group, welcoming newcomers, and helping your group to thrive! Where can you find all this information in a booklet? *Al-Anon Alateen Groups at Work* (P124). It offers basic information to all group members concerning the group structure and how it relates to other groups and AllAnon as a whole.

A good resource for every member! Interested in getting your very own copy? Visit <http://ecom.al-anon.org/Commerce/Shop/>

## Giving with a grateful heart



*How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics*, Softcover edition, (B-32, \$6.00 US)

The reduced cost of the softcover edition makes it possible for members and groups to "pay our gratitude forward" by providing newcomers a copy of Al-Anon's introductory book.

"Ironically, the only real way

followed by AFG.

- Click on “[NEW DAILY READER \(working title\)](#).”

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## **Watch *Lois’s Story (AV-1)* and *Lois W. & the Pioneers (AV-24)* for Lois’s birthday in March**

March is a perfect time to get together with fellow Al-Anon members for a viewing of the AV-1 and AV-24 videos, recently released on DVD.

For more information and to schedule the DVDs for a week’s rental during a time that is convenient for you, based on availability, download the [S-35 order form](#) for AV-1 and AV-24 from the Al-Anon Online Store, and mail or fax to the WSO.

Please place your order three weeks in advance of when the DVDs will be needed.

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## **Member survey opportunity – open through February 26**

Help us help you! We need your input in this brief, anonymous survey, to evaluate the effectiveness of some of the WSO’s communication strategies.

To access the survey, and to find a wealth of information available for Al-Anon members, visit the Members’ Web site, as follows:

- Go to [al-anon.org/](http://al-anon.org/)
- Click on the “Members’ Site” tab
- Click on the “Surveys” link
- Enter your password—any variation of your group name followed by AFG, e.g., serenityseekersafg
- Click on the link titled “Al-Anon Program Survey”

Thank you for your participation in this important project!

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***“Hello. I’m afraid I’ve waited too long. My family is in dire straits. I need to find an Al-Anon and Alateen meeting near me.”***

People from around the world who are struggling with a loved one’s drinking send private messages like this one to our Facebook pages. They find our pages because someone shared our posts.

It only takes a few seconds to share our posts, but the potential to reach many people still suffering from a loved one’s alcoholism is great. Do *you* want to be a part of this global outreach project?

If the answer is “yes,” find us by searching on Facebook for “Al-Anon WSO” in English, “Los Grupos de Familia Al-Anon OSM” in Spanish, and “Les Groupes Familiaux Al-Anon BSM” in French and share our posts.

Remember, Facebook is a public domain; please do not make any comments that will reveal that you are a member of Al-Anon.

to keep the riches we receive is to give them away.”

*How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics*, page 101.

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