

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>

## news from the 2016 World Service Conference

Al-Anon's largest representative group conscience, the World Service Conference, met in Virginia Beach, Virginia, April 12-15. For highlights of the Conference, click here:

<http://www.al-anon.org/members/pdf/NewsFromWSC.pdf>

You can also find this information by taking the following steps:

- Go to [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)
- Click on "Members' Site" on the right side of the screen.
- From the menu, select "News from the 2016 World Service Conference."
- Enter your group name, followed by AFG as your password. (Example: Easy Does It AFG or mondayafg).

### Al-Anon WSO celebrates five years on Facebook!

In July, Al-Anon WSO celebrates its fifth anniversary on Facebook. In just the last year, the Al-Anon Facebook Pages have reached over a million people. Here is what a visitor to our Facebook Page had to say:

"I went to my first Al-Anon meeting last night. I was nervous and unsure of what to expect. I heard firsthand from people who are dealing with the same problems. Their experiences and their emotions were just like mine. I cried. I don't cry in front people. I honestly did not think I would feel a connection, but I did—immediately. Thank you for this program. I know I only went once, but I feel hope for the very first time."

Please help us continue reaching out via social media to people who have been affected by someone else's drinking.

To follow like or share visit:

Facebook:

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

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

French:

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

Twitter: @AlAnon\_WSO

### Summary of the 2016 Alateen Survey results

The 2016 Alateen Survey was conducted March 1-20. A summary of this survey is now available on the Al-Anon/Alateen Members' Web site!!

- Go to the Al-Anon/Alateen Members' Web site: [al-anon.org/members](http://al-anon.org/members)
- Type the name of your group followed by the letters "AFG"
- Under the tab "Individuals" access the image "Surveys for Members"

Look for the link:  
[2016 Alateen Survey](#)

Thanks to all the Alateens who participated for their feedback!

### Employment Opportunities at the World Service Office!

To find out more click on the link

<http://www.al-anon.org/members/wso/inside-the-wso/item/178-employment-opportunities>

Once you login, click on the tab "WSO" and the sub-tab

"Employment Opportunities."

### Contribute Now

The World Service Office is pleased to announce we have refined the process for making contributions online. This new process allows for a friendlier user experience, as well as the ability to make a

# Is your group information up-to-date?

Accurate meeting information is essential, as an average of 2,000 calls are received monthly on the WSO toll-free meeting line automated phone system, along with thousands of meeting searches on the WSO Public Outreach Web site. Group changes can be submitted on the *Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)* available on the Members' Web site at <http://al-anon.org/members>. The form can be completed on-line and e-mailed through the Area process or sent directly to the WSO. Alateen changes are only sent through the Area process.

A detailed form titled "Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)". The form is divided into several sections: 1. Group Name, 2. Group Address, 3. Group Meeting Information, 4. Group Officers and Committee Members, 5. Group Meeting Information (Additional), 6. Group Meeting Information (Additional), and 7. Group Meeting Information (Additional). Each section contains various fields for text entry and checkboxes for selection.

recurring monthly contribution with the click of a button. If you are interested in making a contribution, please click the following link [Contribute Now](#) or visit the Members' Website and click the "contribute now" icon. An email receipt will be sent within minutes of your having made a contribution and the email receipt will serve as your tax documentation.

The new payment portal is supported by PayPal, however we do not endorse PayPal or any other electronic commerce providers. A PayPal account is not required to make a contribution.



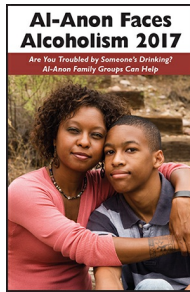
In June of 1961, Al-Anon distributed a mimeographed sheet titled "Structure Chart" that provided structure ideas to the groups. At that time, the group structure was composed of the Program Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Service or Advisory Committee and the sheets were sold two for a nickel by the WSO. Below is an excerpt for your review.

## "Structure Chart"

"The organization of an Al-Anon Family Group is very simple, but it has to have enough form to avoid confusion, [even] a small group needs a program chairman and secretary. The secretary can act as treasurer as well, until the group is large enough to need a separate treasurer. As the group grows, a Service or Advisory Committee is useful. Some groups also have a refreshment chairman. All officers and committees are on a rotating basis; elected at a business meeting held every three or six months, and usually called before or after a regular meeting. ..."

Source: 1961 "Group Structure" distributed by the Al-Anon Family Groups \_ excerpt

***Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017 –  
Last call for orders!***



Spreading the word about Al-Anon to friends and family members of problem drinkers is simple and easy. Just drop off copies of our public outreach magazine at the places where you already go every week!

You may be surprised at how great it makes you feel when you know that you are helping to reach others who are in need of the help that you found in Al-Anon.

**Deadline to place orders for the first printing of  
AFA 2017 magazines is Wednesday,  
July 6, 2016, 5 p.m. ET.**

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