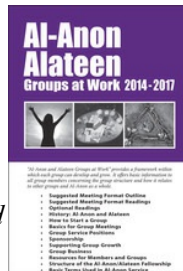


CMA you are receiving this newsletter to distribute to your group in the manner determined per your group conscience so that all have an opportunity to see this information.

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>

## Does your group use the *Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work (P-24)*?

*"Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work" explains how to start a group, help it grow, and discover how other members have solved problems common to groups...The harmony and success of each group depends on shared responsibility, a warm spirit of fellowship, and individual self-improvement."*  
(From the "Introduction" to the "Groups at Work")



The "Groups at Work" section of the *Service Manual* is the "go-to" place where groups can find the shared experience of other Al-Anon groups regarding "Sharing in Al-Anon/Alateen Meetings," "Business Meetings," "Group Conscience," "Group Finances and Budget," "How to Start an Al-Anon or Alateen Group" and more.

The "Suggested Meeting Format Readings" feature the "Suggested Al-Anon/Alateen Welcome," "The Preamble to the Twelve Steps", the "Suggested Al-Anon/Alateen Closing" and all of the "Legacies." This concise booklet contains all that groups need to maintain a clear and consistent Al-Anon and Alateen message in their meeting format and structure, and it serves as a guide for groups throughout the world.

The *Groups at Work* booklet (P-24) is sold separately for a nominal cost, and many groups have purchased multiple copies so that all of its members have equal access to all of the information. It is also posted on the [Al-Anon Members' Web site](http://www.al-anon.org/members/groups/group-resources/item/41-group-e-news) in a pdf format, and can be downloaded to your electronic device free of charge.

## 'If the walls could talk ...'



"The Archives Room would have much to say. The rows and rows of acid-free boxes sitting neatly on the shelves and the file cabinets contain photos and memorabilia that could come alive and tell its own story. And indeed our history is brought to life each time we research our early papers. For instance, history tells us that our first hard covered book, AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS published in 1955, had as its working title, "The Handbook."

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"How exciting it must have been at the Clearinghouse when they put together the first World Directory in 1952 with a total of 173 groups.

**THANK YOU  
ALATEEN**

**Thank YOU  
Alateens for your  
participation in the  
2016 Alateen  
Survey!**

Analysis of the data is now underway and will be made available in the future issues of *Group eNews*, *The Forum*, and *Alateen Talk*. To all who participated, again, thank you!

**First TV PSA  
Packets for  
'Portraits V'  
campaign are  
available!**

Have you been participating in the fellowship-wide television public service announcement (PSA) outreach project? If not, now would be a good time to jump in.

WSO sent all Area English, Spanish, and French Public Outreach Coordinators (including Public Information, Cooperating with the Professional Community, and Institutions Coordinators) the first quarter TV PSA Packets. Each packet includes the list of local stations that received the PSAs and the airplay report that shows which stations played the PSAs in your Area. The

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“If the walls could talk, they would also tell about the husbands, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, lovers, and friends soon to join the chorus along with the teenage and adult sons and daughters of alcoholics. Yes, if the walls could talk, they probably would say, “What a family we have become!”

Source: 1987 *Inside Al-Anon* V10N1 \_ excerpt p.1

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## WSO anonymity campaign pays off

A survey conducted by the WSO, in English, earlier this year, revealed that members have fewer concerns about anonymity when participating in Twelve Step service, than they did three years ago. This may be due, in part, to a campaign the WSO launched over this three-year period, to provide further education about how anonymity works in Al-Anon.

Information provided has reinforced the intent behind the spiritual principles of anonymity in Al-Anon:

- In meetings, anonymity assures the confidentiality of who is present and what is shared.
- For potential newcomers, anonymity gives confidence that their privacy will be respected and honored.
- At the public level, anonymity ensures that no one member can be the sole representative of Al-Anon.

Thank you for your participation in the survey and for the valuable feedback you provided!

*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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goal is to thank all the stations that have already played the PSAs and to educate the other stations about Al-Anon/Alateen and ask them to consider airing them.

Members interested in this outreach project can follow up with their Area Public Outreach Coordinator for more information.

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