

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>

## “Share” the gift of hope during the holiday season

The holidays are often the busiest time of the year for many people. They are also the most difficult for the families of alcoholics. Please take a few minutes each day during November to share Al-Anon’s message of hope on social media. You never know, your “share” could be the one that gets someone to their first meeting.

Search 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. Search on Twitter for @AlAnon\_WSO.

## Is it easy for people to find your meeting?



A meeting address is sometimes not enough information to ensure that an individual who is seeking Al-Anon’s help will find the meeting. Simple steps, such as adding signage throughout the building to direct people to the meeting room or adding location instructions on your group record, can help:

- A room, a suite, or a floor number
- The description of the building; e.g. “Annex next to the main building.”
- A specific instruction; e.g. include where to park if parking is restricted, or “See receptionist for room number.”
- Information about the frequency of the meeting; e.g. the meeting is not held weekly or on specific days of the year.

Please update your meeting information using the Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1) available on the Members’ website, [al-](#)

## Merchant charitable foundation programs

Even though members designate the World Service Office (WSO) as their charity of choice when shopping online, the WSO cannot accept money from charitable foundations. This is because the WSO is unable to verify whether or not members have made the purchases. In addition, the funds are coming from the organization based upon a percentage of an individual's purchase.

To support the WSO, please send your contribution directly by mail or [online](#) from the WSO Members’ website.



## Subscribe to AFG Announcements for news from your World Service Office (WSO).

It’s easy to be informed! To receive a free subscription to **AFG Announcements**—all we need is your email address (you can easily unsubscribe at any time). Sign up today on the Members’ website.

[anon.org/members](http://anon.org/members), under the "Groups" tab. You can complete the form online and email it through the Area process, or send it directly to the WSO.

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## Help us spread the word!

*Lois's Story* (AV-1) and *Lois W. & the Pioneers* (AV-24) DVDs are available for rental, also with Spanish (SAV-1/SAV-24) and French (FAV-1/FAV-24) subtitles. Rent the DVDs today to be taken on a journey of the history of Al-Anon's founders.

The videos are ideal for multi-group gatherings, anniversaries, district meetings, workshops, Area Assemblies, conferences, or conventions. The rental fee for each DVD is \$25.00 postpaid. Enclosed with each video is postage paid return envelope.

Click here to download the order forms:

- English (S-35 order form): The Al-Anon Online Store, [here](#)
- Spanish (SS-35 order form): The Spanish version of the Members' website, [here](#)
- French (FS-35 order form): The French version of the Members' website, [here](#)



The Alateen Chat meetings are a great opportunity for teens between the ages of 13 and 18, regardless of their location, to have an Alateen meeting. Chat meetings are moderated, and teens can only chat when the adult Alateen Group Sponsors are present. Teens can join any group listed on the schedule.

Visit <http://al-anon.org/try-an-alateen-chat-meeting> for safety information, the schedule, and to register.

**Note:** At this time, access to the chat meetings is only possible from a computer and not from a mobile device, such as a smart phone or a tablet.

We hope to see you there!

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## **Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism** **We need your story by December 15!**

*Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* is Al-Anon's annual Public Outreach magazine for members to place in lobbies, waiting rooms, and wherever families and

**"Be informed!"** This communication system for individual members will deliver announcements from the World Service Office (WSO) right to your inbox.

Some examples of announcements include: new literature, surveys, and WSO employment opportunities to name a few.

*Members in service who currently receive information through the "Announcements" community on AFG Connects will continue to receive announcements in that manner so there is no need for them to subscribe.*

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## **Electronic version of The Forum is 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.). An annual electronic subscription is available from Barnes & Noble for \$11 (U.S.), with individual copies for \$1.49 (U.S.).

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friends of alcoholics might look for reading material. Visit the Members' website to read the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* Writing Guideline.

<http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/AFAwritingGuide0215.pdf>

Perhaps you'll be inspired to submit a sharing—an article or even just a few sentences that may resonate with someone still suffering from the effects of someone else's alcoholism.

Let them know that we understand, and let's share hope. Carrying the message—Step Twelve—is an opportunity for spiritual growth in Al-Anon.

You can also go to the Members' website at [al-anon.org/members](http://al-anon.org/members). Click on "Individuals," "Featured Publications," "Send Your Sharing," and "*Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*."

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