

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 1:00pm and 3:00pm; the office will close at 4pm. The ticketed dinner banquet, from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, includes speakers. Tickets for the banquet will go on sale in December 2015—please note that space at the banquet is limited.

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

Attention, Alateen members...

Alateens are invited to share their experience, strength, and hope. Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, everyone has something to share. Your sharings could be about:

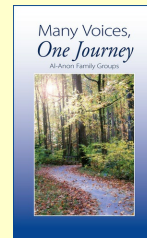
- your personal life and the benefits you have gained from the Alateen program
- how your Alateen group is functioning, or
- how you are carrying the Alateen message to young people who are still suffering from someone else's drinking.

You don't have to be a professional writer. Staff from the World Service Office (WSO) will edit for grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Sending your sharing is easy. Just go to the Members' Web site in the Alateen navigation tab under For Alateen Members and select *Alateen Talk*.

Your sharings are also welcomed
By Fax: (757) 563-1656
By e-mail: wso@al-anon.org
By postal mail to: AFG, Inc.
 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway
 Virginia Beach, VA 23454

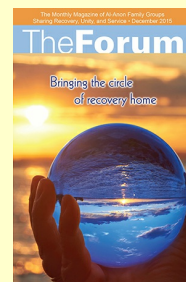
Please include: Attention Alateen on all correspondence.



How AllAnon became AllAnon

Check out the "Sample Chapter" section of our Members' Web site, www.al-anon.org/members, through the end of December to read a chapter of *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31). This chapter describes how various disparate "family groups" united in 1951 under the name "AllAnon Family Groups." With one name, one purpose, and one version of the Twelve Steps, these pioneers unified the groups, with the belief that a wider community of shared recovery would strengthen their groups as well as their personal recovery.

Just click on "Sample Chapter" in the "Featured Publications" section of the "Individuals" page.



The Forum and our annual public outreach magazine, *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*, have two very different purposes!



Check it out...

Thanks for sharing your experience, strength, and hope!



Alateens!
Share your personal story



Tell us about your
Alateen group activities



Sample Sharing Sheets
from *Alateen Talk*

Three hundred ninety thousand...

Our public outreach magazine, *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA)*, began as a "special edition" of the 2001 September *Forum*. Members were excited about having a comprehensive public outreach tool and they distributed **13,000 copies**. In the past year, members have distributed almost **390,000 copies**. Thank you to everyone who is carrying our message of hope, understanding, and compassion!

There are articles from professionals that speak about the benefits of Al-Anon. There is a lot of good general information about Al-Anon Family Groups, but the *member sharings are the heart of the magazine*.

Here is what you and your group can do for *AFA* 2017...

- Give an *AFA* "Writer's Guide for Professionals" to professionals who refer their patients or clients to Al-Anon <http://al-anon.org/professionals-writers-guide>. Encourage them to write a short piece for the magazine about the benefits of Al-Anon.
- If you would prefer that the WSO contact the professional, send the professional's name, phone number, and e-mail address to the WSO with "*AFA* 2017" in the subject line of the message.
- Send a brief sharing to the WSO about alcoholism as a family illness and describe the benefits that you have gained as an Al-Anon member <http://al-anon.org/members/al-anon-faces-alcoholism>

Thank you for caring. Thank you for sharing. Thank you for distributing *AFA* in your community.

>20K Likes!

The official Al-Anon Family Groups Facebook page has reached a new milestone – 20,000 Likes!



Thank you for making this outreach project a success!

If you haven't seen our Facebook pages, now would be a good time to check them out. Find them on Facebook by searching for Al-Anon WSO (English), Los Grupos de Familia Al-Anon OSM (Spanish), and Les Groupes Familiaux Al-Anon BSM (French).

Then help us carry Al-Anon's message by sharing our posts. But when you do, please remember that Facebook is a public domain, like press, radio, TV, films and other internet sites.

Please do not make any public comments that would break your anonymity by revealing that you are a member of Al-Anon.

<http://www.al-anon.org/pdf/2differentpurposes.pdf>



Source: Excerpt of a Longtime Member Questionnaire from Santa Rosa, CA

"... To the newcomer, I would say, 'Don't think that because you're new your story isn't important, or that you have nothing enlightening to say. Your story helps me get perspective on my own life and connects us. If you have attended just one meeting more than the next person, you have something to teach them. Putting it out there is healing, both for you in the telling and for us in the hearing. Look for the similarities rather than the differences, and keep coming back until you want to (notice I didn't say "when you want to"). It works.'"

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