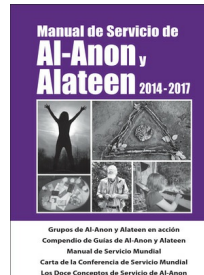


CMA you are receiving this newsletter to distribute to your group in the manner determined per your group conscience so that all have an opportunity to see this information. For more information please visit our Al-Anon/Alateen Members' Web site at: <http://www.al-anon.org/members/groups/group-resources/item/41-group-e-news>

Have you updated your Service Manual yet?

The 2014 World Service Conference approved updated descriptive text to the “Dual Membership in Al-Anon and A.A.” policy including a new title “Service Participation by Members of Al-Anon Family Groups Who Are also Members of Alcoholics Anonymous.” The policy was printed on pages 82-83 in the 2014-2017 *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27), and, since the Conference vote was held in between printings of the *Service Manual*, the text revisions are posted on the Al-Anon Members’ Web site: <http://al-anon.org/members/user-login>. The pages are formatted to fit over the existing *Service Manual* text. Look for:



[April 2014 changes to Policy pages 82, 83, 126](#)

Service Participation by Members of Al-Anon Family Groups Who are Also Members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

These replacement pages may be downloaded, printed, trimmed to size, and inserted over current pages 82, 83, and 126.



Time for Twelfth-Step service

This month, thousands of Al-Anon members are participating in the fellowship’s largest public outreach project, making copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016*, our annual public outreach magazine available to potential newcomers.

In July, Al-Anon members in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda began making their plans to distribute more than 220,000 copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016*. It is the largest printing in the history of the magazine, which was created in 2007. Now is the time when those magazines “hit the street.”

We want to hear about how you and the members of your Al-Anon group are using *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* in your Twelfth-Step service. What are you doing to “carry the message”? Share your growth in service on the new Twelfth-Step service blog, on the Members’ Web site, at <http://al-anon.org/members/MembersAndGroups/category/public-outreach>

It’s a great place to hear new ideas and share your successes.

How do I maintain anonymity on the Internet?

The revised *Why Anonymity in Al-Anon?* (P-33) includes clear, helpful information on how to maintain anonymity in this sometimes-challenging age of electronic communication. The revision is easily identifiable, since it has a new cover design. This pamphlet is eight pages and is available for 35 cents (U.S.).

Remember—when you buy from your local Literature Distribution Center, you support your local services.

Finding experience, strength, and hope through Facebook

In the September 2015 *Forum* magazine, a member shares how she found Al-Anon through one of our Facebook posts.

Would you like to help others still suffering from the effects of someone else’s drinking find support?

Our social media outreach project is a quick and easy way to do it. All you have to do is “like” and “share” our Facebook page and our posts. To protect your anonymity at the level of the media, we ask that you not make any comments on our posts that would indicate or imply that you

Lois's Story

AV-1 DVD

This is a truly beautiful and moving story that every Al-Anon member will enjoy. Lois tells about the early days of Al-Anon and A.A.



Lois W. & the Pioneers

AV-24 DVD

In this video, Lois, Henrietta, and Margaret share on a variety of subjects. Their recollections rekindle the spirit of commitment of our pioneer members in Al-Anon's formative days.



Now available as a rental in new DVD format, the videos include closed-captioning and 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 a postage paid return envelope.

Click here to download the order form:

[http://ecom.al-anon.org/ItemDetail?
ProductCode=S35&CATEGORY=DOWNLOADS](http://ecom.al-anon.org/ItemDetail?ProductCode=S35&CATEGORY=DOWNLOADS)

A reminder to members who are professional freelance writers/editors

Don't forget that the deadline for submitting proposals for INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS (working title) and PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF YOUNG PROBLEM DRINKERS (working title) is **October 15, 2015**.

If you are qualified and interested in helping us develop either of these projects, we invite you to submit a bid. For more information, please go to:

- www.al-anon.org/members.
- Enter your password—any variation of your group name followed by AFG.
- Click on the “WSO” tab from the list of options on the home page.
- Click on “Inside the WSO.”
- Click on “Freelance Writers/Editors” under “Employment Opportunities.” You will find all the information you need to submit a proposal there.

Thanks for your interest!

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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are an Al-Anon member.

Find our Facebook Pages by searching for “Al-Anon WSO” for English, “Los Grupos de Familia Al-Anon OSM” for Spanish, “Les Groupes Familiaux Al-Anon BSM” for French.

Tidbits from the 2015 Membership Survey...

While more than half (52%) of Al-Anon members said the person whose problem drinking that led them to attend Al-Anon is no longer actively still drinking, 32% said that person is still drinking, and 16% said they don't know.

Isn't it interesting how much Al-Anon helps, whether or not the drinker is still drinking? No matter your situation, sharing your positive Al-Anon experience with a new member may just provide the hope they need to “keep coming back.”

Check out the October issue of *The Forum* magazine for members' comments about their renewed relationships with the drinker in their lives. Find interesting information like this, along with sharings from members across the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda every month in *The Forum*.

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