

Secretary – October 15, 2014 Intergroup Meeting

MINUTES APPROVAL

You should all have a copy of the minutes from the last Intergroup Meeting on August 20, 2014.

Copies of the minutes are available at the back table.

Please review the minutes for accuracy . wait a bit

Would anyone like more time?

Are there any corrections? _____

State your name please _____

Will some please make a motion to accept the minutes as presented (or as amended)? State your name please _____

Second? _____

All in favor? yes All Opposed? 0

The minutes are accepted as presented (or as amended).

Thank you!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Secretary, it is my responsibility to report a summary of all unfinished business, new Business and any motions that were passed at the September 17, 2014 Service Board Meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business.

1. District 51 wants to join the Orange County Intergroup.
2. How to ensure that meetings are registered and listed properly

Motions:

1. Approved the process regarding the annual audit of the Information Office.
2. Approved an increase in the weekly working hours of the part-time office employee

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Karen Stern, OC Intergroup Secretary

Financial Report For September, 2014

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

INCOME	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	YEAR to DATE July 2014-June 2015
Literature	8,459.05	8,956.15	28,579.73
Sales Tax	676.74	716.47	2,285.40
Contributions	4,274.85	4,441.55	15,346.12
Orange Blossom	60.60	50.40	205.80
Interest M\Q fundraising	3.86	3.73	11.44
Miscellaneous	12.43	2.62	78.28
	13,487.53	14,170.92	46,506.77
Total Income	13,487.53	# 14,170.92	46,506.77
 EXPENSES			
Payroll	3,256.22	3,416.93	10,130.37
Health Ins.	198.00	198.00	594.00
Office Expenses	65.26	771.45	927.28
Phone/Internet M\Q	117.15	117.10	348.88
Literature (Purchased)	7,507.93	3,687.22	14,775.63
Literature (Use)	-	-	-
Directory	-	-	1,400.80
Rent	1,560.64	1,560.64	4,861.92
Orange Blossom	280.00	380.00	1,040.00
Service Brd Exp	-	300.00	300.00
Sales Tax	-	-	2,115.00
Payroll Taxes M\Q	947.57	865.62	3,229.79
Miscellaneous	229.26	92.80	627.47
	14,162.03	11,389.76	40,351.14
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,162.03	# 11,389.76	40,351.14
 CASH FLOW	 (674.50)	 # 2,781.16	 \$ 6,155.63

MONTHEND SUMMARY	P / (L)		
Office COH	100.00	100.00	-
Service Board COH	50.00	50.00	-
Checking	45,789.68	49,269.46	3,479.78
Money Market	45,378.32	45,385.91	11.18
CD	41,208.27	41,208.27	-
	132,526.27	136,013.64	3,490.96
TOTALS	132,526.27	# 136,013.64	3,490.96

*QB Installation *QB purchased *toner *QB training *Office Supplies

MEMORANDUM

TO: Intergroup Rep or Alternate
FROM: Julia, Office Coordinator
DATE: October 15, 2014
RE: Orange County Al-Anon Office

Good Evening All,

I am thankful to see you all and thank you so much for your service.

***The Office is going back to regular hours the First Friday of the month for security reasons. And to replace this service the Office is offering the groups a new future literature service which it consist of ordering literature by Email a Friday prior to the Inter-group meeting. The literature orders could be picked up here. In this packet you will find a flier with more detail information.

**Fall Directories are printing in November if your group needs to submit any changes the deadline is October 20th.

*Want to be at service? The Office is updating the 12 STEPER CALLS LIST. These are Al-Anon members who are available to take calls from other member or newcomers that call the office and need to talk in length due to a situation they are dealing with at the moment. In this packet you will find the signing sheet and signed in the 5th column under 12-STEPPER.

Another opportunity to be at service: If you want to share your story with the fellowship and want to be a speaker, sign up in the list for "ORANGE COUNTY SPEAKER LIST."

A reminder to all group's treasurers: Complete the contribution form when sending group's donations to the Office

Thank you for your support

Al-Anon Information Service of Orange County & Greater Long Beach

Announcing New Location for Late Evening Literature Pick Up

Freeway Close in Orange

Open 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Orders Packaged & Ready to Go

This service replaces the first-Friday late hours at the Information Service Office in Garden Grove. (The first-Friday late hours did not generate enough business to support keeping the office open late.)

Beginning October 15, you can pick up literature orders before and during meetings of the Orange County Intergroup at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2400 N. Canal St., in Orange 92865, just west of the Village Shopping Center. The center is between the 55 and 57 Fwys., south of the 91 Fwy. and north of the 22 Fwy.

Doors open for Intergroup meetings at 6:30. Literature pick-up will be available until 8:15 p.m. This service will be available at future Intergroup meetings, which are the third Wednesday of even-numbered months: December 17, February 18, April 15, and June 17.

Here's how it works:

1. By the Friday prior to the Wednesday dates listed above, e-mail your literature order to the Al-Anon Information Service, office@orangecountvalanon.org.
2. Receive an e-mail confirming that the selections and quantities you want are available. This e-mail will give you the payment due when you pick up your order. (Note: prices will include taxes.)
3. Bring the e-mail confirming your order with a check made out to Al-Anon for the payment required. Because this is an off-site, pick-up location, we will not be able to make change or take credit cards. Your order will be pre-packaged and ready for pick up.

Sorry; we cannot accept phone orders.

You need not be an Intergroup Representative to take advantage of this service. Intergroup meetings are open to all Al-Anon members.

AL-ANON guidelines

The Shared Experience Of Al-Anon and Alateen Members.

Members Interested in Speaking

G-1

When you are asked as a member of Al-Anon or Alateen to speak before an audience for the first time, you may experience a momentary sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach, wobbly knees, clammy hands, and an overall sensation of terror. But after these perfectly normal reactions pass and you have heard yourself saying, "Yes," when you really meant, "No," you will find that a wonderfully enlightening adventure is in store for you. With a little encouragement, and a reliance on a Higher Power, everyone can speak. The only ingredient needed is the willingness to try. Members report that speaking before a group adds another dimension of growth to their Al-Anon experience. It's an opportunity to discover a new side of yourself, one you may not have realized existed.

WHEN ASKED TO SPEAK, FIND OUT

- If the meeting is open to those who are not members of Al-Anon Family Groups, so you can decide in advance how best to direct your talk;
- How long you will be expected to talk;
- If you will be expected to participate in a question and answer or open discussion session after your talk is concluded;
- If you are expected to tell your personal recovery story or to discuss a particular topic of the Al-Anon program;
- If you are expected to explain some of Al-Anon/Alateen's history.

AUDIO TAPE RECORDINGS

During open Al-Anon functions, the speakers are often taped. Therefore, it is up to members who consent to having their talk taped to protect their anonymity as they see fit. These tapes become the property of the tapper and may be distributed via multi-media.

PLAN WHAT TO SAY

- Bear in mind that the purpose of your talk is to carry the Al-Anon/Alateen message of recovery by sharing your experience, strength, and hope.
- Give a brief description of yourself before you came to Al-Anon/Alateen, concentrating on your behavior and not that of the alcoholic or others.
- Describe how you have changed your life by using the tools of the program.
- Share on a particular Step, slogan, Al-Anon or Alateen book, or pamphlet that was especially helpful.
- Tell what Al-Anon means to you.
- Share how you are applying the Al-Anon program to your life and attitudes.
- Focus on your recovery.
- If asked to lead a closed meeting on a particular subject such as a Step, a slogan, or a topic from any of the hardcover books, it helps to express your views on the topic as it relates to your own experience.
- If you are asked to choose a subject, the Guideline, Suggested Programs for Meetings (G-13), will be helpful.
- It helps for Alateen speakers at Al-Anon groups to stress the need for and role of Alateen sponsors.





TIPS ON TALKING IN GENERAL

- Some members find that preparing a brief outline helps.
- Others use an index card with an opening sentence, some key phrases they can call upon in case they get lost somewhere in the middle, and a closing statement for a graceful conclusion.
- If facing an audience is a problem, try using the technique of looking at a few individuals in different parts of the room.
- Speak so you can be heard.

SPEAKING BEFORE A NON-AL-ANON AUDIENCE

- Make it clear that you are expressing your own views and not necessarily those of Al-Anon and Alateen as a whole.
- Keep in mind the public image of Al-Anon is gained in part from your appearance. Try to give a good account of what Al-Anon and Alateen are, what they do, and the services they offer to the community.
- Remember to mention Alateen.
- Preserve anonymity by protecting the identity of all Al-Anon, Alateen, and AA members.
- Tell the inviting organization and the press that only first names should be used in public and from the platform.
- Emphasize the importance of attending Al-Anon and Alateen meetings regularly.

KEEP IN MIND

- You are interesting — so be yourself and speak from the heart; don't be afraid to let others know you.
- You have an important message. Al-Anon Family Groups has brought you some peace of mind; let everyone know it.
- If your talk helps just one person, it has been successful. Remember, wherever you go, most people are friendly and receptive.
- You're there to carry the message that Al-Anon Family Groups offers a new way of life to those suffering because of a loved one's alcoholism.

FOR MEMBERS WITH OTHER AFFILIATIONS

There are no separate instructions for Al-Anon and Alateen members who belong to other anonymous groups (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, etc.) or who are professionals in the alcoholism field.

When you speak as an Al-Anon member, whether before a fellowship or professional audience, keep the focus of your talk on:

- Al-Anon
- Yourself
- Your interpretation of the Twelve Steps

It is confusing both to potential Al-Anon or Alateen members and professionals to hear our message diluted by referring to other programs.

SHARE JOYFULLY

- Describe the effect Al-Anon or Alateen has had on your life. Concentrate on your growth and not that of the alcoholic or others.
- Take some literature along for reference and perhaps some extra pieces to hand out.
- Take the time to talk to potential newcomers on a one-to-one basis. Be sure to have names and phone numbers for referrals.

For further ideas and suggestions on speaking, see our hardcover books.

Orange County Al-Anon Group Contribution Form

Mail Contributions to:

Al-Anon Information Service Office
12391 Lewis St. #102
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Al-Anon _____ Alateen _____ Group Name: _____

Group Address: _____

Group City: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

OC Al-Anon Group #: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____
(example # 63-52)

Submitted by: Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Receipt will be emailed to this address

Telephone Number: _____

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Al-Anon Family Groups
Orange County Intergroup
12391 Lewis, Suite 102
Garden Grove, CA 92840

October 15, 2014

Chair Report
Steven Forbes

Welcome!

The Service Board has been very pro-active since the last time we got together. We're dealing with everything from an audit to new insurance coverage for meetings, and through it all, it seems that we're all learning about new ways of being of service. For me, it's a feeling that I can make a difference serving at this level - that I'm not THE leader but a leader and a trusted servant for a period of time. And most important, it's that I don't have to do this alone.

It feels like we're finally getting a handle on some outstanding issues. And now that Julia's back, the office is settling into a routine - and we're very grateful for that.

There's plenty to cover.

Also a reminder that reports and flyers are on the back table for you to take to your meetings. All Service Board Reports will be posted to the Orange County Information Office Website within a few days after each IR meeting. The website is <http://orangecountyalanon.org>.

Enjoy your evening!

LIS
Steve



Al-Anon Public Information

September-October 2014

Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work: reference pages 14, 40, 60

September

1. Sovereign Health Group – Four Alanon Panel Members Attended
2. Chili Cook-Off in Long Beach – Public Information Booth – We partnered with Alateen

October

1. Sovereign Health Group – Alanon Panel Scheduled *Oct 17*
2. Red Ribbon Fair – Saddleback College on the 30th

November

1. Sovereign Health Group – Alanon Panel

Many events end up being last minute. If you want to be on a list to do last minute service outreach, please contact below.

Contacts: Gwen B. (562) 714-9312 or Ralph B. (213) 400-0431

Note: Sovereign Health Group has requested an Alanon Panel to be part of their program every month.

in San Clemente

Round Robin & Weekend Phone Coverage

Have your group give them a try...Why?

First, what is a Round Robin?

A Round Robin is an Al-Anon meeting of meetings! The purpose of a Round Robin is to expand your group's circle of recovery while at the same time raising funds for the Information Office.

Here's how it works:

1. As Intergroup Rep for your meeting, suggest to your fellow group members that as a group you invite members of another group to join you on one of your regular meeting nights.
2. Once agreed, set the date and make a plan for the evening's format (*you might try something special such as picking topics from a basket, lining up a special speaker or speakers, make it a potluck...*)
3. Get an invitation to the other meeting members
4. At the time of the Round Robin meeting, pass the basket and have your treasurer send the proceeds to the Information Office
5. Feel the power of recovery in a new way!

What is weekend phone coverage?

Weekend phone coverage is volunteer assistance to the information Office during the hours the office is closed on weekends. Using fairly simple technology, the Information Office phone line is transferred to another phone line (*i.e. yours or another member's*). This allows anyone trying to reach the office by phone on Saturdays or Sundays to receive Al-Anon support instead of being annoyed by an answering machine or voicemail.

Usually the caller needs help finding a meeting; so if you sign up to volunteer, make sure you have a meeting schedule with you at all times. But people call for all sorts of reasons, so this is a form of service that can help you appreciate surprises in recovery – just ask those who've done it! Consider having your group sign up for a month - a great way to take on a service commitment as a meeting.

If you are interested in either of these great service opportunities, please call me or send me an e-mail.

Dan L.
djackie57@yahoo.com
714-392-5622
October 15, 2014

Can we provide Spanish mtg contact # from LA?

Hours on weekend Sat + Sun
9-11-5
Instruction will be provided for phone coverage. Protocol is

October 2014



Alateen Sponsor [AMIAS] Recertification Workshop

“Not Your Same Ól Workshop!!!”

(New & Complete Re-Design with Interactive & Group Exercises)

In order to be eligible for recertification on May 31, 2015 every AMIAS must attend one of the designated Area sponsored AMIAS Recertification Workshops. You must be in attendance for the entire workshop and participate in order to receive the Certification of Attendance. There is no registration fee. All workshops are FREE and open to ALL Al-Anon & Alateen members.

The AMIAS Recertification Workshops scheduled through May 2015 near/in Orange County:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Host:</u>	<u>Contact:</u>	<u>Email to Register:</u>
1. 10-18-14	9a - 1p	D60	Nancy R.	imkrantz1962@gmail.com
2. 2-28-15	9a - 1p	D51	Diana F.	sfelsze@hotmail.com
3. 3-07-15	10a - 2p	OC IG	Cathleen C.	uclacathleen77@aol.com
4. 4-19-15	10a - 2p	D66	Gordon A.	gordon.g.alexander@gmail.com

The district/group hosting the workshop will distribute flyers with location details. Email the contact person to RSVP or ask any questions you may have.

2014-2015 Workshop includes:
Travel & Treatment Authorization Form
Alateen Ecent Plan Form
Role of the Group/Event Sponsor
Dealing with Behavioral Problems
Dealing with Conflicts
Interacting with Parents
Alateens in Difficult Situations
Mandatory Reporting in California

Note: Any AMIAS who does not attend a Recertification Workshop through May 2015 will loose their certification effective July 1, 2015, and must begin the Certification Process as though he/she were applying for the first time. Alateen meetings without an appropriate certified Group Sponsor will be transferred to “inactive” status effective July 1, 2015.

The complete schedule for every workshop scheduled in the SCWS Area can be located at <http://scws-al-anon.org>. Click on “Alateen Sponsorship” tab on bottom left side of home page.

Alateen Meetings: Registration & Updates:



In order to use the Alateen name:

- 1. Alateen meetings (i.e. groups) must register through and submit any changes to the district and the SCWS Area***
- 2. Each Alateen meeting must have an Alateen Group Sponsor (two are recommended)***
- 3. Use form GR-3 – Alateen Registration/Group Records Change Form***

The process to register Alateen meetings (and to submit any changes) is different than the process used for Al-Anon meetings. The form used for Alateen meetings is the *GR-3 Alateen Registration/Group Records Change Form*. (Please see copy on reverse.) Alateen meeting registrations and changes are submitted to the district in which the meeting is located. The district reviews and updates its records and forwards the GR-3 form to the Area Alateen Process Person [AAPP] to be processed and approved. Once processed and approved, the AAPP forwards the information to WSO. WSO then updates its information and database. The *approval resides with the district and the Area not WSO.*

A new Alateen meeting/group cannot begin meeting until confirmation of registration is received from the Area AAPP.

Intergroups publishing meeting directories, whether written or electronic, work with the Area to gather and update current information about Alateen meetings.

Please contact your District Representative [DR] and District Alateen Liaison [DAL] with questions regarding Alateen meetings within your district. District contact information is available at <http://www.scws-al-anon.org>. Scroll down the home page and click on the box named "District Meetings".

The GR-3 form can be downloaded from <http://www.scws-al-anon.org>. Click on "Alateen Sponsorship" tab.

Alateen Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-3)

Alateen Registration/Change forms are submitted to the WSO through your Area process. Please check with your Delegate, District Representative or Alateen Coordinator for information on where to send this form.

1. Group Record

WSO I.D. Number _____

District Number _____

Area Name (Abbreviation) _____

2. Status

- New
- Change
- Inactive

3. Changes (Check all that apply)

- Group Name
- Current Mailing Address (CMA)
- Mtg Place Sponsor
- Mtg Day Contact
- Mtg Time GR

4. Details (Note: Alateen meetings are closed meetings)

Group Name _____ Member Count: _____

Mail Language _____ Spoken Language _____ Age Range _____

Meeting Day _____ Time _____ AM PM | Limited Access* Handicap Access Sign Language

Location: Meeting Place _____

Meeting Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Location instructions, i.e. use back door, etc. _____

* See in the Policy Digest the section titled Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P24/27) for information and/or definitions

5. Group AMIAS Group Sponsors Must Complete the Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service (AMIAS) Form

Group Sponsor(s) to Add or Remove. Please list the two primary group Sponsors. The WSO ID# will be assigned if new AMIAS. If CMA for the group is being removed, a replacement must be provided in order to process.

Add Remove

Name (first) _____ (last) _____
WSO ID# _____ Phone _____ Home Work
 Cell Ok to list as a contact

Name (first) _____ (last) _____
WSO ID# _____ Phone _____ Home Work
 Cell Ok to list as a contact

Name (first) _____ (last) _____
WSO ID# _____ Phone _____ Home Work
 Cell Ok to list as a contact

Phone Contact (if other than Sponsor). Contacts must be Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)

Name (first) _____ WSO ID# _____ Phone _____

6. Current Mailing Address (All WSO mail for the group is sent to this address; please be sure it's a current AMIAS).

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number Home Cell Work _____ E-mail _____

7. For Area Use

Alateen GR (First/Last Name) _____

Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number Home Cell Work _____ E-mail _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Aug 2014 – May 2015
AMIAS RECERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS
New & Revised!!

In order to be eligible for recertification on May 31, 2015 an AMIAS must attend one of the designated Area sponsored AMIAS Recertification Workshops.

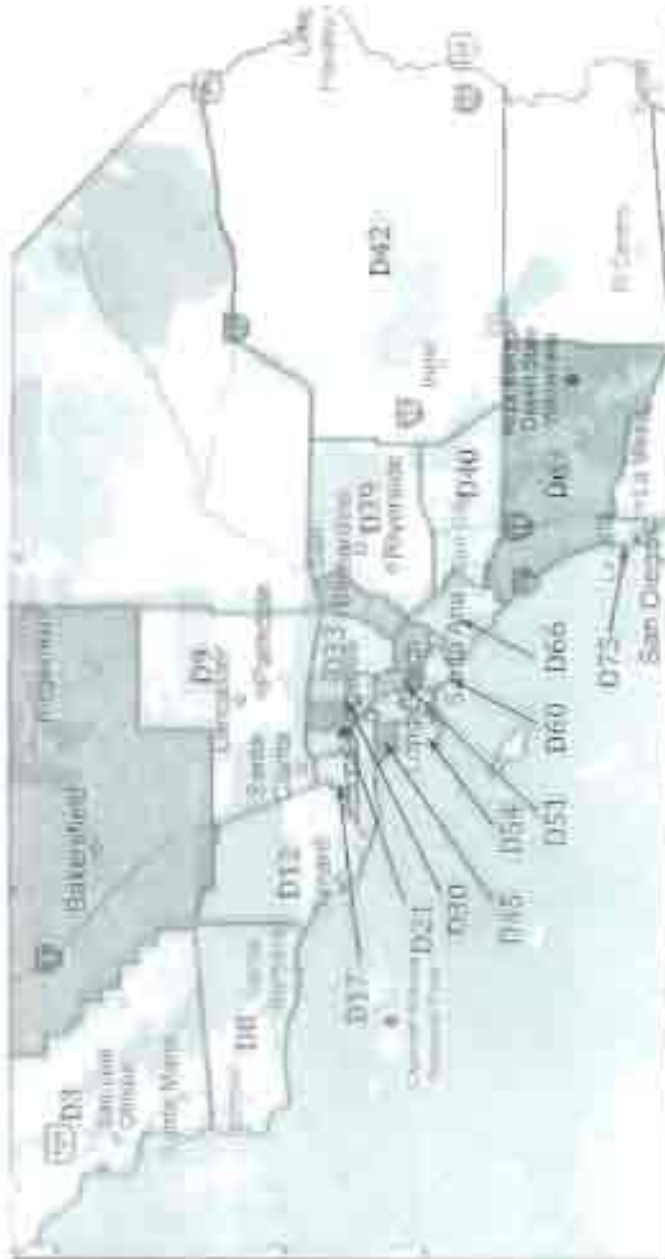
You must be in attendance for the entire workshop and participate in order to receive the Certificate of Attendance

There is no registration fee.
All of these workshops are FREE
 and are open to ALL
 Al-Anon & Alateen members.

The district hosting the workshop will distribute flyers detailing the location.

PLEASE RSVP TO SAVE YOUR SEAT!
 Email the contact person to RSVP or ask any questions you may have.

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 Role of the Group/Event Sponsor
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 Interacting with Parents
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 Mandatory Reporting in California



Date & Time	Dist	Contact	Contact email
Sep 14 12 pm - 4pm	D21	Tina S.	tinastee@yahooc.com
Sep 27 1pm - 4pm	D64	Ana S.	anaibonita25@hotmail.com
Sept 27 8am - 12pm	D75	Kathy A.	kathy@kathyaustin.com
Oct 18 9am - 1pm	D60	Nancy R.	nkrantz1962@gmail.com
Oct 26 10am - 2pm	D45	Carrie A.	carrantr@icloud.com
Nov 01 10am - 2pm	D12	Jerry "Bear"	parkbear@earthlink.net
Jan 10 10am - 2pm	D09	Kim L.	almonkim@yahoo.com
Jan 17 9am - 1pm	D33	Irene C.	isco@roadrunner.com
Jan 31 10am - 2pm	D42	Jim R.	jbretthum@comcast.net
Feb 07 10am - 2pm	D59	Christy R.	christyreilly299@gmail.com
Feb 21 12pm - 4pm	D07	Becky C.	comfrelan@sbcbglobal.net
Feb 28 9am - 1pm	D51	Diana F.	efeltz@hotmail.com
Mar 7 10am - 2pm	D03	Cathleen C.	wilsoncathleen77@aol.com
Mar 14 10am - 2pm	D40	Marie T.	marfettus28@yahoo.com
Mar 21 12pm - 4pm	D17	Cathy L.	lscaptisimplecath@gmail.com
Apr 04 10am - 2pm	D03	Marsha	lyze46@live.com
Apr 04 10am - 2pm	D00	Marie G.	mariserecerty@aol.com
Apr 18 10am - 2pm	D66	Gordon A.	gordon.g.alexander@gmail.com
Apr 25 10am - 2pm	D08	Jessie S.	jloosdale@aol.com
Apr 25 10am - 2pm	D69	Andrea A.	District69rep@gmail.com



WANTED

Al-Anon members that meet the Eligibility Requirements and are willing to be of service to:

- Transport Alateens to meetings & events.
- Sponsor Alateen meetings
- Sponsor or Chaperone Alateen events

Are you willing & able to be an AMIAS?

Al-Anon

Member

Involved in

Alateen

Service

Additional information can be found via:

website: www.scws-al-anon.org

email: alateen@scws-al-anon.org

Important Information for

New Applicants!

- 1) You must attend the Certificate Training in order to become certified as an AMIAS.
- 2) You must also attend a Recertification Workshop in order to maintain your AMIAS certification past May 31, 2015

Exemption:

Applicants attending the February, March, April, & May Certification Training sessions are encouraged to attend a Recertification Workshop but are **NOT** required to attend a Recertification Workshop until after May 31, 2015.

AUG 2014 - MAY 2015

AMIAS CERTIFICATE TRAINING

This is for **NEW applicants** -

Al-Anon members that are not currently certified as an AMIAS but are interested in being of service to Alateen.

Access to the internet is required for on-line sessions

e-mail alateen@scws-al-anon.org to register for one of these sessions

On-Line Sessions

English	Spanish
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Wed, June 11	
Sun, July 9	
Sun, Aug 10	
Wed, Sept 10	Sat, Sept 13
Wed, Nov 12	Sat, Oct 11
Wed, Jan 14	Sat, Dec 8
Wed, March 11	Sat, Jan 10
Sun, April 12	Sat, Feb 14
Wed, May 13	Sat, March 14
	Sat, April 11
	Sat, May 9



Eligibility Requirements

1. Be an Al-Anon member for at least 2 years
2. Be at least 25 yrs of age
3. Attend at least one Al-Anon meeting each week
4. Have not been convicted of a felony or charged with child abuse
5. Be able to pass an SCWS background check

Face-to-Face Sessions

Check convention program for time and room number

Aug 24, 2014	District 22 AA Convention
Sept 27, 2014	District 64 (Spanish)
Jan 31, 2015	SFV AA Convention
Mar 27, 2015	AFG Convention

Convention Chairs:

If you would like to have a 90 minute Training session at your convention, email alateen@scws-al-anon.org

The Orange Blossom
Your information connection.

Did you know that Orange County Al-Anon has a monthly publication with everything you want to know about Al-Anon happenings in your neighborhood!?

Did you know that the Orange Blossom has a monthly calendar of events, and special announcements. It includes a record of contributions from your groups, information and contact numbers from your service board?

Did you know that the Orange Blossom is now published in living color so all the beautiful fliers you contribute are even more spectacular!?

Did you know that this magazine will go directly to the address that you designate in a plain envelope? YES! Snoopy family members or co-workers can just wonder what you're up to.

But most of all, did you know that the cost of this incredible monthly delight is less than 14 and ½ cents a week!!!!?

I know, incredible right?

So don't miss out! There may be a price increase very soon so get your form in before it goes up.

Order yours today. You can go to the web site click on events and you will see a place to subscribe. If you already have a subscription, check the date on the envelope to make sure when it expires and renew, so you don't miss anything. It's easy the form is right on the back of the Orange Blossom.

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Subscribe Today!

For just the price of a movie ticket, you can get your very own copy of the Orange Blossom delivered to your home every month in a plain white envelope for only \$7.50 a year!

Fill out, clip, and return this form with your payment (check or money order, please) to:

Orange County Al-Anon
12391 Lewis, Ste 102
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/email: _____

Subscribe Today!

For just the price of a movie ticket, you can get your very own copy of the Orange Blossom delivered to your home every month in a plain white envelope for only \$7.50 a year!

Fill out, clip, and return this form with your payment (check or money order, please) to:

Orange County Al-Anon
12391 Lewis, Ste 102
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/email: _____

World Service Liaison Report--October 15, 2014 Intergroup Meeting, Orange & Greater Long Beach

Carol Goold

SO. CALIFORNIA NEWS--The annual Southern California Area SOS workshop will be Saturday, January 17, in Glendale. SOS stands for Sharing of Service, which is an annual opportunity to learn more about issues related to Al-Anon service work. There will be two workshops, one on Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) and the other on Conflict Resolution. Speaking on her personal story and service work will be Judy Kirby of Nevada, a member of the Al-Anon Board of Trustees, which, among other things, is the body that directs World Service Office business operations and guards the legal rights of fellowship.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE NEWS--In November you will be seeing a new table card that has the Al-Anon Declaration on one side and a message on the other to help groups keep discussions of other affiliations out of the meeting. Copies will be sent with groups' copies of *The Forum's* November issue. Cards will be available later in Spanish and French. Also new is an e-book version of the publication, *Alateen-Hope for Children of Alcoholics*. It is available in Kindle format at Amazon.com, in ePub format at the Apple iTunes store and in Nook format at Barnes and Noble.com. The book is available in English and Spanish, with a French version to follow.

DISTRICT 60--At its meeting last Friday, the District made plans for its fifth annual workshop, which will be an afternoon session Saturday, March 14, in Fullerton that will focus on Traditions as they apply to Al-Anon, to family life, and to all relationships. The District had a training session in preparation for using new electronic voting equipment November 15 to determine a new So. California Area Board for the next three years. District 60 will hold an Alateen AMIAS recertification workshop this next Saturday, Oct. 18, in Yorba Linda.

CLARIFICATION--There has been some misunderstand about a statement I made at our last meeting about Al-Anon's recognition that drug abuse may be a symptom of alcoholism in the home. Some people interpreted my statement to mean that Al-Anon focuses on issues other than alcoholism. That is not true. Al-Anon's sole focus is on the problems of living with alcoholism.

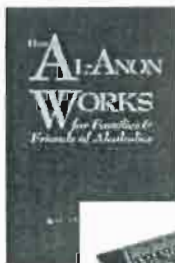
Our *Service Manual* states on pages 124-125 "Occasional discussion of this topic" (drug abuse) "is acceptable at an Al-Anon or Alateen meeting as it may be one of the results of living with alcoholism. However our responsibility is to ensure Al-Anon's survival as a resource for families and friends of alcoholics. By focusing on these drug-related problems we risk being diverted from Al-Anon's primary aim. Referral to appropriate sources of help may be suggested to those in need."

Holiday Al-Athon and Auction

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2014
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
109 E. WILSHIRE AVE., FULLERTON
9:00AM – 4:00PM



Baskets



Have your meeting make
or buy a Gift Basket

Call Karen D. at
(714) 403-7737

Auction Items



*Donate slightly used
Treasures for Live Auction
Call Robin B. at (714) 985-0510*

\$5 Gift Cards



Cards will be used to create
a Gift Card Tree!

Call Sandy M. at
(714) 801-0304

You're Invited!
**Our 56th Anniversary Speaker &
Potluck Luncheon**



“CHANGED ATTITUDES”

Laguna Woods Monday Al-Anon Family Group

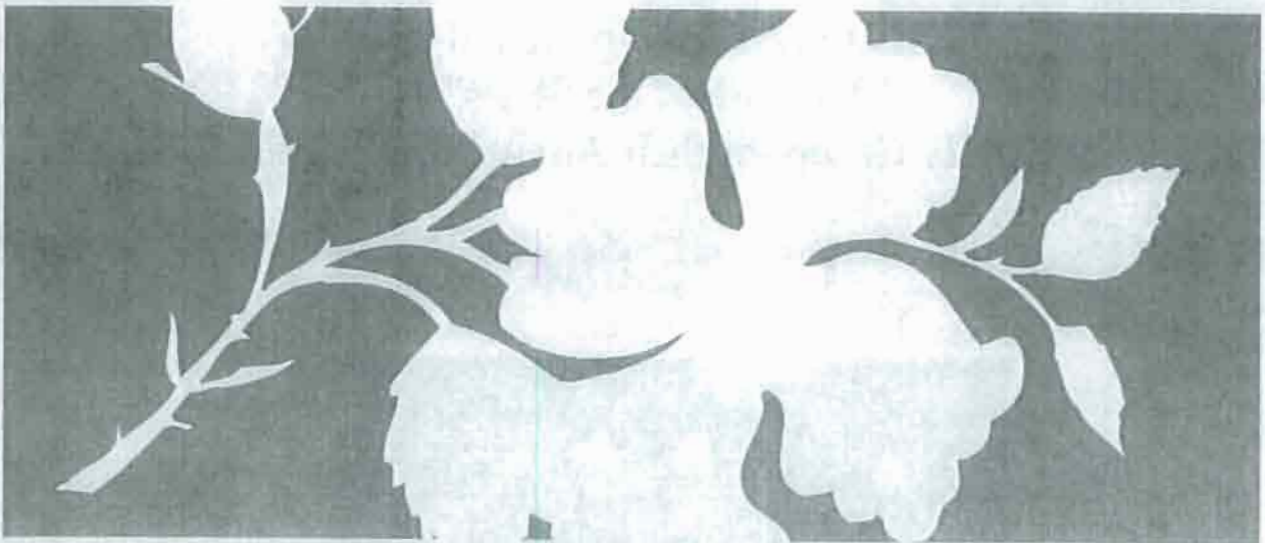
Monday, October 20th, 2014

Share a Dish Luncheon 11-12:15

Al-Anon Speaker: Jonathan M., Trabuco Canyon 12:15-1:30

Location: Geneva Presbyterian ~ 24301 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods

Contact: Linda S. (949) 933-3968



HOW AL-Anon Works
Literature Study
Meeting Presents:

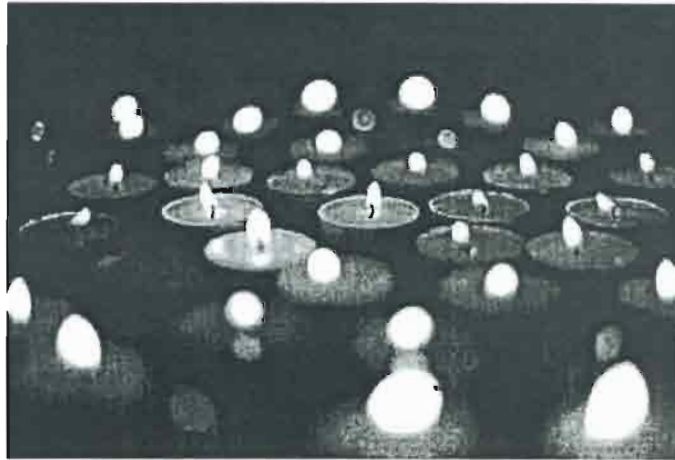
Rebecca W. of Fullerton

Sunday, November 9th @ 7:30pm
Ocean Hills Mariners Church
3222 Del Obispo St.
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
Hiromi (714) 329-3045

Second Sunday of the month speaker series! Come spend an evening with friends — old and new — and listen to a different, amazing story of hope and recovery every month!

You are cordially invited to join
"The Top of the Stairs"
Al-Anon Family Group for their Annual Candlelight Season

Clarity-2014"



Friday Evenings from 7-8:30pm
MWA Club
835 East 33rd
Signal Hill, CA 90755
(across from Target)

All meetings are Candlelight from the 3rd week of October
through the 3rd week of January

1st Friday-Step Study
3rd Friday-Clarity
2nd, 4th, and 5th Open Topic/or Speaker

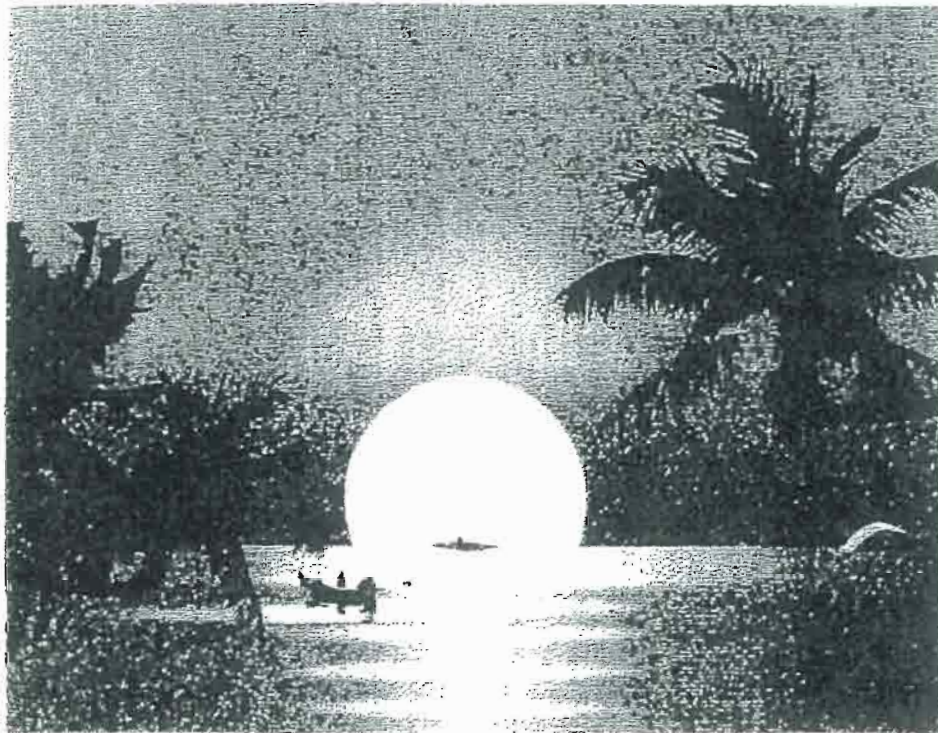
Experience-Strength-Hope
Round Robin Style

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Al-Anon Group 41st Anniversary Potluck Celebration

Wednesday, October 29th, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker is Cathy W.



Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fullerton (Room: St. Jude)
400 W. Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832
(between Richman and Highland)

Potluck starts at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting starts at 12 noon
Speaker shares at 12:30 p.m.

March 6-8, 2015

Al-Anon participation PRAASA 2015

PRAASA: Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE JOINING THIS FABULOUS AA ASSEMBLY!

PRAASA is an AA event with Al-Anon Participation. States included: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah & Arizona

Al-Anon Speaker: **Judy K. from Nevada**

Utah Al-Anon Chairs: Chris C. & Beverly B.
Utah Al-Anon Registration: Anna H.

Information Email: alanon@praasa.org

Registration Website: <http://praasa.org>

Some of Al-Anon Program highlights are:

- Meetings Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- Al-Anon Luncheon Saturday
- Al-Anon Skits
- Workshops

PRAASA 2015



Davis Conference Center
1651 N 700 W, Layton, UT 84041
praasa.org

UTAH AREA 69 WELCOMES YOU

Workshop topics to include:

- Being of Service
- Sponsor/Sponsee relationships
- Conference Approved Literature