Group e news

April 2015

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 with Al-Anon members from around the world in Al-Anon workshops on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, 2015 at the A.A. International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Take advantage of the preregistration rate of $100.00 until May 12, after that the registration fee will be $110.00
- For a link to registration visit the Al-Anon International Convention site at http://www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org/
- Your registration badge entitles you to attend all Convention events, including the Thursday night Party in the Park, the Stadium meetings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in the Georgia Dome. Al-Anon and Alateen workshops will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.
- Are you registered for the Convention and interested in volunteering to be of service at an Al-Anon or Alateen Workshop? Check your e-mail for information from the WSO and a link to the volunteer survey for Speakers and Moderators (chair/lead) to serve at the Al-Anon Workshops, and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service to serve as Alateen Group Sponsors at the Alateen Workshops.

Outreach is simple. Members can take Al-Anon information to offices of professionals they personally know. Space is available to fill in your group's meeting time and location and local Al-Anon contact information in:

- *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2015* magazines (ready to be delivered if your group ordered them).
- Bilingual "Al-Anon can help" Series pamphlets target treatment centers (P-81 ES and P-81 EF), mental health organizations and professionals (P-82 ES and P-82 EF), and crisis/abuse agencies and shelters (P-89 ES and P-89 EF).
- Professional Referral Pad (English M-77, SM-77 Spanish, and FM-77 French)
- Outreach Bookmark (English M-76, Spanish SM-76, and French FM-76)

Members will find that community substance abuse and mental health organizations welcome Al-Anon and Alateen information especially during national events sponsored by U.S. and Canadian government agencies and non-profit organizations:

- **April**
  - Alcohol Awareness Month in the U.S.
- **May**
  - Canada National Mental Health Awareness Week, May 4 – 10, 2015

Participation in the 2015 Membership Survey over 8,500 – highest ever!

Much interesting information is being uncovered in the survey results, which can be used by the WSO and members involved in service to communicate with professionals and the general public about the benefits of Al-Anon.

Preliminary findings show the fellowship is now made up of 17% males, the highest percentage we have seen since the survey was first conducted in 1984.

Age 60 is the average age of members in 2015, which is also oldest average age we have seen since the survey was first conducted.

A complete overview of the survey results will be available at al-anon.org and on the Members' Web site (al-anon.org/members) in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey.

Sharings still needed for piece on intimacy

Please continue submitting your sharings for the new daily reader that is being developed, INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS (working title), which is intended to reflect the diverse experiences of our worldwide fellowship.

You can download the writing guideline here, http://al-

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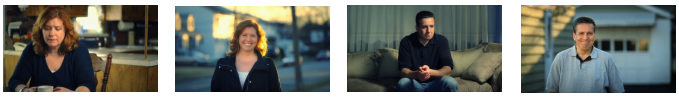
- U.S. National Mental Health Month

Thanks for your group's Twelfth-Step work!

Express your gratitude...



We've had another stellar year for our TV PSA campaign. In 2014, there were a total of 445 English, Spanish, and French language stations that chose to air our PSAs. These stations aired our PSAs about 90,000 times, reaching a combined audience of more than 623 million people.

Would your group consider thanking the television stations in your city that gave us airtime? If so, you can find how-to information in *The Best of Public Outreach* on the Members' Web site, http://al-anon.org/members/public-outreach/some-helpful-public-outreach-tools. For a list of the stations that aired our PSAs in your Area, please contact your Area Public Outreach Coordinator for the 2014 PSA Packet.

Spanish members set a new record for *AFA 2015* sales!

WSO would like to extend a special "Thank you" to our Spanish-speaking members who participated in Al-Anon's largest fellowship-wide public outreach project, distributing *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2015* magazines. The second printing sales for the Spanish-language version of the magazine were off the charts with 22,925 copies sold—the most ever!

The magazines have been shipped, and now it's up to local members to distribute them so that the families of alcoholics can find them and learn that there is hope to be found at local Al-Anon meetings.

Again, thank you for making this project a success and congratulations on participating in Twelfth Step service.

anon.org/members/pdf/intimacysharing.pdf, or find it enclosed in the April issue of *The Forum*. You can also submit your sharing electronically on the Members' Web site, www.al-anon.org/members, by clicking on the "Individuals" tab, then on the "Feature Publications" tab, and then on "Send Your Sharing.

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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