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AI-ANON ACRONYMS

ADR	Alternate District Representative
AGR	Alternate Group Representative
AIS	Area Information Service
CAL	Conference Approved Literature
DR	District Representative (32 Districts in the OSA)
GR	Group Representative
ID#	Number assigned to every group when it registers with WSO e.g. Area #086 District # (1-32) Grp. ID# (7or 8 digit number)
NPIC	National Public Information Center
OS	Ontario South
OSA	Ontario South Assembly – all AI-Anon Family Groups in OS
PO	Public Outreach
SAM	Supportive AI-Anon Member
WSC	World Service Conference – annual meeting of all Delegates at the World Service Office
AWSC	Area World Service Committee – annual meeting of OSA executive, DRs, Coordinators, Trustees and AIS representatives
WSO	World Service Office – Virginia Beach, Virginia

AI-ANON TERMS

AREA EXECUTIVE	Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer
ASSEMBLY	Annual meeting of all Executive, Advisors, Coordinators, Chairpersons, Liaisons, Trustees and Group Representatives
OPEN LINES	Ontario South Assembly Newsletter
REACHING OUT	Ontario South Alateen Unity Committee Newsletter
TRILLIUM	Ontario South Assembly AI-Anon Family Groups Convention

COMMONLY USED WEB SITES

ONTARIO SOUTH	www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca
WORLD SERVICE OFFICE	www.al-anon.org/members

(Updated March 2012)

THE 3 “C”S OF SERVICE



1ST YEAR – CONFUSED

2ND YEAR – COMFORTABLE

3RD YEAR – CAPABLE

(And then we're out!)

ALATEEN

During this falls Assembly in Windsor, Ontario South Alateen Advisory Committee, commonly known in Area as OSAAC (for short) turned down a bid for an Alateen Unity Conference proposed to be held in late June in Toronto. The OSAAC asked that the bid change the date to earlier in June (not to conflict with exams) and change the venue, as OSAAC had been at that hotel and felt they weren't comfortable there. That bid was not revised.

In December 2013 District 1 Muskoka came forth with an Alateen Unity Conference Bid. This bid was accepted by OSAAC for June 7 2014 in Barrie Ontario. District 1 Al-Anon Day will be running concurrently with Unity. The day is filled with Al-Anon, AA and Alateen speakers, workshops, meals and snacks, wrapping up with dinner and dancing. It is important that we pre-register (attached) so the committee can arrange the food requirements. Details are also on our OSA website and in Open Lines.

During this spring Al-Anon groups in our Area have sent OSAAC funds for their Alateen Unity Conference. I would like to thank the Keep It Simple AFG. (Barrie) The North Toronto AFG, Steps to Serenity AFG (Orillia) Noon Hour Nourishment AFG. (Barrie) Second Chance AFG. Huntsville .Tuesday Morning Serenity Brampton, and Fri. Morning AFG. Oakville. Your generous donations towards Alateen Unity will help to make their Conference a great success.

Thank you, to TAG Alateen group of Barrie and their Sponsors, for donating their time and proceeds of their beautiful handmade HUG scarves to Unity. To date they have donated \$220.00.

March 29th I assisted with presenting an Alateen Outreach workshop in District 4. The workshop held in Kitchener was an awesome day with great ideas regarding carrying Alateen awareness within our Al-Anon groups, our District and to the Public. The day was extremely positive and many fabulous ideas came from this workshop.

On April 12 in Sarnia, District 7 held their annual spaghetti dinner. It was also an Alateen themed event. There were AA, Al-Anon and Alateen speakers. The members heard how important Alateen has been for teens in an Alcoholic family but also the parent feels very grateful to Alateen for the love and support they show to their children. Alateen is a very important part of Al-Anon Family Groups. Hug scarves were sold were sold at this event. Thank you!

Alateen groups in Renfrew and Pembroke have closed. Many Alateen Groups in some Districts have only one teen attending. **Alateen** needs our HELP.

There are rumblings that a **new** Alateen Group may open shortly in District 19.

My sense from this past year is most Al-Anon members are concerned about the state of Alateen in Ontario South and are willing to do what they can to help support Alateen growth in our Area. I feel encouraged with all the positive actions being taken in many Districts in OSA. I appreciate being invited to workshops, this is a huge AREA to cover and funding my travel can be limited, so I am working on putting these last two workshops in a simple format that I can hand out to Districts, perhaps you can use it as tool to assist in you in doing your own workshop. You'll only need to supply your own Alateen enthusiasm!!

Any donations to OSAAC can be made at any branch of the TD bank account #3807-5007781 . If you require a receipt email the details to either me at Ontario.south.alateen@hotmail.com

You will receive a thank you card signed by members of Ontario South Alateen, and if you so desire, you can display this card at your group!

It came to my attention in February that our volunteer letter, we use to obtain our police records checks, needed to be changed. Our Area Chairperson has made these changes and will fill us in on how the process may have changed.

It has been my pleasure to serve Alateen and I can't wait to see you ALL at Alateen Unity Conference/District 1 Al-Anon Day!!!!

Alateen Rocks!

OSAAC Financial Report from Assembly 2013 to April 2014

Balance: Sept 30 2013 to AWSC 2014	3,576.95
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Bank fees: 1.95 x 7 Oct 2013-Apr 2, 2014	-13.65
Dec 11 2013 (Robyn W. OSAAC Chair expense to Assembly)	-301.13
Feb. 04 2014, Donation: Keep It Simple AFG.	+100.00
Feb. 11 2014 to Staples (Printing of Unity Flyers, with Alateen medical & permission forms Section 10 Forms A&B)	-68.93
Feb 27 2014, Tag Alateen proceeds from sale of HUG scarves From the Bradford Roundup	+220.00
Balance to April 2, 2014	+3,513.24

OSAAC

Throughout 2014 Alateen has had its own ups and downs. We started the year out with ORC and during this conference we finished with more than 50 Alateens registered and many new long lasting Alateens. During the weekend of June 7th, Unity was held in Brampton for the first time in two years. Attendance was excellent and the conference defined Alateen as necessary and continually struggling.

Alateen needs active support from all the members of the program in order to flourish and grow as Alanon and AA has. This includes taking a teen to a meeting or a conference. Alateens also do not have the growing population because we have to replenish when Alateens turn 21. We need teens to be at meetings and be there for each other when they walk through the door. Alateen constantly continues to have fluctuations in numbers because we need a strong foundation to support the newcomers. Conferences are a great way to bring in new Alateens because of the

massive numbers we have and the numerous sharing's in the rooms, but there are only 2-3 a year and when someone's mental health is in danger because of someone's drinking, Alateen needs to be there for them. If you have any ideas or concerns about Alateen feel free to contact the Alateen Coordinator.

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON

In this report I will include the current data and will provide an update at the A.W.S.C.

The re-certification of Supportive Al-Anon Members is almost done. I am waiting for the paperwork from three remaining SAM's in order to finish this process. This will complete the Ontario South Safety and Behavioural requirements for SAM's. I will then complete the WSO online re-certification process.

The Alateen Annual Group Update is almost done. I am waiting for the paperwork from four remaining Alateen Groups. I will then complete the WSO requirements.

The Ontario South format for the Police Record Check letter has changed. The Chairperson can no longer provide signed copies without the name included. Therefore, the Chairperson requires the first and last name of the SAM applicant in order to provide this letter. Perhaps Michelle can answer any questions regarding this new process.

Looking forward to meeting you all again in Oshawa.

ARCHIVES

So here we are at AWSC. This last year of comfortable is going to fly by. Who do you know is out there thinking of their next step in service? My time has truly been rewarding in that my passion for history and service work came together so well. So, please take the time to get in contact with your Higher Power, and consider submitting your interest for this wonderful position. Or, if you know of a member in your District or Group who might be interested, give them a wee whisper in their ear. Remember, I am available to answer any questions you may have throughout the weekend or at the "Feel the Nudge" workshop.

Considering the assortment of boxes and buckets that came into my possession at the beginning of this term, there are now twenty-six banker boxes in order, working on numbers 27, 28, and 29. Four boxes of administrative items for this position and six boxes left to go through the first sort. Last but not least, one box of miscellaneous items to review and find a home for. Sounds like a lot of boxes, but they do stack and store very nicely. There is also a flash drive that comes with the position so that as items are sent in by members to be added to archives, one can simply update the flash drive and pop the document into the appropriate box. I see an advantage to have our archives scanned onto the flash drive as well. This would be much simpler to retrieve and e-mail out any requests without having to pull out the box, copy and send, as each time a copy is made, it deteriorates the original document. So my fellow members in service, that is the workings of Archives in a nutshell. The icing on the cake is going out and about and showing off what we do have in Archives, learning more of our history and enjoying the fellowship as one meets and makes new friends.

The FORUM

Welcome to our Ontario South AWSC Meeting! Our final one for this term, our year of being capable!

I find it exciting to think of the possibilities for the future of Ontario South Al-Anon.

There are lots of new things happening with *The Forum* in this its 60th year of its existence.

- You can order or renew your *Forum* subscription on-line! Go to www.al-anon.org, click on Al-Anon Literature, click on Al-Anon's on-line store.
- *The Forum* is now also available electronically. It is available from Nook.com, the Barnes & Noble electronic book store. Yearly electronic subscription is \$11.00 or an individual electronic copy of the magazine is available for \$1.49. (US funds). This puts new meaning to a "meeting in your pocket". Note: Al-Anon does not endorse Nook or any outside enterprise.
- Did you notice as mentioned in our March eNews & May *Forum* page 13 a very clear and simple way to differentiate between the intended use of *The Forum* v/s *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*. "Please encourage members and groups in your Area to share *The Forum* with one another and share *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* with their community!"
- And don't forget to encourage our members, including you to submit articles to *The Forum* for potential publication! And subscribe for yourself, your group, a sponsee.....

GROUP RECORDS

Another year has come and gone and I look forward to seeing everyone at the AWSC this year. It is so nice to see everyone there and be able to put faces to names.

During the past 2 years I have processed a great many changes for groups within our area. It has been a learning experience to say the least. At times it has been challenging and frustrating as well as rewarding.

I have processed information for a number of new groups starting up as well as a number of groups closing. I have come to understand as well how challenging this position can be when the computer malfunctions or I don't have complete information. I have come to appreciate clear handwriting or printing. The frustration I am having now is that the changes I am processing and have done correctly (as both my records and the World Service Office records show) have not been going through correctly to Denyse (website coordinator) and we are working on that.

I am still processing changes and will continue to do so until May 15th to have the changes noted on the reports that are handed to each DR at the AWSC.

LITERATURE

Our Area World Service Conference 2014 is upon us. There are a couple of important updates I would like to share with you.

- **Electronic Literature Fact Sheet:** During the conference call this past March 2014, Coordinators requested that all information about currently available electronic literature be put in one easy-to-reference document so they can communicate accurately to their Areas. For your convenience, also included is information about the electronic version of *The Forum*. This fact sheet will be available at our conference.
- **Sharings Needed for "CAL Corner":** We can always use more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write. We could especially use articles about

- *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78),
- *Alateen—Hope for Children* (B-3),
- *To the Parents of Alcoholics* (P-16),
- *Parents of Alcoholics Reprint* (R-18), and
- *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31).

A sharing sheet for “CAL Corner” will also be available at AWSC.

- **Sharings Needed on Intimacy:** The sharing sheet for INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS (working title) will be available at AWSC, as well it can be found on-line at www.al-anon.org/members/pdf/intimacysharing.pdf. Members can submit sharings on-line at the Members’ site, www.al-anon.org/members under “Submit a Personal Sharing.” We have about 1,050 sharings, but could use many more from men, teens, parents, gays and lesbians, and other minorities within Al-Anon.
- **PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF YOUNG PROBLEM DRINKERS (working title):** We still need many more sharings for this pamphlet in development. At this point we’ve only received 30 submissions. The writing guideline will be available at AWSC and is also available on the Members’ Web site. It will be mailed out in the April issue of *The Forum*.

Wishing you all a safe drive and looking forward to seeing everyone in attendance.

God Bless

OPEN LINES

Open Lines is going very well. I am encouraging all kinds of service news to be included in each edition along with all the reports. I hope everyone is enjoying the puzzles and event reports.

As editor, I am not perfect and occasionally forget a report or event and I apologize to those this happens to. The deadlines are short and I am human. What growth this “job” has given me. The ability to make mistakes and admit them without fear of reprisal is amazing. Al-Anon is a safe place for me to practice new skills and for that I am extremely thankful

We currently have about 90 printed copies being mailed out. The electronic distribution is going well with only 30 bounced emails with the last distribution. The DR’s are extremely helpful with trying to help me track these down.

Groups are still encouraged to create group email addresses. By doing this you eliminate the need for changes in email addresses with group records. This enables continuity of communication within OSA. DRs and GRs simply inherit the new email address and anything noteworthy is kept for in the next person.

For anyone who enjoys desktop publishing and has a basic knowledge of excel this is the job for you. I am available to anyone who has any interest. If you have questions please drop me an email or give me a call. My contact information is on the back of Open Lines.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Nothing to report at this time.

WEBSITE

Hi everyone,

My name is Denyse K. and I am your Ontario South Website Coordinator. Wow already in the last bit of our service positions. It's been a wonderful experience and I have learned a lot about myself and about others while doing this term.

First, I would like to thank the members for your patience as I was working on some computer glitches. Having your support and unconditional love helped me learn as I was going through this process. Ok so the website is doing good. There is a lot of events in the past month that have been added which is wonderful to celebrate and have fellowship. The visits in April 2014 are at 5355. The times that members have been using the website the most are between 11am-1pm. I found really interesting that 39% of users in April 2014 were from US Commercial, 23%(Canada), 18%(Unresolved/Unknown), 17%(Network), 1% (Germany) and 2% (other). The site that is the most looked at are the events, meetings and also Openlines. The statistics also show that people find out about Ontario South AI-Anon through google, Bing and yahoo search engines. Please keep informing your members about what the Ontario South Website has to offer. Your feedback is greatly appreciated, please contact me if you would like to see something on the website and I will do my best to accommodate you.

LDC

Financial:

The statements are as of April 30th, 2014. Sales increased by 10% compared to 2013.

Consignments:

Currently there are 3 consignment orders outstanding. Consignment orders are available for special events. Please contact me for more information.

Office Staff and Volunteers:

I have one volunteer who comes once a week. This helps to reduce the operating cost of the office.

Literature:

The LDC operates to allow the groups in the area to receive literature in a timely manner. World Service Office benefits by filling large orders to LDCs rather than thousands of small orders that require many more labour hours. Ordering from the local LDC helps keep the literature costs down.

A new item for recovery is available at the LDC as of the beginning of July. ***Talk to Each Other – Resolving Conflicts Within AI-Anon***, S-73, cost \$6.00. This is a booklet that helps to pull together the knowledge in S-71 and S-72 with many examples of their direct application in AI-Anon conflict situations.

A kit, K-70, called ***Using Al-Anon Principles to Resolve Conflicts*** is now available that includes S-71, S-72, and S-73. The cost is \$12.20

Attached is a flyer for your groups.

An updated order form will be available after July 1st reflecting the new items and some price changes. Please inform your local literature persons to find the revised form on the Ontario South website under Literature.

Speaker List:

We are always seeking more members willing to do service work by sharing their experience, strength and hope as a speaker at events. The application form is available on the Ontario South website in the Area Manual in the form section.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism:

The 2015 version of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism can now be ordered. To place an order through the LDC, orders must be submitted to the LDC by July 5th, 2014. Please place these orders through either an email or mail to the LDC. The delivery date for these is September 2014. It is at that time that the payment for the order is required.

In closing, I would like to thank the Literature Office Committee for their trust in me and express my gratitude for your support and patience in me at the Ontario South LDC.