

ALATEEN

On January 5 2013 Alateen members were invited to a one-day Alateen Unity event. This day was held at Munn's United Church Oakville. The day was attended by 12 Alateen members. There were approx. 25 Al-Anon and AA members attending as well. They had speakers and open mike sessions. Of course there was food, make your own subs and a spaghetti dinner to name a couple of dishes! Alateen members love to dance, so a DJ was there to provide the music. Thank-you to the SAM volunteers for putting this day together for Area Alateen. Thank you to the past OSAAC chairperson for being the main Alateen speaker

The yearly OSAAC planning meeting was held on Sunday March 17 2013 at the Comfort Inn Airport Rd Toronto, 10 am to 3 pm. Simply put, we covered the minutes of OSAAC 2012, and came up with initiatives for 2013.

Alateen would like a weekend Unity Conference this year. There is a possibility in August at the Sheridan College **BUT** only if Area Al-Anon members along with SAM support come forward to assist with the planning. (Registration, supplies etc.) The hope is the accommodations will be easy to provide, safety on campus is maintained very well and we hope to include meals in the registration. We need to confirm room rates for the meetings and IF we can have a room for the dance? IF you feel you would like to support the Alateen Unity in this way, please contact me as soon as you can, we will try to get this Unity off the ground **BEFORE** Trillium in June. Please note: As of May 7 2013, OSAAC has NOT given money to a venue to secure a date and location for Unity.

I have been in contact with WSO regarding the lack of public outreach for Alateen. Although they understand my frustration, there are no posters, no TV or Radio announcements, no video or DVD presentations for schools, WSO will have this discussion at a later date.

This brings me back to having Alateen table cards displayed at every Al-Anon meeting, even if you have **NO** Alateen in your District. You'd be very surprised to know when one family member gets to Al-Anon, how displaying our table cards gets the Alateen message carried back home. **Alateen newcomer packages** are great for an Al-Anon Newcomer to take home to the children being affected by Alcoholism. They would then have access to the websites and on line literature etc. Please have a few available on your literature table.

There is no time like right now to become a SAM and ALL District Reps understand the process of becoming a SAM (Supportive Al-Anon Member) so help is close to you.

District(s) would you like to host an **Alateen Workshop**. There could be several Districts involved in this process. (working together). We could cover the how's and why's of becoming a certified SAM and how much Alateen relies on Al-Anon for this support. Perhaps we could have Ontario South split into a few Sections and do these workshops on a Saturday or Sunday to encourage participation from all interested members from several surrounding Districts' that day. **I would like to discuss this further at AWSC.**

May the 4th I attended Blossom Time Conference in Niagara Falls. I shared on a panel regarding information on Alateen, (i.e.) forms, becoming a certified SAM, how to start an Alateen group,

outreach resources, and how Alateen service has strengthened my growth. There will never be enough time to share how grateful I have become being involved with Alateen. My life has been enriched beyond measure.

Thank you to all the Districts, Groups, and individuals who have chosen to support Alateen with a financial donation. OSAAC intends to use these funds to support their Unity conference. Many of these donations came with wonderful stories and ideas how they raised these funds. Alateen understand that they are loved and supported by kind and generous Al-Anon members. You can direct deposit to OSAAC at any TD Canada Trust. Thank you for your support!

I would like to remind all AWSC members that Open Lines seems to be the place where I can share all about Alateen, their concerns and their success. Please make sure GR's are making this newsletter available to everyone concerned with Alateen. I feel that more Al-Anon support in general would become available to Alateen if only members knew about Alateen's needs. Please do not discount Alateen in your District if you don't have Alateen. I have had many Al-Anon members contact me in the past few months looking to become involved with Alateen.

Just a friendly reminder, **Alateen is a part of Al-Anon.**

Alateen started in 1955 and continued strong until 2004. We are definitely in a struggle to help teens find Alateen. Consider your home group closing for a couple of years and then trying to restart. Imagine many of your long time members have moved or stopped attending meetings during that time. This is similar for Alateen. During the closed period many of the longtime Alateen members became over age, went off to College and University, perhaps the family moved. Today, Alateen newcomers have very little Alateen strength and power of example to follow within their groups.(Alateen to Alateen). We ask you to be patient and continue your support of Alateen while they struggle to find their way back.

Alateen Rocks!!

Janet T

Area Alateen Coordinator

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OSAAC Financial Report for AWSC May 24-26 2013

Opening Balance from October Assembly 2012:		3240.92
Adjustment (actual cost of survey for Assembly) (actual 42.94 not 41.00 as previously deducted)	- 1.94	
Bank service charges 1.95 x7 (to Feb 28/13)	-13.65	
Donations :	+180.00	
Listed below		
Wendy L ATM Deposit	+ 50.00	
Main St Fellowship AFG.	+60.00	
Brooklin New Beginnings AFG	+70.00	
From groups 7 th tradition 1 st Anniversary meeting		
January 5 2013 Alateen Unity Day:	+283.39	
Donation to Munn's United Church For Alateen Unity.(use of the church)		-100.00
Balance as of May 20 2013		3588.72

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON

The Annual Recertification of Supportive Al-Anon Members (SAMs) continues. The results to date are as follows:

- 94 SAMs have recertified;
- 30 SAMs have decertified;
- 38 new SAMs have certified and there are some more in process.

This means that we presently have 132 certified SAMs.

Alateen groups in Ontario South presently number 34. The WSO Annual Alateen Group Update is proceeding with 16 of the groups complete.

The online “Ontario South Alateen Meeting List” has been updated. This process will be ongoing in order to keep this information as accurate as possible.

The WSO “Annual Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service” (AMIAS) recertification has been offered online for the first time this year. This has been an exciting new challenge for me.

My thanks are extended to the District Representatives and SAMs for their efforts to meet the Alateen Safety and Behavioural Requirements within the WSO time frame.

I look forward to our time together at AWSC.

Marg M
AAPP

ARCHIVES

Hello All,

Life in Archives has been very quiet. Although there have been no requests for me to come to do workshops or bring items to District Al-Anon days, I have had requests from individual groups for historical information. Those groups have been surprised and pleased to find out just what is in our Area Archives.

As I continue to check in on the e-community chat page for Archives, there are consistent questions that arise. Such as, “where do you store your archives?” The answers are consistently the same. Some are stored in the co-ordinators home, either in a basement or spare bedroom. Then there are

those Areas that have much more material and their material is stored professionally in an offsite location. There are more Areas that are creating two positions for Area Archives. They have a permanent Archivist that receives the material, preps for storage, catalogues the material.

Meanwhile, the Area Co-ordinator does the traveling about doing workshops, sharing their message and encouraging the membership to keep their history alive.

As the world moves forward quickly in technology, so are many Areas doing their best in keeping up with archiving using what is available to them today. There is much chatter about scanning and saving to either discs or memory sticks. This certainly has piqued my interest as the second sorting process moves along. As the sorting of *The Forum* comes to its conclusion, I have seen how many sheet protectors this has taken, just for *The Forum*. What will it cost once it comes time to sleeve the individual sheets of papers? It will become very expensive in my estimation. What is the cost in time, very many more hours I can assure you, based on the time it has taken to sort and sleeve the material thus far, and as yet, to be catalogued onto the memory stick. Based on our Area's current process and practices, I would like the AWSC as a whole to consider and discuss the possibility of moving towards using a scanning process to store our Area's Archival material. I would very much like to hear your thoughts on this and look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding using a scanning process, while we are at AWSC at the end of this month.

Respectfully submitted with (Hugs) in Service,
Heather P.,
Area Archivist

FORUM

Welcome to our Ontario South AWSC Meeting!

As our Area's *Forum* Coordinator, I want to reinforce what a valuable tool we have at our disposal. We can all assist in passing the message of how beneficial *The Forum* is by subscribing ourselves and actually using the Forum personally. As District Representatives we could use & display *The Forum* at our District Meetings as a reminder to our Group Representatives of their role to "*encourage members to subscribe to and submit articles for The Forum*". At a District Meeting actually providing time for a workshop to write articles for submission to *The Forum* is another way to inspire our members.

I believe we could even incorporate our Conference theme – Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We" to our participation with *The Forum*. What better way to share our experience with others than submitting an article. Sharing our experience can help others, as we see that our experiences are not so unique and that we are not alone!

From the Spring 2013 issue of "Area Highlights" I noted on page 7 an article "From your *Forum* staff...." Check it out, apparently others have asked Is *The Forum* considered CAL? There is also an article from a Forum Coordinator about making *The Forum* visible. There have not been any updates or activity on the WSO ecommunities for *The Forum* since April of 2012 that I am able to share with you.

Please check out *The Forum* in the Coordinator's Corner on our Ontario South Website. I plan to submit an update there before long.

With Much Gratitude
Debbie P

GROUP RECORDS

Here we are again at another AWSC. Time seems to go by so quickly. I am still receiving a number of forms that are incomplete. If you want changes made to your group you must complete the forms. If a GR is being replaced I need to know what group and what district you are in. Your address may be in one town and the meeting in another. I won't know that unless you tell me. There may be new contact information and I include the new contact but what do I do with the old contact? All the changes I have received to date will be reflected in the district group lists that you will pick up on my display table at the back of the room this weekend. If there are any changes or corrections please complete a change form and return them to me or send the changes by completing a change form online.

Bonnie B
Group Records Coordinator

LITERATURE

Hello Executive, Coordinators, District Reps, and friends:

Here's the latest update of literature news:

☐ **News from the World Service Conference:** This year's Conference gave conceptual approval for a new pamphlet for parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers. A new guideline for sharing will be posted soon, but in the meantime, please encourage members to write on this topic. Of particular need is how parents and grandparents apply each of the Twelve Steps. If there aspects of their situation that make a particular Step difficult, how have they worked through these challenges?

☐ **More WSC News:** It was announced at the Conference that as a follow-up to the *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening* e-book, an e-book edition of *How Al-Anon Works for Families of Alcoholics* is planned to be available this summer through electronic book providers. An audio version of this book is also planned to be available this summer in MP3 format through electronic audio providers.

☐ **We Need Sharings for "CAL Corner":** Please urge members to write about how CAL has helped them with their recovery. We could especially use articles about *Alateen—Hope for Children* (B-3), *Discovering Choices* (B-30), and *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31). Sharing sheets for "CAL Corner" are posted in the "CAL" subfolder.

☐ **Next Service Manual:** The Group Services Department, which produces the *Manual*, plans to post the next version on the Members' Web site later this year and mail it out to the Current Mailing Address (CMA) of all registered groups in early 2014.

I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at AWSC 2013 and will share more updates with you at the time of my verbal report.

God Bless,
Marianne E
Area Literature Coordinator

OPEN LINES

The conversion has happened and most of the bugs have been worked out. The trouble that remains is as always with Group Records not being maintained by the Groups. Bonnie does an amazing job keeping up with what comes to her but how can she change something she doesn't receive??

We are now down to mailing out about 115 copies. The expenses of stamps, copying and envelopes the price of producing one issue of Open Lines has dropped dramatically. As more and more people catch on to the ease of receiving electronically I hope the 115 will eventually decrease even more.

Now... for the new stuff. The executive and myself are interested in hearing what YOU the readers would like to see in Open Lines. The reports are great but no one seems to want to tell me about service projects. So what DO you want to see? Are you interested in a focus article? What about the whys and wherefores of some AI-Anon or Alateen idea? I would love to incorporate your feedback for the August edition. Refreshing ideas keep things interesting.

With electronic distribution as PDF files there are no limits on the number of pages I can produce with no extra cost.

Please as always feel free to contact me to ask questions or with any suggestions you may have.

Hugs in service
Sharon R
Open Lines Coordinator

WEBSITE

Hello Ontario South Members,

My name is Denyse and I am still your website coordinator. First, I would like to say that I have changed my email address to ontariosouthwebsitecoordinator@outlook.com please send your flyers and any other website related issues to this address.

The website is doing really good and with Spring here we are seeing more and more events. Please share these with Ontario South we want to celebrate with you. In April the statistics moved down a little at 5869 visits and most of these visits are for the events and meetings. Most of the visits are at noon and 10pm. The top Countries that visit the website are US (47%), Canada (17%), Netherlands, Germany, Unresolved: Unknown(19%)...Please keep telling your members about the website, encourage them to take a look there is a lot of great information.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at AWSC.

Yours in Service

Denyse K.

Ontario South Website Coordinator

Trillium Report

2013 Trillium
June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2013
AWSC Report

Hello Fellow Ontario South Members,

It has been a year since we sat together and invited God into our group conscience to determine whether or not Trillium would take place for yet another year. Thank you, for the support we have received to go forward with 2013 Trillium. What a year it has been. I feel like a proud parent letting you know the results of the efforts of your committee will soon be delivered at your 2013 Trillium.

Currently...

2013 Trillium is...

With 202 registrations
195 room nights booked
A new location
Reduced parking fee with in and out privileges
Registration online
31 days away as of May 10th
A District Countdown

Following the path of those who have gone before us **2013 Trillium is...**

Mail in registrations

On site registrations

CAL Literature for sale

Entertainment

A bargain at \$30

3 days of speakers, from Canada and the USA

3 programs coming together, Al-Anon, Alateen and AA

Pot luck hospitality

Well supported Fundraiser

Greeters

Sharing

Embracing Newcomers

Unconditional Love and Acceptance

Fellowship, Fellowship, Fellowship

See you there

Your 2013 Trillium Chair and Committee

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Debbie D, Trillium Chair

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Ontario South LDC Report

Consignments: In the first 3 months we have had 4 consignment orders for Al-Anon Days, and Conferences. For details on how to arrange a consignment order for a local event, please contact me.

Office Staff and Volunteers: The office still operates for 30 hours a week and we have one paid employee and one volunteer.

Literature: Pre-paid orders are available from my car at the beginning of lunchtime. There is literature for sale between meetings at the back of the room.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2014: We are now taking orders for AFA 2014 until June 30, 2013. The pamphlets will arrive in September, at that time I will contact you for payment and delivery.

Please Remember: when you receive flyers from World Service Office. The price quoted is in US Dollars.

New Items: New items are ordered as soon as we receive notice from World Service Office, therefore the item is stocked before groups receive notice.

- **S-72 Conflict Resolution – using our Traditions** - this will be ideal for all members learning how to apply the Traditions in our lives. Cost - \$6.00
- **P-92 Reaching for Personal Freedom – Living the Legacies** – this is a workbook for using the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts in our personal lives. **AVAILABLE AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** Cost - \$22.00

Speaker List: We try to maintain a list of members willing to share their experience strength and hope. We need more families willing to share.

Flyers: If you print flyers/registrations for events, please send us copies and we are pleased to send copies of upcoming events with orders.

It is inevitable that the cost for our literature will continue to rise as time goes on, so here are some ideas that may help the groups in your district.

Make use of ordering in bulk.

- This can be done by ordering B-6 and B-16 together.
- Consider ordering a box of books (24 books) you receive a 15% discount. Exception: B-32.
- Some groups join together and submit an order, thus saving on the shipping cost. The initial shipping cost is the most.
- Consider ordering for the district. This will reduce the cost per group and bulk orders of books can be used.

Personally, I have found that when I compare the cost of our literature to the cost of a novel and compare the satisfaction and knowledge and health I receive from each; the cost for our literature is insignificant.

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

Gratefully yours in Al-Anon,

Ann K