

Open Lines

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AL-ANON DECLARATION

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**When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,
Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there,
And - *Let it Begin with Me.***

Principals Above Personalities

It pains me when I see dissension within Al-Anon. For so many years I lived a life full of dissension. I had no say and my opinion was not worth anything. Al-Anon has taught me how to live a life of peace and serenity. It in fact was amazing to me that so many people from so many different walks of life could get along and work together to make better lives for the good of the program.

I recently was able to host a workshop using the tools of Al-Anon in order to resolve conflicts or differences of opinion. (Thank you to Phyllis D for your assistance)

Here is a list that is available to all:

Step Four
Tradition One
Concept Five
Service Manual
Dilema of the Alcoholic Marriage pages 30-32.

By being able to dialogue on the root cause of the problem, many issues were easier to see for what they really were. Alcoholism affects us all. When we take the time to listen with our hearts and not only our ears we feel the pain of others and are able to be compassionate, loving and understanding. Just as our program has taught us.

From our closing:

'We aren't perfect. The welcome we give you may not show the warmth we have in our hearts for you. After a while you'll discover that though you may not like all of us, you'll love us in a very special way, the same way we already love you.

Talk to each other, reason things out with someone else, but let there be no gossip or criticism of one another. Instead, let the peace of the program grow in you one day at a time.'

Please pass this issue among the members of your Group.

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Delegate's Report

Open Lines Report May 2010

My name is Claire Duthie and I am your Delegate for Ontario South. I am a grateful member of the Thursday night Southend Discussion Al-Anon Family Group in Niagara Falls, District 12.

Wow! My 2nd World Service Conference has come and gone. It was a busy conference – we were working 14 – 15 hours a day as they cut 1 day off this year. I am a very tired, happy Delegate.

We celebrated 50 years of the World Service Conference. What a Celebration!. At the 2011 WSC, Al-Anon will be 60 years old. Keep coming back – it works if you work it. What a true statement. Panel 50 members were welcomed and Panel 48 Delegates were rotated out – we made new friends and said goodbye to old friends.

The Canadian Delegates met on Saturday April 10th. We accomplished a lot. My report will have more on this meeting that I chaired. The Canadian Delegates voted to have me stay on as chair for my last year at WSC. My Task Force on Technology at Area meetings was greeted with enthusiasm – we put on a great skit- the membership said we were the most entertaining thing that happened all week. Wait till you see the pictures. I co-chaired an hour long Shared Leadership Workshop this year entitled, “Embrace the Group Conscience.” I have a great skit for Tradition Two if anyone is interested.

Thanks to all of you who sent me mail and love gifts. It was greatly appreciated. I love getting mail. Love gifts were abundant this year from all over the US and Canada. I brought home some real treasures. I will display them at AWSC and Assembly.

We worked very hard and passed a lot of Policy Motions. More in my report. I met with my new “Thought Force” and we have only 6 months to get this one done. I must have all 5 KBDM questions answered by May 14th. Lots of work to do and it keeps coming – it’s challenging and I love a challenge.

I am very blessed to be part of such a wonderful fellowship. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Delegate for Ontario South. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My contact information can be found on the back page of Open Lines. I have added a new email address for Al-Anon purposes.:

ontariosouthdelegate@hotmail.com

Much Love & Hugs

Claire Duthie, Delegate Panel 49, Ontario South

“Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand our Circle of Hope.”

- 50 years od the World Service Conference

Plan to attend the 2013 Al-Anon International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada



Alternate Delegate

Hello, my name is Heather P., your Alternate Delegate for Ontario South. I am a grateful member of this wonderful worldwide fellowship of AI-Anon and my home group is Love and Hope Angus AFG in District One.

My life continues to be busy since my last report in February. February is our first Executive meeting of the year to prepare for AWSC coming the end of May. This is where all the District Representatives, Co-ordinators and Executive meet to conduct Area business as we continue to move forward to prepare for our Area Assembly in the fall.

At our Executive meeting, we were fortunate to have our Alateen Co-ordinator Leslie P. and Joan R. attending to further discuss Alateen issues. As you read this report, they are busy with the Alateen Charter and meeting with Alateens to ensure that an updated Charter is ready to present to the Area and be voted on by the Group Representatives at Assembly. Also, I am pleased to announce that the Area Alateen Chairperson will be attending AWSC this year, bringing a strong voice of Alateen back to our Area. It has been very exciting hearing of the new Alateen groups being started in our Area and to see the wheels of the Alateen wagon rolling forward and gaining strength and speed.

There was also a request from WSO for anyone with the ability to set up a power point presentation for *The Forum*. I am waiting to hear when this will be available and hoping it will be ready for Assembly. *The Forum* subscriptions continue to grow with small baby steps, and I thank all those members who are working diligently to get the word out about this wonderful tool of the program.

Currently, the Area Policy and Guideline manual, which is held by your District Representative, is undergoing some amendments and updates based on what transpired at Assembly last year. As you read this report, an e-mail from your Area Secretary is being prepared with the updates to be printed and inserted into the Area Manual. This manual is out there for Group Representatives and members at large to refer to, along with our AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. The Area Manual can also be found on our Area Website. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Ontario South, please feel free to contact me or any other member of your Area Executive and we will do our best to help you find an answer.

See you at AWSC in May and at Trillium in June.....

Blessings and (Hugs) in Service,
Heather P., Alternate Delegate
Area 86 – Ontario South



Chairperson Report

I am Sue G. your Area Chairperson. My home group is O.D.A.T. AFG in London.

By now all District Representatives (DRs) in Area 86 will have received their Area World Service Committee (AWSC) packages for the May 28, 29, & 30, 2010 meeting in Durham. If you have not received the package, please contact me and I will see that it sent to you.

A reminder for DRs to bring, to AWSC, the thoughts, comments, questions, and concerns that you have gleaned from your groups regarding the Discussion Items found in your AWSC package.

In this my year of feeling comfortable, I am excited to realize that I still have much to learn. Preparing the AWSC package continues to be an interesting seminar for me in asking for help. My Service Sponsor directed me to Concept 10 "Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defining service authority and double-headed management is avoided".

If there are any suggestions, comments, and/or ideas concerning the AWSC package I would be grateful for the input.

A reminder that Districts in the Toronto area have until **May 21, 2010** (AWSC) to send in a bid to host Assembly 2011. Bid forms are to be sent to the Ontario South Assembly Chairperson. This bid form is found in your Ontario South Assembly (OSA) Manual (Section 10: F) and online at al-anon.alateen.on.ca. We would like to announce the 2011 Assembly location at the 2010 Assembly in October. Please consider this service to our Area.

We have a revised Suggested Area Supportive Al-anon Member (SAM) Volunteer Letter that can be used to acquire a police record check. You may request a letter from your DR who will in turn obtain it from me.

Assembly 2010 is October 22, 23, & 24 in Guelph.

Blessings,
Sue Gaskell
(Ontario South Assembly Chairperson)

"When people are serving, life is no longer meaningless." (*John Gardner*) *Courage to Change*, page 188

Secretary Report

Hi All:

Since my last report to you, in the February 1st Open Lines, many of us will have experienced various New Year celebrations, some have worn their hearts on their sleeves for Valentine's Day, some had the opportunity to celebrate Family Day and lots of us have been Irish for a day on St. Patrick's Day. There does seem to be lots to celebrate during the first part of each year and we are very fortunate that celebrating the joys of our program is not limited to any season or time of the year.

Your Executive has been very busy during this time. We spent the weekend of February 26th and 27th meeting in Guelph and accomplished a great deal of work. The program for our Area World Service Committee meetings in Oshawa May 28-30, 2010, was worked on in detail. There were also discussions regarding matters of concern to groups including 'preserving our unity', 'reading the Steps and Traditions as written' and whether or not Al-Anon has 'promises'.

This weekend also resulted in a great deal of detail work for your Secretary; transcribing the minutes of that meeting, following up on assignments to revamp certain documents and forms, typing and retyping and sending and resending, and, in the end, receiving the beautifully documented AWSC registration package from Chairperson Sue. The package was emailed to the Executive and Advisors, Coordinators, Trillium Chair, Alateen Advisory Committee Chair, DRs, AIS Chairs and the LDC Manager on March 24th.

Since that accomplishment, I am now preparing myself for hip replacement surgery on March 31st and will be away from my computer (I estimate) for about two weeks. With the love and assistance of family, caring and fellowship of program friends, and my always present Higher Power, I am looking forward to lots of work and a speedy recovery. I wish you the blessings and serenity of the program and I'm looking forward to seeing those of you who will be attending AWSC at the end of May!!!

Jacqui K, Area Secretary

Treasurer Report

Well Spring has sprung and Summer is just around the corner. That means loads of Al-Anon events such as our Trillium Convention, other conventions, Spring Escape, Al-Anon Day(s), etc ... are available to anyone and everyone to participate in.

The past two Executive meetings have had very full agendas. We have been working on the Trillium Convention Charter, have had in-depth discussions about the Alateen Charter, have put together the package to the District Reps for the Area World Service Convention (AWSC), and have addressed and made changes to items of discussion made by the membership... to name a few.

Our financial reports for the past year (2009) have ended on a positive note, even with the stressful economic times. We were able to add \$2,066 to our Prudent Reserve funds which brings the OSA Prudent Reserve to \$19,446, \$5,000 shy of the accepted motion on the Prudent Reserve. Lets hope this year follows in the same fashion.

Anyway, hope to see you at Trillium in June. Have a safe and happy summer.

God Bless,
Marianne Embro
OSA Treasurer, Area 86

Alateen Coordinator Report

Ontario South Alateen On-Line Meeting!

The Alateen On-Line Chat meeting is up and running, but Alateen attendance has been low. Please get the word out, we would love for more Alateens to check it out give us feedback on how to improve the meeting. After all this is a new initiative and it is important that the Alateens partner with the SAM volunteers to make the on-line meeting a success. We are still in need of a few more volunteers so please contact me at ontariosouthalateen@hotmail.com to be part of this wonderful initiative.

Area Alateen Advisory

The members of the Area Alateen Advisory are working to strengthen Alateen leadership, structure and procedures. The Advisory will be meeting in May to discuss the existing Alateen Advisory Charter and will produce a revised document which will be presented at the upcoming AWSC.

Alateen at Trillium

I have been working with the chairperson and her committee on the Alateen program for Trillium 2010. We are planning the following:

Alateen Service Panel with the Alateen Advisory Committee Members

Supportive Al-Anon Members (SAMs) workshop/discussion meeting

The goal is to provide an opportunity to discuss some of the challenges and issues facing Alateen and SAM service work, as well as to exchange ideas in order to strengthen Ontario South Alateen.

Alateen in Ontario South

We had full Alateen participation at the Ontario Regional Conference (ORC) of Alcoholics Anonymous in March and I would like to extend our appreciation to both the Alateens and SAM's who organized the program, congratulations on a wonderful day of Alateen!

I had the opportunity to do some travelling in the first quarter of 2010; thanks go out to the Al-Anon members in the North Toronto and Kingston area for holding Alateen information workshops. It was a wonderful chance to discuss SAM service work and Alateen in general. I am also planning on attending the District 2 Al-Anon Day on May 15 to present a mini Alateen workshop. Through these types of gatherings we are gaining knowledge, fostering enthusiasm and assisting Alateens and Alateen groups to not just survive, but to thrive!

Best wishes
Leslie P.
Ontario South Area Alateen Coordinator

Area Alateen Process Person Report

Hello. I am Nick M, a grateful member of Al-Anon and the Unity Al-Anon Family Group in Welland and I am the Area Alateen Process Person for Area 86, Ontario South.

Well, we are through the time period where all of the SAMs in Ontario South were to submit their annual re-certification. To-date of 185 certified SAMs, 123 have completed the process for 2010. That leaves 62 who are either retiring or have not finished their paperwork submission.

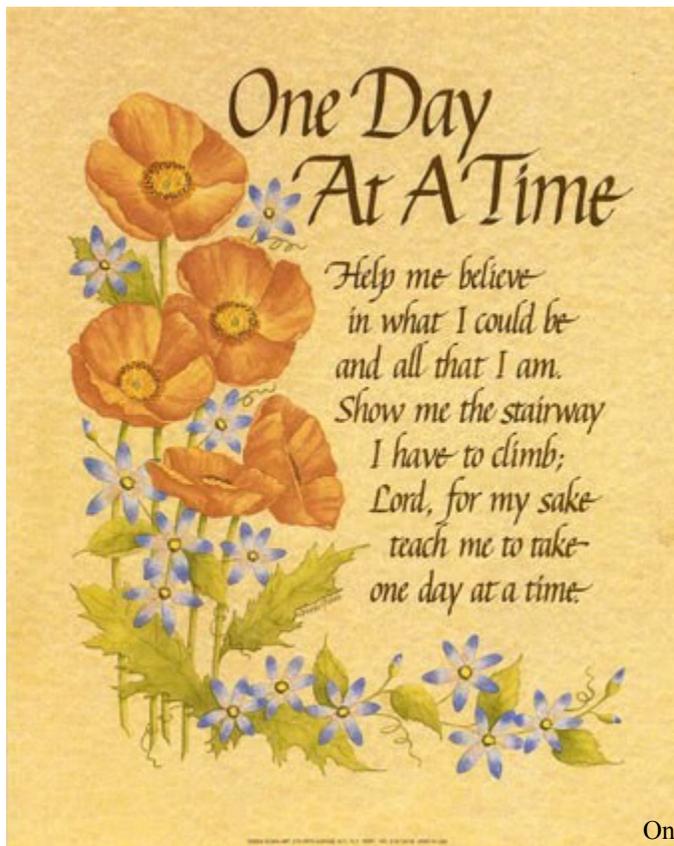
To those who are retiring I would like to thank you all for your gracious service to the cause of Alateen. It is time to shift the focus again to yourself and grow in other areas of Al-Anon.

To those who haven't re-certified, I will be submitting the annual re-certification list to the World Service Office in early June, and will notify the District Reps and SAMs who the active SAMs are in each District and those who have been deactivated. A SAM can be reactivated at any-time simply by going through the re-certification process along with submission of a completed Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service form. Please think about re-certifying?

After the annual process is complete, I will take a short breather and proceed to finish the AAPP procedures manual which is in process.

Take care, all. I love you,

Nick Marischuk
Area 86 AAPP



ARCHIVES COORDINATOR REPORT

Our Area Project **PASS IT ON** is working.

I continue to receive oral histories and wonderful stories and remembrances for the In Loving Memory book—our tribute to those members who are no longer with us. Thank you for your commitment to this project. If you haven't completed either of these, it's not too late. It is important for our area to make sure the stories of recovery are there to pass on to those who will come after us. You can send these to me or bring them to AWSC or Trillium. The **IN LOVING MEMORY** book will be displayed at AWSC and the Trillium longtimer luncheon.

Great news is that a number of districts now have archivists. Our area is doing a great job in preserving our past for the future. If you need help in setting up a district archives please let me know. I will be happy to help.

I continue to catalog and file materials. Is there a new group in your district? Has a group in your district closed? For either of these it is important that the group history is completed.

Next year—2011—AI-Anon is 60 years old. For the remainder of 2010 let's try to fill in the gaps so that our area history is complete—group histories, oral histories and stories of members who have died. Our area has a rich history dating back as early as 1944 with the early wives groups. It was and still is one person talking to another and sharing stories of recovery. We are fortunate that so many of these early stories are preserved in our Archives.

Thank you for your continued dedication to project **PASS IT ON**.

Mary Jane M
Archives Coordinator

Group Records Coordinator Report

My name is Jane Hurley and I am a very grateful member of the Whitby Friendly AFG and the YANA AFG.

One of the blessings of this service position is that it is rather predictable. You send me your group changes, I enter them into our database, forward them to the WSO and to Denyse our website co-ordinator. Because of this, right now I am feeling comfortable. I still don't know all the "ins and outs" of the programme that I am using but that is all right by me. I know who to ask when I need help.

Since my last Open Lines report, there have been well over 100 changes made by Ontario South members. I take that as a very healthy sign for our Area. The lines of communication are open and our groups are able to receive The Forum, Open Lines and any other information that may be sent to you by WSO and Ontario South.

In March, I visited the World Service Office in Virginia Beach. I was absolutely thrilled to be there and talk with many of our trusted servants who work on our behalf. I truly felt what I have heard and read – the WSO is there for us, for the AI-Anon groups. When I told them that I was from Area 86 – Ontario South – the feedback was – what a great and vibrant and active AI-Anon area we are.

I am looking forward to revisiting with my AI-Anon family at AWSC very soon. And I send programme blessings to all of you.

Much love in service,

Jane Hurley

Group Records Co-ordinator

Literature Coordinator Report

Hi Friends!

My name is Jean and I'm a grateful member of Al-Anon. I have the privilege of serving as your Area Literature Coordinator. My home group is the Forward Al-Anon Family Group and we meet every Thursday at 8PM at the Westboro United Church in Ottawa. Actually, I have a second home group – the Caloundra Al-Anon Family Group and we meet every Thursday at 10 AM at the Catholic Church Parish Centre, Edmund Street, Caloundra, Queensland, Australia (an hour's drive north of Brisbane).

This year, my trip to Australia was cut short when my Mother passed away in Winnipeg. I am so grateful to the Al-Anon program and its members for embracing me in your loving arms as I walk this journey of grieving for my Mother. The outpouring of love and support has been more than I could have imagined. Thank you.

In case you aren't aware, each quarter the World Service Office posts a Sample Chapter for Conference Approved Literature on both the Public Outreach site, www.al-anon.org and the Members' site, www.al-anon.org/members. From now through June the chapter is from *From Survival to Recovery: Growing Up in an Alcoholic Home* (B-21) and the topic is "Picking Up the Tools." You'll also find a list of where to find this topic in other CAL. The Sample Chapter on the Members' site also includes an opportunity to share on this topic, as well as quotations, meeting topics, and discussion questions from the quarter's book that were submitted by groups and members.

Thank you to those members who sent in a sharing (over 300 were submitted) for the upcoming new book *Tracing Our Growth*. The book will focus on the recovery lessons learned through Al-Anon's 60 years and will hopefully be ready by April 2011.

Love in Service
Jean McS

Open Lines Coordinator Report

Open Lines is thriving! Although postage is going up all the time we are using this tool to get the word out. Thanks to everyone for sending their reports in in a timely fashion and to all the members for sending me all the events that fill the last page this issue.

Please if you have an address change send it on to group records. Jane kindly generates all the labels for me and if that information is not correct your district/group will not receive its copy.

For subscription renewals please continue to send those directly to myself. Please take a moment and check the correct box whether a new subscription or a renewal (makes it easier to track). I then forward your information to Jane.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at AWSC.

Hugs in service
Sharon R

Public Outreach Coordinator Report

Spring has arrived here in Ottawa, and I'm trying not to look over my shoulder for that last winter blast. Currently it's raining outside and everything is bursting forth with life. A lovely sight to see.

World Service Office Public Outreach has been busy reaching out to members to participate in podcasts on the Steps, and on specific meeting topics. These podcasts will be available on the WSO web sight at a later date. Member participation appears to be very good.

The 1000 Acts of Public Outreach Blog is ongoing. To date we have 647 Acts performed by individual members and there is still 1.5 years to go till the end of this term. Congratulations to the ladies of Public Outreach in Peterborough for performing the most Acts of Public Outreach in 2009. Their total number of Acts was 148. Check out the Blog at <http://1000actsofpublicoutreach.blogspot.com/> for ideas.

The hardest part of Public Outreach is remembering to do something. Start a new habit of keeping literature with your local Al-Anon phone number on it in the car, and grabbing a piece and leaving it behind in your travels. Like teaching ourselves to bring the grocery bags from the car to the store, it takes a bit of practice. With time, you could be practicing Step 12 on a regular basis. And you never know who will see it in their time of need.

Remember; When anyone, any where reaches out for help. Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen be there. And let it begin with me.

Don't let these be just empty words that you say out of habit at the end of your meeting.

Yours in service with big hugs

Michele D
Public Outreach Coordinator

Website Coordinator Report

Bonjour!!! These past few months have been really busy on the website. Please take a moment to look at all the new changes on the website at www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca. This is a great way to know what is happening in Ontario South. Just a little report we are now averaging about 6, 200 visits per month and about 220 visits per day. That's a step up from last month of 200. Keep up the good work! Just a small reminder if you need an event posted I would appreciate it if it were sent to me a couple of weeks in advance. I work on the website on the weekends. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hugs in Service
Denyse Kurn
Website Coordinator

ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY
October 22nd to 24th, 2010
in Guelph
hosted by District 4

Trillium 2010 Coordinator Report

Trillium Convention 2010

June 18-20th
"Courage to Change"

As I write this note to you on April 7th the countdown is on with seventy-two days until we greet you all at our Trillium convention. We want to thank the 138 who have taken the time to pre- register and also for reserving your hotel rooms in advance. For those who haven't registered you can visit our website www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca and click on Trillium for registration forms and the hotel number to reserve your room. Come spend the weekend and receive the full benefit of the conference from morning to night! We have our drawing for one free night's accommodation coming up in May so don't delay and get those reservations made!

CONGRATULATIONS:

The winners of our 3 free registrations are Martie B. of Owen Sound, Mary E. from Toronto and Liz T. of Georgetown. Jacqui K. of Pickering was the winner of our Longtimer's luncheon ticket.

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES

MEETING START TIME on Saturday and Sunday will be 8:30 AM this year instead of the usual 9:00 AM.

LONGTIMER'S LUNCHEON We have 64 reservations to date. All are welcome whether you are new to our program or have been here for a while. Members who have been in the program thirty years or more will be sharing what it was like when they came through the doors. **DON'T MISS OUT** as tickets are only available up to seventy-two hours prior to the event.

SAMS please remind your Alateens who are attending Trillium that they need to bring their completed permission and health forms. These can be found on our website mentioned above.

DONATIONS: We have received some very generous donations from groups and districts. We are still in need of your financial donations to Trillium. Please continue to forward those to our treasurer in care of Trillium 2010, 819- 1229 Marlborough Ct., Oakville On. L6H 3S2.

HOSPITALITY: Our coordinator Lorraine is also looking forward to greeting you sometime over the weekend. Please remember we appreciate and rely on your food donations such as sandwiches, veggie trays, fruit, and of course sweets of any kind. We will supply coffee and tea. There will seventh tradition box available in the hospitality room for your financial donations..

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS for Greeters, Registration and Hospitality. No experience needed just a willingness to be of service. Your group representatives have forms or you can find them on our website.

It has been a privilege to be of service to Ontario South and the membership as your 2010 chair. It has also been a pleasure working with each committee member and see this program in action. How blessed I am!

Yours in Service,

Lise W. Trillium 2010 Chairperson

Statement of Purpose

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Calendar of Ontario South Events

District 6 Al-Anon Day Sat May 8th Miracles Happen in Al-Anon
New St James Presbyterian Church 280 Oxford St. E (at Wellington), London
On
\$5 for adults Youth are free. Contact Katherine W for tickets 519-870-4751

Learning to Live AFG celebrates its 28th Anniversary Thurs., May 13th @ 8pm
Wilmar Heights United Church 962 Pharmacy Ave. Scarborough M1R 2G5
Contact learningtolivegr@gmail.com for more information

District 2 Al-Anon Day Full Circle Sat., May 15th @ First Presbyterian Church
200 Maple St. Collingwood, ON Registration \$7 AA/Al-Anon \$2 for Alateen.
Registration and coffee 9am. Potluck lunch. Bring your favourite dish and a wrapped item for the Blind Auction.

New Life AFG is moving. Effective Mon., June 7th at 7:30 pm until further notice. St. Francis' Place, 350 10th Street East, Owen Sound 8th Floor.
(entrance is off of 3rd Ave. East parking lot behind Kentucky Fried Chicken)

The Acton Wednesday Night AFG invites you to attend their 19th Anniversary.
Wed., June 9th @ 8pm. Trinity United Church, 70 Mill St. E. Acton, ON
L7J 1H3 Contact eaross@sympatico.ca for more information.

North Toronto Al-Anon 67th Anniversary Mon., June 14th @ St. Clements
Church (corner of Duplex and Briarhill) Fellowship @ 7:30pm Meeting starts @
8pm. Join them in celebrating 67 years of Al-Anon!

Bramalea Tues Night Renewed Hope for Tomorrow is celebrating their 12th
Anniversary on June 18th @ the Bramalea Baptist Church located at 9050 Dixie
Road, Northwest Corner, Queen St. and Dixie Rd., Rt hand stair case, 2nd floor.
8pm start. AA and Al-Anon Speakers, refreshments and fellowship.

Friends in Hope Al-Anon Adult Children will hold a Meet and Greet starting at
7:30 pm on June 14 in Peterborough St John's Presbyterian Church (enter on
Brock St) The Meet and Greet precedes a speaker meeting. Contact Martin for
more information martino1950@live.com

Picton Gratitude AFG celebrates 34 years on Tues., June 15th @ 8-pm with a
speaker meeting (AA & Al-Anon) refreshments and fellowship. St Mary Mag-
dalene Anglican Church Parish Hall. 335 Main St. East in Picton.

Annual AA/Al-Anon Kawartha Conference will be held in Peterborough the
weekend of June 25th & 26th @ the Evinrude Centre on Monaghan Ave. There
will be three large portions of the Conference dedicated to the Al-Anon program.
For more information call Patsy @ 705-740-9322

Windsor Essex County Convention will be held July 23, 24 & 25th
at the University of Windsor Contact Tim R for more information 519-974-
6997. There will be an Al-Anon and Alateen program.

August 13-15 2010 Lakeshore District AA Conference with Al-Anon & Alateen
Participation Al-Anon Theme: Courage Action Love CAL: The Al-Anon Tools
of Recovery At General Sikorski Polish Veteran's Hall 1551 Stevenson Road
North (at Taunton Rd) in Oshawa Contact # 905-728-1020 Registration & banquet
\$45, registration only \$20, banquet only \$30, dance only \$5 A weekend full of
great speakers, recovery and fun. All are welcome.