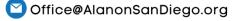
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Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Al-Anon Friends,

I look forward to seeing you at the San Diego County AIS Office for our annual Birthday Celebration fundraising event on May 25, 2024, from 1pm to 4pm. In addition to fellowship and a fabulous cake, we will have three speakers (Al-Anon, Alateen, and Spanish-speaking Al-Anon) sharing their experiences, strengths, and hopes. Plus, the office will be open for literature sales.

On behalf of our board, we again ask everyone to consider participating in service above the group level. Service is the heart of Al-Anon, and we need your voice at the table. If your Group does not have a GR or an ISR, please discuss this in your next business meeting and encourage participation.

Thank you for supporting your San Diego office,

Cindi H, Board Chair

OFFICE REPORT

April 2024

THROUGH APRIL 2024

OFFICE REPORT CALLS

			•
Total phone calls received	133	Number registered Groups	170
- for meeting information	38	- Al-Anon English	141
- calls to answering service	47	- Al-Anon Spanish	22
- referred to 12th steppers	4	- Alateen	7

VOLUNTEER HOURS

VOLUNTEER HOURS										THR	OUGH /	APRIL 2024	
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	185	157	157	158	147	137	171	157	147	147	161	165	1889
2024	159	142	156.5	141									598.5

FREE NEWCOMER PACKETS

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	67	78	64	42	62	4	22	36	29	42	35	21	502
2024	48	30	26	49									153

https://www.alanonsandiego.org/volunteer-form

SAN DIEGO OFFICE HOURS	Monday and Friday: Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10am-4pm Saturday: <u>By Appointment Only</u> – please email <u>office-chair@alanonsandiego.org</u>
CALL US	(619)296-2666 (24/7)
EMAIL	office-chair@alanonsandiego.org

Please always call before coming to the office to confirm it is open. Thank you!

AL-ANON EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11am

Valor Para Cambiar Aniversario #1 – Grupo Al-Anon en colaboracion con Despertar (AA) les esperamos a celebrar y aprender de nuetros programas - Temas: Enfermedad del alcoholism y el contagio Familiar. Informacion para Adolescentes de 13-19 y mucha Informacion!! No Faltes! - 3047 National Avenue, San Diego 92113 *FLYER*

Monday, May 20, 2024, 12:30pm

Join East County Daytime Al-Anon for their Spring Luncheon – Soup and Salad – 1pm Speaker: TBD - \$5 suggested donation includes one opportunity drawing ticket with additional tickets available for 1:\$1/6:\$5/10:\$12 – King Hall at Foothills Methodist church, 4031 Avocado Blvd, La Mesa, 91941 *FLYER*

Monday, May 20, 2024, 6:30pm-8:30pm

District 75 May Dinner Meeting – Calling all District 75 GRs (Group Reps) and CMAs (Current Mailing Address) and any potential GRs, come to a Spring dinner meeting – Urban Plates 8707 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla 92037 (MTS Nobel Drive Trolley stop, easy parking, across from Trader Joes) – any questions afgdistrict75rep@gmail.com

Saturday, May 25, 2024, 1pm-4pm

Happy Birthday Al-Anon! – Join us for an open meeting, two 20-minute speakers, and cake – the office will be open for literature sales – San Diego Al-Anon Information Service Office, 2667 Camino del Rio South, Suite 208, San Diego 92108 – The event will be held in the gazebo – If you cannot attend and would like to donate, please visit www.alanonsandiego.org and click on the BIRTHDAY button to donate! *FLYER*

Tuesday, May 27, 2024, 9:30am

New View Al-Anon Family Group Anniversary Celebration – Potluck Breakfast at 9:30am (please bring a dish to share) – Our panel will share their experience, strength, and hope – Bring a gift, win a gift! – all proceeds will benefit our local Al-Anon office ***FLYER***

Thursday, May 30, 2024, 12:00pm-1:00pm

San Marcos Noon AFG invites you to a San Diego AFG Speaker Meeting – Speaker: Maureen from Parents Seeking Serenity – St. Mark's Catholic Church, Healy Hall, 1147 Discovery Street, San Marcos *FLYER*

June 1, 2024 – GLEE-ANON 2025

Be a part of Glee-Anon Task Force 2025 – Seeking service members for Director, Tech Director, Outreach, and Associate Producer *FLYER*

Saturday, June 1, 2024, 6:30pm-8pm

San Diego AFG Speaker Meeting – Host Group: Early Thursday Nighters, 15-Minute Speaker: Jeff S, 40-Minute Speaker: Sherry S - La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa – Literature Sales Available On-Site CASH ONLY Bring a dish to share if you like! ***FLYER***

Monday, June 10, 2024, 7pm

Search for Peace Second Monday of the Month Speaker Meeting – Speaker: Donna T – Mission Trails Church, 4880 Zion Avenue, San Diego 92120 – Meeting is held in The Hall with easiest access from the upper parking lot – follow the sidewalk adjacent to the parking lot

Sunday, June 23, 2024, 7:00pm

Just for Today is celebrating their 29th Birthday – Speaker: Angel from Alpine – Lutheran Church, 14484 Penasquitos Drive, San Diego, 92129

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 6:30pm

Women's Electronic AFG – Come celebrate our first anniversary! We will do a brief history of our meeting followed by a 30-minute speaker: Teresa F (Current SCWS Delegate) – On Zoom – Zoom ID: 813 6707 0741 Passcode: 052078 *FLYER*

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30, 2024

Miracles Happen 2024 AFG of Arizona Area Al-Anon/Alateen Convention with AA Participation – Detailed info and registration available at <u>www.al-anon-az.org/2024-az-area-convention</u> *FLYER*

Saturday, June 29, 2024, 9am-4pm

Al-Anon Districts 27 and 17 present The Wave of Recovery – Meetings, Speakers, Diversity Panel, Workshop, Fun, and Fellowship – Lunch and snacks provided (contributions appreciated) – Family in Recovery Speakers – New Amias Certification – Alateen Parents Open House – Windjammers Yacht Club, 13589 Mindano Way, Marina Del Rey, 90292 (public parking for \$7-\$10 nearby ***FLYER***

July 1, 2024 - GLEE-ANON 2025

Be a part of Glee-Anon Task Force 2025 – Seeking service members for Director, Tech Director, Outreach, and Associate Producer *FLYER*

Saturday, July 6, 2024, 6:30pm-8pm

San Diego AFG Speaker Meeting – Host Group: Men In The Park, 15-Minute Speaker: Irk P, 40-Minute Speaker: Steve W - La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa – Literature Sales Available On-Site CASH ONLY – Bring a dish to share if you like! ***FLYER***

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 5:30pm

Working Steps, Traditions, and Concepts AFG – 23rd Anniversary – We'll have a 10-minute and 40-minute speaker and a potluck and cake – St. Peters Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 334 14th Street, Del Mar, 92014 ***FLYER***

Saturday, August 3, 2024, 6:30pm-8pm

San Diego AFG Speaker Meeting – Host Group: San Carlos Serenity, 25-Minute Speaker: John (AA), 30-Minute Speaker: Jennifer M (Al-Anon) - La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa – Literature Sales Available On-Site CASH ONLY

Saturday, September 7, 2024, 6:30pm-8pm

San Diego AFG Speaker Meeting – Host Group: Live And Let Live Al-Anon, 15-Minute Speaker: Adrian N, 40-Minute Speaker: John M - La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa – Literature Sales Available On-Site CASH ONLY

AL-ANON MEETING UPDATES / NEED SUPPORT

Tuesdays 8pm – New Location³

Encinitas Tuesday Night Total Sharing Meeting – Now at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Neighborhood and Education Center Room, 890 Balour Drive, Encinitas 92024 – THIS IS A HYBRID MEETING – Zoom ID: 842 1194 0363 Passcode: 825445

Wednesdays 7pm-8pm – BACK IN PERSON²

Wednesday Night Recovery Adult Children AFG – St. John of the Cross Church, 8086 Broadway Street, Lemon Grove 91945, in the Church Rectory (cafeteria room)

Fridays 5pm – Time Change¹

Serenity For Women In The Park – Now meeting at 5pm for the Spring and Summer months – please bring something to sit on. See you there! – Allied Gardens Recreation Center/Park, 5155 Greenbriar Avenue, San Diego – We meet on the grass area in front of the playground under the trees

NOTE: Al-Anon Meeting Updates/Need Support will be posted for three months. If you have a meeting update or need support to continue to have your meeting listed, please submit your meeting <u>HERE</u>.



Mondays 6pm – El Cajon

New Beginning Alateen - East Valley Christian Fellowship, 10469 Ridge Hill Road, El Cajon 92021 (with a concurrent Al-Anon Meeting)

Mondays 6:30pm - Vista

Serenity Alateen – North Coast Church, 2405 N Santa Fe Ave, 2nd Grade Classroom, Vista 92084 – Go down the side of the building next to where the Al-Anon group meets, turn right, where the building ends, and walk to the second-grade classroom – NEWCOMERS WELCOME

Wednesdays 6pm-7pm – San Diego

Wednesday Night Alateen – HYBRID (In person and on Zoom) - Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Second Floor, 4321 East Gate Mall, San Diego 92121 – Zoom ID: 854 5371 7802 For Passcode call Angela (619) 890-8456

Thursdays 6pm - Encinitas

Never Alone Alateen - Seacoast Community Church, Room A-7, 1049 Regal Road, Encinitas 92024 - Ages 8-18 - meets at the same time as Stepped-Up By-the-Sea Women's AFG

Thursdays 6:30pm – Chula Vista

I'm OK, I Belong, I Am Not Alone – Risen Savior Church – 625 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista / Questions? Pam W (619)549-9216 – Susan A (510)851-5204 – Lety C (616)792-6042

Sunday 7:00pm

Free To Be Me Alateen – Penasquitos Lutheran Church, 14484 Penasquitos Drive, San Diego, 92129 – meet in room B-201 upstairs – meets at the same time as Just for Today AFG ***FLYER***

BOARD / ISR / DISTRICT MEETINGS

Al-Anon Service Board Meeting – 2nd Saturday of every month Next Meeting: June 8, 2024, 9am Zoom ID 752 699 5666 Passcode EJH6dK

ISR - 2nd Saturday of every odd-numbered month Next Meeting: July 13, 2024, 10:30am Zoom ID 752 699 5666 Passcode EJH6dK

District 69 Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of every odd-numbered month Next Meeting: July 9, 2024, 7pm In-person and on Zoom –Palomar Universal Unitarian Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Drive, Vista, 92081 – Hybrid Meeting – On Zoom at Zoom ID 395 556 4737 Passcode 755000

District 72 Meeting – 4th Saturday of every even-numbered month Next Meeting: June 29, 2024, 10am Meeting in person at Atonement Lutheran Church, 10245 Loma Rancho Drive, Spring Valley, and on Zoom at Zoom ID 873 7462 1618 Passcode 702639 Contact Randy B dist72dr@gmail.com

District 75 Meeting – 3rd Monday of every odd-numbered month Next Meeting: May 20, 2024, 6:30pm Zoom ID 822 4085 1324 Passcode 75 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82240851324?pwd=QUJMaFp1Tmx0RHIaMzVmVjVNL2IrUT09

AREA NEWS AND INFORMATION

District 69:	https://www.alanonsandiego.org/district-69
District 72:	https://www.alanonsandiego.org/district-72
District 75:	https://www.alanonsandiego.org/district-75
District map:	https://www.alanonsandiego.org/district-map
ISR Page	https://www.alanonsandiego.org/isr
AISL Page	https://www.alanonsandiego.org/aisl
San Diego ISR Board Alateen	https://www.alanonsandiego.org/latest-news-reports

District meetings and DR contact information can be found online:

A huge shoutout to all the amazing peeps who had our backs at the 2024 San Diego Round Up! Massive love for the volunteers, book and cookie donors, and the awesome souls who participated in our fundraisers. You all are the real MVPs - we couldn't have pulled it off without your fantastic support!

Join the 2025 Committee. We still need a Chair-Elect!



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Al-Anon Family Groups of SD Cty, Inc. Contributions by Group Summary April 2024

	Apr 24	Jan - Apr 24
A Little Time for Myself AFG	42.00	42.00
AFG Noon at the Park	100.00	100.00
AFG Recovering Adult Child	155.00	295.00
Alpine AFG	126.00	266.00
Anna Whalen	0.00	315.00
Beginners Book Study AFG	200.00	650.00
Bonita PTA	0.00 60.00	150.00 120.00
Bonita Reencuentro Grupo Book Study AFG	0.00	60.00
Camino a la Recuperacion	20.00	20.00
Changing Attitudes Fri AM	0.00	487.20
Chula Vista Al-Anon	0.00	50.00
Clairemont Daytime AFG	197.10	197.10
Clairemont Friday Night AFG	0.00	70.00
Courage to Change Fri AM	0.00	315.00 80.00
Courage to Change Poway Del Mar Lunch Bunch	0.00	400.00
Del Mar Sunnyside UP AFG	50.00	70.00
Detachment with Love	0.00	54.00
District 75	0.00	320.00
Drop the Rock	205.10	205.10
Early Thursday Nighters AFG	0.00	50.00
East County Daytime AFG	0.00	105.00
Fellowship in Del Mar Virtual AFG Footprints In The Sand AFG	75.00	75.00 139.07
Free To Be Me Women's AFG	212.40	462.22
Freedom From Despair	0.00	100.00
Friday Night Courage to Change Virtual	0.00	160.00
Happy Joyous And Free AFG	0.00	306.21
Hilltop AFG	0.00	50.00
How It Works AFG	0.00	50.00
Joy in the Journey - Eastlake Keep it Simple Womens Beach Mtg	0.00 56.40	50.27 105.90
Kensington AFG	175.00	175.00
La Costa Live And Let Live AFG	0.00	180.00
Let it Begin With Me Imperial Beach	0.00	20.00
Let It Begin With Me LGBTQ AFG	70.00	350.00
Live and Let Live-El Cajon	0.00	70.00
Lost and Found	0.00	32.90
Loving Traditions Men in the Park	200.00	140.00 400.00
Mind Your Own Business AFG	209.25	359.25
Miramar Mens Group AFG	0.00	50.00
Monday Open Topic	245.00	325.00
Moonlight Beach Just For Today AFG	0.00	110.00
New Beginnings	180.00	360.00
New View AFG North Clairemont AFG	11.00 50.00	307.75 100.00
North County Men's Alanon	0.00	418.20
North County Mens Online AFG	0.00	50.00
Parents AFG of North County Inland	274.24	274.24
Parents Seeking Serenity AFG	0.00	350.00
Paths To Recovery AFG Enc	30.00	60.00
Paz Mental	0.00	150.00
PB One Day at a Time Poway Rancho Bernardo AFG	0.00	140.00 100.00
Private Alanon Group	287.00	287.00
Rancho Santa Fe Lunch Bunch	620.00	620.00
RB Lunch Bunch	0.00	100.00
Rise and Shine AFG	53.00	53.00
San Marcos Noon AFG	168.00	204.00
Serenity at Sunset AFG	0.00	73.00
Serenity at Sunset Virtual Serenity at the Lake	0.00	140.00 916.00
Serenity at the Virtual Lake	0.00	50.00
Serenity in Scripps	25.00	75.00

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	Apr 24	Jan - Apr 24
South Park Courage To Change AFG	0.00	114.50
Step by Step Monday	200.00	500.00
Stepped Up By-The-Sea Womens	0.00	50.20
Sunday Night Serenity Seekers	0.00	35.00
Sunday Search for Serenity	50.00	50.00
Sunset Step Study AFG	0.00	165.50
Tender Loving Care Tierrasanta Friday Nig	0.00	120.00
TGIF AFG Vista	0.00	160.00
There is Hope	0.00	140.00
Tri-City Daytime	229.00	229.00
Tuesday Morning Literature Study AFG	0.00	300.00
UC Lunch Bunch Step Study Virtual	0.00	20.00
UC Thursday Lunch Bunch	12.50	12.50
Various Customers	0.03	0.34
Wed Night AFG for Parents	250.00	625.00
What a Concept AFG	0.00	153.50
Willingness to Change AFG	0.00	80.00
Women's AFG - El Cajon	104.33	309.93
Working the Steps, Trad, Concepts Study	0.00	370.00
DTAL	5,065.35	16,395.88

FINANCIALS

FY24 Budget Perform	nance Reca	р				Apr 2024
Al-Anon Family Groups Off	ice of San Dieg	go County, Inc				
		April 2024		Ja	an-April 2024	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Income						
Contributions	5,561.46	5,425.35	136.11	21,637.63	21,701.36	(63.73)
Fundraisers	470.00	500.00	(30.00)	2,055.00	3,500.00	(1,445.00)
Literature Sales	4,852.72	5,160.42	(307.70)	22,966.96	20,641.68	2,325.28
Other (interest)	314.46	167.08	147.38	1,198.93	668.32	530.61
Total Income	11,198.64	11,252.85	(54.21)	47,858.52	46,511.36	1,347.16
COGS (Literature)	3,162.16	3,783.33	(621.17)	15,010.21	14,533.40	476.81
Gross Profit	8,036.48	7,469.52	566.96	32,848.31	31,977.96	870.35
Total Expense	6,128.53	7,196.94	(1,068.41)	29,858.97	30,942.82	(1,083.85)
Net Income	1,907.95	272.58	1,635.37	2,989.34	1,035.14	1,954.20

Al-Anon Family Groups of SD Cty, Inc. Board Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2024

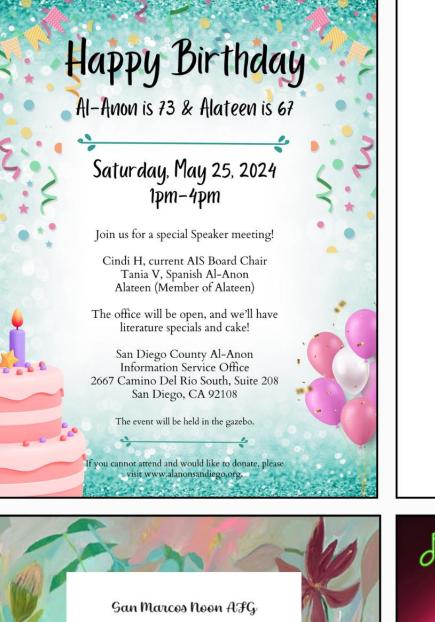
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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bof A - Board Projects Ck #7200	12,247.90
Bof A - Office CK #8439	1,575.16
BofA - Bus Savings #0165	19,062.41
BofA - Operating Ck #8519	27,040.63
Petty Cash	97.19
Certificates of Deposit	80,567.12
Total Checking/Savings	140,590.41
Accounts Receivable	9.16
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	21,754.63
Undeposited Funds	1,504.91
Total Other Current Assets	23,259.54
Total Current Assets	163,859.11
TOTAL ASSETS	163,859.11
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,542.03
Other Current Liabilities	335.22
Total Current Liabilities	2,877.25
Total Liabilities	2,877.25
Equity	
Retained Earnings	157,992.52
Net Income	2,989.34
Total Equity	160,981.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	163,859.11

Al-Anon Family Groups of SD Cty, Inc. Board Statement of Financial Income and Expense April 2024

	Apr 24	Mar 24	Jan - Apr 24
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income Contributions	5,561.46	4,504.65	21,637.6
Fundraisers	470.00	0.00	2,055.0
Interest Income	314.46	293.11	1,198.9
Literature Sales Income	4,852.72	3,606.08	22,966.9
Total Income	11,198.64	8,403.84	47,858.5
Cost of Goods Sold Cost of Goods Sold	3,162.16	2,337.71	15,010.2
Total COGS	3,162.16	2,337.71	15,010.2
Gross Profit	8,036.48	6,066.13	32,848.3
Expense Bank Charges	172.28	166.16	726.1
Fundraisers Expenses	189.99	100.00	322.4
Insurance Expenses	0.00	1,011.00	1,011.0
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	323.2
Office Supplies	257.64	176.52	1,043.1
Payroll Expenses	1,199.45	877.39	3,977.8
Postage	319.99	119.99	1,079.9
Printing Professional Fees	0.00 1,668.28	0.00 2,929.53	221.9 11,275.1
Public Outreach Costs	112.49	0.00	336.4
Rent	1,286.93	1,286.93	5,263.2
Repairs & Maintenance	240.00	713.00	1,083.0
Telephone/Internet Bus	599.96	594.78	2,353.1
WEB Expense	81.52	285.52	842.0
Total Expense	6,128.53	8,260.82	29,858.9
Net Ordinary Income	1,907.95	(2,194.69)	2,989.3
t Income	1,907.95	(2,194.69)	2,989.3







invites you to a speaker meeting

Maureen

from Parents Seeking Serenity ZOOM Thursday 6pm

St. Mark's Catholic Church Heaty Hall 1147 Discovery St, San Marcos

Thursday, May 30, 2024 12PM-1PM

an Diego AFG eaker Meetin Anniversary Celebration Tuesday, May 27, 2024

New View Al-Anon Family Group Atonement Lutheran Church 10245 Loma Rancho Dr. Spring valley, CA 91978

Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 Please bring a dish to share

Our panel will share their "Experience, Strength and Hope"



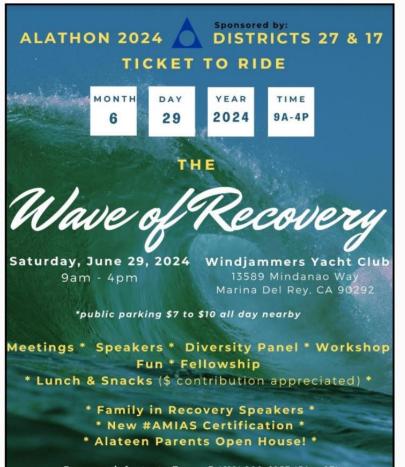
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TASK FORCE SEEKING SERVICE MEMBERS: DIRECTOR, TECH DIRECTOR, OUTREACH, & ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

2025

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For more info, text: Tanya B (619) 200-6957 (Dist. 27) Heather G (818) 795-0989 (Dist. 17) * Mimi Y (310) 927-3707 (Dists. 27 & 17)

AMIAS = Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service

San Diego AFG Speaker Meeting

JULY 6, 2024 6:30PM-8:00PM

15-MINUTE SPEAKER

40-MINUTE SPEAKER Steve W

HOST GROUP Men In The Park

LA MESA ADULTENRICHMENT CENTER

8450 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa

LITERATURE SALES AVAILABLE ON-SITE - CASH ONLY

BRING A DISH TO SHARE IF YOU LIKE!

Working Steps, Traditions and Concepts, AFG

YOU'RE INVITED

23rd Anniversary

10-minute Speaker & 40-minute Speaker

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 PM Potluck & Cake

St. Peters Episcopal Church – Parish Hall 334 14th Street, Del Mar, Ca 92014



Alateen Needs Your Help!

1 in 4 children are affected by someone's drinking.

...without help, these children are 400% more likely to develop substance or alcohol abuse issues of their own!

Empowering our youth for the next generation of Alateen

Regional Alateen Membership Drive Please read this at your meetings!

Dear Al-Anon and Alateen Members,

It's time to circle the wagons... again! Whether a long-term member or a newcomer, Alateen needs your help! As most of us are aware, alcoholism is a multigenerational family disease with complex and harmful repercussions that can affect veryone within its reach, and especially our children. Not only do these conditions in homes threaten the social-emotional stability of children, but it also puts our kids at an increased risk of developing substance abuse, and other emotional issues later in life

Is the Program working for you?? Wouldn't you want to give it to our children? I am constantly surprised and reminded of how many Al-Alon members attend Al-Anon meetings while leaving their Alateen eligible children at home.

Alateen provides a safe and healthy forum for children to focus on the dynamics of the disease of alcoholism. Resilience, adversity strategies, coping skills, using the tools of the program, all have helped inform and empower children and their families to make positive and effective decisions when experiencing these adverse conditions. Have your children try at least 6 meetings, then let them decide! Most meetings include children of ages 10-19.

Where are all the Alateens???

A parent may unwittingly feel a false sense of security in that their children would be left at home alone, to learn about Alateen from them, or on their own. Or that because of the fear of public admonishment, stigma and the perceptions of shame and guilt, they would eventually circle back to help their children safely and privately by themselves, out of the view

of a scrutinizing eye. And many parents may not directly confront or discuss the active controversy about alcoholism with the children in their lives, as a means of insulating their children from the perceived harm it would cause. It's not "jf" your child is affected by a family member who has alcoholism, but to what extent, even if symptoms are not

visible.

- Alcohol is a family disease! Kids "are" affected by alcoholism in a family member. Can you see how?? The U.S. Surgeon General has recently declared a state of emergency in teen mental health.

- Symptoms of depression, anxiety, impulsivity, irritability, and suicide attempts are at an all-time high for our youths! Mental health symptoms in youths frequently become evident 10 years *before* they get addressed. Many times, our youths struggle with symptoms that go unnoticed and can slip through the cracks. If your child is
- physically sick or had a temperature, wouldn't you take them to the doctor??
- Parents can be the largest obstacle in processing and helping with their children's symptoms, especially when the alcoholic is living at home.
- Stigma, egos, shame, and fear can all drive our decisions.

So now, the huge ask from each of you for our children.

And as many of you are aware, throughout the pandemic and currently, the Alateen program has sustained a major attrition in the reduction and participation of its members. This is where your individual effort can make a difference! Please make a special commitment to join in a regional Alateen membership request! Spread the word about Alateen to your children, friends, and family alike, professionals, schools, and associations. Our children deserve an opportunity to begin healing themselves and to recover through the program of Alateen. As most of us would agree, Alateen

is considered a safe and comfortable place, and potentially one of the best potential rotations for our children to attain recovery from this ravenous disease. There are many on-line sources such as videos, blogs, chats, meetings, and face-to-face meetings currently available for our Alateens'. <u>https://al-anon.org/newcomers/teen-corner-alateen/</u>

Please support your local Alateen Program!

Talk to your children and others about the benefits of the Alateen program. If not us, then who?

- Attend and support your local and regional Alateen events, fundraisers, and outreach activities. Become an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service).
- Sponsor an Alateen meeting.
- Start an Alateen meeting concurrently at your Al-Anon meeting location separately, if available. Suggest a child try 6 meetings, and then decide for themselves.
- Post the Alateen tent card (M-80) regularly at your meetings.
- Read the Alateen "20 Questions" at your meetings. Have Alateen hand-outs and newcomer packets available at your Al-Anon meetings.
- Lead an Al-Anon meeting using the Alateen format. Have discussions in your meetings about how you can help spread the word of Alateen Alateen is Al-Anon
- Alateen is available in-person and on-line.

Alateen is available in-person and on-line. Add an Alateen announcement to your regular Al-Anon meeting opening format script: "Alateen is part of Al-Anon. If you know a young person whose life has been affected by someone else's drinking, please give them the same chance to recover in Alateen that you have in Al-Anon! There are options for Zoom, chat, and face to face Alateen meetings available!"

If you know a teen who answers yes to some of these 20 questions, Alateen may be able to help!

- 1)
- 2)
- Do you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking upsets you? Do you cover up your real feelings by pretending that you don't care? Are holidays and gatherings spoiled because of drinking? don't care?
 3) Are holdways and gatherings spolled because of drinking?
 4) Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking or what's happening in your home?
 5) Do you stay out of the house as much as possible because you hate it there?
 6) Are you afraid to upset someone or fear it will set off a drinking bot?
 7) Do you tel nobody really loves you or cares what happens to you?
 8) Are you afraid or embarrassed to bring your friends home?

- nomer Do you think the drinker's behavior is caused by you, other members of your family, friends, or rotten breaks in 9)
- Do you make threats such as, "If you don't stop drinking, fighting, I'll run away? 10)

11) Do you make promises about behavior, such as, "I'll get better school marks, go to church or keep my room clean" in exchange for a promise that the fighting and drinking will stop?

- will stop?
 12) Do you feel that if your mom or dad loved you, he or she would stop drinking?
 13) Do you ever threaten or actually hurt yourself to scare your parents into saying "i'm sorry," or " love you?"
 14) Do you believe no one could possibly understand how you feel
- 15) Do you have money problems because of someone else's
- Do you have money problems because of someone esses drinking?
 Are mealtimes frequently delayed because of the drinker?
 Nave you considered calling the policio because of the drinker's abusive behavior?
 Nave you critical dates out of fear or anxiety?
 Do you think your problems would be solved if the drinker stopped?
- stoppear Do you ever treat people (teachers, schoolmates, teammates, etc.) unjustly because you are angry at someone else for drinking too much? 20)

Give our kids a choice! Give them the gift of Al-Anon/Alateen.

https://al-anon.org/newcomers/what-is-al-anon-and-alateen/ If you would like more information or are considering Alateen service, please contact Ron P., District 69 at: D69AlateenOutreach@gmail.com or go to: https://www.alanonsandlego.org/ to find an Alateen meeting.

