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Southern California

AMIAS/Alateen

Newsletter

“ACCEPTANCE

IS WORKING STEP ONE. IT IS ADMITTING THAT I AM POWERLESS OVER SOMEONE OR SOMETHING. I TRY TO ACCEPT EVERYTHING THAT COMES, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE WHAT I WANT. AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT I HAVE CHOICES ABOUT REMOVING MYSELF FROM UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR.”

Living Today in Alateen (p. 2)

al-anon.org/for-alateen

What's Happening in Southern California Alateen?

- Public service announcements are available on the World Service website and can be shared, anonymously or with professionals. See the link here...

<https://al-anon.org/media-kit/public-service-announcements/>

- New Southern California World Service (SCWS) Alateen Coordinators will be in place later this month!
- Plans are being made for January and February District Alateen Liaison and Area Information Service (DAL/AIS) training and another Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Workshop!
- Alateen speakers are sharing at Alateen and Al-Anon meetings, in other states and countries!
- There are now seventeen registered electronic Alateen meetings in Southern California!
- The Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC) Task Force is still working hard to get SCAC back!

WSO photographs use paid actors, respecting our principle of anonymity.

We'd love to publish your Alateen related shares with SCWS AMIAS and Alateen members about your experiences in Alateen service. And don't forget to ask our Alateen members to do the same. Send info to...
Alateen Communications Coordinator
<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/contact/>



Public Outreach within the Fellowship

Alateen panels give members a chance to hear other Alateen members and share their stories in new groups. Please consider asking your Alateen members, if you think they can share for 5-10 minutes. And organize shared meetings with the SCWS coordinators, DAL's or other AMIAS in your districts to help carry the message and keep Alateen strong in Southern California.

Email me! Suzanne.aacc.scws@gmail.com.

Alateen members from other countries and Areas may want to attend your electronic meetings. Please feel free to welcome them, as you would any Alateen member. Their Sponsors may ask if they can accompany their members to ensure their safety.

If you are interested in an international experience for your group, there is a Saturday 5PM Alateen meeting in Melbourne that has opened its doors to us. It's a great experience. Let the kids know that the AMIASs in this meeting are mandated reporters.

Reminder about Information regarding electronic Alateen meetings...

Alateen Meeting information available online!

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/alateen/alateen-electronic-meetings/> You will need the password “SCAC” to enter the “protected” pages of our “SCWS” site. And, if you register your regular meeting with the WSO and your local AI-Anon Information Service (AIS) office, you can add AMIAS Sponsor contact information so potential and new members can find you!

We are grateful to the sponsors who are the primary contacts and have assumed responsibility for the safety and security of meetings. Alateen meetings are open to younger members who have been affected by the disease of alcoholism. Others are encouraged to attend AI-Anon.

Thanks to everyone who was part of the effort of getting information for online meetings, the sponsors who have become willing to learn a few new tricks and our Alateen members for helping us!

Remember that virtual online meetings are temporary substitutes for in-person meetings during COVID. Once groups are able to meet again, please remind members to close the various conference call lines and online platforms. We hope this information is helpful.

ENSURING CONFIDENTIALITY DURING TELECONFERENCING MEETINGS:

Some groups have added a paragraph such as this to their meeting format:

Please remember that this is an anonymous fellowship. If there are others in your home, please protect the anonymity of other members by using headphones and being mindful of who can see your screen or go to another location in your home where the meeting cannot be overheard or seen by others.

NOTE: If you have a password for entry, please provide your group’s email address (in lieu of password) to protect passwords being made public. Per our *SERVICE MANUAL*, a “group email address” can be created to receive electronic mailings (p. 34). For example, a member (GR, secretary, host, etc.) could create serenityonsunday@gmail... to use only for that purpose. The log-in information for that email address might be shared among group leaders, who can access that email address and contact prospective members who have used it to ask for your meeting’s password.

For the safety and to protect the anonymity of Alateen members in online meetings, please consider

- Limiting chat to AMIAS host only.
- Having members enable the video so the AMIAS knows they are seeing teenagers in their meeting