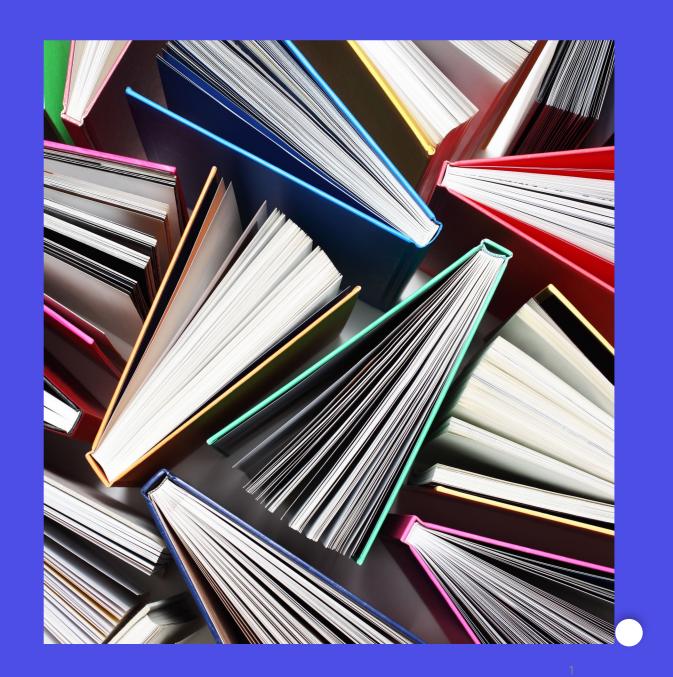
Use of the Al-Anon Name

What does this mean and what does that represent today?



The Al-Anon Name is Protected by Copyright and Trademark

- ➤ The WSO will register any group designating itself as an Al-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and that meetings will be open to any Al-Anon member. (2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, [SM] p. 85)
- ➤ By registering as an Al-Anon Family Group with Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. (AFG, Inc.), a group is granted permission to use the Al-Anon trademarked name and logo without modification for the purposes of Public Outreach as well as AFG, Inc. copyrighted materials for the sole purpose of conducting its meetings. (alanon.org, new group/group update submission page)
- The WSO..."Maintains and protects copyrights and trademarks". (including the Al-Anon name) (SM,p. 171)

Why Groups Need to Be Registered with WSO

- ➤ A group that identifies itself as an Al-Anon group without registering is in violation of our principles and general primary purpose.(World Service Office)
- ➤ Using the name "Al-Anon" carries with it responsibility which is now outlined on the new group registration and change form(s). (World Service Office)
- ➤ In keeping with Tradition Six, we do not lend our name to outside enterprises, which includes groups that are not registered (with WSO) and using the Al-Anon name.
- Any public website connected to a geographic structure is to abide by the same principles. (World Service Office)

The Benefits of Registering with WSO

- The group is findable to a newcomer/new member on the World Service Office (WSO) al-anon.org online meeting directory. *If a registered group has an AIS/LDC/District listing, it will be listed in both places.*
- "...groups are granted permission to share or display any copyrighted materials during their meetings." (SM, pg. 27)

How do Al-Anon Groups Update/Register in the SCWS Area?

- Our Area is unique. We have our own Group Registration Update / New Group Registration form to make it easier for our groups. We are the 'one stop shop' to update <u>all group information</u>.
- The information sent to our Group Records Coordinator (GRC) is updated *directly* to the WSO database, and the information is then copied to the local Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Offices, Literature Distribution Centers (LDC) or District website.
- Our GRC also copies the District Representative of all additions/changes.
- The direct link for our online form https://www.scws-al-anon.org/alanon-group-registration-recordschange-form/

Questions/Comments?

Reminder:

- Only "members" of the AWSC have "voice"
- Raise your Zoom hand (click on "reactions", "raise hand")
- > 1 minute at the "mic" for Questions; 2 minutes for Comments
- Please lower your hand if another member asks your question or makes your comment.