

April 8, 2017

“Happy 60th Birthday Alateen”

WOW, 60 years old, who would believe it?

Well I can honestly say that we (I and numerous group sponsors) have been working to strategize ways to carry the message about Alateen within our communities.

The following is a breakdown of what has been happening in Alateen:

- We have conducted 3 NYN Alateen Outreach Meetings with Group Sponsors from various Alateen Groups.
- Each Alateen Group has received a packet of outreach tools that includes:
 - A press release article written by Jill C. of Auburn, NY titled “*What Is Alateen?*” The article has been approved by World Service for publication.
 - Alateen Meeting Announcement for local newspaper and television Event Calendar pages received from World Service and modified to fit NYN Alateen.
 - Open Letters to the Doctor, Teacher, Student Assistance Professional, Spiritual Leaders & Human Services Professional
 - WSO 2016 “Living the Legacies” in Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature Catalog.
 - Al-Anon “*How To Do It*” Service Tool for Public Outreach Activities
- Each year World Service allows each area to appoint someone to assist the Alateen Area Process Person with the annual recertification process. I am happy to announce that Mary Beth G. a sponsor from the Friday Night Camillus Group has been approved and registered as Assistant AAPP for NYN. Mary Beth and I sat in on a conference call back in March that discussed this year recertification process.
- Mary Beth and I will be mailing each Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service in NYN the yearly recertification form that must be completed and returned by May 31st. We currently have 116 active AMIAS’s
- World Service is mailing out the annual Alateen Group Update Form to each Alateen Group Contact Sponsor. The Contact Sponsor needs to note any changes, sign and mail the form to my attention. Once received I will make all noted changes on the WSO Online Group Records Program. We currently have 20 registered Alateen Groups.
- Mary Beth and I with the assistance of Leslie C. (NYNAC Coordinator) have been working on the Alateen Education Module. We have one section left to update. I presented the completed modules to everyone who attended the April 1st Alateen Outreach Meeting.

I am seeking out someone who can help me set this module up in a program that will allow all AMIAS's to take the training course in their homes and answer a series of questions at the end. I also want the program to track what sponsors have completed the program. Like many other areas I would like to make it a requirement that all new AMIAS's complete the course prior to beginning service in Alateen and also require that all registered AMIAS's complete the education program once every two to three years as part of their recertification.

- I have set up a Free Conference Call line that we can use going forward to conduct NYN Committee Meetings via phone in between our scheduled AWSC Meetings. This line will help assist in our Alateen Outreach Meeting; this will make it possible for sponsors who are unable to attend due to the distance to attend via phone.
- Last but not least I am pulling together a committee of group sponsors to work on updating our NYN Alateen Guidelines. I am working to have this completed by the end of this year.

I would like to ask all Al-Anon Groups to consider this question – “What is your Al-Anon Meeting doing to help carry the message about Alateen?”

I would like to thank everyone who is supporting Alateen. This is one amazing program that we need to support. Our youth is the future of Al-Anon.

Respectfully submitted by

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