

ALATEEN COORDINATOR

REPORT

FALL ASSEMBLY 2023

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Area 9 Alateen Coordinator*

Welcome ALL to the 2023 Fall Assembly and the final Assembly of Panel 61!! It has been so wonderful working with all of you since 2021. It has gone by so fast! The following is my report to be shared with all your fellow AI-Anon members. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area Alateen Coordinator. The role has greatly contributed to my recovery. I recommend this service position to any member who qualifies.

FROM AL-ANON/ALATEEN SERVICE MANUAL 2022-2025:

Area Alateen Coordinators, coordinate the activities of Alateen in the Area and liaise between the Area World Service Committee (AWSC), and the groups. They convey service information from the WSO to the Districts, AISs, and groups. To perform their duties as an Alateen Coordinator they must be certified as an AI-Anon Member In Alateen Service (AMIAS) in the Area they serve. (p.75)

We have conducted 7 scheduled FRESH (Forms Resources Experience Strength & Hope) Events since October 2022, and several others held by districts. **Cindy J (AAPP) and I are always willing to help any District conduct their own virtual FRESH Event.** Not only do we accomplish training and certification of AMIASs during these events, but they are a gathering place for AI-Anon members serving in Alateen to learn what resources are available, share experiences, express concerns, and ask questions of each other. Our FRESH Events are so effective they have become the model for many other Areas around the worldwide fellowship to streamline their training and certification processes.

The Alateen Conference was held on AUG 4-6, 2023! It was amazing! District 3 did a fabulous job of coordinating the conference. A big thank you to Phil G, the District 3 Alateen Trainer, who served as Chairperson. He and the committee worked very hard to provide a program full of fun and recovery for the teens and the AMIASs! We encourage all districts to consider hosting the Alateen Conference in 2024. Area 10, South Florida, has expressed an interest in participating.

Thank you to Judy S and Kayrn M of District 12 for co-hosting the Alateen Program during the Area 9 Al-Anon Convention 2023. They did a great job! There was a lot of participation from Alateens as well as AMIASs and it was a big success. Thank you to all who contributed!

Please remember, Area 9 will provide \$250 to Districts who wish to hold an Alateen Roundup, an Alateen Family night to spread awareness, or any creative Alateen event.

There continues to be progress and very positive feedback in Alateen meetings on the WSO Mobile App. It is downloadable for iPhones and Android devices. AMIAS participation on the app is in compliance with area requirements for Alateen meetings. Currently there are 5 meetings and are open to all teens but they must have their own App account, and must be on a mobile device. The meetings follow all Area, WSO, and Alateen Service requirements, and the adults attending the app meetings are approved AMIASs. The waiting room for the meeting strictly states it is only for teens 13-18.

Please take the time to review the Alateen page on the Area 9 website: afgarea9.org

Cindy J and I make sure it is up to date with the help of Bob C, the Area Technology Coordinator. You will find clear instructions on how to become trained and certified as an AMIAS, as well as resources for your Alateen groups. The page has been designed to provide an easy transition from Panel 61 to Panel 64.

Communication with the District Representatives, DISLs and Alateen Support members is vitally important in my role as AREA 9 ALATEEN COORDINATOR. Please make sure you let me know as soon as possible if there are any changes to your email addresses, phone numbers, etc.

I can always be reached at:

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With gratitude,

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