

ALATEEN

REPORT

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Thank you, Panel 61, for trusting me with this very valuable service position. I am learning new things everyday and my recovery is reaping the benefits!

In my role as Area Alateen Coordinator, I assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of Alateen in Area 9 and am the liaison between the Area World Service Committee (AWSC), other Area committees, and the groups. These activities include AMIAS (Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service) training and certification events which are called FRESH (Forms Resources Experience Strength & Hope), as well as Alateen Events.

Cindy J, Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) and I work closely together. Our focus has been clearly understanding and defining our roles with each other and communicating that to District Representatives and Alateen Support Members.

Currently we have 19 active Alateen Groups in Area 9. Some groups found creative ways of communicating during the pandemic, and some have begun to meet face to face again. The Area has about 45 certified AMIAS.

Cindy and I attended a District Meeting (D12) to present a 20 minute Alateen Infomercial. The hope was to help bring the current information and enthusiasm directly to the GRs. We are willing to attend any District meeting (via Zoom) to do the same!

Through surveys and various ways of communicating we learned Area 9 Al-Anon members wanted a streamlined way of finding Alateen information and resources; and a simpler way of AMIAS training and processing.

With the help of Bob C, Area Technology Coordinator, one page for ALATEEN has been created on the Area Website: afgarea9.org and is located on the home page.

It includes all current information pertaining to Area 9 Alateen such as Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements, e-service manual, instructions and forms for certification, etc. **PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!!!**

We designed an on-line-at-home training and certification process for members who wanted to remain or become an AMIAS. They are called FRESH Events. These Events which take place on ZOOM, include 1 ½ hours of training and 1 ½ hours of sharing Alateen experience, strength, and hope. They are offered almost every month in 2021. Please refer to the area website for the schedule. The feedback from the Events so far is extremely positive.

I have a ways to go in learning my role, all it entails, and accomplishing my personal goals for ALATEEN in Area 9. Through talking with district and group alateen support members, attending meetings with my counterparts around the country; I know that 2020 brought many challenges to the Alateen program. However, it also brought new ideas and ways of thinking. As your coordinator, I will continue to look and listen for ways these young people who seek recovery can find it.

There continues to be progress in Alateen meetings on the WSO Mobile App. Downloadable for iPhones and Android devices. AMIAS participation on the app is in compliance with area requirements for Alateen meetings. These meetings 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 any adult joining an app meeting must be an AMIAS. The waiting room for the meeting strictly states it is only for teens 13-18. As I continue to attend the monthly Alateen Coordinator meetings, I will learn more!

THE AREA 9 CONVENTION IS TAKING PLACE IN PERSON! Cindy J (AAPP) is also serving as the Alateen Chair for the Convention. I am helping Cindy along with other AMIASs to provide a safe yet fun experience for our young members to receive recovery. You can contact Cindy or me for a Registration Packet.

Exciting Alateen news came from The World Service Conference which took place this past April. Evelyn (Area 9 Delegate), reported a new Alateen bookmark, **JUST FOR TONIGHT**; will soon be published. Also, there is a proposal for a new suggested Alateen preamble to the twelve steps. We can all look forward to hearing more about these and other new recovery innovations for our Alateen program.

Thank you, again, and please reach out to me with questions or comments. We can:

“Talk to each other, reason things out, and keep it simple”!!!