

UTAH AREA PUBLIC OUTREACH FALL ASSEMBLY 2016 REPORT

WOW! I'm excited. When I hear reports from Logan to Kanab about what the Al-Anon Family Groups are doing to share literature and schedules, it thrills me. And I can take very little credit for the many efforts from placing schedules in the local newspapers to distributing Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to many locations including doctor's offices and police/fire departments.

Things we are doing to share ideas –

- Utah Area Public Outreach conference phone calls are held regularly. The next one was originally scheduled in November; however, it is being held the third Saturday (15th) in October at 9:00 am. The agenda and phone number/code is below.
- The Public Outreach Workshops held in St. George and Eden this year were an experiment. I learned so much and appreciated the enthusiastic support. The most important thing I learned is that LOCATION is all important. Though the condos were lovely, they aren't easy to find and Eden in particular doesn't have good cell phone reception. The next Alanews will include a complete summary. One comment hit home - We should probably use Al-Anon Family Group more often so the general public doesn't think we are problem drinkers or addicts.
- During the Recovery Day activity held in Salt Lake City, contact was made to have literature and schedules placed in the Uni Behavioral Health facility as well as various VA facilities. I was also asked to serve with USARA family groups and hope to have some input on future activities.
- Developing a mission statement for the Al-Anon/Alateen Ambassadors and recruiting at least one Ambassador from every group. The purpose of this group is for members to adopt facilities (healthcare, schools, churches, libraries, etc) wherever possible and maintain a modest supply of literature and schedules.

NEW PROJECT – Magnet bumper stickers

At the Public Outreach Workshops, each District received 2 each of the three designs of the magnet bumper stickers. The cost exceeded the 2016 budget; however, the budget was increased during the recent AWSC conference call. I feel that we should still charge a nominal fee of \$1 for each one. It is generally accepted that something you pay for has more value than something that's free. Twenty have been paid for and more are available during breaks and lunch.

Al-Anon/Alateen Family Group may have an informational booth at the Utah Education Association convention on Thursday and Friday, October 20-21. Volunteers will be needed both days.

The Utah Area Speaker's List is being revived. The Webmaster and I will continue to work together to determine a distribution method that will ensure everyone's anonymity.

A clip board will be circulated during the Fall Assembly and wherever I go to collect names for the Al-Anon/Alateen Ambassadors, public outreach volunteers and Area speaker's list.

Agenda for October 15, 2016, 9 am, conference call –

Phone number 712-432-1500, code 612063 – This call is free if using a cell phone with nationwide long distance and adequate time. They generally last approximately 1 hour ...

1. Draft mission statement for Al-Anon/Alateen Ambassadors

The Al-Anon/Alateen Ambassadors will embrace Tradition 11 and base all activities on 'attraction, rather than promotion'. Personal anonymity for Ambassadors need always be maintained, when desired, and we guard other's anonymity with special care.

The twelve principles of Al-Anon Family Groups including honesty, faith, hope, courage, integrity, willingness, humility, brotherly love, justice, perseverance, spirituality and service will be practiced by each Ambassador.

By carrying the message to those who still suffer we will enable our Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups to continue to grow and flourish.

I have received a few comments but would like more input. Should it be one sentence with another section detailing the duties? I would like to finalize this so it can be distributed in the next Alanews.

2. Distribution of magnetic bumper stickers to all Districts
3. Staffing the UEA convention on Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21.
4. Al-Anon Family Group speaker's list distribution and anonymity of all.