

# SKIT 4 – SERVICE SPONSORSHIP

**SCENARIO:** TWO AL-ANON MEMBERS GO TO A RESTAURANT FOR LUNCH

**CHARACTERS:** NEWER MEMBER, EXPERIENCED MEMBER, SERVER

**PROPS:** CARD TABLE, TWO CHAIRS, MENUS, ORDER PAD AND PEN, TRAY WITH LITERATURE: *HOW AL-ANON WORKS* (B-32); *SPONSORSHIP, WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT* (P-31); *SERVICE SPONSORSHIP* (P-88); ALL TAPED AND GLUED SO THEY CAN BE HELD UP FOR THE AUDIENCE. (SEE END OF SCRIPT)

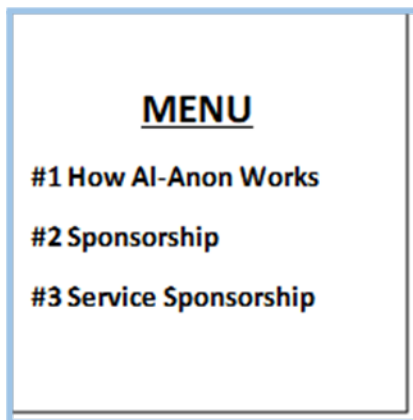
**Member #1:** What a nice restaurant! Do you come here often?

**Member #2:** Yes, I do. I like the service.

**Server approaches.**

**Server:** Good afternoon. Welcome to our Al-Anon program restaurant, where “Service is the key!”

**Server hands them two menus with entrees clearly visible:**



**Member #1:** What do you recommend? Are there any specials today?

**Server:** Why, yes, we offer several specials on sponsorship. Let me bring them out to you to help you make your decisions.

**He brings out a tray with the specials displayed (see end of script).**

**Server:** We offer these every day, and they're excellent!

**Member #2:** Oh, these look great! Can you tell us what they're about?

**Server:** Certainly. Our first special is *How Al-Anon Works*. We offer this choice for our newer members.

As you sample chapters this literature, we suggest you:

- Attend six meetings before you decide if Al-Anon is for you
- Try not to make any big decisions right now— time can change your outlook
- Get a Sponsor
- Do the Steps!
- Attend Al-Anon meetings often
- Pray

**Member #1:** Sounds wonderful! (pointing to *Sponsorship* pamphlet) What about this one?

**Server:** Ah, that's a good choice, too, for members who are committed to continuing their recovery with the support of our fellowship. A Sponsor will help you to navigate through the Steps. They will listen and suggest what has worked for them. A Sponsor will help you identify the options, detach, and set boundaries. With this alternative, you will be able to talk at length with your Sponsor about the problem, then share on your solutions to the problem in meetings.

**Member #2:** Wow! That sounds wonderful, too, but what is this third choice? And what is the difference between a Sponsor and a Service Sponsor?

**Server:** Good question. We recommend this option for our members who have been in the program for a while and want to explore more in their recovery. A Service Sponsor is an Al-Anon member involved in service who guides someone in applying the Traditions and Concepts of service and shares their experience, strength, and hope from giving service to Al-Anon. Service Sponsorship helps both the Service Sponsor and the person who is sponsored acquire new skills while being an example of growth through service. It is through the energy of these trusted servants that newer members can find loving Service Sponsors.

**Member #1:** Well, although they all look good, because I'm a newer member, I think I'll select *How Al-Anon Works*. I think that will help me navigate the program.

**Member #2:** My choice is *Service Sponsorship*. I have been looking for a way to do more to give back to this program that has saved my life. I want to be an example of personal growth in Al-Anon.

**Server:** Good choices. I might add that Sponsors cannot make the Al-Anon program work for you. Each of us, Sponsors and sponsees, must apply the Al-Anon Steps, principles, and practices ourselves. It is important to remember that a Sponsor is only one of many voices in Al-Anon. No one person represents the entire wisdom of Al-Anon, and service keeps us all on track. Keeping in touch with several members

while maintaining a close relationship with a Sponsor can offer the best of both worlds. I'll bring your orders right out to you.

**Member #1:** Thank you for bringing me here. Everything is becoming more clear to me now regarding sponsorship and the Al-Anon program. Someday I know that I will want to learn more about applying the Traditions and Concepts by being a Service Sponsor.

**Member #2:** I agree. "Putting love into action" is what I have heard others say about sponsorship. In Al-Anon, we lead by example, and our spiritual growth is paved with service.

**THE END**

