

Lifelines – Rhode Island

Your Monthly Newsletter
October 2012 Edition



*The next AWSC meeting
will be Oct 13th, 10 AM –
12PM at the Rolfe St
Office in Warwick*

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WHAT? FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY*, THE AREA OFFICE/LDC WILL SHIP LITERATURE ORDERS!!!

We hope this will be another way to make the Area Office/Literature Distribution Center accessible to the groups.

WHY order from the Area and not the WSO? Groups would receive their orders faster with us (a week or so with us vs 2-3 weeks with the WSO), and cheaper (8% vs 10% with WSO), and your funds will go to support local services.

HOW? Groups can download an order form from the Area Web site, www.riafg.org, fill it out, and mail it along with payment to the Area office.

All orders are shipped via Media Mail. Allow a week or so for processing and delivery.

The office still welcomes walk-in customers. Please contact the office (401-781-0044) for current hours.

*We will report on the success of this trial, and whether we will continue the service, at the Spring 2013 Assembly. Please help us by providing your feedback:

- Is it of value to your group?
- What do/don't you like about it?
- How can we improve?
- Would you be willing to help?

Send your comments through your District Rep, leave a message at the Office (401-781-0044), or contact the Literature Coordinator directly at deb.anon@yahoo.com.

In service,

Debbie E.

RI AFG Literature/LDC Coordinator

Remember, when you buy from your local LDC, you support your local services!

HELP WANTED

November 17th Al-Anon and Alateen Workshop with AA Participation
 9:00-4:30 at Butler's Ray Conference Center - Register online at www.riafg.org
 Theme is: Lois and Laughter
 Workshop Commitments Needing Filling

We have need of folks to lead a break out session at these times:
 11:00 am (1hr.), 1:00pm (1hr.) and 2:40pm (50 min.)

Elements for the Event

Groups and Volunteers Requested!!!	Element
	Yearly Banner - use last year's with a "marquee name change"
	Wall map illustrating Al-Anon diversity (national and international)
	Shredder God Box/ Gift -of-desperation Shoe throw in a portable basketball hoop (does anyone have one?)
	Bill and Lois signs for the bathrooms
	Humorous break out room signs showing the meetings and times for that room
Alateen and Deb	Books, coffee, crafts and lunch area all comprise the Alateen café that they manage and decorate (Deb needs help loading and unloading)
All Al-Anon Groups	Baskets
	Gifts for speakers (3 speakers - Al-Anon, Alateen and AA)
We have one cross-dressed couple so far (Dean and Bill)	A couple of Bill and Lois duos ONE CONFIRMED, any others?
Deb	Recording speakers
	Decorating the night before Need 6 total
Catherine, Marguerite and Barbara	Clean Up Need 6 total
Barb M.	Balloons for Café
	Flowers for Café

IT'S TIME FOR THE AL-ANON MEMBERSHIP SURVEY!

Here's how you can participate:

1. Go on-line to the Al-Anon Members' web site, www.al-anon.alateen.org/members between midnight September 10, 2012 and midnight October 21, 2012.
2. Sign into the Web site using your group's name followed by the letters, AFG without any spaces, e.g., serenityseekersafg
3. Click on "Surveys for Members" on the left side bar.
4. Click on the link titled "2012 Al-anon Family Groups Membership Survey."



Al-Anon Family Groups 2012 Workshop

"Lois and Laughter"

With AA participation

Saturday, Nov 17, 2012
9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Butler Hospital

Ray Conference Center

345 Blackstone Blvd, Providence, RI

\$12 ticket price

Donations requested:

Groups & members are asked to donate gift baskets for the raffle, crafts or love gifts for the craft table. *Thank you*

Potluck Lunch:

We ask that each participant please bring a dish to share

Bookstore & Café

Run by Alateen, the café will see coffee, literature and crafts.

Sneak Peak on Upcoming November 3 Assembly: Agenda will be finalized at our next AWSC meeting in October....

Approving Area's Annual Budget

Hear all RI Area coordinator reports

Attend and participate in breakout sessions on Thought Forces

News from WSO

Location for our Late Spring Assembly

All members are welcome,

GR's or group members appointed by group as their voting voice whom are not dual members vote on assembly motions (*Assembly guidelines are on our website*)

Assembly participation is encouraged for all! 2013's conference theme is:

Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We"

Here's our chance to be part of the solution and nurture our Rhode Island Family groups in to the We generation!

The office hours vary depending on volunteer hours. The phone message is changed every Sunday to reflect the availability. Please call before going to the office (401-781-0044).

We are always in need of more volunteers to keep the doors of the office open.

CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS:

Alateen Process Person - The Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) serves as the Area's designated Alateen contact with the WSO Group Records Department regarding Alateen forms. Since 2004, every Area has Alateen requirements and has a process to certify Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), register Alateen groups, and implement the Alateen Behavioral and Safety Requirements at all events in the Area that have Alateen participation. The Alateen Process Person works closely with the Alateen Coordinator; for example, the Alateen Coordinator may be responsible for the training and certification of AMIAS, and the AAPP for submitting Alateen forms, recertifying AMIAS, or verifying certification of members serving Alateen for Al-Anon conventions and other events with Alateen participation.

Archives Coordinator - Enjoy scrap booking? The Archives Coordinator preserves the experience, history, and memorabilia of the RIAFG. The Coordinator may head up an Archives Committee, which would be responsible for researching the history of Al-Anon in RI. Our archive materials are currently at the Area office. They need to be organized, dated, catalogued, and preserved using archival methods (e.g., acid free paper, boxes).

District Representatives for District 2, 5 - The DR is usually any incoming, outgoing, or active past Group Representative who is willing to represent the district at Area World Service Committee meetings and Area Assembly. The DR conveys information to the GRs from the Area World Service Committee, listens to group concerns, and takes any questions or concerns to the Area World Service Committee meetings.

Group Representatives - Many groups in Rhode Island currently do not have GRs. The GR receives information from their District Representative to share with their individual groups and attends the RIAFG Assembly meetings to vote on area issues. The GRs are the voice of RI Al-Anon.

Alternate Area Delegate - The Delegate attends the annual Al-Anon/Alateen World Service Conference (our world-wide group conscience) and brings to the Conference our Area's viewpoint on matters affecting the entire fellowship. The Delegate then returns to the Area with a broader perspective of Al-Anon worldwide. He/she is the bridge of understanding that links the groups in the Area with world Al-Anon/Alateen to help us continue to function in unity. The Delegate is the servant of Al-Anon as a whole.



Service (planting the seed) -
Recovery blooms.

The only way the meetings stay alive is by service, we do this by chairing meetings, taking group positions, and taking area positions. The only way to keep what we have is to give it back.

RI Al-Anon/Alateen Events

Open House!

Sunday, September 30th 1-4pm

RI Al-Anon/Alateen Office

106 Rolfe Street, Cranston, RI 02910

Come see *your* RI Area World Service office and check out the newly reorganized literature distribution center (LDC)!

[Flyer](#)

Oct.

October 11th ALATEEN SPONSORS MEETING

RI Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups Office

106 Rolfe Street, Cranston, RI 02910 7:00pm

Nov.

November 3rd FALL ASSEMBLY – St. Mary's Parish Hall – Portsmouth, RI

Hosted in District 3 (registration time 8:30-8:50) Assembly starts at 9:00 am

November 17th RI Al-Anon Family Groups 2012 Workshop "Lois and Laughter"

Butler Hospital, • 345 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, RI

Ray Conference Center 9:30-4:30pm (Coffee and registration 9am)

Please go to our website: [Our Website](#) or type <http://www.riafg.org/> for information on registration and workshop service and/or leading breakout sessions.

Lifelines e-subscription: Email to: RI_Al-Anon@hotmail.com (type "Mailing List" in the subject line) Web: www.riafg.org



An area newsletter is a vital link in keeping groups and members informed. The purposes of *Lifelines* are to: encourage attendance at service events; communicate local, area, and Al-Anon Information Service news; and attract Al-Anon members into service.

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