

Red Light/Green Light Question 2

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2015 World Service Conference Summary pg. 65

To be thriving, a group has to be visible. We realize it takes courage to come to a church door, so we cut out footprints and wrote AFG on them, and put them from door down hall to the meeting room where it says "welcome".

Anonymity P-65

Anonymity Does: protect the identity of all members, provide a safe place in which to share and grow. Anonymity Does Not: make Al-anon a secret society, but a fellowship based on confidentiality, stop a group from advertising its meetings, from Lois Remembers on Anonymity, "If Al-anon groups do not let the public know of our presence, perhaps by announcing the time and place of meetings in local newspapers or by some other means, we block ourselves from those in need".

Forum Favorites Vol.3 pg. 93

The principle of anonymity does not in any way restrict us in letting anyone in the community know about Al-anon. By informing them of the availability of help through our fellowship, we may be the means of extending a lifeline. In the same way that we appreciate the cloak of anonymity available to us, we extend that reassurance to each member, newcomer and whoever comes to our group.

Al-Anon's 12 Traditions Illustrated P-60 pg. 24

Since Al-anon's beginnings, our membership has greatly increased, not through grand advertising campaigns, but through a policy of simply letting the public know who we are, what we are, and where we are.

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Pg. 23 All of us need to feel secure in the knowledge that nothing seen or heard at a meeting will be revealed.

Pg. 42 The principle of anonymity is essential during meetings to assure the confidentiality of who is present and what is shared at meetings. We are a fellowship of equals and Al-Anon is a program of principles, not personalities.

Pg. 50 We always protect our members anonymity, but the Al-Anon/Alateen program is not anonymous. Holding an open meeting to which community professionals are invited and

placing Al-Anon/Alateen posters in public places are other ways to enhance Al-Anon's public relations. Groups can put information in local newspapers.

Pg. 91 The three elements of Anonymity- 1. Anonymity as it applies outside Al-Anon/Alateen governing our contacts with the general public, the media and professionals. 2. Anonymity within the fellowship. 3. Anonymity as it contributes to our personal growth.

Pg. 92 –within Al-Anon, each member has the right to decide the degree of anonymity they choose.

Pg. 110 Carrying the message is essential to attracting new members.

Pg. 114 As an organization, Al-Anon is not secret: however, we always protect our members anonymity.

Pg. 115 Al-Anon's outreach message is safeguarded by consistently referencing the primary purpose of public outreach, and by applying its underlying spiritual principles.

Paths to Recovery pg. 229

Personal anonymity and the caution against promotion have sometimes confused members into thinking they should never mention Al-Anon. Some have thought any form of public announcement was promoting. The intent of Tradition 11 is to keep us anonymous as individuals, not to keep the Al-Anon program anonymous. We can let people know about our program without breaking our personal anonymity.

Courage to Change pg. 94

In Time I began to trust that it was safe to get the help I so desperately needed because the only one who would ever mention my membership in Al-Anon was me. To this day, I am confident that my anonymity was and will be protected and my gratitude is beyond measure.

How Al-Anon Works pg. 122

We are able to attend Al-Anon meetings whenever and wherever we choose because we know that our privacy will be respected...We have to trust that our anonymity will be carefully guarded. We count on "obedience to the unenforceable" on which all our traditions depend. Otherwise we couldn't possibly attend.