

May 2015 Spring Assembly Red Light/Green Light Question 2

Are there guidelines for raffle baskets that are used for Al-Anon fundraising that outline what is appropriate to be put in a raffle basket? Researched by District 13

Research from 2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual: Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies; Financial Matters Pg. 97 Fundraising.

A ticket to an Al-Anon or Alateen dinner or dance is appropriate. *“Fund-raising activities such as potluck suppers, dances, or other social events are conducted only within the fellowship and in agreement with the groups directly involved. If, however, such events are open to the public, use of the name Al-Anon or Alateen would violate the spirit of our Traditions.”*

Avoiding Commercialism Pg. 97

Items related to Al-Anon spiritual principles are appropriate. *“Raffling various articles at meetings or other gatherings is a matter of autonomy, but to avoid commercialism in the fellowship, it is suggested that these items relate in some way to our spiritual principles.”*

Conference approved literature and subscriptions to *The Forum*.

“Donated products of the creative efforts of individual members are suggested.”

Raffles/Lottery Tickets Pg. 98

“After determining that the proposed raffle and/ or lottery is legally permitted within the area where it is to be held, additional precautions need to be taken so that we are not diverted from our primary purpose and do not imply endorsement. Distribution and sale of raffle/lottery tickets should be limited to Al-Anon/Alateen meetings and events.”

Research from Courage to Change Pgs. 41 and 91

Appropriate items celebrate creativity. *“Creativity is a powerful way to celebrate who we are.”*

Appropriate items develop playfulness, fun or a sense of humor. *“An important part of the serious business of recovery involves recognizing our need to have fun-to take a trip, fly a kite, attend a concert, make noise, race down the street or blow bubbles.”*

Research from How AI-ANON WORKS for Families & Friends of Alcoholics Pgs 282, 284,288

A blossoming plant is an appropriate item. *“Like that azalea, my recovery in Al-Anon is alive.” I am a beautiful flower,” “I cannot rush my own blossoming.”*

A journal is an appropriate item. *“The beauty of your writing extends beyond the written word.”*

Food is appropriate in a raffle basket. *“A man offered the acronym HALT. I heard if I found myself feeling too Hungry, angry lonely or tired, it would be a good idea to drop everything else and take care of that primary need right away.”*

Research from One Day at a Time pg. 352

A blackboard (symbolically) is an appropriate item. *“I pray that I may start each new day with a clean blackboard and write upon it only what is good for me.”*

Inappropriate items

Research from 2014-2017 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual: Groups at Work; Suggested AI-Anon Preamble to the Twelve Steps pg. 12

Religious items, political items, items with outside advertising, items expressing a social cause are inappropriate. *“Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution; ...neither endorses nor opposes any cause.”*