

# ALATEEN COORDINATOR

## *REPORT*

### ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 2022

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2022 has been such a great year for me in my service role as Alateen Coordinator for Area 9. I have met some of the most inspiring people on the planet! Not only has my recovery grown enormously but so has my Al-Anon family! I am able to correspond regularly with the Al-Anon Members in Alateen service not only in Area 9, but in the entire Al-Anon world. I am so pleased to find that the role is fun and takes much less time than I expected. I encourage you all to think about this role when considering your service position for the next panel!!!! We are never alone!!

Working closely with Cindy J (AAPP), one of our goals was to streamline our Alateen service positions creating an easy transition for the next panel of volunteers. We feel we have come very close to reaching that goal with our virtual on-line training and certification process as well as the development of clear and simple job descriptions.

We conducted 9 Virtual FRESH Events (Forms Resources Experience Strength and Hope) during 2021, and 6 so far in 2022. The scheduled events for 2022 are continuing in October and the dates are now listed on the Alateen page of the area website. **Cindy J (AAPP) and I are always willing to help any District conduct their own virtual FRESH Event.** Not only do we accomplish training and certification of AMIASs (Al-Anon Members in Al-Anon Service) during these events, but they are a gathering place for Al-Anon members serving in Alateen to learn what resources are available, share experiences, express concerns, and ask questions of each other.

Our FRESH Events have been so effective, my AFG Connects group asked that Cindy and I conduct a "Mock Up" Event for the Alateen Coordinators and AAPPs in North America and other parts of the world. This event took place on [Jul 10, 2022](#). The feedback back was excellent and some are planning to implement the same or a similar process.

There are currently 22 Active Alateen Groups in Area 9, and 65 Certified AMIASs.

During my first few months as Area Alateen Coordinator, I received calls from members interested in starting an Alateen group in their district. The WSO website, the Area 9 website, the Alateen eService Manual, the Guidelines, the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, etc. provide an abundance of information to help start a meeting. Specifically,

many of those reaching out wanted a suggested Alateen Meeting format to help the group get started. I formed a small group of Area AMIASs and together we reviewed Meeting formats from around the country and from our own area as well. We designed and agreed on a suggested format that now can be found on the Alateen page of the Area website to assist those members wanting to start an Alateen group.

We welcomed 17 teens to the Alateen Program held during our 2022 Area 9 Convention August 26th - 28th

**It was hosted by Judy S and Karyn M from District 12**

They did a wonderful job with programs, games, prizes, etc. for the teens who participated. A big thank you to the entire committee for their work and dedication.

The Alateen Conference was held August 12 - 14, 2022 and hosted by District 8. Carmen (DR 8) was a fabulous leader and I was so grateful to be part of such an innovative planning committee. There were 10 Alateens and 10 AMIASs in attendance. Charon and Nick put together a fabulous program and we all had a wonderful time!

There continues to be progress and very positive feedback in Alateen meetings on the WSO Mobile App. It is downloadable for iPhones and Android devices. AMIAS participation on the app is in compliance with area requirements for Alateen meetings. Currently there are 5 meetings and are open to all teens but they must have their own App account, and must be on a mobile device. The meetings follow all Area, WSO, and Alateen Service requirements, and the adults attending the app meetings are approved AMIASs. The waiting room for the meeting strictly states it is only for teens 13-18.

Communication with the District Representatives, DISLs and Alateen Support members is vitally important in my role as AREA 9 ALATEEN COORDINATOR. Please make sure you let me know as soon as possible if there are any changes to your email addresses, phone numbers, etc.

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With gratitude,

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