

Public Outreach Report

September 2023, Sophie H, PO Coordinator

Primary Ambition is to support the HAWSC 61 Vision:

All people of Hawaii have access to welcoming and vibrant Al-Anon Family Groups in their neighborhood and online

Support of HAWSC 61 PO-related Goals:

1. *Strengthen Hawaii fellowship by providing the information and resources needed for all Al-Anon members to thrive, grow, and increase capacity to best reach out to all people who are affected by someone else's drinking.*
2. *Encourage the districts to create plans, working with individual members and public outreach coordinators, to attract diverse populations.*
3. *Use technology to attract new members to Al-Anon and to encourage service.*

PO Goals for Panel 61

- Create a list of all treatment centers and halfway houses in Hawaii, building on Dana Raes work with her spreadsheet of providers in the last panel
- Create information packages with pamphlets and folders - buying literature but also reusing pamphlets from Al-Anon groups in Hawaii who are now having their meetings online
- Write an information letter and send information about Al-Anon to treatment centers and halfway houses to share with the families of alcoholics.

The PO Goals for Panel 61 has been reached with the following actions steps:

- Pamphlets and Forum Magazines from Al-Anon Family Groups and members to donate to treatment centers and halfway houses have been gathered.
- Inspiration was collected from PO-Coordinators to write letter to institutions and halfway houses in the Area of Hawaii about Al-Anon for the PO material.
- PO updated the list from the previous PO coordinator with contact information for a total of 43 treatment centers and halfway houses in the Al-Anon Area of Hawaii
- All the collected pamphlets and Forum Magazines were bundled into 43 letters with the purchased literature from Al-Anon, such as 100 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, 100 bookmarks, and 100 handouts on detachment.
- The Area Treasurer refunded PO expenses for purchased literature and postage
- A few letters were returned from the sender. Part of the returned literature has been donated to a large AA group in Honolulu, Kane Alihi, to help spread the word of Al-Anon.

- The last few pieces of returned literature were shared with members at the Spring Area Assembly in May 2023 to leave a piece of literature when they visit the local doctor's office and public libraries.

Additional PO announcements:

- New PO material Public Outreach Toolkit from WSO for sharing: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/public-outreach-toolkit/>
- PO has volunteered to be the chair at the Aloha Roundup, an AA convention with Al-Anon participation with a special welcome to the LGBTQ community, but all are welcome. Volunteers to help man the Al-Anon literature table and lead Al-Anon meetings, please text Sophie at +1 754 715 0577. The convention is held in Honolulu in the first weekend of March 2024.

Literature Coordinator Report

Forum:

The total number of subscriptions which are being sent to individual groups is five. For the entire state of Hawaii 68 subscriptions are being sent out to groups as well as individuals. Did you know that, per the member handbook a group representative's suggested responsibility is to promote use and subscriptions to The Forum? Let's inspire our individual members to subscribe to this amazing source of members shares,(including Alateen), meeting topics, information on different literature publications and focus on steps, traditions and concepts. During the Fall Assembly members can participate in a drawing for a subscription to The Forum. How about asking your group members to send a dollar with their GR for their own chance at a subscription?

Sharings needed for future issues of "CAL Corner": Please encourage members to write about how any piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery.

For October, the focus will be on *Discovering Choices-Recovery in Relationships* (B-30), and November's will be on *...As We Understood* (B-11).

We could especially use sharings about any of the following for 2024: *A Little*

Time for Myself (B-34), *Lois Remembers* (B-7), *Alateen 4th Step Inventory* (P-64), *The Al-Anon Family Groups-Classic Edition* (B-5), *Moving On! From Alateen to Al-Anon* (P-59), *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31), and *Alcoholism, a*

Merry-Go-Round Named Denial (P-3), which will be celebrating its 55th anniversary. See the writing guideline at alanon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf. If you are announcing this verbally or in print form, rather than electronically, the URL to use will be alanon.org/sharing.

Photographs for The Forum Publication: A separate document is included in this report stating the guidelines when submitting photographs for use in The Forum.

Literature:

A Little Time for Myself (B-34): A second printing of this new daily reader was ordered months before the book was introduced in July, specifically so there would be no delay of service between printings. However, we did not anticipate that the first printing would be depleted within three weeks. We have just found out from the printers that they have had an equipment breakdown, delaying the arrival of the second printing. Once we know the revised time of arrival, we will let you know.

Just for Tonight Alateen Bookmark (M-82): As previously announced, this new bookmark is now available. While written by Alateen members, its thoughtful ideas for ending the day on a positive note can be helpful to anyone, regardless of their age.

CAL Catalog (S-15), CAL Order Form (S-16), and 2023 Conference Summary (P-46): These should be available within the next month or two. We will let you know as soon as they are ready.

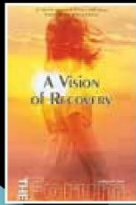
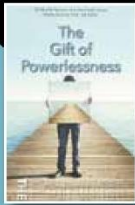
Approved by the 2023 World Service Conference, Sponsorship/Service Sponsorship Literature Piece: The WSC approved the Literature Committee's recommendation to develop a comprehensive piece on sponsorship and service sponsorship using personal stories from Al-Anon members. The Literature Committee is now creating a writing guideline to help encourage members to write for this piece, which we will post here as soon as it is ready.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Forum/Literature Coordinator

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS TO **AL-ANON** MAGAZINES

Besides sharings, Al-Anon members may also submit their original photos to be considered for publication in our magazines. As with sharings, we cannot guarantee that photos submitted will be published. When submitting photos, please consider the following:



- Appropriate subject matter: people involved in activities, both indoor and outdoor; adults interacting with other adults and/or children; children with other children; teens with teens; people holding/reading Al-Anon literature; nature, animals, and landscapes; cityscapes and architecture. The range of acceptable content is wide; please see recent issues for examples.
 - In keeping with Traditions Eleven and Twelve, please do not submit full-face images.
 - Avoid any images that relate to specific religions or other outside entities.
 - Avoid images that appear to show alcohol consumption or drinks that look like cocktails.
- If submitting prints, please make sure the images are sharp, clear, and not grainy.
- For digital submissions, please send unretouched images at the highest resolution and largest file size possible, up to 20 MB. Do not crop photos or apply filters before sending.
- Please indicate how you would like to be credited if your photo is used (e.g.: first name, last initial, and state or province; pseudonym; or “Anonymous”).

Once your submission is received, you will receive a thank you letter or email. The World Service Office cannot guarantee publication of any submission, but if your photo is published, you will receive a complimentary copy of the issue in which it appears.

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to wso@al-anon.org with
“Photo Submission” in the subject line;
or submit online at al-anon.org/sharing

Group Records Coordinator Report Fall 2023 – Report covering 2021, 2022, 2023 (Panel 61)

Our *Twelfth Step* of carrying the message and *Tradition 5* of welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics are sustained by maintaining accurate group records and meeting schedules. When someone in need of Al-Anon gets up the courage to attend their first meeting and finds a closed facility or unattended electronic link it is disheartening for them, and a potential loss of the healing and serenity we have found in this program.

Hawai'i Area has four levels of Group Record keeping:

1. Group: The GR or designee is responsible for reporting any group record changes to the DR: location, electronic link instructions, date and time, Current Mailing Address, changes of GR, group email, phone contact, etc.
2. District: The DR or designee is responsible for maintaining a District meeting schedule that is current and accurate. If there is a change in any published meeting information, a new current schedule should be drafted and a PDF copy sent to the Area website content coordinator for posting on the Hawai'i Area Website. Meeting schedules to be posted to the Area website should not have the names of individuals or personal phone numbers unless the individual wants to make that information available to the public at large. All changes must also be emailed to the Area Secretary who also acts as the Area Group Records Coordinator.
3. Area Website: The website content coordinator receives the PDF meeting schedules from the Districts or AIS and posts to the Hawai'i Area website.
4. WSO: World Service maintains a directory of all of the meetings in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas on the Al-Anon.org website. The Area Group Records Coordinator is responsible for keeping all Hawai'i Area group records current and accurate and updated on the World Service website. The Area Group Records Coordinator responds to all inquiries from WSO and works with the DRs to correct, edit, and maintain current accurate meeting information available on the Al-Anon.org website.

All GRs, DRs, and Area Panel Coordinators and Officers may communicate directly with the Area Group Records Coordinator.

It is undeniable that the advent of electronic capability has changed the reality for Al-Anon groups. Hawai'i appears to have embraced this new capacity with more comfort and acceptance than most Areas. For some of us, the ability to attend distant meetings, maintain connections with those who have moved away, and to share our Aloha in fellowship with new members has enhanced our program. In Hawai'i in-person meetings are still in the majority, and some electronic groups are considering ways to include face to face opportunities in their group schedules.

Hawai'i is a small Area; we have 65 active groups and 27 inactive groups. Groups that are registered by WSO as "inactive" are not included in WSO meeting information referrals and will remain "inactive" for 7 years before they are officially terminated by WSO.

Of our 65 active groups, 9 are registered as Hawai'i Area Electronic Groups, completely electronic.

The Hawai'i Area group statistics are as follows:

Active Groups	56	
Electronic Groups	9	
Total	65	
Of these 65 Groups:		
In-Person Only	30	
Hybrid	15	
Electronic	10	Not part of Hawai'i Electronic Area
In-Person & Electronic	1	(Either in-person or electronic schedule)
Hawai'i Electronic Group	9	
Total	65	
New Groups in Panel 61	4	
Groups that became inactive	10	
Inactive group that re-activated	1	
Inactive Groups Total	27	

From January 2021 through September 12, 2023, we made more than 200 Group Record Changes. During that period, we also had 10 groups that were reported to WSO as “Not Meeting”. Currently 3 additional groups are in the “Not Meeting” status. Until these issues are clarified and reported to WSO they will not be listed in the WSO meeting directory. It appears that most of these reports are because the meeting is temporarily meeting electronically, but the listing does not have the current electronic information, unclear information, or the person just did not read the entire location instructions. These reports have been made directly to WSO by someone attempting to attend a meeting. This is a phenomenon that was rare for us before the advent of electronic meetings and is concerning as we have perhaps lost newcomers to the program.

Over the past three years of Panel 61 Hawai'i Area has sustained its numbers, grown our knowledge, and adjusted to this new meeting environment with Aloha. We have supported each other in learning to meet and share fellowship in new ways, and we are ready to proceed into Panel 64, strong, intact, and ready for our next AI-Anon adventure.

Respectfully submitted,
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Area Secretary and Group Records Coordinator