

ATTACHMENT 6: MISCELLANEOUS

Acronyms

Bell Ringers (News Flash)

Al-Anon Acronyms

AAPP --Area Alateen Process Person
AFG -- Al-Anon Family Groups
AMIAS—Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service
AIS—Al-Anon Information Service
BOT—Board of Trustees
CAL—Conference Approved Literature
CMA—Current Mailing Address
CPC—Cooperating with Professionals
DR—District Representative
GR—Group Representative
HALC—Hawaii Al-Anon Literature Center
HAWSC— Hawaii Area World Service Committee
KBDM—Knowledge Based Decision Making

Al-Anon Acronyms

ODAT—One Day at a Time
OIS—Oahu Information Service
P&G—Policies and Guidelines
P&P—Policies and Procedures
PI—Public Information
PRAASA--Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
RT—Regional Trustees
SWRDM—South West Regional Delegates Meeting
TAL—Trustee at Large
WSC-- World Service Conference
WSD-- World Service Delegate
WSO-- World Service Office

Mixed Company

For many years the membership of Al-Anon was composed of women. The trend has been for wives to join groups; but today, many men are seeking the help offered by a change in attitude and the opportunity to live one day at a time with hope for their own growth. Today, our literature reflects more of the universal appeal of the Al-Anon program.

It was indeed unusual that one of the original 12 Delegates was a man; it was equally unique for one of the members of the 1st Board of Directors to have been Wally S. Often, Al-Anon members referred to their common bond as a kind of sisterhood; they did this until a Delegate rose to introduce himself at the 1965 WSC. "I'm Eugene M., one of the shaving sisters."

I'm AKEMI and that's the way it was!
YOUR NAME HERE

One Dozen Delegates, Please!

The first Delegates elected to serve at the 1961 World Service Conference were Marie O., from Illinois; Norma W., Minnesota; Mary C., British Columbia; Rita C., New York; Edythe D., Ontario; Ruth G., Michigan; Evona H., Kansas; Arbutus O., Texas; Helen B., California; Kazimir K., Pennsylvania; Territa G., from Florida; and Jean T., from Ohio. They spent three days in "beautiful downtown" New York at the George Washington Hotel.

Their first information brochure contained the material for consideration of concentrated use of Conference Approved Literature. The pattern of a conference was begun. Wonderful people were learning and growing in a fellowship and they were working hard from the very beginning.

I'm DIANNA and that's the way it was!
YOUR NAME HERE

A very special Service

Volunteers have always shown a particular gift for service. For many years Al-Anon members had dedicated themselves to reaching out to the families of AA members who were in prisons and other institutions. Many personal contacts had been established with Al-Anon members who had this additional burden to bear. From the beginning, Irma P. and Anne B. had served as chairmen of committees doing institutional work and in the mid-60's an Institutional Secretary was added to the paid staff.

I'm TOM and that's the way it was!
YOUR NAME HERE

Penny goes to Toronto

(21.)

Yearning to attend the International Convention in Toronto in 1965, I asked my Higher Power for help. Two days later, an invitation to speak arrived from the ISO. I really went into action.

All those trading stamps I had been saving for years had earned a premium. Inside the cover where I had pasted the collection, an address appeared. I wrote immediately to ask if, the stamps could be redeemed for accommodations at any Toronto hotel. The reply was prompt, telling me my room was reserved at (of all places) Al-Anon's Headquarters for the Convention. Overjoyed, I told my husband the good news and invited him to accompany me. His responsibility would be to provide transportation and dinners. I like to think the problem was really "licked."

I'm JULIA and that's the way it was!
YOUR NAME HERE

"AFFE"

(23.)

Margaret D. had been hard at work compiling FORUM editorials into a book. "Al-Anon's Favorite Forum Editorials," lovingly called, "AFFE," was published in time for its debut at the AA International Convention in 1970. Margaret became an instant celebrity and was besieged by autographshunters. She signed every copy purchased and there were 1,000 books sold. It was a long time before her fingers uncurled.

I'm HOWARD and that's the way it was!
YOUR NAME HERE

Columbine on the Rocks

(24.)

The 40th AA Anniversary International Convention was held in Denver. The theme of the Columbine flower showed up everywhere at Al-Anon's Headquarters hotel. There were over 5,000 Al-Anon/Alateen members in attendance. All might have wanted the special souvenir but the State government would have objected to the removal of an entire mountain; as it was, 2,000 guests at the breakfast for Lois were given a hand-painted local rock, prepared by the Rock Committee. There were sub-committees for "rock-gathering," "rock-painting" and "rock-distribution."

I'm PATTI and that's the way it was!
YOUR NAME HERE