

SELECTED SIGNIFICANT DATES IN AL-ANON/ALATEEN HISTORY



- 1939 Family groups began to form.
- 1951 Lois W., wife of Bill W., co-founder of AA, and Anne B. founded Al-Anon. The first World Service office was opened in New York to provide services to eighty-seven groups located in the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Ireland.
- 1955 The first hard cover book, *The Al-Anon Family Groups*, was published.
- 1957 The first Alateen group started in Pasadena, California.
- 1962 Ann Landers wrote the first of many articles about Al-Anon.
- 1965 Tennessee was invited to join the World Service Conference.
- 1968 *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon*, our first daily reader, was published.
- 1972 Lois's Story, a video about our co-founder, was produced by Al-Anon Family Groups.
- 1985 Al-Anon's first International Convention was in Montreal Canada.
- 1996 The World Service Office moved from New York to Virginia with a staff of fifty-six.
- 1998 The Third Al-Anon International Convention with AA participation was held in Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2001 Al-Anon celebrated its 50th Anniversary. There was an event celebrating this just after the WSC. Don F, Delegate, Panel 40, 2000-2002
- The Al-Anon World Service Conference passed a "Resolution of Gratitude" to show appreciation for Alcoholic Anonymous' support and encouragement.
- The World Service Office ended the three-year trial and began registering on-line meetings. They were not considered groups because they did not fit the WSC structure which was based on geography.
- 2002 *Hope for Today* was published.
- 2003 The Board of Trustees mandated that each Area put into place Alateen safety and behavioral requirements and that these met the minimum requirement as established by the Board.
- 2006 The Board of Trustees adopted "Knowledge Based Decision Making" as the approach to problem solving and discussion.
- The World Service Conference approved a three-year trial for electronic Conference Approved Literature (e-CAL)
- 2007 *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007*, the new public outreach magazine, was in distribution.
- 2008 The World Service Office put its first blog on the website, and the first podcast was launched.
- 2010 The World Service Office made the final mortgage payment on the property in Virginia Beach. Cindy H, Delegate, Panel 49, 2009-2011
- 2014 WSC authorized the use of electronic devices for notetaking beginning with the 2015 World Service Conference on a three-year trial basis. Grace Mcl, Delegate, Panel 52, 2012-2014
- 2017 There were 3 Executive Directors in the 3 year term of panel 55. Ric B., who retired, Mary G. was interim ED, and Vali F. who was also a Delegate in 2015. Tarcila F, Delegate, Panel 55, 2015-2017
- 2022 The Global Electronic Area became a paneled Area. Karla K, Delegate, Panel 61, 2021-2023
- 2026 The 75th Al-Anon Anniversary Irene F, Delegate, Panel 64, 2024-2026