

Alateen Coordinator Report

I have completed the recertification process for all AMIAS's (Al-Anon Members Involved In Alateen Service) in New York North (NYN), and here is the breakdown.

130 AMIAS's on the Initial Report received from World Service.
10 New AMIAS's added since January 1st.
26 AMIAS's Inactivated either by their request or failure to recertify.
114 Current number of active AMIAS's in NYN

Each AMIAS who failed to comply was sent a letter advising them that they are no longer a certified AMIAS and can no longer work with the teens. At the Fall Assembly I will be presenting each District Representative a complete list of all active and inactivated AMIAS's within their Districts. I also inactivated two Alateen groups:

"A Day at a Time" – Binghamton
"Cloverleaf Alateen" – Tonawanda

Welcome to our new "As Strong As They Come" Alateen group in Sidney, NY.

Earlier in the summer Mary Beth (co-sponsor Camillus Friday Night Alateen) and I have been working on the Alateen Training Module and looking forward to giving a preview of the module to our teens at NYNAC as well as any interested Al-Anon members attending the Fall Assembly. This module will serve as a valuable means for helping everyone to understand what the requirements are to become an AMIAS, our duties as an AMIAS to the teens as well as how to start and oversee an Alateen group.

On September 10, I met with several AMIAS's from several different Alateen Groups in NYN, as well as Diane C. our NYN Delegate, Leslie C. our NYNAC Coordinator and Pat H. our NYN Al-Anon Public Outreach Coordinator, the focus of the meeting was to look at the various methods provided by World Service to increase our outreach efforts for Alateen in NYN. Some of the items spoken about include:

- A press release that we can print in newspapers to make people aware of Alateen meetings within their communities
- A new Alateen poster that lists local contact information for teens and parents looking for help. The poster can be hung in schools, libraries, medical centers, churches, etc.
- Posting meetings in the Community Event Calendar of local newspapers.
- Requesting our Al-Anon groups to invite the teens to come and chair one of their meetings. You will be astonished when you hear the wisdom that comes from their hearts.
- Developing a process that will strengthen the communication between our existing Alateen Groups. Not just seeing each other at NYNAC or conventions.

The group plans to meet on a quarterly basis at different locations. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 3; we are waiting to confirm a location in Rochester.

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After NYNAC, the NYN Alateen Guidelines Committee will start meeting again to continue reviewing and updating our current guidelines. I have been researching and printing out the Alateen guidelines for various Al-Anon areas within the United States. One of the discussions will be to begin investigating the various methods and cost associated with conducting background checks for all AMIAS's in NYN. There will also be a new addition to the guidelines that will address the yearly recertification requirements for all AMIAS's. The goal of the committee is to have our guidelines updated and ready by the spring of 2017.

Love in service.

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