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Groups that choose to have a bank account are required to obtain an EIN from the IRS.

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Discussion of religion is one of the Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon.

Service Manual! See page 24.

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One of the GR's duties is to encourage members to send stories to the Forum.

Service Manual! see p. 156.

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Newcomers should be discouraged from putting money in the basket at meetings.

Baloney! “Member and newcomers are encouraged to contribute in gratitude for what Al-Anon/Alateen has given them.” p. 9.

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Alcoholics may not attend closed Al-Anon meetings.

Baloney! Closed Al-Anon meetings may be attended by anyone whose life has been affected by a problem drinker. See p. 83.

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District Meetings should emphasize the use of specialized CAL available to various demographics.

Service Manual! see p. 164.

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The primary function of the Area World Service Committee is to plan for the improvement of both groups and Assembly.

Service Manual! see p. 162.

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GRs should bring the World Service Handbook to Assembly.

Service Manual! See p. 147.

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The WSO and the WSC are the same entity.

Baloney! The World Service Office is the organization known as AFG, Inc. The World Service Conference is Al-Anon's annual business meeting. See p. 134.

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The Conference may recommend action respecting serious deviation from Al-Anon Traditions and Concepts of Service.

Service Manual! See p. 174 (Art. 11, §c of the Charter)

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Small groups should not attempt to take on important service projects.

Baloney! “No matter what the size of the group, carrying the message is essential to attracting new members.” p. 49.

Service Manual? Or Baloney?

The name “Al-Anon” may not be used in a username or title of a blog or social media page.

Service Manual! p. 116.

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A group only needs to take an inventory when it is having problems.

Baloney! Taking a group inventory helps keep the group healthy and invigorated.
See p. 53.

Service Manual? Or Baloney?

Al-Anon members do not serve as personal sponsors to individual Alateens.

Service Manual! See pp. 49,89.

Service Manual? Or Baloney?

Retreats are a good way to provide members with spiritual growth.

Baloney! The religious connotations of the word “retreat” could imply affiliation if used in connection with an Al-Anon event. p. 123

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Employees of Al-Anon should not serve as GR, DR, Area Officer or Coordinator, or WSO Trustee.

Service Manual! See p. 101.

Service Manual? Or Baloney?

The meeting chairperson does not have to prepare in advance for a meeting.

Baloney! The Chairperson “plans meetings in advance with the Program Chairperson” and “announces the subject of the meeting.”

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Raffle items should relate in some way to our spiritual principles, such as Al-Anon literature or items created by individual members.

Service Manual! See p. 97.

Service Manual? Or Baloney?

Al-Anon trinkets and jewelry are sold by the WSO.

Baloney! The WSO does not offer trinkets or jewelry because they could distract from the service office's primary purpose. p. 97

Service Manual? Or Baloney?

The WSO will provide a list of suppliers for Al-Anon trinkets and jewelry.

Baloney! In keeping with the 6th Tradition, the WSO does not offer supplier lists for these items. p. 97

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One of the GR's tasks is to familiarize him/herself with the Service Manual and encourage its use among group members.

Service Manual! See p. 47

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There should never be behavioral rules for an Al-Anon group.

Baloney! Group autonomy allows groups to establish behavioral guidelines, as long as they abide by the Traditions. p. 54

Service Manual? Or Baloney?

The “World Service Handbook” section of the Service Manual only applies to members who are active at the Area level.

Baloney! The World Service Handbook “is for every member of our fellowship who has found the personal benefits and satisfactions that come from taking an active part in Al-Anon’s growth.” p. 131

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The more service positions available, the more members will participate.

Service manual! See p. 55