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Al-Anon Family Group's
75-year Legacy with
Lois W. & the Pioneers!

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Celebrate Al-Anon's Legacy with Lois W. & the Pioneers!

Step into the heart of Al-Anon's history with two powerful films available for online streaming! *Lois's Story* (AV-1) and *Lois W. & the Pioneers* (AV-24) bring to life the voices and vision of Al-Anon's Cofounder and its trailblazing pioneers. For just \$25, you can rent each film for seven days via "Vimeo on Demand," which makes it perfect for group gatherings, District events, or Area celebrations. Want to make it extra special? Invite Lois W. to "join" your meeting by streaming her story with the fellowship!

Visit al-anon.org to explore the Archives section and select Historical Films for more information. DVDs are available to rent through the World Service Office, and you can also listen to a rare audio interview featuring Lois and other early leaders.

Let's gather and watch in gratitude for the foundation of hope and the enduring legacy of service that continues to inspire us today!

[Discover Al-Anon's Early Voices](#)

"We discover that cooperation has no limits and that our true strength lies in unity. We have worked with the common purpose of helping, strengthening, and mentoring one another, knowing that together we can carry the message of hope to every corner of the world."



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*Al-Anon Family Groups General Service Office
Uruguay, South America*

RIASA 2025—Fostering Unity and Service

In October 2025, the “Reunion Iberoamerica de Servicios de Al-Anon” (RIASA) was held virtually over two days. The theme was “El fruto del amor es el servicio en la unidad” (The Fruit of Love Is Service in Unity). Fifteen structures from Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries came together to share their voices, experiences, and hope to foster unity and service across their communities. Uruguay served as the host country for this 12th RIASA.

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“...serving as a Trustee is about caring for this fellowship we all love so that it will be here for the next person who needs it.”

The Forum, March 2026

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Willingness and the Collateral Benefits of Service

“If you are like me, sometimes service commitments don't inspire excitement. When I first heard the terms Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, they sounded like another room in a house I wasn't allowed to enter. They sounded intimidating, even out of reach. But what I came to understand was that behind those formal-sounding titles are members whose stories sound a lot like ours...”

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Did you know some of the pioneering
Al-Anon Family Groups still meet today - 75 years later?

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Honoring the Legacy of Longtime Al-Anon Family Groups

The earliest family groups united under the name of Al-Anon Family Groups in 1951. Did you know that some of those pioneering groups are still meeting 75 years later? Early groups were located across the globe—in Australia, South Africa, Ireland, Canada, and the US. The first French-speaking groups were established in the 1950s and the first Spanish-speaking groups in the 1960s. Since those early days, Al-Anon has grown to include thousands of groups worldwide, many with decades-long histories of helping families and friends of alcoholics.

To learn more about your Al-Anon or Alateen group history or registration date, contact archives@al-anon.org or submit the Archives Request for Research (AR-9) online form.

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