

ASK-IT-BASKET QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FALL ASSEMBLY 2014

1. Question; Is the “Lord’s Prayer” CAL (Conference Approved Literature)

Answer; The “Lord’s Prayer” is not CAL. The answer can be found on pg. 22 of the Service Manual – **Suggested Al-Anon/Alateen Closing ...** Will all who care to, join me in closing with the _____ prayer? It is suggested that groups close in a manner that is agreeable to the group conscience. Many groups say the AL-Anon Declaration after their closing. In other words it is Group Autonomy.

2. Question; What is the correct approach to your group for the support of Alateen? May be the group is focusing more on themselves and not the youth.

Answer; The answer can be found on pg. 90 of the Service Manual – **Funding/Seventh Tradition** – It may be difficult for a new Alateen Group to meet all its expenses and needs. The local Al-Anon Groups(s) or District may provide literature or funds to help the group get started, with the goal of the Alateen Group becoming fully self-supporting as soon as possible.

3. and 4. Question; (These 2 questions were very similar and can be answered as one question.) During the Assembly Business Meeting, the Chairperson directs members to go to the microphone to speak. Doesn’t it send the wrong message when some members are allowed to give instruction to the Chair, by yelling out from the floor?

Answer; If any member wishes to speak during the Assembly Business Meeting, the procedure is for the member to go to the microphone. This allows everyone in the room to hear what is being said and provides clarity about what is being addressed. Recognition that procedure was not followed throughout the whole Business Meeting was addressed yesterday

afternoon, after the Business Meeting. Following our procedure is important for a smooth flowing and effective Business Meeting.

5. Question; A “Step Study for Recovery” is being organized by a member of Al-Anon. If the name of Al-Anon does not appear on the poster, is it keeping with our Traditions to promote it in our groups? What are the guidelines for advertising similar events in our fellowship?

Answer; Pg. 56 of the Service Manual answers this question – **Other Group Announcements** – It is important that only Al-Anon/Alateen events are announced in our meetings. Because of our special relationship with A.A., A.A. events with Al-Anon and Alateen participation can be announced, but at an Al-Anon meeting or meeting location, groups do not announce or discuss activities of other Twelve Step Programs. Publicizing events of other organizations creates an appearance of affiliation...

We didn’t find any reference to whether or not the name of Al-Anon needed to be on the poster. The most important thing to remember is the use of CAL and access to Al-Anon members.

6. Question; Is there a problem with the word “membership” in Tradition 3?

Answer; Pg. 40 of the Service Manual gives us the answer – **Basics for Group Meetings – Membership** – Al-Anon and Alateen membership is open to anyone who feels his or her life has been affected by someone else’s drinking, either currently or in the past. In keeping with “Tradition Three”, all family members and friends of problem drinkers are welcome to attend Al-Anon meetings in order to decide for themselves whether Al-Anon can benefit them. New members are encouraged to attend different meetings, to find groups where they feel most comfortable.