

Members often wonder if a particular event is appropriate to announce. The following should be considered when deciding what to announce at meetings:

- Generally, those events put on by or connected to Al-Anon service arms are announced at meetings, in our newsletters, and on local websites. These events bring members together to connect through experiences and discussions.
- Areas, Districts and AISs often plan program-related activities for fun and fellowship, to encourage participation in service and sometimes fundraising. These gatherings unite groups within the District and neighboring Districts and often improve the health of the groups and lead to the growth of Al-Anon and Alateen as a whole. These events can be announced at Al-Anon meetings and communicated in our publications.
- Al-Anon is often invited by A.A. to participate in recovery events. Almost from its beginning, Al-Anon has taken part in these events. Such participation often led to the growth of Al-Anon and an enhanced spirit of cooperation between both fellowships. While we remain a separate entity from A.A., we cooperate whenever possible. When Al-Anon participates in an A.A. event with speakers or workshops, these events may be announced at meetings, in our newsletters and on our websites.

Outside the Fellowship

Al-Anon does not affiliate with other organizations; neither endorses nor opposes any other philosophies, therapies or spiritual programs. Our experience suggests that confusion arises when such events are announced in Area newsletters, Al-Anon/Alateen local bulletins, on Al-Anon websites and at group meetings.

The Al-Anon/Alateen name, therefore, cannot properly be used to identify or publicize retreats, events or activities sponsored by others. This applies when most or even all of the participants are members of Al-Anon/Alateen. Otherwise there could be a misunderstanding of Al-Anon's purpose and function. In order to avoid any appearance of Al-Anon/Alateen affiliation, it is important to keep promotion of such events outside of Al-Anon/Alateen meet-

ings and meeting locations.