

## 2018 Fall Assembly Ask-It-Basket Questions

**Question:** If an Al-anon Member is also a member of narcotics anonymous, are they able to apply for area service positions? If so, how is this different than being a member of alcoholics anonymous?

**Answer:** Pages 86 – 87: Tradition Five defines Al-Anon's single purpose. Tradition Six encourages cooperation with Alcoholics Anonymous, maintaining that Al-Anon is a separate entity that ought never affiliate or create the appearance of affiliation with any outside enterprise. Putting these principles into practice maintains a separation between the service structures of Al-Anon and A.A. This separation helps avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest and safeguards Al-Anon's singleness of purpose. Accordingly, Al-Anon's policy is that members who are also members of A.A. do not serve as Group Representative (GR), District Representative (DR), Area Delegate, World Service Conference member, alternate to any of these service positions or on any committee of the World Service Office.

A similar question was asked as the Ask-It basket at the Spring Assembly 2017, so this answer is based off that one. Yes, members of narcotics anonymous can apply for area service positions.

An individual determines if they are a member of AL-Anon. Al-Anon itself does not determine if an individual is member of another anonymous program:

An example of this is found on Page 12 the third paragraph which states a suggested welcome at meetings: At this point in the meeting, many groups have the Chairperson say if the group meeting has a special format (Step-study, speakers, or discussion group), has a specific routine for calling on members, asks members of other anonymous fellowships to remain anonymous and focus on the Al-Anon program, and clarifies if the meeting is open\* or closed.\*\* Members are also told how they can obtain Al-Anon and Alateen Conference Approved Literature.

Group Representatives, District Representatives and Area Service Positions are elected to these positions using the Group Conscious to ensure the member will follow the duties of the that position to the best of their abilities.

Question: How do I submit a picture for the Forum magazine?

Answer: **Guidelines for Submitting Photographs to The Forum**

Besides articles, readers may also submit photos to The Forum. As with articles, the magazine cannot guarantee that photos submitted will be published. Here are a few things to consider when submitting a photo:

- Subject matter – The range of content in photos is wide in scope. Select any subject matter as long as it is appropriate.
- In keeping with Traditions Eleven and Twelve, please do not submit full face images of any Al-Anon or Alateen members.
- Avoid any images that relate to specific religions or other outside entities.
- Only submit photos with clear, non-grainy images.
- Indicate how you would like to be credited if your photo is used (e.g.: first name, last initial, and state or province; pseudonym; or “Anonymous.”)
- You will receive a thank you letter or email once your submission is received.