

AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE OFFICE ARCHIVES

QUESTIONNAIRE: Re Group and Individual History

First Name, Last initial
FLOSSIE I.

Name and Location of Al-Anon Group
ST. MARKS CHURCH - ORTEGA, ALA

Did you attend family meetings before Al-Anon existed i.e., before 1951?
Where? When?

When did you first hear of Al-Anon? 1963

Did you start going to meetings immediately? YES

Name of first group attended. How often were meetings held?
SAN MARCO JAX, FLA. ONCE A WEEK

When was the group started? Do you know who started the group?
MAY 1963 FLOSSIE I.

Where was the meeting held? (home, church, etc.) CHURCH

Did you have obstacles to overcome in attending meetings? NO
If so, how did you overcome them?

What was the approximate number in the group? 1ST YEAR - 3 MEMBERS
What was the range in age of members? 40's and 50's

Was the group comprised mostly of spouses? YES
Did any men attend those early meetings? NO

Is the group still in existence? YES
Does it have the same name? YES

Do you still attend your original group? YES

Did the group grow? YES How has it changed?

What was the first piece of literature you came across?
PACKET FROM HOME OFFICE

How were new members contacted? How was 12th Step work done?
WORD OF MOUTH FROM AA & AA INTERGROUP

Did you ever have a sponsor? DID NOW
Did you ever sponsor anyone? YES

Did you personally bring others into the group? YES

Before these meetings, did you try to get help from other sources? YES - PUT BOO
IN LIBRARIES - SENT LIT. TO DOCTORS
WAS ANOTHER source helpful to you? YES - (STATE FUNDED "SPOUSE GROUP")

What was Al-Anon like in the early days in your Area?
MEETIN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER

ONE DIDN'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT AL-ANON

AN EPISCOPAL MINISTER AT ST. MARKS CHURCH GOT A.A. STARTED
IN JAN. 1963 - IN MAY 1963 HE GOT AN ALANON GROUP STARTED
... MEETING IN 25 YEARS.

OUR CHURCH UNDER
WENT BLDG. PROGRAM
AND OUR GROUP
DROPPED IN SIZE FROM
30000 TO LESS THAN
10.

Were there any special problems that arose during the early years? **COULD NOT GET MEMBERS INTERESTED AT LOCAL & STATE LEVEL**

Does it seem that the problems today are the same as in the early meetings?

Explain **YES -**

Do you find people talk more freely these days? **YES**

What and when was the first time you applied an Al-Anon principle that made you aware the program was working for you? **WHEN I FELT A NEW FREEDOM**

Do you have family members in any of the fellowships today? **NO**

What would you like to share with a new member today? **HOPE / LOVE / PROGRAM**

What is the name of the group? **ORTEGA ALANON (ORTEGA IS AREA)**

Who started the group? **FLOSSIE I.**

How was the group received by the community? **GREAT, I GUESS**

Do you think your group has influenced the community? **YES**

Is the group active in the District? **NO** Area? **NO**

Is there an Al-Anon Information Service nearby? **NO YES**

Is the group active in it? **NO** Any problems?

Do you celebrate anniversaries? **NO** What kind? How?

Is there an Alateen group nearby? **NO**

Is there an AA group nearby? **YES**

Any problems with either? **NO**

Who comes to the Al-Anon group today? **Spouses? Living with active alcoholism? Living with sobriety? Adult children of alcoholics? Parents? Young People? Men? Minorities? Any special problems? **NO****

Does your group participate in State or Regional get-togethers, Convention/Conferences, Round-ups, etc.? **NO**

★ Generally, how has the group changed since you first encountered it? **SMALLER**

Where does the group meet today? **LIBRARY OF CHURCH** How often? **WEEKLY**

Do many Alateens continue into Al-Anon? **NO**

Are all the members giving service back to Al-Anon? **NO**

★ Are jobs regularly rotated? **NO - VERY DIFFICULT TO GET JOBS FILLED**

What is the group doing to keep longtime members active? **- TELEPHONING**

★ I FEEL GROUPS ARE SMALL & JOBS HARD TO FILL BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY NEW GROUPS AND CLUBS - PEOPLE DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE AN ATTACHMENT TO A HOME GROUP