



**The following are selected significant dates in Al-Anon/Alateen history:**

1939 - Family groups begin to form

1951 - Lois W., wife of Bill W., co-founder of AA, and Anne B. founded Al-Anon. The first World Service Office was opened in New York to provide services to eighty-seven groups located in the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Ireland.

1955 - The first hard cover book, *The Al-Anon Family Groups*, is published

1957 - First Alateen group is started in Pasadena, California

1962 - Ann Landers writes the first of many articles about Al-Anon

1968 - *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon*, our first daily reader, was published - over 5,000,000 copies have been sold

1972 - *Lois's Story*, video about our co-founder, produced by Al-Anon Family Groups

1985 - Al-Anon's first International Convention was held in Montreal, Canada

1994 - *From Survival to Recovery*, first Al-Anon adult children book was published

1996 - World Service Office moves from New York to Virginia with a staff of 56

1998 - Third Al-Anon International Convention with AA participation is held in Salt Lake City, UT

2001 - Al-Anon celebrates its 50th Anniversary

There are over 26,000 registered groups in 115 countries. Literature is translated in 30 different languages

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