

**Wisconsin Al-Anon/Alateen – Area 61
Fall 2013 Assembly
Delegate/GR Breakout Session**

Biggest Problems Facing Our Groups

1. Dual members and members who belong to other 12-Step groups talking about those groups in Al-Anon meetings.
2. Lack of participation in service
3. Native Americans not coming to meetings even after being exposed to Al-Anon while in jail – this population not being served by the fellowship.
4. Groups altering the Serenity Prayer by adding “today” at the end of the prayer which actually adds no benefit – usually added by “double winners”.
5. Service Structure (using the Service Manual) used as Al-Anon “police”.
6. Trying to break the “Buck” barrier and trying to get members to put more in the basket.
7. Newcomers wanting answers on how to fix and members giving advice.
8. Participation as GR, not getting members to step up into service.
9. Members not signing up to lead meetings.
10. Minorities not coming – find out what others do to bring them into our meetings.
11. KBDM – too much info – meetings go too long.
12. Al-Anon declaration not used enough in meetings.
13. Pathways to Recovery is also not used enough.
14. Concepts aren’t discussed enough in meetings.
15. Traditions aren’t discussed enough or not utilized.
16. Using “How Al-Anon Works” is a good idea.
17. How to handle extremely dysfunctional people who disrupt our meetings.