

Welcoming Newcomers in the New Year!

Although the family disease of alcoholism never takes a vacation, the post-holiday season is a time when many individuals suffering from the family disease of alcoholism seek comfort in Al-Anon. Here are some things to think about as your group prepares to welcome newcomers for the new year...

- Is your meeting information on the local meeting list, local and Area websites, and at the World Service Office up to date? Is the group's temporary electronic meeting information removed from your group record if you're back to meeting in person? Is it current? If not, go to the Al-Anon Group Record Change Form [al-anon.org/update] to update.
- Are signs placed in easy-to-spot places to direct people to the meeting room, or specific location instructions (or, for groups meeting electronically, login and password information), included in your group record?
- Do you have a greeter to welcome anyone new to the meeting?

A Welcoming Checklist [<https://al-anon.org/pdf/Welcoming-checklist.pdf>] is also available as a free download to help you plan. Keep in mind that you can submit Al-Anon group changes online [al-anon.org/update] any time throughout the year.