

WEBPAGE COORDINATOR

As COVID-19 isolation has impacted our communities, it has impacted the webpage! Sharing experience, strength, and hope is definitely an essential service and our dedicated, resourceful members across Iowa quickly moved to alternative formats for meetings.

Districts across the state are offering online video meetings through Zoom and GoToMeeting platforms, conference call-in lines, and in-person meetings that limit their numbers and practice social distancing. iowa-al-anon.org is now your access to all the latest information in your District and across Iowa.

This [Form](#) was created by the to input information about COVID-19 changes to your meeting or email updates to IowaAlanonWeb@gmail.com. The COVID-19 meeting changes are then linked to your individual District (by city and District number) [HERE](#). Webpages at the Districts (Districts 1, 7, and 8) also are linked [HERE](#) with up-to-the-minute COVID-19 meeting updates. Meeting links are “active” on the webpage. Click the link and go directly into the virtual meeting. See the webpage meeting listing for passcodes needed. There is no cost to download the Zoom or GoToMeeting applications.

All Iowa Alateen members are welcome at the online Zoom [Alateen](#) meetings hosted from Altoona, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines. Links to these [Alateen](#) meetings are also found on the District 7 and District 8 webpages.

Meeting attendance is essential self-care, especially during this time of isolation.

The posting of the Assembly reports to the [Iowa Area Assembly](#) tab (located under the “Members” menu) was initially not going to happen until the Fall Assembly, but – needs must. I hope that all in attendance are accessing the information for our Virtual Assembly in the *Reports for Assembly* section in the [Iowa Area Assembly](#) tab.

The web page has also added a Paypal button for the Iowa Area Serenity Weekend scheduled for September 25-27 in Manson, Iowa. Members who wish to pay via check can mail their payment as we have done in the past. However, any member who wants the convenience of paying online can now do so. There will be a small charge for those electing online payment option, but members can rest assured their payment is secure through Paypal. After testing the Paypal portal for the Serenity Weekend, the hope is to expand the use of Paypal into other areas of the website. Stay posted.

My first Zoom meeting was with the members of the Webpage committee on February 13, 2020, which seems like a long time ago in a way – so much has changed, and I’m a lot more comfortable with Zoom. The support and encouragement of the Webpage committee hasn’t changed and I want to thank those members: Area Treasurer, Linda A., Group Records Coordinator, Tracy HG., Past Delegate, Maddie P., and District 11 DR, Jamie V.

I know I speak for the committee members when I say that the Iowa Area Website strives to be a resource to Iowa Al-Anon. Any suggestions or comments are welcome and of course, anything your District would want to post to the webpage, reach out to me or any committee member. I can be reached via email at Iowaalanon@gmail.com

Yours truly,
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