

Greetings. I'm hoping everyone is able to enjoy some of this beautiful weather we're having.

Alateen has some exciting news. West Des Moines has a new Alateen group that will be starting up July 12, Alateen Friday Night Step Study. This group will be meeting at the St. Marks Lutheran Church on Friday nights at 7:00. I know Deb M. has been working very hard to get another group started in the Des Moines area. Thank you to all who have worked to provide another venue for our teens.

I've heard from one district asking for ideas on outreach and all groups seem to be either holding their own or picking up some new members.

Our Alateen speaker for the June Assembly in Sioux Center is Jayden M. from Humboldt. Jayden attends the newly formed group Fort Dodge Alateen. She seems to be excited to have been invited to be the Alateen speaker. Jayden attended our Alateen Serenity Weekend in April.

There was a little confusion as to who has authority to permit an AMIAS take an Alateen to an event outside of the state. The Policy & Procedure manual states all AMIAS are required to have the Area's approval prior to taking Alateens to events with Alateen participation within or outside of the Area. The confusion is as to who the "Area" is. Who has the authority to give permission to attend. The Alateen team will be meeting to help clarify this in the Iowa Policy & Procedure Guidelines manual for future requests.

All and all, Alateen Area 18 is growing and reaching out to teens in need.

Lovingly in Alateen,
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