

November 2013

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The Akron Area Al-Anon Newsletter

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Akron Intergroup Meeting

Tuesday 11/4/13 @ 7:30 pm

Open to all Al-Anon Members,
Group Reps, District Reps
You are Encouraged to Attend!

Need literature?? The Shelves
are Packed! At the Akron Area
Al-Anon Intergroup Office!

Meeting on Wheels

**November 2013 - Kent
Friendly AFG**

**December 2013 - Uniontown
AFG**

Meeting Note

H.O.W. It Works

**Thursday 12:30 PM Barberton
BABYSITTING Available**

Anniversaries & Workshop

**Gratitude Night 2013
Saturday ~ November 16
Doors Open at 5 PM
Dinner at 6 PM**

(Directions on flyer)

Mark Your Calendar

Stow New Hope
39th Anniversary
7:00 PM, Monday
December 9

Thank You

AAIS, (Intergroup), Thanks AAAC
for their generous donation. We
appreciate your service.

Intergroup Plea Letter - 2013

Please see the letter and
attachment from your Intergroup
Treasurer & Co-Treasurer

Have you seen the website?

Akron's site is www.afg-akron.org
Meeting schedules, program
information, Meeting On Wheels info
and links to Ohio, Cleveland and
World Service Office sites!!

Minutes for October 1, 2013 Akron Alanon Intergroup Meeting

Attendance:

Roberta T—Chair, Office Coordinator—Wadsworth AFG, Thursday
Jeff B---Co-chair, ISR—Barberton AFG, Wednesday
Monica C—Treasurer—Paradise AFG, Wednesday
Laurie R---Co-treasurer—Tuesday Triangle
Lisa T—Co-literature—Paradise AFG, Wednesday
Jerry M---PIC—Keep It Simple—Friday
Gloriann H—Secretary, ISR—Hudson Serenity, Saturday
Phil B—Steering Committee, ISR—Uniontown AFG, Friday
Leah E—Steering Committee, ISR—Tools for Recovery, Monday
Rex M—Delegate—Falls PM, Thursday
Ginny C—Alt Delegate—Hudson Serenity, Saturday

ISR's:

Irena H—Norton Serenity, Friday
Tara—Falls PM, Thursday
Tom A—Kent, Friday
Kathy H—Paradise AFG, Wednesday
Gail P—Stow New Hope, Monday

Call to order: 7:30pm by Roberta T. The Serenity Prayer was recited and The Concepts were read. Members introduced themselves by first name, group affiliation and position.

Secretary (Gloriann) Report: There were no corrections to the minutes. Phil B made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Motion seconded by Leah E and unanimously passed.

Co-chair (Jeff B) Report:

1. AAAC donation will be addressed in this month's newsletter
2. 30 newsletters were mailed, 22 newsletters were emailed
3. Phil B requested that flyers for the newsletter be printed in black and white only and sent electronically if possible. This will help make the mailing process more efficient.

Treasurer (Monica C) Report:

1. Financial statement reviewed
2. It was noted that toner is free; the charge is for shipping. It was also suggested that the toner fee should be listed under copier expense
3. \$7.33 "out of balance" is probably due to missing petty cash receipts

4. Phil B suggested that an audit be performed. Phil B and Leah E volunteered to do the audit and will set a date in the near future.
5. Phil B initiated a discussion re the need to send out the annual "Fall Plea Letter". Currently we are in good shape financially. Tara also noted that we will be asking the groups for Gratitude Night donations during this month. The group decided that even though we do not need money at this time the letter should be sent because of future unexpected expenses. (Irena H motioned to send the letter, seconded by Monica C, unanimously passed) Group and individual donations will be requested. Leah E suggested that the letter be read at the November meetings.

Literature (Lisa T) Report:

1. A new order arrived and a second order is due to arrive soon. WSO staffing issues has caused delays in shipping.
2. Janet S has placed notes on the shelves showing the literature that has been ordered.

PIC (Jerry M) Report:

1. Jerry gave Brandon S old Forums for use at Meetings On Wheels
2. No new requests for PIC this month

MOW Report:

1. Tom A (Kent, Friday) asked if Edwin Shaw had been dismantled. It was noted that is still a rehab facility and is included in the monthly Meetings On Wheels schedule.
2. Gloriann H will bring literature to Orianna House on Wed, Oct 2 Meeting On Wheels. The literature will be charged to the MOW budget.
3. It was also noted that there is detailed info re Meeting On Wheels on our website.

Alateen report:

1. Irena H asked if there had been any follow-up to the KOMIAC discussions from the last 2 Intergroup Meetings. Roberta T will contact Linda K (Alateen Chair) for any further information
2. The Alateen Fall Rally is in North Olmstead on 10/12/2013

Office Coordinator (Roberta T) Report:

1. 45 calls in, 23 calls out, 11 voicemails, 19 literature orders
2. The office was opened for 19 days and closed for 2 days

3. The office was opened on a Saturday for cleaning. Calls were also taken on that day.

OAA Liason Report:

1. Rex noted that the 2 day Fall Assembly will be held in Boardman. A trustee from Atlanta will be the guest speaker. Ginny C encouraged everyone to attend the banquet.

Districts: no report

Webmaster: no report

Archives (Leah E) Report:

1. The back office was cleaned out in preparation for the Archive Display. Leah E will be putting info in binders. Each binder will contain info in 2 year increments. Leah is also researching vendors who will transfer tapes into CD's. It was suggested that the CD's could be sold as a fundraiser. Phil said that there may be copyright issues to consider; Leah will research.
2. Rex suggested that some of the extra archived material be donated to the State Archives.

Steering Committee Report:

1. In a previous meeting, fundraising options were discussed. Roberta T found a catalogue that included car magnets which was one of the fundraising items discussed. It was passed around for review.

Founders Day Report:

1. Roberta T attended the meeting. The AA Committee requested the info from Alanon re speakers. Ginny C and Phil B have CD's of speakers which they will give to Roberta T. Phil B also suggested that Roberta T look for CD's on the Dicobe website; they are the company that has previously done Founders Day taping. It is unclear whether they will be taping this year. Leah E also suggested that AA has CD's and a list of approved speakers. Roberta T will research these options.

Gratitude Night:

1. Flyers were distributed to bring to the groups. If anyone in the groups is interested in helping with Gratitude Night contact Sharon B or Cindy T.

1 Day Workshop:

1. 10/26/2013, 10am to 4pm, Norton Community Center
2. Focus on Steps 6 & 7
3. Please register early because lunch will served and a preliminary number is needed. See flyer for registration information
4. Walk-ins welcome
5. Raffle items from individuals welcome

District 48 Conference:

1. A 3 day conference will be held in the Fall of 2014 at The Amish Door in Wilmot, Ohio. Contact Carol R for info 330-499-4773

There was no discussion of Old or New Business

Meeting adjourned

Lords Prayer recited

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
INCOME STATEMENT

9/29/2013
September

PREPARED BY:
Monica C.

DATE: 9/29/2013
September

PREPARED BY:
Monica C.

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET

AL-ANON INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	AVERAGE/MO
Literature	\$2,115.34	\$20,215.51	\$2,246.17
Group Donations	\$531.60	\$2,524.84	\$280.54
Individual Donations	\$2.65	\$691.32	\$76.81
AIR Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Subscriptions	\$15.00	\$270.00	\$30.00
Filers	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$7.78
Miscellaneous (1)	\$6.00	\$4,047.51	\$449.72
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$117.89	\$1,331.92	\$147.99
Total Income	\$2,808.48	\$29,151.10	\$3,239.01
AL-ANON EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	
Rent	\$600.00	\$5,400.00	\$600.00
Gas	\$25.55	\$401.33	\$44.59
Electric	\$75.26	\$465.81	\$51.76
Phone & DSL	\$183.62	\$1,653.73	\$183.75
Answering Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Postage	\$20.00	\$156.06	\$17.34
Office Postage	\$4.33	\$186.63	\$20.74
Office Supplies	\$78.85	\$257.65	\$28.63
Literature	\$1,414.68	\$15,608.58	\$1,734.29
Copier	\$142.25	\$1,280.25	\$142.25
Miscellaneous(2)	\$246.46	\$1,439.36	\$159.93
Alateen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$0.00	\$1,473.20	\$163.69
Total Expenses	\$2,791.00	\$28,322.60	\$3,146.96
Net Income - Expenses	\$17.48	\$828.50	\$92.06
NON-CASH EXPENSE		YEAR TO DATE	
MOW	\$0.00	\$95.44	
PIC	\$0.00	\$64.59	
Total	\$0.00	\$160.03	
Al-Anon Savings	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	
Deposits	\$ -	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	\$ -	\$400.00	
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$ -	-\$400.00	
ALATEEN INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	
Group Donations	\$118.00	\$976.80	
Individual Donations	\$0.00	\$245.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$203.24	
Total Alateen Income	\$118.00	\$1,425.04	
AL-TEEN EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	
Literature	\$0.00	\$529.76	
Komiac	\$0.00	\$810.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$61.19	
Total Alateen Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,400.95	
Net Alateen Inc.-Exp.	\$118.00	\$24.09	

Balance Carried Forward		\$ 13,429.54
Checking Account Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.06
Alanon Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.10
Alateen Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 118.10
Total Income & Deposits		\$ 2,926.64

Checking Disbursements	\$2,791.00	
Alanon Savings Withdrawals	0	
Alateen Savings Withdrawals	0	
Total Expenses & Withdrawals		\$ 2,791.00
Current Balance		\$ 13,565.18

Checking Account Balance	\$4,569.75	Archives Balance	\$ 533.26
Prudent Reserve (CD)	\$4,508.77	(Included In Alanon Funds)	
Prudent Reserve (Savings Acct)	\$1,600.41		
Alateen Savings	\$2,722.08		
Petty Cash	\$171.50		
Total Current Account Balances	\$13,572.51	Al-Anon Out of Balance	\$7.33
		Alateen Out of Balance	\$0.00

Total Accounts Receivable 09/29/13 \$760.37
Literature Inventory

Groups That Helped Keep The Doors Open

Al-Anon Donations	Alateen Donations
Keep It Simple	Individuals
Wadsworth AFG	Barberton AFG
Individuals	Hudson Sat. Serenity
Firestone Park	Tuesday Triangle
Happiness and Acceptance	Hudson Sat. Serenity
Women's Focus On Growth	Tuesday Triangle
Delinquent Group Accounts	
60 Days Over	

90 Days Over
120 Days Over

Notes

- (1) Wristband Sales
- (2) Paid Carolyn Valentine For April Tax Prep and Copyco For Toner

Remember that sharing your meeting topics can be a life line for a fellow Al-Anon member who is looking for answers.

IBH – Courage to be Me – Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

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| November 5 | Gratitude |
| November 12 | Forgiveness |
| November 19 | Step 11 / Tradition 11 |
| November 26 | Panel – Prayer – Janet, John, Kaija |

Please note: If your group would like to publish topics in the newsletter, please have them to the Intergroup Office by the close of business the 15th day of the Month prior to that newsletter, or call to see if more time is available.

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To ensure the doors to our meetings are open at the places we say they are ~ updates about meeting times, location and status are always welcome!

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Meeting on Wheels

Sponsored in November by – Kent Friendly AFG

- Saturday Nov 2 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
- Wednesday Nov 20 – 7 P – St Thomas
- Saturday Nov 30—10:30A—Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

Sponsored in December by – Uniontown AFG

- Wednesday Dec 11 – 6:45P – Oriana House
- Saturday Dec 28 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

Gratitude Night 2013!

Saturday ~ November 16, 2013
Doors Open at 5pm ~ Dinner at 6pm

Speakers at 7pm

Debby R. - Al-Anon, Alex R. - AA, and Natasha A & Megan - Alateen

“Open Mike” at 8pm

Bring a Covered Dish to Share and your place setting

Babysitting Provided

Basket/Craft Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

(Groups are encouraged to donate a basket)

Tallmadge United Methodist 207 North Munroe, Tallmadge

Need General Directions?

From the North: Take Route 91 (known as Darrow, which becomes North Main Street, then North Avenue) until you reach East Howe Road. Turn left onto East Howe Rd and take it for 1.3 miles. Take the traffic circle. Take the 2nd turn (or exit), which is North Munroe Rd. Take North Munroe Rd for .8 miles – Destination on the right, parking in back.

From the South: Take Portage Line Rd until Tisen Rd. Tisen Rd. will soon become South Cleveland Avenue. Take South Cleveland Ave for 4.7 miles; continue onto South East Avenue for 1.6 miles. Turn onto South Munroe Rd (which will become North Munroe Rd) and take for 1.6 miles. Destination on the left, parking in back.

From the East: Take Akron Youngstown Rd/Co Route 18/Tallmadge Rd until it reaches East Ave. Continue onto East Ave for 1 mile. Turn right onto North Munroe and take for .4 miles. Destination will be on the left, parking in back.

From the West: Take Tallmadge Ave until you reach West Ave. Continue onto West Ave for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Darrow Rd/Tallmadge Circle and go .1 mile. Turn right onto East Ave. and take it for 1.3 miles. Then turn left onto North Munroe Rd and go .4 miles. Destination will be on the left, parking in back.

To help out or get more info:

Call Cindy T. @ 216-544-7790 or Sharon B @ 216-544-6888

Gratitude Night helps fund Districts 25 and 51 service work



Please read at two meetings this month

To: All Akron Area Al-Anon Groups and Individual Members

From: Monica C., AAIS Intergroup Treasurer and Laurie R., Co-Treasurer

Subject: Fall 2013 Plea Letter

This year we must once again make a special plea to the area groups to support AAIS, our local Akron Al-Anon Information Services.

Your past donations have allowed us to maintain our local Intergroup and Literature Distribution Center on a sound financial basis. The Alateen groups were able to send their members to KOMIAC and other events with minimal expenses to the Alateens and have a healthy savings account right now.

With regards to Al-Anon, our prudent reserve is less than two months expenses. Again this year we sold pins, pens, wristbands and lanyards at Founders' Day and are grateful to have received \$578 from spring's Akron Area Al-Anon Conference, AAAC. However, our operating expenses are slightly higher than last year despite the efforts to reduce costs. Also, Group and Individual donations are down slightly from last year.

We ask for your continued support this year.
Suggestions for providing this support include:

- * Special group donation from existing funds
- * Pass a separate basket at several meetings designated to support Akron Area Intergroup
- * Individual member donations to the Akron Area Intergroup

Thanks to those of you who support our Intergroup Office with your contributions. Your generosity allows our Twelfth Step work to go forward by allowing us to carry the message of hope to families and friends affected by someone else's drinking.

Attached is a summary of Year to Date 2013 Donations to our Akron Area Al-Anon and Alateen Programs.

Remember what it states in our Pre-amble to the Twelve Steps: Al-Anon is self- supporting through its own voluntary contributions.

Those contributions make a difference!

Donations Year to Date 2013

	Al-Anon	Alateen
January Totals	221.00	0.00
February Totals	240.00	30.00
March Totals	282.44	72.00
April Totals	360.10	12.00
May Totals	256.48	30.00
June Totals	688.15	355.25
July Totals	136.60	625.00
August Totals	497.14	12.00
September Totals	534.25	118.00

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