

December 2013

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The Akron Area Al-Anon Newsletter

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Akron Intergroup Meeting Tuesday 12/3/13 @ 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

December 2013
Uniontown AFG

January 2014
Firestone Park
Mondays

(2014 Schedule to be confirmed)

Meeting Note BABYSITTING at H.O.W. It Works

Thursday 12:30 PM Barberton
Please call ahead to arrange
330-644-2610

Anniversaries & Parties

Two Anniversaries
Monday, December 9

Stow New Hope
40th Anniversary - 7:00 PM
&

Wooster Monday Night
Gratitude
13th Anniversary - 7:00 PM

District 48 Holiday Party
Catered Buffet Dinner
Friday, December 13
Doors Open 6:30 – Dinner 7:00
(Flyers Inside)

Mark Your Calendar 2014

Akron Area Al-Anon Conference
Saturday, March 29

A Day of Recovery ~ Part 4
Saturday, April 26 or May 3

2014 Fall Conference by Dist. 48
September 26, 27, & 28
Amish Door Inn, Wilmot, Ohio

Congratulations & Thank You

We salute all of the afg's that
celebrated anniversaries this year

WOW – What a Gratitude Night
We thank all committee members
(More notes following Minutes)

Have you seen the website?
Akron's site is www.afg-akron.org
Meeting schedules, program
information, and links to Ohio,
Cleveland and World Service sites!!

Minutes for November 5, 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---Hudson Serenity, Saturday
Phil B---Steering Committee, ISR---Uniontown AFG, Friday
Leah E---Steering Committee, ISR---Tools for Recovery, Monday
Cindy T---Visitor
Charlie K---Visitor---New Dawn Bainbridge
Sharon B---Visitor---DR 51---Hudson Serenity, Saturday

ISR's

Irena H---Norton Serenity, Friday
Kathy H---Paradise AFG, Wednesday
Tom H---Kent Friendly, Friday
Mary B---Keep It Simple, Friday

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

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

Co-chair (Jeff B) Report:

1. 32 newsletters were mailed, 22 newsletters were emailed
2. Roberta T. suggested that we print a congratulatory message to the anniversary groups. The members agreed.

Treasurer (Monica C) Report:

1. Financial statement reviewed
2. Most of the money spent this month was for literature, especially the new book Reaching for Personal Freedom.
3. The "Al-Anon Out of Balance" is really \$16.65. A receipt for \$20.00 was received.

Literature (Lisa T) Report:

1. Large amount of literature was purchased this month. "Conflict Resolution" is backordered. P24 and 27 are not available until 2014.
2. Workshop Information: \$230 profit from individual purchases; \$150 profit from groups
3. Irena H suggested that Alateen's book "Courage To Be Me" is a good program resource, especially for newcomers.
4. E-book information: Sharon B said that "Having Had A Spiritual Awakening" is an e-book. There are plans to set up e-subscriptions for the Forum.

PIC (Jerry M): no report

MOW Report:

1. Kent Friendly group went to Edwin Shaw last Saturday. Several "oldtimers" spoke. The question and answer session went very well. It was noted that Edwin Shaw needs current meeting schedules. Brandon will be notified.
2. Uniontown is set up to do the meetings in December
3. Irena H has more Forums for use at MOW

Alateen: no report

1. Roberta T will email Linda re a KOMIAC update. Irena H noted that there is a group that is hesitant to support KOMIAC until the recent problems are resolved.

Office Coordinator (Roberta T) Report:

1. 55 calls in, 32 calls out, 30 voicemails, 33 literature orders, 3 meetings scheduled
2. The office was covered for 21 days
3. Visitors: A member from South Carolina visited the office and gathered information on starting a new group. A couple from Oklahoma who were visiting Dr. Bob's grave and home stopped by our office. Roberta T noted the importance of being able to provide service to members visiting from out of state.
4. Roberta T received a phone call from a woman in Toledo whose daughter was suffering from mental illness and addiction. The woman said that she was searching for information on the web and our number appeared.
5. Office coverage is needed on Tuesday afternoon.

OAA Liason: no report

Districts 25 & 51 (Cindy T & Sharon B):

1. Gratitude Night is 11/16/2013 at Tallmadge United Methodist Church. It is a fundraiser for the districts. The information on how the funds are used will be printed in a future newsletter. The night is made possible by volunteers who help with the raffle, decorations, babysitting etc.
2. All are invited to the District Meeting on Sat, 11/9/2013.

Webmaster: no report

Archives (Leah E):

1. Binders for 1970's, 80's and 90's are complete. Leah E will bring the binders to the next meeting for review
2. Administrative information need to be organized
3. The state archivist will be using some of the duplicate information. WSO may also be interested in some of the additional pieces.
4. The next workday to clean and set up the back office will be in January

Steering Committee (Phil B and Leah E) Report:

1. Leah E noted that the car magnets recommended as a fundraiser are pricey. Leah will research the price of "cling ons".
2. Leah E will email committee members and set up a meeting

Founders Day (Roberta T and Jeff B) Report:

1. Roberta T decided on the speakers (Chas and Judy from PA) Roberta T will be contacting them shortly. Roberta T also asked for volunteers to host the couple when they are in town. Also, send suggestions for speaker gifts to Roberta T
2. Jeff B has a copy of the 2013 Founders Day financial report for review
3. Anyone interested in organizing a skit contact Jeff B. AA needs to print the program soon and we need to know if the skit should be included.
4. Jeff B said that AA agreed that Alanon can make a decision on how to close our meetings.

Workshop, 10/26/2013

1. Irena H congratulated the committee for a very successful workshop.
2. 38 people attended. The \$521.00 profit will be contributed to Intergroup.
3. A wrap-up meeting will be held. Spring Meeting information will be discussed.
4. Irena H suggested that in addition to newsletter advertisement of workshops we should bring and read flyers at our meetings.

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

Old Business:

1. Phil B and Leah E will set up a date in January for an audit.

New Business:

1. An email was received from an Outreach Director of a government treatment facility. She suggested that "withdrawal.com" be added as a link to our website. This is a violation of our traditions and cannot be done.
2. Our gas utility company is requesting that we also use them for our electric service. Roberta T will research. Our current phone expenses were also discussed by Tom A. It was decided that a breakdown of the phone expenses will be brought to next month's meeting for review.
3. Lisa T suggested that when we print a new stamp our website address be included

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Lord's prayer recited

Editorial

We salute all of the afg's that celebrated anniversaries this year. Anniversaries take a lot of work. All who attend appreciate the effort.

WOW - What a Gratitude Night

We thank all committee members for their hard work. And we know they want to thank all who attended. The food, presenters and gift baskets were great.

Founder's Day - The Committee is working the program listing all the meetings. If Al-Anon intends to have a Skit in 2014, we need to have a skit writer(s) step forward.

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
INCOME STATEMENT

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET

DATE: October
PREPARED BY: Monica C.

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PREPARED BY: Monica C.

AL-ANON INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	AVERAGE/MO
Literature	\$2,166.70	\$22,382.21	\$2,238.22
Group Donations	\$173.34	\$2,698.18	\$269.82
Individual Donations	\$0.17	\$691.49	\$69.15
AIR Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$15.00	\$285.00	\$28.50
Fliers	\$10.00	\$80.00	\$8.00
Miscellaneous (1)	\$24.00	\$4,071.51	\$407.15
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$123.50	\$1,455.42	\$145.54
Total Income	\$2,512.71	\$31,663.81	\$3,166.38
AL-ANON EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	
Rent	\$600.00	\$6,000.00	\$600.00
Gas	\$27.66	\$428.99	\$42.90
Electric	\$63.78	\$529.59	\$52.96
Phone & DSL	\$187.85	\$1,841.58	\$184.16
Answering Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Postage	\$45.66	\$201.72	\$20.17
Office Postage	\$5.00	\$191.63	\$19.16
Office Supplies	\$10.00	\$267.65	\$26.77
Literature	\$4,263.16	\$19,871.74	\$1,987.17
Copier	\$142.25	\$1,422.50	\$142.25
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,439.36	\$143.94
Alateen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$0.00	\$1,473.20	\$147.32
Total Expenses	\$5,345.36	\$33,667.96	\$3,366.80
Net Income - Expenses	-\$2,832.65	-\$2,004.15	-\$200.41
NON-CASH EXPENSE		YEAR TO DATE	
MOW	\$20.75	\$116.19	
PIC	\$0.00	\$64.59	
Total	\$20.75	\$180.78	
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	\$40.00	\$1,016.80
Individual Donations	\$0.00	\$245.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$203.24
Total Alateen Income	\$40.00	\$1,465.04
AL-ATEEN EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Literature	\$0.00	\$529.76
Korniac	\$0.00	\$810.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$61.19
Total Alateen Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,400.95
Net Alateen Inc.-Exp.	\$40.00	\$64.09

	Balance Carried Forward		
Checking Account Deposits		\$2,512.71	\$13,572.51
Alanon Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05
Alateen Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.10	\$ 40.10
		\$ -	\$ -
Total Income & Deposits			\$ 2,552.86

Checking Disbursements		\$5,345.36
Alanon Savings Withdrawals	0	\$ -
Alateen Savings Withdrawals	0	\$ -
Total Expenses & Withdrawals		\$ 5,345.36
Current Balance		\$10,780.01

Checking Account Balance	\$1,731.10	Archives Balance	\$ 533.26
Prudent Reserve (CD)	\$4,508.77	(Included In Alanon Funds)	
Prudent Reserve (Savings Acct)	\$1,600.53		
Alateen Savings	\$2,762.28		
Petty Cash	\$160.68		
Total Current Account Balances	\$10,763.36	Al-Anon Out of Balance	-\$16.65
		Alateen Out of Balance	\$0.00

Total Accounts Receivable \$1,401.96
Literature Inventory

Groups That Helped Keep The Doors Open

Al-Anon Donations	Alateen Donations
Individual	Paradise Wednesday
Stow New Hope	Hudson Friday
Paradise Wednesday	
Happiness & Acceptance	
Let's Step It Up	
Hudson Friday	
Mantua Hillside	

Delinquent Group Accounts
60 Days Over

90 Days Over
120 Days Over

Notes
(1) Pin and Pen Sales

Meeting Topics

December 2013

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

December 3	Step 12 / Tradition 12
December 10	Giving
December 17	Panel – Guilt – Bill, Ellen, Lori
December 24	No Meeting
December 31	No Meeting

Wooster Monday Night Gratitude – Mondays at 8:00 PM

December 2	Step 12
December 9	Anniversary, see flyer for info
December 16	Fantasy and Illusion
December 23	Relationships
December 30	Progress not Perfection

Happiness and Acceptance – Sundays at 6:30 PM

December 1	Step 12
December 8	Tradition 12
December 15	Surprise
December 22	HFT 12/25 (Serenity is...)
December 29	Grief/New Beginnings

New Hope in Windham is not having meetings December 24 & 31

All Tuesday Meetings in December should check before going on the 24 & 31

Please note: If your group would like to publish anniversary flyers or meeting 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 December by – Uniontown AFG

Wednesday Dec 11 – 6:45P – Oriana House

Saturday Dec 28 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

Sponsored in January by – Firestone Park Monday

Schedule to be confirmed

**WOOSTER MONDAY NIGHT
GRATITUDE**

Cordially invites you to our

**Al-Anon
13th
Anniversary**

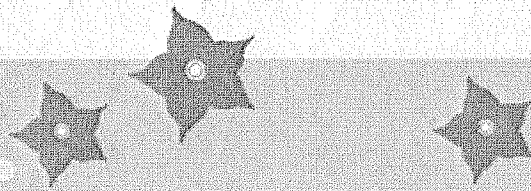
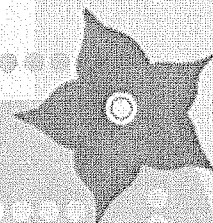
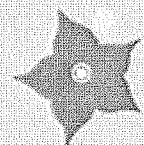
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Doors open at 7, Lead at 8pm

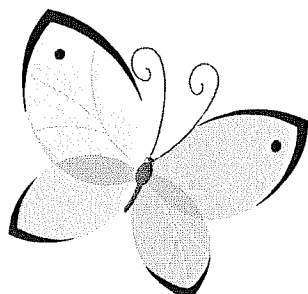
St. James Episcopal Church
127 North St. Wooster, OH

Double Lead: Iva and Jonas W.

Bring finger foods and friends



STOW NEW HOPE AL-ANON ANNIVERSARY



40 YEARS!!

Come join us in our celebration

Monday, December 9, 2013

The Church in Silver Lake

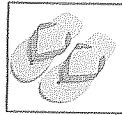
2951 Kent Road (aka: Front Street & Rt. 59)

Cuyahoga Falls / Stow

Speakers – Bill & Lisa of Hudson

Doors Open @ 7:00 pm for finger foods, cake and fellowship!

For directions or info call Vicki B. @ 330-592-1702



"One Step at a Time.....Progress Not Perfection"

Annual Al-Anon District #48 Holiday Party

An Evening of Fellowship and Fun

Hosted By: H.O.W. To Recover AFG and New Hope AFG

Friday, December 13, 2013

Georgian Social Center

1123 44th. Street NE

Canton OH 44714

Doors open at 6:30

Dinner at 7:00

Serenity Singers

Lead: Deb E. from Cadiz Ohio at 8:00

Catered Buffet Dinner:

Tossed Salad

Rigatoni in Meat Sauce

Italian Blend Vegetables

Red Skin Potatoes, Buttered with Parsley

Chicken

Italian Sausage and Peppers

Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Punch

Cookies shared from members

COST: \$15.00 Per Person

Questions: Please call Janet McGuire 330 316 4391

Kindly have your reservations to us by Monday, December 2nd.

NO WALK INS

Make checks payable to: Janet McGuire

Send to: Janet McGuire

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330 316 4391

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\$15.00 Per Person = Total \$ _____

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Newsletter Meeting Topics

Group Name _____

Day of Week _____

Contact Person _____

Date	Topic
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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