

December 2014

Pass It On
The Akron Area Al-Anon Newsletter

Al-Anon's 4th Concept of Service is:
"Participation is the key to Harmony."

Get involved through service!
We need office volunteers & service officers.
Call the office at 330-645-1165

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Akron, OH 44319
Website: www.afg-akron.org
Call us at: 330-645-1165

The passitonafg e-mail was raided at Newsletter time. As of 10-13, all received & sent e-mails, and contacts were deleted. Some of you received Spam e-mails. We are working on a solution.

Send meeting topics or anniversary flyers by the 15th of month to: passitonafg@yahoo.com
Your group donation of \$10 for the flyer can be sent to the office, it assists with newsletter cost.

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Akron Intergroup Meeting  
Tuesday 12/2/14 @ 7:30 pm

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

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Meeting on Wheels

November 2014
Norton Serenity AFG

December 2014
Uniontown AFG

2014 Schedule will be
posted on the website

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**Did You Know?**

Second Saturday  
of the Month is  
District Meeting at the  
Intergroup Office

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Our District Reps

District 25 Cindy T
District 48 Carol R
District 51 Sharon B
District 56 Chris M.H.

Celebrations
Workshops &
Conferences

Stow New Hope
41 Anniversary

December 8
Flyer inside

District 48 Annual
Al-Anon Holiday Party
December 12 – Friday
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STEP MEETING

Starting at Step 1

District 51 Step Meeting
Flyer Inside

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**Save the Date**  
Stow New Hope Anniversary  
Monday, December 8

**AAAC**  
March 21, 2015

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Service Opportunities

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For any office volunteer position  
call the office 330-645-1165  
or Roberta at 330-285-5619  
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Minutes For November 4, 2014 Akron Al-Anon Intergroup Meeting

Attendance: Officers and ISR's

Barberton: Jeff B, Chair and ISR
Hudson Serenity: Gloriann H, Secretary and ISR
District 51 Step: Laurie R, Treasurer
First things First: Monica C, Co-treasurer and ISR
Paradise: Lisa T: Literature
Tuesday Triangle: Linda K, Alateen
Wadsworth: Roberta T, Office Coordinator and Alt ISR
Hudson Serenity: Jo S, OAA Liaison
Uniontown: Phil B, Steering Committee and ISR

Hudson Serenity: Ginny C, Alt Delegate Ohio Assembly
Happiness and Acceptance: John D, ISR
Stow New Hope: Kathy H, ISR
Norton Fri: Irena H, ISR
Keep It Simple: Christen B, ISR
Paradise: Wendy Y, ISR
Kent Friendly: Tom A, ISR
IBH Tuesday: Anne H, ISR

Visitors:

Barberton: Cindy T, District 25 Rep
Copley Mon: Jane E

Call to order: 7:30pm by Jeff B; moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Members introduced themselves by first name, group affiliation and position. The Steps were read.

Secretary Report:

1. October Minutes were printed in the newsletter. Phil B made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Roberta T and unanimously approved as written.

Acting Co-chair Report:

1. 50+ newsletters were emailed; 31 mailed
2. The Intergroup email account was hacked. Richie (Webmaster) and Jeff B are addressing this issue.
3. The Newsletter Policy has been circulated to the membership for several months. Jeff B asked that the Steering Committee (Phil, Sharon, Roberta, Rex) report any feedback at next month's meeting. Phil has received some feedback from members. He will ask for clarification of that feedback and will bring that information next month. A vote will be taken next month.
4. Ginny C presented info from WSO re updated guidelines for newsletter editors, new simple steps for e-newsletters and info on protecting anonymity online. Ginny C also stated that the word Al-Anon should not be listed on emails; using AFG or PassItOn is more appropriate. WSO has also recently passed a policy that member phone numbers should not be printed online. JoS stated that online anonymity was widely discussed at the Assembly. Jeff B has read these guidelines and will keep them on file.

Treasurer Report:

1. Group donations are higher than the recent average. Groups who donated are listed on this month's report.
2. Jeff B included The Fall Plea Letter in the October newsletter.
3. Laurie R reported that we are "running behind on a year to date basis." Phil B will send Laurie R an email re the revenues from the Spring and Fall Workshops which will be noted in the November Treasurer Report.
4. Two delinquent group accounts remain. Stow New Hope consistently sends money to pay down their debt.
5. Norton Serenity donation will be designated in the November Treasurer Report.
6. Irena H had a question re "Accounts Receivable". Accounts Receivable amounts reflect money owed by groups under 60 days. Money owed for 60 days or over is listed under delinquent Group Accounts.
7. Irena H made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jo S and unanimously approved as presented.

Literature Report:

1. Literature orders are brisk. Lisa T recently placed an order for \$1500. How Alanon Works is now available.

PIC: no report

1. Roberta T stated that Jerry M was in the office preparing packets for one of the rehab facilities.

MOW: no report

1. Norton Serenity is staffing the November rehab dates.
2. Uniontown was incorrectly listed as staffing the rehabs in December. Kent Friendly may volunteer for the open December dates. Tom A will discuss at their meeting and contact Brandon S

Alateen Report:

1. Tina is the new state coordinator
2. 2015 KOMIAC Meeting is in Michigan
3. 2016 KOMIAC Meeting is in the Cleveland/Akron area
4. The Fall Rally will be held on 10/24/2015
5. New guidelines for sponsors are being discussed
6. A teacher from Cuyahoga Falls contacted the office requesting that an Alateen Meeting be set up in the high school (not associated with the high school curriculum) Monica C will give Linda K the teacher's contact information
7. There are currently 3 active Alateen Meetings: Tues Triangle, Thurs Falls and Brunswick
8. Linda K stated that there is a great need for Alateen sponsors. Jo S suggested that the ISR'S bring this information to their groups. Qualifications for sponsors are: "attend Alanon Meetings regularly, be at least 21 years of age, have 2 years in Alanon in addition to time spent in Alateen and never be convicted of a felony, charged with child abuse or other inappropriate sexual behavior and have not demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen Members." There will be a Workshop for Alateen Sponsors (and prospective sponsors) in March 2015.
9. Linda K also requested that a new Alateen Coordinator be found to replace her

Office Coordinator Report:

1. 31 calls in, 39 calls out, 17 voicemails, 4 pamphlets sent out and 20 literature orders received.
2. Volunteers covered the office 18 out of 23 days
3. Becky from Hudson Serenity has begun working in the office on Tuesdays
4. Roberta T asked that office keys not being used be returned. New keys have been made

OAA Liaison:

1. Fall Assembly was held on 10/18 and 10/19/2014 in Columbus
2. Ohio has 434 active groups and 145 inactive groups. 275 groups have GR's
3. Elections for 3 year terms were held. Delegate is Ginny C, Alt Delegate is Theresa M, Secretary is Phil H, Chairman is Buffy N and Treasurer is Judy A.
4. Coordinators were also elected: Alateen-Tina L, Literature-Karen M, Forum-Christine T, Archives-Lindsey H. Two positions remain open: Public Outreach and Group Records
5. Voting was held for the following motions: 1) Rename all lettered districts to numbered districts; unanimously approved. 2) Remove personal info from Ala-notes when published online; approved by a vote of 47 to 7 (opposed)
6. Meet the Board is scheduled for July, 2015. Akron is one of the cities being considered for this event. Decision will be made in December
7. The 2015 Fall Assembly will be held in Toledo. The 2016 Fall Assembly will be held in Akron.
8. Addiction studies for Professionals will be held in Columbus on 8/12 to 8/14/2015. Al-Anon will again be represented.
9. The next World Service Meeting will be held on Sat, March 28, 2015

District 25:

1. Gratitude Night will be held on 11/15/2014 at Tallmadge United Methodist Church. There will be an Al-Anon, AA and Alateen Speaker. Baskets are raffled off for fundraising purposes. Main course food is appreciated. Babysitting will be provided. Doors open at 5pm

District 48:

1. Christmas Party will be held on 12/12/2014 at Trinity United Church of Christ. Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. There will be a panel of speakers.

Webmaster: no report

Archives: no report

Steering Committee: no report

Founders Day:

1. CD's of prospective speakers were received from BC Sober Voices and given to the Founders Day Committee. They were copied, distributed and approved. Jeff B will be contacting the speakers who are from North Carolina.

One Day Workshop: 10/25/2014

1. Phil B reported that 30 people attended. There were 3 outstanding speakers and plenty of good food. The Workshop made a profit of \$325.

Old Business:

1. The Newsletter Policy will be put to a vote at next month's meeting

New Business:

1. Lisa T suggested that the current newsletter be put on the desktop for easy access.
2. Irena H volunteered to be Co-chair. A motion to accept her request was made by Monica C, seconded by Kathy H and unanimously passed.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm and The Alanon Declaration was recited.

Note

To: All

From: Irena H (330-903-6578), your "new" but NOT improved Co-Chair for
2014/2015

Hello,

I have decided to take position of the Co-Chair of the Intergroup after 3 month's wait for someone else to step-forward.

You may use my phone number to contact me or to provide it to someone else who wishes to contact me in regards to Al-Anon information or business.

If you do not know me –

I'm bi-lingual (American English and Polish)

live in Akron since 1974

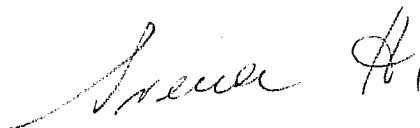
am a member of Al-Anon since April 1973

actively in Al-Anon service at the local and State level off-and on- since 1976

held a position of Co-Chair and Chair at least 4 times

remember when there was no Al-Anon office since we could not afford it (1970ties – 1980ties)

Best, Love in Service



Irena H.

AKKUN AKEA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
INCOME STATEMENT

DATE: Oct-14

PREPARED BY: Laurie R.

	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	AVERAGE/MO
AL-ANON INCOME			
Literature	\$1,990.88	\$21,489.14	\$2,148.91
Group Donations	\$369.14	\$2,725.17	\$272.52
Individual Donations	\$25.30	\$268.51	\$26.85
AIR Conference		\$0.00	
Subscriptions	\$10.00	\$475.00	\$47.50
Fliers	\$10.00	\$190.00	\$19.00
Miscellaneous (1)	\$56.00	\$2,407.93	\$240.79
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$121.15	\$1,478.80	\$147.88
Total Income	\$2,582.47	\$29,034.55	\$2,903.46
AL-ANON EXPENSES			
Rent	\$600.00	\$6,000.00	\$600.00
Gas	\$28.32	\$472.34	\$47.23
Electric	\$41.50	\$486.98	\$48.70
Phone & DSL	\$171.88	\$1,633.04	\$163.30
Answering Service		\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Postage		\$167.82	\$16.78
Office Postage		\$72.47	\$7.25
Office Supplies		\$399.89	\$39.99
Literature	\$806.55	\$13,957.20	\$1,395.72
Copier	\$144.73	\$1,458.76	\$145.88
Miscellaneous		\$2,079.54	\$207.95
Alateen		\$780.77	\$78.08
Ohio State Sales Tax		\$1,735.50	\$173.55
Total Expenses	\$1,792.98	\$29,244.31	\$2,924.43
Net Income - Expenses	\$789.49	-\$209.76	-\$20.98
NON-CASH EXPENSE			
MOW		\$0.00	
PIC		\$46.20	
Total	\$0.00	\$46.20	
AlAnon Savings			
Deposits		\$40.00	
Withdrawals		\$0.00	
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$	\$40.00	
ALATEEN INCOME			
Group Donations	\$90.00	\$505.50	
Individual Donations		\$10.00	
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	
Total Alateen Income	\$90.00	\$515.50	
ALATEEN EXPENSES			
Literature		\$173.96	
Komiac		\$0.00	
Miscellaneous		\$280.77	
Total Alateen Expenses	\$0.00	\$454.73	
Net Alateen Inc.-Exp.	\$90.00	\$60.77	

AKKUN AKEA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET

DATE: Oct-14

PREPARED BY: Laurie R.

Checking Account Deposits		\$2,582.47	\$12,154.77
Alanon Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12
Alateen Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.12	\$ 90.12
		\$ -	\$ -
Total Income & Deposits			\$ 2,672.71
Checking Disbursements		\$1,792.98	
Alanon Savings Withdrawals		\$ -	
Alateen Savings Withdrawals		\$ -	
Total Expenses & Withdrawals			\$ 1,792.98
Current Balance			\$ 13,034.50

Checking Account Balance	\$3,800.32	Archives Balance	\$ 533.26
Prudent Reserve (CD)	\$4,515.32	(Included in Alanon Funds)	
Prudent Reserve (Savings Acct)	\$1,601.27		
Alateen Savings	\$2,905.50		
Petty Cash	\$212.09		
Total Current Account Balances	\$13,034.50	Al-Anon Out of Balance	\$0.00
		Alateen Out of Balance	\$0.00

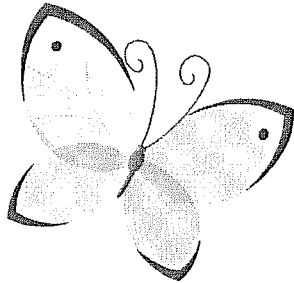
Total Accounts Receivable \$ 1,613.12
Literature Inventory

Groups That Helped Keep The Doors Open
Al-Anon Donations

District 48 Conference	Hudson Fri. Morning
Paradise AFG	Paradise AFG
Hudson Fri. Morning	Fairlawn Tues Night
Happ. & Accept.	
Slow New Hope	
Let's Step It Up	
Fairlawn Tues Night	
Fall Day of Recovery	
Keep It Simple	

Delinquent Group Accounts	
60 Days Over	
90 Days Over	Mantua Hillside \$ 34.21
120 Days Over	Slow New Hope \$ 158.21

STOW NEW HOPE AL-ANON ANNIVERSARY



41 YEARS!!

Come join us in our celebration

Monday, December 8, 2014

The Church in Silver Lake

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

Cuyahoga Falls / Stow

Speakers – Ann & Manny D.

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

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

District 48
Annual Al-Anon Holiday Party

An Evening of Fellowship and Fun

Friday, December 12, 2014

Trinity United Church of Christ
3909 Blackburn Rd. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(Corner of Fulton and Blackburn)

Doors Open at 6:00P
Dinner at 6:30P
Program to Follow

Topic Presented will be: "The Twelve Months of Al-Anon"
Panel of Speakers

Appetizers will be available
Dinner catered by Dishes by Design and will include:
Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable
Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing, Rolls & butter
Assorted Pies for Dessert
Vegetarian option available by request: Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Sauce

50/50 drawing

All this for only \$15.00 per Person
Reservations due by December 3, 2014
Sponsored by Massillon Al-Anon Family Groups

Questions: Please call Cyndy Walker at (330) 224-1434
Detach and send along with check made payable to:
Massillon Serenity Al-Anon
3104 Fulton Drive NW
Canton, Oh 44718

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

Vegetarian option requested

\$15.00 per Person = Total \$ _____

Looking For a Step Study Meeting?

Come Join Us at the District 51 Step Meeting

***We Are Starting Over Beginning on Step One
this January, 2015***

***Using CAL: Paths to Recovery
Reaching for Personal Freedom***

***Where: North Springfield Presbyterian Church
671 Canton Road
Akron, OH 44312***

When: Sunday Evenings at 7:45 PM

Questions: Contact Phil B. 330-819-1669



Please read at two meetings this month

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

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

Subject: Fall 2014 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.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Akron Al-Anon Information Service (Intergroup) office. Because of your generosity we have been able to keep the office open and field both phone and internet requests for information from newcomers and professionals. Alateen members have been able to attend KOMIAC and other events with minimal personal expense. We have been able to keep our website functioning and to stock a good supply of Al-Anon literature for sale to individuals and groups. The Al-Anon office also functions as a meeting place for Intergroup, Districts, and workshop planning.

Ongoing expenses include those for rent, copier, phone and phone book listings, purchase of Al-Anon literature, gas, electric, internet service, and newsletter expenses.

The Intergroup office relies upon sale of Al-Anon literature and donations from groups, conferences, and individuals to meet these expenses. Our only other source of revenue is from sales of pens, pins, bags, and bookmarks at Founders' Day.

The year-to-date group, conference, and individual donations total \$2993.68. We ask that groups and individuals consider a donation in response to this plea letter to help us keep our doors open. Some groups make a donation from existing funds, while others may prefer to pass a separate basket. Individuals may send donations directly to the Akron Area Intergroup Office.

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.

PASS IT ON AFG

Newsletter Meeting Topics

Group Name _____

Day of Week _____

Contact Person _____

Date	Topic
_____	_____
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_____	_____
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**Subscription Rates: \$15 per year Hardcopy sent via US Mail
\$5 per year scanned version sent via email**

Group Subscriptions

Group Name _____

Individual Receiving Newsletter _____

Address for Mailing (Hardcopy Only) _____

Email Address (Email Subscriptions Only) _____

Individual Subscriptions

Individual Receiving Newsletter _____

Address for Mailing (Hardcopy Only) _____

Email Address (Email Subscriptions Only) _____

Mail Payment and Subscription Renewal Form To:

AAIS – Newsletter Renewal

3614 Manchester Road Suite 103

Akron, OH 44319

For a couple years now we have had a situation with publishing flyers in the newsletter. The following is an effort to provide guidance in the decision making process.

Newsletter Reference Sheet

Beginning 5/21/14

The Co-Chair's duties, as stated in the by-laws for Intergroup, are to publish and mail a monthly newsletter.

As a trusted servant, it is important that final decision for what is in the newsletter is the Co-Chair's responsibility.

In keeping with the Traditions and the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, we have come to this understanding of the Newsletter/Flyer issue that has been discussed at the last several intergroup meetings.

What do we publish in the newsletter?

Al-Anon only events and functions presented by the national, state, and Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup.

Al-Anon only events and functions presented by Regional Al-Anon Organizations.

Al-Anon only events and functions of Al-Anon family groups in Dist. #48, 56, 51, and 25.

Joint events and functions may have their flyers published provided the sponsoring AFG have their ISR or GR attend the regularly scheduled AAIS monthly meetings to answer questions on singleness of purpose, the material to be used, and to seek open dates.

A flyer sent to be published will need the name and phone number or email of the address submitting flyer for publication. Intergroup is requesting a 10 dollar donation to help defray the cost of publishing flyer.

We hope the above will provide common welfare for the greatest number, and prevent dilution of our program.