

May 2013

Pass It On

The Akron Area Al-Anon Newsletter

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Inside

- April Intergroup Meeting Minutes & Financials
- Proposed Revisions to By-Laws
- May Meeting Topics

Akron Intergroup Meeting Tuesday 5/7/13 @ 7:30 pm

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

Need literature?? We have it! At
the Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup
Office!

Meeting on Wheels

May – Copley Monday Night
April – Stow New Hope
Please Review Proposed 2013
Schedule in this Newsletter

Al-Anon is looking for
lockable cabinets to display
our archives

We are also soliciting for
volunteers to plan our Fall
Intergroup Workshop. Fun
opportunity for service.
Contact: Phil B. 330-819-1669
or email passiton@yahoo.com

Anniversaries & Conferences

34th Anniversary
Mantua Hillside AFG
Wednesday, April 24
6:00 PM

41st Anniversary
Brunswick New Day Al-Anon
Monday April 29
6:30 PM

41st Anniversary
Fairlawn Al- Anon
Tuesday April 30th
7:00 PM

42nd Anniversary
Barberton AFG
Wednesday, May 8
7:00 PM

42nd Anniversary
Falls PM AFG
Thursday May 16th
8:00 PM

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!!

New Name and Format for
Tuesday IBH. Details inside

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

Tools in Recovery

May 6	Loss of relationship
May 13	Loss of relationship (cont.)
May 20	Tradition 4, Step 4

IBH

May 7	Maturity
May 14	Perspective
May 21	5th Step & 5th Tradition
May 28	Panel: Making Mistakes – Cindy T., Jane E., Lori

Please note: If your group would like to publish topics in the newsletter, please email or mail them to the Intergroup Office by the 15th day of the Month prior to that newsletter.

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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 May by: Tuesday Triangle
June by: Stow New Hope

Wednesday May 29 – 6:45P – Oriana House
Wednesday May 8 – 8P – St Thomas
Saturday May 18 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

Proposed Meeting on Wheels 2013 Schedule

Updated 4.3.2013

Please review this proposal with your group. If your group cannot support the proposed month please contact Brandon as soon as possible.

Chair: Brandon S. 330-620-7518

A complete list of Meeting On Wheels Suggested Guidelines (G-22 + G-1) and Treatment Center Contact Info and Directions are on our website –
<http://afg-akron.org/mow.aspx>

Your Group's Love Gift of Al-Anon literature is greatly appreciated and welcomed at the monthly Meeting On Wheels your Group sponsors –
Thanks for your contribution and support!

June 2013 – Stow New Hope AFG – Tara - Pending

July 2013 – Tools to Recovery AFG

August 2013 – Keep It Simple AFG

September 2013 – Falls PM AFG – Tara – pending

October 2013 – Hudson Saturday Serenity AFG – Sharon - pending

November 2013 - Kent Friendly AFG – Pending – Becky

December 2013 - Uniontown AFG - Mickie

"I am thankful that today I can look back and say with gratitude that attending this program and giving service to Al-Anon gave me a wonderful and fulfilling way of life." Having Had a Spiritual Awakening page 128

Thank you for your service!

Minutes For April 2, 2013 Akron AI-Anon Intergroup Meeting

Attendance

ISR or Alt. ISR:

Uniontown – Phil B. (Chair)	Simple Solutions – Brian S. (Co-Chair)
Paradise – Lisa T. (Treasurer)	Dist. 51 Step – Janet S.
Hudson Saturday – Gloriann H.	Barberton – Tom G. (Literature)
Norton - Irena H.	Firestone Park – Janet
Wadsworth -Roberta T. (Office Coordinator)	Tuesday Triangle - Brandon S. (MOW)

Officers:

Monica C. (Co-Treasurer)

Visitors:

Call to Order - 7:30 By Phil B., Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer. The twelve steps were read. Members introduced themselves by first name, group affiliation, and position.

Secretary (Phil B. for Becky Z.): Phil advised minutes were printed in the newsletter and posted on the Website. Tom G. made a motion reading of the minutes be waived. One addition to the March minutes was noted under Co-Chair's report was that the Financial Statement in February's newsletter was incorrect. Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Lisa T. and unanimously approved..

Co-Chair (Brian S.): Brian advised 29 newsletters were mailed and 23 emailed. Brian brought up in January's meeting we had discussed coming up with email addresses for all the groups and using this as a means of communication for Intergroup. Further thought on this alternative led him to believe that this may not be a dependable means of communications as groups may not check this email account on a timely basis. There was general consensus that we should hold off on using email to group email accounts as a primary means of communication. Brian stated that if groups want to set up a free group email account at yahoo.com he could assist them. If groups are interested they should contact Brian at passiton@yahoo.com. Although we won't use email as a primary means of communication we do accept literature orders via email.

Treasurer (Lisa T. & Monica C.):

Monica reported the following::

March Income \$ 2,014.79
March Expenses \$ 5,616.22
March Net Income less Expenses -\$3,601.43
Year to Date Net Income - \$4,533.48

Monica reported that the large loss was a result of moving \$2000.00 from our checking account to our Prudent Reserve. After some discussion it was agreed the \$2000 transfer to Reserves is really not an expense. Corrected results were:

March Income \$ 2,014.79
March Expenses \$ 3,616.22
March Net Income less Expenses -\$1,601.43
Year to Date Net Loss - \$2,533.48

There was still some concern over this large deficit but the thought was our literature inventory is now fully stocked and Founders Day is coming up soon. It was noted that accounts receivables was about \$1000 higher than normal. Irena made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Literature (Tom G. & Jeff B.): Tom G. reported literature sales had slowed in March and inventory is now caught up. Monica questioned what volunteers are supposed to do when groups order literature that we don't have in inventory. Consensus was that it was generally better just to write invoices for the literature we have in stock. Roberta said that she usually just fills the order for literature in stock and tells the groups to reorder. She then contacts Tom or Jeff with literature we need to get it in when the group reorders.

PIC (Phil B. for Jeff B.) – Jeff reports with the help of a volunteer (Janet) we sent a package of literature to the Coleman Institute a Mental Health Treatment Center in Ravenna.

Minutes For April 5, 2011 Akron Al-Anon Intergroup Meeting (Page 2)

Meeting On Wheels (MOW) (Brandon S.): Brandon reported we finally got the Oriana House schedule. We have complete dates for the rest of the year. April is covered Tuesday Triangle, May by Copley Monday. Brian will post the balance of the year dates in the newsletter along with the groups that covered those months last year. Groups can then respond to Brandon if they can do those months again this year.

Alateen (Linda K & Donna S.): No report.

Office Coordinator (Roberta T.):

Calls In - 28
Calls Out - 38
Voice mails received – 37
Schedules & pamphlets sent out - 3
Calls from Professionals – 3
Literature orders filled - 18
Volunteers - 18 of 21 Days plus some Saturdays and Sundays

Roberta had occasion to visit the Al-Anon Office in Cincinnati and reported back some of how they run their office. Roberta reported we still need a volunteer for Friday.

OAA (Phil B. for Cindy T.): Area World Service Assembly met on March 23, 2013 from 12:30 to 3:00 PM. AWS minutes from August 2012 Meeting approved. All coordinator reports will be held until Spring Assembly in May. State Public Outreach position is still open. Ohio will host the North Central Regional Service Seminar 3/14 to 3/16, 2014. It was moved to invite a WSO Trustee to Fall Assembly. Three Task Force updates will be continued at Spring Assembly:

- 1) Take workshops to remote locations in Ohio Area
- 2) Explore possible changes in Ohio Area Convention
- 3) Electronic versus USPS distribution on communications from Ohio Area Assembly

Dates to Remember

May 18, 2013 Spring Assembly in Columbus
October 19 & 20, 2013 Fall Assembly

Districts 25 & 51: No report. Sharon and Cindy were absent.

Webmaster (Brian S. for Richie L.): March Website Activity: 1027 visits from 772 unique visitors. 66% are new visitors. Average visit duration was 2:48 minutes.

Archives (Phil B. for Leah E.): Leah reported she is planning to take some archives to Founders Day.

Steering Committee (Leah E., Rex M. & Sharon B.): No report.

Founders' Day (Phil B. & Brian S.): Phil reported the Al-Anon Saturday Meetings have been moved from Zook Hall to the Student Union Theater. Registration has been open since March 1st. Founders Day Heralds were passed out to ISR's.

Old Business:

Workshop - Phil had no report. Brian said he would put something in the Newsletter to recruit volunteers for the committee.

By-Laws – Phil reported By-Laws Committee met on March 24th to finalize the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Most of the changes are just correcting the By-Laws to match our current practices. Phil then read the changes to the ISR's. Only additional change requested was to add some wording what we would do if our Prudent Reserve exceeded our recommended maximum. Consensus was to donate the any excess to WSO and to the Ohio Area Assembly. The split is to be determined at the discretion of AAAIS. Summary of the By-Laws changes will be published in the May Newsletter with the complete By-Laws including the changes posted on our Website. The vote on By-laws will be at our June meeting. Secretary will compile the list of groups eligible to vote.

Minutes For April 5, 2011 Akron Al-Anon Intergroup Meeting (Page 3)

Closed Meeting Designation on our Meeting Schedule – Phil brought up that he has gotten feedback that newcomers may be getting confused by Closed Meeting Designation on our Meeting Schedule. We maybe should remove the closed symbol and change this to say “Meeting is open to all Al-Anon Members and prospective members /Closed to Professionals and Students”. Janet will investigate changes to the paper schedule and Brian will pass along to Richie for modification on the Website.

Weekend Phone Coverage – Members are to keep aware if they hear any technology that would allow us to expand our weekend phone coverage through the use of call forwarding at a reasonable cost. For now we will consider this a closed subject pending the discovery of something new.

New Business:

Donations via PayPal – Lisa reported that a member mentioned to her that his church had a donation button on their website using PayPal. PayPal charges 2.75% of the donation for processing. This may be a means of getting more people and groups to donate. Discussion concluded that this could lead to violations of our seventh tradition.

Speakers for Anniversaries – Monica reported she had received a request in the office for speaker recommendations for a group’s anniversary. Suggestion was made for the group members to attend anniversaries of other groups outside their area to come up with candidates. Another suggestion was to refer them to Rex our state delegate for recommendations.

Printing Meeting Schedule From Website – Phil said he had heard a complaint that our Meeting Schedule on the Website could not be printed. Brian said that this is probably the case because of the database structure necessary to make the Website Schedule interactive and user friendly. Roberta said printable meeting schedules can be emailed from the office if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM with the Lords Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Phil B. – Acting AAIS Secretary

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
INCOME STATEMENT

DATE: Mar-13

PREPARED BY:
Lisa T. & Monica C.

AL-ANON INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE	AVERAGE/MO
Literature	\$1,582.96	\$5,365.89	\$1,788.63
Group Donations	\$282.44	\$743.44	\$247.81
Individual Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
AIR Conference		\$0.00	
Subscriptions	\$30.00	\$205.00	\$68.33
Filers	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
Miscellaneous		\$2.00	\$0.67
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$99.39	\$317.54	\$105.85
Total Income	\$2,014.79	\$6,663.87	\$2,221.29
AL-ANON EXPENSES	YEAR TO DATE		
Rent	\$600.00	\$1,800.00	\$600.00
Gas	\$71.72	\$198.05	\$66.02
Electric	\$49.29	\$122.58	\$40.86
Phone & DSL	\$183.49	\$553.18	\$184.39
Answering Service		\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Postage	\$17.82	\$37.82	\$12.61
Office Postage	\$31.21	\$76.68	\$25.56
Office Supplies		\$56.56	\$18.85
Literature	\$2,489.81	\$5,247.04	\$1,749.01
Copier	\$142.25	\$426.75	\$142.25
Miscellaneous (1)	\$30.63	\$55.63	\$18.54
Alateen		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohio State Sales Tax		\$623.06	\$207.69
Total Expenses	\$3,616.22	\$9,197.35	\$3,065.78
Net Income - Expenses	-\$1,601.43	-\$2,533.48	-\$844.49
NON-CASH EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE		
MOW		\$0.00	\$0.00
PIC	\$4.61	\$13.16	
Total	\$4.61	\$13.16	
Al-Anon Savings	YEAR TO DATE		
Deposits		\$0.00	
Withdrawals		\$0.00	
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$	\$0.00	

ALATEEN INCOME	YEAR TO DATE
Group Donations	\$72.00
Individual Donations	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Alateen Income	\$72.00
AL-TEEN EXPENSES	YEAR TO DATE
Literature	\$277.97
Komiac	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Alateen Expenses	\$277.97
Net Alateen Inc.-Exp.	-\$175.97

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET

DATE: Mar-13

PREPARED BY:
Lisa T & Monica C.

	Balance Carried Forward	\$	
Checking Account Deposits		\$2,014.79	
Alanon Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ -	
Alateen Savings Deposits	Interest	\$0.10	
		\$ -	
Total Income & Deposits		\$ 2,086.89	
Checking Disbursements		\$3,616.22	
Alanon Savings Withdrawals		\$ -	
Alateen Savings Withdrawals		\$ -	
Total Expenses & Withdrawals		\$ 3,616.22	
Current Balance		\$ 10,478.41	
Checking Account Balance	\$1,177.85	Archives Balance	\$ 533.26
Prudent Reserve	\$4,499.08	(Included In Alanon Funds)	
Alateen Savings	\$2,551.37		
Al-Anon Savings	\$2,000.00		
Petty Cash	\$248.44		
Total Current Account Balances	\$10,476.74	Al-Anon Out of Balance	-\$1.67
		Alateen Out of Balance	\$0.00

Total Accounts Receivable 04/01/13 \$2,043.85
Literature Inventory

Groups That Helped Keep The Doors Open

Al-Anon Donations	Alateen Donations
Wadsworth AFG	Paradise Wednesday
Hudson Friday Morning	Hudson Friday Morning
Women's Focus On Growth	
Firestone Park	
Paradise Wednesday	
Copley Monday Night	
Barberton AFG	
Wed. Night Recovering Adults	

Delinquent Group Accounts

60 Days Over	
Stow New Hope	\$150.05
90 Days Over	
Massillon Serenity	\$172.82
120 Days Over	
Fairlawn Tuesday Nig	\$24.31

Proposed Changes to AAIS Bylaws 4/2/13

Below is a summary of the proposed changes. Most of the changes were made to reflect how we operate currently. A full set of the By-Laws and the recommended changes can be found on www.ADFG_Akron.org. Go to "Resources" in the upper right corner and in the drop down menu click on "Documents and Forms". At the bottom of the list you will find "2013 Intergroup By-Laws". There will be a vote on these changes at the June Intergroup meeting. Please attend.

Page 3: Article IV Standard Procedures – Paragraph E – Co-coordinators may be elected when needed for succession or support purposes. This was changed from being appointed.

Page 3: Article V Elected Officers – Paragraph C – Secretary Duties – Remove Item 4 (After hours Twelfth Step Calls). This was moved to Office Coordinator.

Page 4: Article VI Committees/Coordinators – Paragraph A – Office Coordinator Duties – Added Item 5 (After hours Twelfth Step Calls). This was moved from Secretary Duties.

Page 5: Article VI Committees/Coordinators – Paragraph B – Steering Committee – Defined purpose and duties of Steering Committee and revised membership for Steering Committee.

Page 6: Article VI Committees/Coordinators – Paragraph F – Alateen Coordinator Duties – Item 4 revised to add "with the support of PIC"

Page 6: Article VI Committees/Coordinators – Paragraph F – Alateen Coordinator Duties – Added Item 5 "Is responsible to direct the Treasurer in the expenditure of Alateen Designated Funds"

Page 6: Article VII Elections – Paragraph A – Added "coordinator and co-coordinator positions"

Page 7: Article VII Elections – Paragraph F – Deleted "Co-coordinators are to be appointed"

Page 8: Article XII Financial Condition – Added Paragraph B to define amount of "Prudent Reserve". Moved existing Paragraphs B through D to new Article XIII.

Page 8: Article XIII Organization Structure – Paragraphs A through C moved from Article XII.

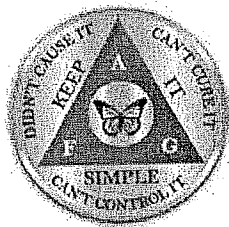
Page 9: Renumbered Articles XIII through XV.

Mantua Hillside AFG

34th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013

HILLTOP CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4572 PROSPECT STREET
MANTUA, OH 44255



DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM
DINNER: 6:30 PM
SPEAKERS: 7:30 PM

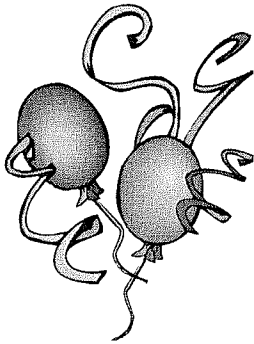
JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!



PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS



Brunswick New Day Al-Anon 41st Anniversary



Come Help Us Celebrate
Monday, April 29th

When: 6:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Speakers

Where: Carlson Funeral Home Community Room
1642 Pearl Rd, Brunswick

FAIRLAWN AL-ANON

41ST ANNIVERSARY

COME HELP US CELEBRATE

APRIL_30__ 2013



DUAL LEAD

ELAINE T AND JERRY T

WHERE: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2726 W. MARKET ST.

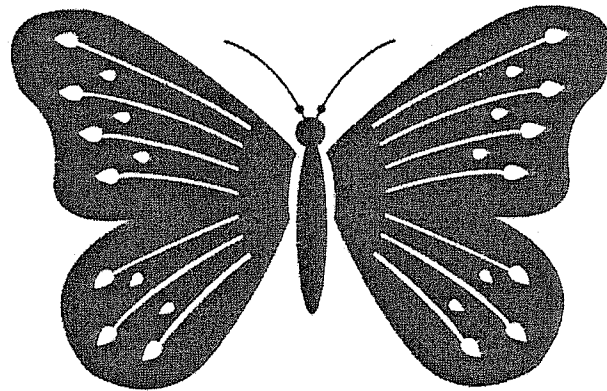
FAIRLAWN, OHIO

TIME: 7 PM

REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP

LEAD AT: 7:30 PM

Barberton AFG
42th Anniversary
Wednesday, May 8, 2013



Location: First Lutheran Church
249 2nd St NW, Barberton OH 44203

7:00PM Finger Food

8:00PM Speakers

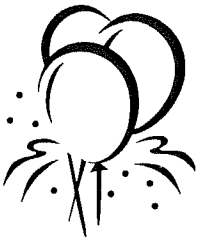
Debby & Alex R.

**Come join us to share their
experience, strength, and hope.**

FALLS PM AFG
42ND ANNIVERSARY

COME HELP US CELEBRATE

May 16th



DUAL LEAD

CHERYL AND BRUCE A.

WHERE: First Christian Church

2253 Third Street, Cuyahoga Falls

WHEN: 8:00 pm

ALSO CAKE!!!



New name and New Format

IBH 12 Step is now

IBH Courage To Be Me

We are changing our format to the following:

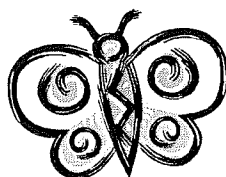
Week 1 – subject or topic

Week 2 – subject or topic

Week 3 – step and tradition of the month

**Week 4 – 3 member panel with time for discussion &
questions**

**Newcomers meeting @ 6:30, regular meeting @
7pm, Tuesday nights**



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Newsletter Meeting Topics

Group Name _____

Day of Week _____

Contact Person _____

Date	Topic
_____	_____
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