

September 2012

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The Akron Area Al-Anon Newsletter

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Akron Intergroup Meeting Tuesday 9/4/12 @ 7:30 pm

Open to all Al-Anon Members,
Group Reps, District Reps
You are Encouraged to Attend!
Officers For 2012-2013 Needed
Your Opportunity For Service

New Meeting Started Friday
August 3rd 2012
Solon Friday Parents AFG
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
See Flyer Inside

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

Anniversaries & Conferences

Uniontown Al-Anon
Friday, Sept. 14
Doors open at 6:00
Bring a dish
Double Lead

Paradise 42nd
Wednesday Sept. 19
Doors open @ 11:00 AM
AA lead and two Al-Anon Leads

Saturday September 29th, 2012
District 48 Al-Anon/Alateen
"Pay It Forward" Workshop
First Friends Church
5455 Market Ave N
Canton, OH 44709

First Things First
21st Anniversary
Saturday Oct. 27
Doors Open @ 10:30 AM

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

Meeting Topics

September 2012

Tools For Recovery
Monday@ 7 pm
Cornerstone Church
578 Killian Rd
Akron, OH 44319

September 3 **Step and Tradition 9**
September 10 **Letting Go of Anger & Resentments**
September 17 **Effects of Alcoholism & 3 C's**
September 24 **Letting Higher Power Take Over**

Norton Serenity
Friday @ 7:30
Grace United Church
3285 South Cleveland-Massillon Rd
Norton, Ohio

September 7 **Step 10**
September 14 **Meeting Norms**
September 21 **Service**
September 28 **Attraction, Not Promotion**

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

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. For example, for the October Newsletter, please have your topics in by September 15th.

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## New Meeting UPDATES!

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 September by: **Falls PM AFG**
Saturday Sept. 8– 10:30AM – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
Wednesday Sept. 26 – 8PM – St Thomas
No Oriana House meeting for Sept.

Minutes For August 7, 2012 Akron Al-Anon Intergroup Meeting

Attendance

ISR or Alt. ISR:

Uniontown – Phil B. (Chair)	Norton – Irena H.
Wadsworth -Roberta T. (Office Coordinator)	
Keep It Simple – Edith L.	Dist. 51 Step – Janet S.
Wed ACOA – Eric R.	Barberton – Tom G. (Literature)
Paradise – Lisa T. (Acting Treasurer)	Mantua – Fritz B.
Tools For Recovery –Leah E. (Steering Committee, Archives)	

Officers:

Cindy T. (OAA, Dist 25 DR & Steering Committee)	Richie L. – Webmaster
Jeff B. (PIC & Co-Literature)	Monica C. – Co- Treasurer

Visitors:

Rex M. – Steering Committee & Ohio State Delegate
Ginny C. – Ohio State Alternate Delegate

Call to Order - 7:30 PM by Phil B. There was a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer. The twelve steps were read. Members introduced themselves by first name, group affiliation, and position.

Secretary (Becky Z.): Becky was absent so Phil B. agreed to act as secretary. Phil advised minutes were printed in the newsletter and posted on the Website. Tom made a motion to waive reading of the minutes. Seconded by Leah. Motion passed unanimously. Roberta reported a correction to last month's minutes that one of our volunteers Judy had made a request that the parking space in front of our office be a no parking zone so our entrance is not blocked off. Roberta forwarded the request to our landlord who said he would look into it when the parking lot is restriped later this month. Jeff B. made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair (Phil B. Acting): Phil advised 31 Newsletters mailed and 30 Newsletters emailed. Newsletter also was posted on our website.

Treasurer (Lisa T.):

July Income	\$1,864.19
July Expenses	\$ 3,233.07
July Net Income less Expenses	\$-1,368.88
Year to Date Net Income	\$-2,191.00

Miscellaneous Income was \$6.00 in wristband sales and \$16.00 in pen sales. Miscellaneous expense was \$50.81 Webhosting Fees. Lisa thanked Richie for getting this at a lower rate than we had paid in past years. The Alateen miscellaneous income was a reimbursement to Alateen fund from Founders Day. Lisa said she has not replaced the prudent reserve for the \$2500 CD she withdrew for cash flow for Founders Day. With a checking account balance of \$2,757 she did not feel comfortable taking out a new CD until our checking account balance comes back up.

Leah initiated a discussion of how many months expenses should be held in prudent reserve. Lisa suggested this should be discussion for our bylaws revision.

Lisa noted that WSO had raised their shipping rates to 10%. Tom made a motion we pass this shipping cost on to the groups effective immediately. Seconded by Fritz B. Motion passed unanimously. Janet will update the spreadsheet.

Monica C. has volunteered to be Co-Treasurer. Training has begun. Lisa will stay as acting Treasurer until next August, or until we have a volunteer for Co-Treasurer and Monica can step up to Treasurer. Vote to confirm Monica as Co-Treasurer was unanimous. Jeff made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Tom. Motion passed unanimously.

Phil noted that the biggest shortfall in our budget was in the area of Group Donations. Phil suggested that we have a Fall Plea the Groups. Leah noted that AA has a Group Services unit that goes out to explain the mission and activities of their Intergroup and to promote donations. After some further discussion Janet made a motion to do a Fall Plea letter in the Newsletter and be sure it is read at meetings. Seconded by Ginny C. Motion passed unanimously.

Literature (Tom G.)

There is a new booklet out from WSO addressed to Parents of Alcoholics. Cost is \$1.00. All backorders are in. Tom has ordered 200 copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2013. We are also caught up on the softcover "How Al-Anon Works". Phil noted that WSO's purpose of this new softcover version was to allow groups to possibly give this book to newcomers to get them started in understanding the Al-Anon program.

PIC(Jeff B.)

Jeff reported that the Community Mental Health in Carrolton made a request for a sampling of Literature. Jeff filled this request.

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MOW (Open) – Phil stated this was an open Service position. Schedule and group volunteers are set up for the balance of 2012.

Fritz B reported that Mantua had volunteered last month and 3 of 4 sessions were cancelled. He asked what should be done with the literature they had intended to donate. It was suggested they contact a group for an upcoming month and pass it on to them.

Alateen (Linda K.) – Phil reported in Linda's absence. Phil reported that there were three new Alateens at the Tuesday Triangle meeting and Linda is currently the only sponsor which is why she could not attend tonight. Phil passed on Linda report that over 300 teens and sponsor attended KOMIAC. Linda thanked Intergroup and the groups that supported KOMIAC with their donations. There will be a Fall Alateen Rally. Phil did not have the date.

Office Coordinator (Roberta T.):

Calls In - 44
Calls Out - 29
Voice mails received – 19
Schedules & pamphlets sent out – 6
Literature orders filled – 26
Volunteers - 17 of 21 Days Included 2 Saturdays
We could use a volunteer for Tuesday afternoon.

Seven people attended District meeting held in our office in July. Parking lot is to be resealed this week.

OAA (Cindy T.): Area World Service Meeting is Saturday August 11, 2012. Fall Two Day Assembly is October 20th and 21st.

Districts 25 & 51 (Cindy T. & Sharon B.): We are holding District Meetings at the Intergroup Office on the 2nd Saturday of each month. This month it will be on 8-18-12 at 1:00 PM.

Webmaster (Richie L.): For July we had 912 visits to our website, 657 unique with 63% new visitors with the average visit being 3:08 minutes. No feedback this month.

Archives (Leah E.): No report this month. Leah is planning to do an inventory of our current archives.

Steering Committee (Rex, Leah E. and Cindy T.): No report

Founders' Day (Phil B.): No report as Phil was unable to attend Founders Day Meeting. Sharon B. attended but was not present tonight and had not forwarded a report.

Fall Workshop: Phil introduced the idea of whether we wanted to do a Fall Workshop. Time and dates are limited. There is going to be a District 48 workshop in September and Gratitude Night in November. After some discussion there was general consensus that there was not enough time to pull it off this fall. Leah made a motion we not have a Fall Workshop. Seconded by Tom and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Nominations for 2012-13 Officers:

Brian S. has volunteered to be Co-Chair. Irena withdrew her name for Co-Chair. Vote of the ISR's unanimously confirmed Brian S. as new Co-chair. Brian will not be able to attend Intergroup meetings until November due to a prior commitment.

By-Laws Revisions: Irena questioned what areas in the By-Laws were in need revisions. Leah mentioned better defining the amount of the prudent or ample reserve. Phil noted our By-Laws were written around an Annual Conference which has now evolved in to workshops. Jeff made a motion to form a committee to investigate revising the by-laws. Seconded by Leah. Passed unanimously. The following people were suggested for the By-Laws Committee: Phil B., Brian S., Lisa T., Irena H., Leah E, and Jeff B.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil B. – AAIS Acting Secretary for August

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
INCOME STATEMENT

DATE: Jul-12

PREPARED BY: Lisa T.

AL-ANON INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Literature	\$1,237.50	\$13,629.24
Group Donations	\$500.00	\$2,117.93
Individual Donations	\$5.00	\$749.08
AIR Conference	\$1,075.15	\$1,075.15
Subscriptions	\$15.00	\$360.00
Fliers	\$10.00	\$85.00
Miscellaneous (2)	\$22.00	\$1,198.00
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$74.69	\$900.05
Total Income	\$1,864.19	\$20,114.45
AL-ANON EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Rent	\$600.00	\$4,200.00
Gas	\$24.45	\$322.74
Electric	\$78.55	\$385.78
Phone & DSL	\$154.22	\$1,196.27
Newsletter Postage	\$20.15	\$130.05
Office Postage	\$25.75	\$106.83
Office Supplies	\$46.16	\$276.04
Literature	\$2,302.98	\$11,719.02
Copier (2)		\$857.06
Miscellaneous(1)	\$50.81	\$1,565.30
Alateen (4)	-\$70.00	\$80.00
Ohio State Sales Tax		\$1,466.36
Total Expenses	\$3,233.07	\$22,305.45
Net Income - Expenses	-\$1,368.88	-\$2,191.00
NON-CASH EXPENSE	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
MOW		\$8.10
PIC	\$5.50	\$14.50
Total	\$5.50	\$22.60
Al-Anon Savings	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Deposits		\$0.00
Withdrawals		\$0.00
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$	\$0.00

ALATEEN INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Group Donations	\$152.00	\$646.00
Individual Donations	\$0.00	\$248.04
Miscellaneous		\$0.00
Total Alateen Income	\$152.00	\$894.04
AL-TEEN EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Literature	\$28.63	\$253.96
Komiac		\$172.47
Miscellaneous (3)	\$70.00	\$70.00
Total Alateen Expenses	\$98.63	\$496.43
Net Alateen Inc.-Exp.	\$53.37	\$397.61
Alateen Savings	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Deposits	\$152.00	\$894.04
Withdrawals	\$98.63	\$496.43
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$	\$397.61

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET

DATE: Jul-12

PREPARED BY: Lisa T.

	Balance Carried Forward	\$
Checking Account Deposits		\$1,864.19
Alanon Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ -
Alateen Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 0.11
		\$ -
Total Income & Deposits		\$ 2,016.30
Checking Disbursements		\$3,233.07
Alanon Savings Withdrawals		\$ -
Alateen Savings Withdrawals		\$ 98.63
Total Expenses & Withdrawals		\$ 3,331.70
Current Balance		\$ 10,390.96

Checking Account Balance	\$2,757.02	Archives Balance	\$ 559.82
Prudent Reserve	\$4,499.08	(Included in Alanon Funds)	
Alateen Savings	\$2,902.84		
Petty Cash	\$233.60		
Total Current Account Balances	\$10,392.54	Al-Anon Out of Balance	\$1.58
		Alateen Out of Balance	\$0.00

Total Accounts Receivable 7.28.12 \$1,820.96
Literature Inventory

Groups That Helped Keep The Doors Open
Al-Anon Donations
 Falls PM Alateen Donations
 Paradise
 Firestone Park Wadsworth
 Friday Uniontown Firestone Park
 Individual First Things First
 Medina Focus on Growth
 Paradise Stow New Hope
 Stow New Hope

Delinquent Group Accounts

60 Days Over
 90 Days Over
 120 Days Over
 Copley AFG - \$9.30
 Hudson Friday - \$28.80

Notes

- (1) \$50.81 Webhosting fee
- (2) \$6.00 Wristbands \$16.00 Pens
- (3) Founder's Day expenses
- (4) FD Al-Anon exp reimbursed from Al-Anon fund in July

Solon Friday PARENTS Al-Anon Family Group

BEGINNING AUGUST 3, 2012

A new Al-Anon group has been formed in Solon with the purpose of providing experience, strength and hope to parents and grandparents in families affected by the disease of alcoholism. **Babysitting** is included!

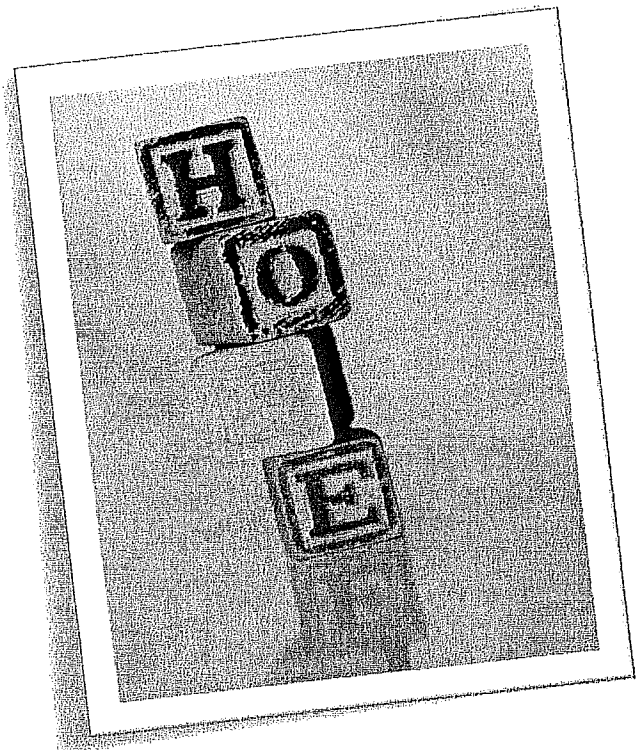
Where: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
7196 SOM Center Rd.
Solon, OH 44139
In the Library

When: Friday evenings
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Babysitting and snacks provided.

Questions? Call:

Hernan V 216-225-3386
Donna S. 440-349-4567
Chris R. 330-548-5300



While every Al-Anon meeting is open to all Al-Anon members (including newcomers) regardless of their relationship to an alcoholic, the primary focus of this group is to address Al-Anon issues related to parenting, in an effort to help break the generational effects of this family disease.

UNIONTOWN AL-ANON
ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2012

COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
BRING A DISH TO SHARE
(TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED)

DOUBLE LEAD

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.

EAT AT 7:00 P.M.

SPEAKERS AT 8:00 P.M.

UNIONTOWN METHODIST CHURCH
13370 CLEVELAND AVE NW.
UNIONTOWN, OH

♥ Come Celebrate

♥ PARADISE'S

♥ JUST PAT
♥ JIM

42nd

Anniversary

First United Methodist Church
245 Portage Trail
Cuyahoga Falls

OPENING
@ 11:30

Starts @ 1:00 !!!!!



Leads } AA's JUSTIN C.
AL-ANON's JIM and PAT W.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19th

- Buffet Lunch (12) • 50-50 Raffle
- Gift Basket Drawing • Auctions



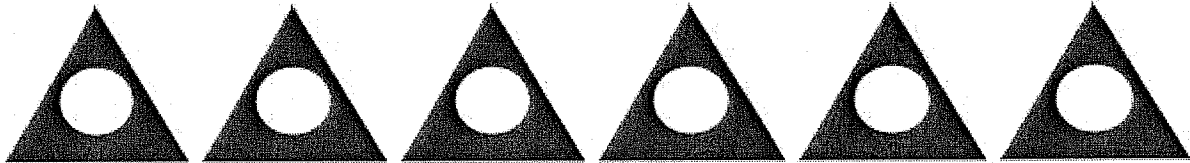
FIRST THINGS

FIRST

*Saturday Morning Adult Children AFG
cordially invites you to our*

*Twenty First
Anniversary Party*

October 27th at 10:30 A.M.



Guest Lead Charlotte H.

Italian torte to celebrate!

Please join us for a potluck lunch after the meeting.

Bring a dish or just show up!

Tallmadge United Methodist Church (site of Gratitude Nite)

207 N. Munroe Road 44278

DISTRICT 48 AL-ANON/ALA-TEEN
"PAY IT FORWARD" WORKSHOP

9am-4pm

Check In Begins at 8:30 am

Coffee, Tea and Snack

A day full of Program!
(speakers, skit, panel sharing, workshop)

Saturday, September 29, 2012

First Friends Church

5455 Market Ave N

(corner of Market Ave and 55th NW or Easthill)

Canton, Ohio 44709

Featured Speakers:

Megan and Pat from Dover Ala-teen

Meri G from Cleveland Al-anon

COST IS \$5.00 PER PERSON

LUNCH INCLUDED WITH PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!

BY SEPTEMBER 20TH

PLEASE SPECIFY LUNCH SELECTION WITH RESERVATION

HAM SANDWICH WHITE BREAD
 TURKEY SANDWICH WHEAT BREAD

RESERVATION FOR: _____

MAIL RESERVATION, 5.00 PAYMENT AND LUNCH SELECTION TO:
SUE REINHART, 1505 NORWOOD PL NW, CANTON, OHIO 44709

OHIO AREA TWO-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 20-21, 2012
[Hosted by Districts of Miami Valley]

Wyndham Garden Dayton South
31 Prestige Plaza Drive
Miamisburg, Ohio 45342
937-434-8030

For reservations, call the hotel direct at 937-434-8030. The name of the event is "Ohio Area Assembly." The price per room is \$89.00 for 1-4 persons, excluding taxes. All the rooms have flat screen televisions and free Wi-Fi. The hotel has an indoor pool, as well as a spa.

Hotel information sheet is on reverse side
ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY
September 28 2012

Registration begins at 10:00 AM on 10/20/2012
New GR Orientation begins at 10:30 AM on 10/20/2012
Assembly begins at 12:30 PM on 10/20/2012

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM
Deadline: 9/28/2012
\$30.00 per person

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____ for () meal(s)

Meal Choices: Please check (✓) your choice.

_____ Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ Sirloin
_____ Pasta Primavera _____ Gluten Free Chicken

Make checks payable to "MVAIS". Mail to: MVAIS, PO Box 282, Dayton OH 45401-0282

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From the North / West:

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From the East / Northeast:

From I-70, take I-675 South (Exit 44). Follow I-675 South to I-75 North (Toledo) Merge on to I-75 North and take the first exit (Exit 44). Stay in the right hand lane, turn right on Miamisburg-Centerville road, then right on Prestige Plaza Drive. The hotel will be on your right.

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3614 Manchester Road Suite 103

Akron, OH 44319

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Newsletter Meeting Topics

Group Name _____

Day of Week _____

Contact Person _____

Date

Topic

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Phone - 330-645-1165