

PASS IT ON

JANUARY 2026



CONCEPT 1: The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.

Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup Newsletter

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Co-Mtg's on Wheels - OPEN

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

* JOIN US!

Monthly Intergroup meetings are
ZOOM ONLY Meeting

ID 891 6769 3419

Password 961435

Meeting are first Tuesdays

01/06/2026

7:30 pm meeting

Open to all Al-Anon Members,
ISRs, Group Reps, District Reps.
All are Encouraged to Attend!

AI-Anon Founder's Day Committee

Planning for 2026 Founders Day

Sunday 01/11/2026 4 PM

Meeting ID: 730 4617 7568

Passcode: 086796

All are welcomed + Donations needed

Please send meeting topics or flyers by
the 15th of month to
passitonafg@yahoo.com

CHECK OUT THE ATTACHED INSIDE:

- November Minutes & Office report
- October Financials
- Event flyers attached
- Newsletter subscription opti ZELLE!!!
- See the Library Bookmark flyer!!!

AKRON INTERGROUP WORKSHOP

Concept 1 – The Ultimate Authority

JAN 10 at 9:00am

ID 813 5635 1017 PC 010355

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

Akron Concept Workshop Jan 10

Akron Tradition Workshop Jan 18

Akron Chili/Speaker Fundraiser Jan 31

YOUR DONATION MATTERS

AKRON AL-ANON INTERGROUP

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2025-2026 year
Akron Al-Anon Intergroup
Service Position Openings
Co-Treasurer (2 YR)
Archivist (5 YR)
Office Coordinator (2 YR)
Co-Public Info Coord (2 YR)
Mtg's on Wheels (1 YR)
Alateen & Co-Alateen (2 YR)
LIAISON TO OAA (3 YR)

STEP 1: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

TRADITION 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity.

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS

AL-ANON

Courage To Be Me, Steps To Recovery, Copley Monday Night, Hudson Sat. Serenity, Stow New Hope, Focus on Growth Women's, Hudson Fri AM, Happiness & Acceptance, Massillon Serenity, Individuals

ALATEEN – Hudson Friday

Office Location: 3614 Manchester Rd., Suite 103, Akron, OH 44319

Website: www.afg-akron.org Telephone: 330-645-1165

Office hours 10 AM – 2 PM Monday – Friday (call first before you go)

AKRON AREA AL-ANON FEE INCREASE FOR MAILED NEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIPTION
JANUARY 2026

The AKRON AREA AL-ANON INTERGROUP has been charging an annual subscription fee of \$15 for our PASS IT ON newsletter. Our cost analysis indicates that it takes over \$30 to mail a monthly subscription for a single year. The purpose of the subscription fee is to cover the cost for our intergroup office, while carrying the message. We have been carrying the message at a loss of critical funds.

Please keep in mind that we offer a low-cost email subscription for \$5 per year. To appropriately cover the cost of mailing, the mailed subscription fee will increase from \$15 to \$40. This new fee addresses our true cost and provides some additional funds that contribute to the coverage of our overhead expenses.

We appreciate your loyal subscription to our newsletter. Here's how we're implementing the new fee for a monthly mailed subscription.

- All 2025 mailed subscriptions have concluded.
- Your 2026 mailed subscription will be sent – once the Akron Intergroup office receives your \$40.00 payment. If you pay by cash, check, credit card or Zelle, you will have your January newsletter without delay. Zelle carries a \$0.50 transaction fee. Please pay \$40.50 through Zelle. Credit card payments also have an added convenience fee or \$1.40.

Here are the costs incurred in 2025 for mailing the Pass It On newsletter through the US Postal Service.

- \$68.00 - Our aged copier machine required service this year.
- \$2.17 – this was the postal rate paid for a 12-page newsletter.
- \$26.04 – this is the potential annual postal cost per subscription.
- \$4.94 – this is the annual cost of paper, envelopes and labels per subscription.
- \$30.98 – this is the total annual costs per subscription.

Donations and subscription payments can be made by cash, check, credit card or Zelle (there is a convenience fee) to:

Akron Al-Anon Intergroup
3614 Manchester Rd. Suite 103
Akron, Ohio 44319

Credit card payments and donations can be made in-person at the office or by phone 330-645-1165, Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm, call before coming in, to be sure there is a volunteer there that day.

Al-Anon Intergroup now accepts payments through Zelle

Use the Zelle QR code below to easily make donations or literature/flyer/newsletter payments directly to Akron Al-Anon Intergroup



How Do I Use Zelle?

If you use the QR code above, it will take you to a screen to “Find your Bank”. Select your bank from the alphabetical list. Log in to your bank’s mobile app with your Username and Password (Or Face ID, if your device supports that). Search the app for “Zelle” and follow the prompts. When prompted to add a recipient, use the email address passitonafq@yahoo.com to send a payment to Akron Al-Anon Intergroup. Add a note to explain what you are paying for and what group or individual the payment is from

Or, without using the QR code log directly into your bank’s mobile app, Search the app for “Zelle” and follow the prompts. When prompted to add a recipient, use the email address passitonafq@yahoo.com to send a payment to Akron Al-Anon Intergroup. Add a note to explain what you are paying for and what group or individual the payment is from.

JANUARY 2025

From the Alanon Literature Chair

One of the most valuable tools that we have in the Alanon program is the Alanon approved literature. We are very fortunate to have this wealth of literature that speaks to every issue, problem and concern affecting our lives. There are daily readers that offer us encouragement every day. There is one book that gives an excellent overview of the Alanon program. There are books that walk us through the steps, traditions and concepts. We have workbooks that give us much to think about as we work through the questions. There are books that speak about marriage, intimacy, grief, service, prayer and much more. And one of the most amazing things about the books is that most of them are written by members of the Alanon program who share with us their experience, strength and hope. Every month we will be talking about one of these books in our newsletter. Perhaps you will be introduced to a book that you were unaware of. Alanon literature can be purchased at most Alanon meetings or at the Intergroup office on Manchester Rd.

When you buy books at an Alanon meeting, the Akron Area Intergroup gets a small part of the purchase price. This is one of the few revenue sources that keeps the Akron Area Intergroup office open and available to give information, encouragement, understanding and support to families and friends of alcoholics. Please remember that before you consider purchasing your Alanon approved literature from Amazon.

**Irena H. of Akron Intergroup is inviting you to the
2026 Workshop –**

2nd Saturday of the month;

Time: 9:00 am, login time 8:45 am

Meeting ID: 813 5635 1017

Passcode: 010355

2026– Topics

**All Workshops are based on 12 Steps 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts
(+5 Warranties) of Al-Anon**

Jan 10 - Concept 1 – The Ultimate Authority

Feb 14 - Concept 2 - "Arms of Service"

Mar 14 - Concept 3 – Effective Leadership

Apr 11 - Concept 4 & 5 – Key to Harmony; Appeal & Petition

May 9 - Concept 6 & 7– Administrative Responsibility; Rights and Responsibilities

June - Founder's Day month, no workshop

July 11 - Concept 8 - Authority and Routine Management

Aug 8 - Concept 9 – Good Personal Leadership

Sep 12 - Concept 10 – Responsibility and Authority (Double-headed Management)

Oct 10 - Concept 11 - WSO Organizational Structure simplified

Nov 14 - Concept 12 - General Warranties1 & 2

Dec 12 - Concept 12 – General Warranties 3, 4, 5

Concept 1 – The Ultimate Authority

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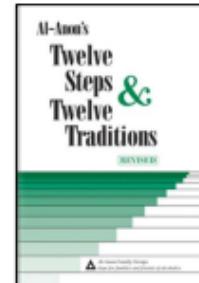
The spiritual foundation for Al-Anon's world services is contained in the General Warranties of the Conference, Article 12 of the Charter.

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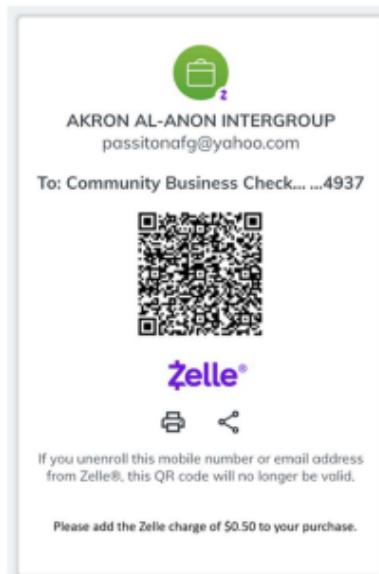
TRADITIONS BOOK STUDY



USING AL-ANON LITERATURE

Tradition One

Starts January 18
from 3:00-4:30 PM



Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup Office

3614 Manchester Rd., Suite 103, Akron, OH 44319

Join us using ZOOM ID 982 6348 8058 Passcode: 213987

Website: www.agf-akron.org Telephone: 330-645-1165

FORMAT: Read each section on the Tradition followed by each participant comment

Coffee will be provided. Bring a snack to share
Free - the donation basket will be passed or you can Zelle

NOTE: In Person, Tradition Two in February will be determined on January 18

Sponsored by Akron Al-Anon/Alateen Intergroup Office ~

CHILI COOKOFF



*FUNDRAISER to financially support the Akron Al-Anon Area Intergroup office
Please bring your chili dish to share or something to go with chili*

\$15 IN ADVANCE AND \$20 AT THE DOOR ~ Donations accepted

Option to attend by zoom – send your registration and payment with the note that you want to attend by zoom – the link will be sent to your email

@North Springfield Presbyterian Church

671 Canton Rd, Akron, OH 44312

JANUARY 31, 2026 SATURDAY 2 PM

Doors open at 1:30 PM

Speaker Schedule

**2 PM ~ AA Bobby M.
~ 30 Minute Break for
Fun ~ Fellowship ~ Chili
for a cold winter day
3:30 PM ~ Al-Anon Betty M**

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Coffee - Tea - Hot Cocoa - provided - 50/50 raffle

Send registration

Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup Service office 3614 Manchester Rd., Suite 103, Akron, OH 44319

NAME _____

PHONE/ email _____

ADDRESS _____

AI-ANON Home Group _____

Registration paid _____ Donation _____

Public Outreach Toolkit

Project Name: Library Bookmarks

Project Brief: A low-cost project to place bookmarks in a convenient location for readers who can take advantage of the utility while putting the Al-Anon message into the hands of those who may need our program.

Target Audience: General Public

Size of Project: Group(s), AIS/Intergroup, District

Project Cost: PO Bookmarks are Free + cost of shipping.

Project Length: 2-4 months

Description:

Leaving the public outreach bookmark at libraries is an inexpensive project with minimal time investment. The [Outreach Bookmark \(M-76\)](#) includes thought-evoking text to encourage the reader to consider if alcoholism may be a problem in their lives and the national toll-free meeting information phone number and a URL for the [Newcomer Welcome](#) page on Al-Anon World Service Office's (WSO's) website. There is also space on the back of the bookmark where local contact information can be added.

To make this project a success, planning is needed. First you will decide how many libraries you would like to include in the project and how many bookmarks will be needed. The bookmarks are free of charge, you will only pay for shipping.

Once you have received the bookmarks, if desired, create labels with local information. This could include the Area or District website, AIS, or group contact information. Do not include members' names or personal contact information. Ask for volunteers to help affix the labels to the bookmarks.

When the bookmarks are ready, visit each library and ask for permission to leave the bookmarks. Be prepared to share basic information about the Al-Anon and Alateen program with library staff, including the bookmark itself. If permission is granted, be sure to ask how often you should return to replenish the stock.

After dropping off the bookmarks, report back on your experience with the rest of your team and begin planning when to begin the process again – order, label, deliver!

AN AL-ANON AFG “PUBLIC OUTREACH” IDEA

ADOPT A LIBRARY ACTION PLAN



Just think about what a **terrific impact your Al-Anon Family Group will have on families who may need us** if you “Adopt” Libraries near you by placing our free bookmarks in them.

The Akron Intergroup office has bookmarks!

Here is how you can get a **free supply of bookmarks. Go to <https://al-anon.org/>**

- click-Member
- click-Public Outreach
- click-Public Outreach Toolkit
- click-Order free bookmarks
 - Enter quantity
 - Create your account-Username & Password etc
 - Complete Order form/pay shipping charge
 - Allow 7-10 days to arrive

Monthly Intergroup Meeting Template

The meeting started at 7:30 PM

2-Dec-2025

Opening

- Serenity Prayer

- Readings

- Steps - Maryann

- Traditions of the Month: Bonny - Tradition 11

- Concept of the Month: Bonny - Concept 11

- Introductions

Don V - Tuesday Serenity Seekers ISR, PIC

Carla - Treasurer Hudson Fri 10AM

Bonny Bowker - Happiness and Acceptance Sunday 6:30PM

Mariann - Kent Friday 8PM

Shelly - Medina AFC Co-Literature

Jim - Co-chair Fairlawn

Kristina H. - Steering Committee, North Canton Saturday Steps to Recovery

Christina - Secretary

Previous Meeting Minutes

- Review of Minutes: Any additions or corrections?
- Motion to Accept Minutes: Don V
- Seconded by: Jim
- All in Favor? X Yes No

Reports

Co-Chair Report

Notes: A Zelle announcement will be in the newsletter. Members can make donations directly through Zelle. The Zelle account is connected to the intergroup email address: passitonafg@yahoo.com

Contact information for all group Treasurers, Group Representatives (GR) and Intergroup Service Representatives (ISR) will be requested in the next newsletter to be sent to passitonafg@yahoo.com. Jim volunteered to write up this section for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Notes: The October 2025 Income Statement and Balance Sheet were reviewed.

Overall Financial Position:

Current Balance: \$18,307.98

- Al-Anon Checking: \$5,222.28
- Alateen Checking: \$4,965.26
- Prudent Reserves (CD + Savings): \$8,020.44
- Petty Cash: \$100.00

Monthly Income & Expenses

- Total Income: \$3,469.99
- Literature Sales: \$1,405.43
- Group Donations: \$765.19
- Individual Donations: \$197.46
- Miscellaneous Income: \$1,012.00
- Other: Workshop & Postage \$225.00 combined
- Total Expenses: \$1,348.35
- Rent: \$650.00
- Gas: \$66.33
- Electric: \$89.28
- Phone/Internet: \$122.30
- Web Cost: \$206.74
- Office & Miscellaneous: \$213.70

October Net Income: \$2121.64

There are no groups that are delinquent.

November 1 Workshop raised \$364 bringing our Founders' Day Fund total to \$1466.00. Registration for the Workshop brought in \$330.

There was \$91 in literature sales. \$11.41 in literature change was donated to Founders' Day fund.

- Motion to Accept: Kristina
- Seconded by: Don
- All in Favor? X Yes No

Committee and Liaison Reports

Committee / Liaison	Presenter	Key Updates / Notes
Literature	Maryellen	<p>More pamphlets are being purchased than books. Maryellen and Shelly will review past invoices to review inventory and forecast future purchases. Maryellen will be writing a literature section in the newsletter. Some topics will include the importance of buying books from intergroup, her favorite books and book suggestions from upcoming speakers.</p>
Public Information (PIC)	Don V	<p>Lots of bookmarks were given away at the November 1 workshop. For every group literature purchase 4x6 cards should be sent out with them to attract more newcomers.</p>
Meetings on Wheels (MOW)	n/a	<p>No one has stepped into this role; however, Carla will be speaking to a group of professionals at Case Western about Al-Anon.</p>
Alateen	Not here tonight	<p>Kristina said she would get phone list update it.</p>
Office Coordinator	No office coordinator	<p>Janet informed the group that 22 of 23 days in</p>

		October the office had coverage.
OAA Liaison	Kathy	In need of a replacement.
District 51	Summit County	n/a
District 48	Canton County	n/a
District 25	Medina County	n/a
Webmaster	Not present	It was suggested to see if Richie would want a Co-Webmaster.
Steering Committee	Kristina	No report
Archives	n/a	No report
Founders' Day		The AA and Al-Anon Double Lead speakers are Mary Ellen and David. The Saturday morning meeting will be a reading and discussion on the reading for the day. There will also be an Al-Anon sing-a-long. AA Committee informed Founders' Day we can record, but we cannot collect money. The company that would record Al-Anon speakers that sold their business said we could use their recorder. At each Al-Anon meeting there will be greeters and cookies.

Old Business

Notes / Updates:

N/A

New Business

Notes / Discussion Points:

There was a discussion on how to raise funds for intergroup.

Fall/Spring Workshops – Funds from Fall workshops will go towards Founders' Day and funds from Spring workshops will go towards Intergroup.

The November 1 Workshop was a “fantastic fundraiser.” 42 people attended in person and online.

There will be a Chili Lead January 31, 2026. There will be an AA speaker, followed by serving chili, ending with an Al-Anon lead. Jane or Bonny are following up to confirm speakers for this event. Bonny is following up with the church in Lakemore/Ellet to confirm placement for the event.

It was suggested to have Intergroup meetings to go back to hybrid, but no interest in Al-Anon members to step up to go to Intergroup to meet in person. This has been tabled to discuss at another time when there is more interest.

Closing

- Closing Reading: Al-Anon Declaration

“Let it begin with me. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there — and let it begin with me.”

The meeting adjourned at 9.15PM.

AKRON AREA, AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
INCOME STATEMENT

DATE: Oct-25

PREPARED BY:
Carla M

10/31/2025

10/31/2024

YEAR TO DATE

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MONTHLY

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AVG/AGE(M)

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AL-ANON INCOME

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Literature

Literature

\$1,405.43

\$15,428.04

Group Donations

Group Donations

\$7,65.19

\$4,417.47

Individual Donations

Individual Donations

\$197.46

\$1,070.45

Spring/Fall Workshop

Spring/Fall Workshop

Newsletter Postage

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\$90.00

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\$135.00

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Fillers

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\$5.00

\$1,177.00

Misellaneous **

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\$1,012.00

\$3,608.69

Ohio State Sales Tax

Ohio State Sales Tax

\$84.91

\$958.69

Total Income

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\$3,469.99

\$26,895.34

AL-ANON EXPENSES

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Rent

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\$650.00

\$6,528.29

Gas

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\$96.33

\$844.55

Electric

Electric

\$89.28

\$892.75

Phone & Verse

Phone & Verse

\$122.30

\$1,029.98

Web Cost

Web Cost

\$206.74

\$2,067.40

Newsletter Postage

Newsletter Postage

\$133.31

\$1,333.31

Office Postage

Office Postage

\$59.63

\$5,956.30

Office Supplies

Office Supplies

\$357.42

\$11,890.61

Literature

Literature

\$653.02

\$638.20

Copier

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Misellaneous(\$2)

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Alateen

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Ohio State Sales Tax

Ohio State Sales Tax

Total Expenses

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\$1,348.35

\$24,346.68

Net Income - Expenses

Net Income - Expenses

\$2,121.64

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