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September 2026



Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup Newsletter



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Contact Info

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

Phone: 330.645.1165

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Website: www.afg-akron.org

First Things First

- Service Announcements and Opportunities
- Donations
- Upcoming Events and Anniversaries
- August Minutes
- July Financial Report

Have Al-Anon news to share? Submit Al-Anon flyers and information by the 15th of the month to passitonafg@yahoo.com.*

*A \$10 donation is requested upon submission.

STEP 9	TRADITION 9	CONCEPT 9
Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.	Our groups, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.	Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity. In the field of world service the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership.

TRUSTED SERVANTS

Jim K – Chair, Fairlawn AFG
Treasurer – Carla M., Hudson
Secretary – Mariann, Kent Friendly
Literature – Shelley S, Medina Tuesday Night
Public Info Coordinator – Don V., Serenity Seekers
Alateen - Lynda
Webmaster – Richie T, Hudson Serenity
Archivist – Jane M.

Bonny B – Co-Chair, Happiness & Acceptance
Co-Treasurer – Mary
Office Coordinator – Cathy C
Co-Literature – Laurie
Newsletter – Christina R
Co-Alateen – Gina, Copley
OAA Liaison – Cathy C

Akron Area Al-Anon Open Positions

Co-Public Info Coordinator – 2-year position
Meetings on Wheels – 1-year position
Alateen and Co-Alateen – 2-year position

Monthly Intergroup Meeting

First Tuesday of the Month via Zoom
Next Meeting: September 1 at 7.30PM
Meeting ID: 891 679 3419
Passcode: 961435

Open to all Al-Anon members, ISRs, Group Reps and District Reps.

Share upcoming group anniversary announcements, area conventions and other Al-Anon events so we can pass it on!

Come join us!

Meeting Announcements

Hudson Tuesday Serenity Seekers
Newcomers Meeting 6PM



AL-ANON FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE 2027

Wednesday 9/30/2026 7 PM

Meeting ID: 730 4617 7568

Passcode: 086796

All are welcomed + Donations needed

WE HAVE TWO AL-ANON FD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. HELP THE AL-ANON FD COMMITTEE FILL ROLES IN 2027 BY NOMINATING YOUR AL-ANON SPEAKER.
 - a) PANEL
 - b) LEAD
2. BUILD GROUP UNITY AND SERVICE: HAVE YOUR GROUP SPONSOR A FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT.
 - a) CHAIR
 - b) HOST
 - c) GREETERS
 - d) SHARE COOKIES

Contact Jimk1868@yahoo.com to schedule.

The next page shows the meetings to fill.

2027 AKRON AL-ANON FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE IS
LOOKING FOR AKRON AREA GROUPS TO SPONSOR A SESSION

CHAIRING - HOSTING - GREETERS- HOSPITALITY

PROPOSED 2027 SCHEDULE

AL-ANON PROGRAM AT OHLIN HALL

FRIDAY

HISTORY

1:00 PM

DOUBLE PANEL

2:30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT

4:00 PM

AL-ANON PROGRAM AT OHLIN HALL

SATURDAY

PAGE FOR THE DAY DISCUSSION

8:30 AM

ALATEEN PANEL

10:00 AM

AL-ANON PANEL

2:30 PM

AL-ANON SPEAKER

4:30 PM

AT THE program to be determine

SUNDAY AKRON AL-ANON INTERGROUP OFFICE

12:30 PM

DO NOT NEED TO BE REGISTERED FOR AA FOUNDER'S DAY TO ATTEND

12 Step Workshop for Al-Anon Members

Sponsored by **Akron Al-Anon/Alateen Intergroup Committee ~**
FOUNDER'S DAY FUNDRAISER STEP WORK SHOP

\$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

October 31st, SATURDAY 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup Service office

3614 Manchester Rd., Akron, OH 44319

Suite 103, the door is in the back of the building

Please bring a dish to share, Coffee provided - 50/50 raffle

Format for Each Session:

- ~ Read step page from AFG reader
- ~ 10 Minute Lead share ESH on the step
- ~ Discussion
- ~ Break

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**WELCOME starts at
10:30 AM**

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM	Session One ~ Intro & Step 1
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Session Two ~ Step 2 & 3
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Session Three ~ Step 4&5 + grab lunch
12:45 PM – 1:30 PM	Session Four Step 6&7
1:30 PM – 2:15PM	Session Five Step 8&9
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Session Five Step 10&11
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Session Step 12

Send registration

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

NAME _____

PHONE/EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

Al-ANON Home Group _____

Registration paid _____ Attending in Person ____ Zoom ____ Donation _____



2027 OHIO AREA CONVENTION Planning Meeting
Sponsored by Akron/Canton Districts (Districts 48, 51 and 25)

YOU are invited to join us in planning a wonderful 2027 OAC!

There are so many ways to volunteer/serve.

Our next planning meeting is:

Saturday, September 19 12PM
Bob Evans – Arlington Rd Exit off I-77

Current Service Positions Available:

Co-Chair	Hospitality
Treasurer	Literature
Program	Ways & Means (sales)
Publicity	Entertainment
Registration	

Text Joanna (330.268.2739) or Kristina (330.806.9332) to volunteer or suggestions.

Akron Area Al-Anon members

We need volunteers

**to sit at the Intergroup Service office
to keep the doors open, answer
phones and sell literature,**

Come once a month and shadow a regular

OUR AL-ANON OFFICE

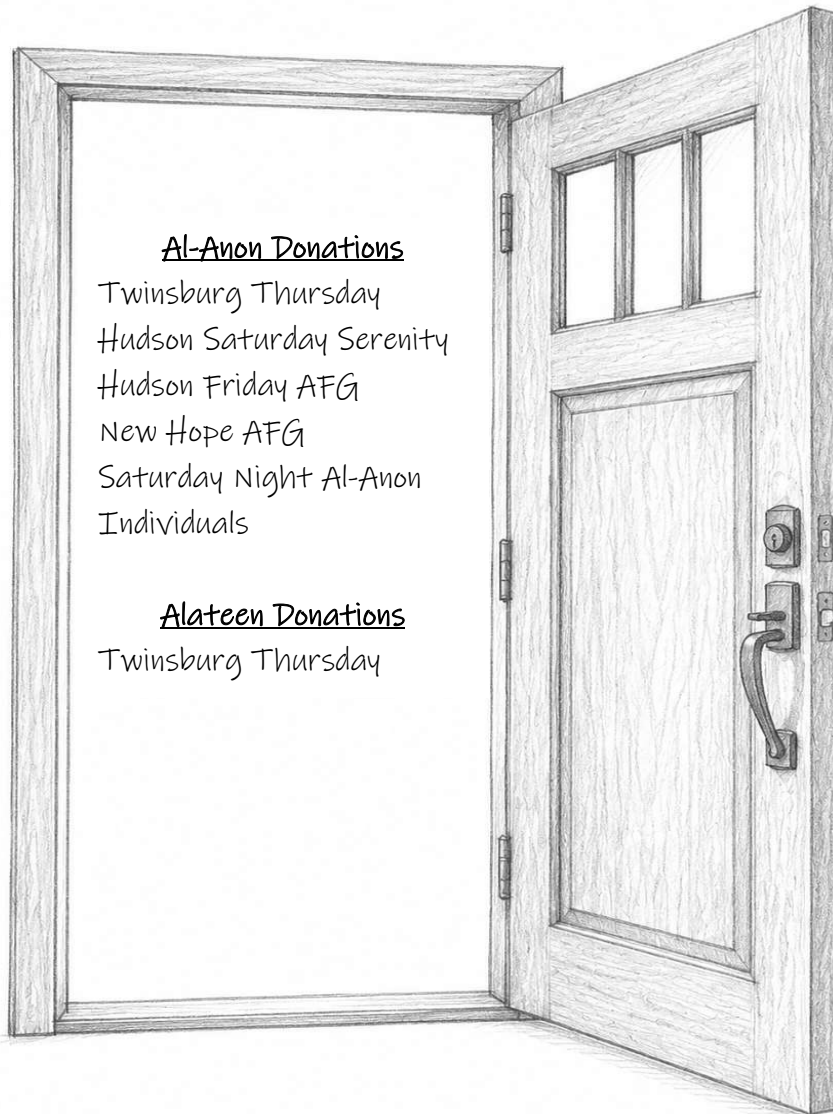
NEEDS YOU!!!

Akron Area Al-Anon, Intergroup Service office
3614 Manchester Rd., Akron, OH 44319 - Suite 103, the
door is in the back of the building

www.afg-akron.org 330-645-1165

Groups That Helped Keep the Doors Open

Thanks for keeping us self-supporting!



Al-Anon Donations

Twinsburg Thursday
Hudson Saturday Serenity
Hudson Friday AFG
New Hope AFG
Saturday Night Al-Anon
Individuals

Alateen Donations

Twinsburg Thursday

YOUR DONATION MATTERS

AKRON AL-ANON INTERGROUP

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2026 Tradition Seven Appeal Letter

"Every Al-Anon group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions"

In the spirit of Tradition Seven, we ask each group to consider making regular donations to Akron Al-Anon/Alateen Intergroup, AFG of Ohio, and the Al-Anon World Service Organization. We are grateful for the groups and individual members whose continued support helps carry the Al-Anon message throughout our area.

Akron AFG receives a small portion of revenue from the Al-Anon literature we stock and sell to groups and individuals. Our *only other source of revenue is donations* from groups and individual members, primarily in the Akron/Canton area.

The monthly cost to keep the Akron Intergroup office open is approximately \$980, which covers rent, gas and electric, phone and internet, and insurance. In May, just before Founders Day, the Akron Al-Anon checking account balance was \$715—less than one month of expenses without using our prudent reserve.

Founders Day literature sales helped, and we also received several generous donations from groups and individual members. Today, our checking account balance is approximately \$5,000, which is enough for about six months of expenses; our prudent reserve is separate and would sustain the office for about eight months.

If your group is able, please consider making regular contributions to support our three service arms:

Akron AFG, Ohio AFG, and WSO

Donations may be made by cash, check, Zelle (*QR code on the next page*), or credit card (*convenience fee applies*) to:

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

Credit card donations may be made in person at the office or by phone at 330-645-1165, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Because volunteer availability may vary, please call before coming in.

Thank you for helping Akron AFG remain fully self-supporting.

Yours in service,
Carla M.
Akron AFG Treasurer

Mary L.
Akron AFG Co-Treasurer



AKRON AL-ANON INTERGROUP
passitonafg@yahoo.com

To: Community Business Check... ...4937



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Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup

MONTHLY; 3:00-4:30 PM
TRADITIONS
BOOK STUDY 

USING AL-ANON LITERATURE

Tradition EIGHT

Sunday AUG 16, 2026

Tradition NINE

Sunday Sept 13, 2026

Tradition TEN

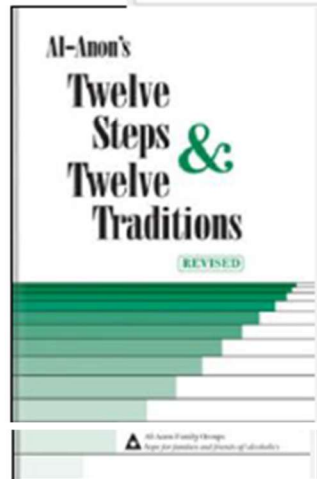
Sunday OCT 18, 2026

Tradition ELEVEN

Sunday NOV 15, 2026

Tradition TWELVE

Sunday DEC 13, 2026



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

FORMAT: Read each section on the Tradition followed by open comments

NOTE: Intergroup has plenty of books get a new 12 & 12 for \$14.01

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

2nd Saturday of the month
Time: 9:00 am, login time 8:45 am

Meeting ID: 813 5635 1017
Passcode: 010355

**Augmented for the
Fall 2026**

All Workshops are based on 12 Steps 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts (+5 Warranties) of
Al-Anon, and Conference Approved Literature

2026– Topics

- | | |
|--|--|
| 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
Concept 9 – Good Personal Leadership |
| Aug 8 | - No workshop, Irena carries the message in Europe |
| Sep 12 | - No workshop, Irena carries the message in Europe |
| Oct 10 | - Concept 10 – Responsibility and Authority (Double-headed Management)
Concept 11 - WSO Organizational Structure simplified |
| Nov 14 | - Concept 12 - General Warranties 1 & 2 |
| Dec 12 | - Concept 12 – General Warranties 3, 4, 5 |

Tradition 7 – In accordance with the self support principle, the attendees of the
Workshops are encouraged to support financially local Al-Anon Intergroup or own

Home Group. Akron Area Intergroup's address – 3614 Manchester Rd, Suite 103,
Akron, Ohio 44319

*Please join us for
light luncheon at the*



PARADISE AL-ANON 56th Anniversary!!

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.- Food and Fellowship
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Meeting

United Methodist Church
3rd Street and Portage Trail
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
(enter through 3rd Street door)

Speaker: Renè P
Double Winner AA/Alanon Lead

54TH OHIO AL-ANON ROUND-UP

Courage to be "ME"

October 9-11, 2026

Salt Fork Lodge | 11073 Natural Resources 3 Road | Kimbolton, OH 43749

www.saltforkstateparklodge.com | 740-435-9000

Early Bird Registration: \$35 | After July 15, Registration: \$50

Weekend Schedule

Friday, October 9th:

4:00 pm Registration Desk Opens

8:00 pm Speaker:

Saturday, October 10th:

10:00 am Panel - Finding my true ME

- Courage to be seen
- Courage to be honest with myself
- Courage to set boundaries
- Courage to keep coming back

2:15 pm Al-Anon breakout sessions

- Being me without losing you
- Alphabet soup of Al-Anon

4:30 pm AA Lead -

8:00 pm Al-Anon Speaker – Sam V. - N Hampshire

Sunday, October 11th:

10:00 am Speaker: Who I am is enough

Register and Pay online:

<http://bit.ly/OhioAl-AnonRoundUp>

OR

Mail check/money order to:

O.A.R. Group

P.O. Box 604

North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

(Mail Order Form on Back)

Questions? Contact the Committee:

Email: oargroup1@gmail.com

Lisa - 216-536-1467

Kari - 216-577-3201

Web: <http://bit.ly/OhioAl-AnonRoundUp>

Facebook: @Steps2Serenity



REGISTRATION OPENS ON MAY 1, 2026

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LODGING COSTS/REGISTRATION FORM

No Cancellations, No Refunds! Transfers allowed, must share replacement's name.

First Come, First Served | Registration ends 8/10/26

*Price includes a 9% lodging tax and a 3% beautification fee.

REGISTRATION FEE IS NOT INCLUDED in this price. **Each person must pay the registration fee!**

Lodge: | \$282.24/* weekend (for 2 people - \$141.12 per person + Registration Fee (not included))

Total Cost (3 people): \$306.24*, which is \$102.08 per person + Registration Fee (not included)

Total Cost (4 people): \$330.24*, which is \$82.56 per person + Registration Fee (not included)

Rooms include a \$12/night per additional person fee

Hillside Cabin: \$387.52* weekend + Registration Fee for each person in the cabin

Lakeside Cabin: \$432.32* weekend + Registration Fee for each person in the cabin

Courage to be "ME"
54th Ohio Al-Anon Round-Up

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION STARTS

MAY 1 - \$35

~AFTER JULY 15,~

REGISTRATION IS \$50

Registration Form for Mailed Registration/Payment

PLEASE Send One Check Per Group for Hotel or Cabins.

Please list who will be staying with you on the form.

If you do not know yet, please have them indicate whom they are rooming with when they register. This helps make registration and room tracking easier for the committee. Thank you!

Mail check/money order to:

O.A.R. Group

P.O. Box 604

North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

Check one:

☐

Lodge

☐

Lakeside Cabin

Limited Availability

☐

Hillside Cabin

Limited Availability

Contact Name:

Contact Email & Phone:

Roommate (s) Names/Emails/Phone:

Special Requests

(Will try to honor, NOT promised):

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**Ohio Area 2-Day Fall Assembly
October 17-18, 2026**

DoubleTree by Hilton
600 Metro Place North, Dublin, OH 43017

Room Reservations: Call hotel at **614-956-3400** **Use Discount Code: AFG**

BookingLink: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?cityhcn=DUBCDDT&groupCode=CDTAFG&arrivaldate=2026-10-16&departuredate=2026-10-18&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Group Room Rate available until **September 15, 2026:**

\$129.00 for 1 King Bed, \$139.00 for 2 Queen Beds, plus taxes, per night.

Rooms available October 16th and 17th Check-in 4PM Check-out 11AM

Banquet: Saturday October 17th at 6:00PM. **\$45.00 per person** plated dinner
(Includes entrée, salad, vegetable, starch, rolls, butter, dessert, iced tea, and coffee)

Please select one:

Chicken Picatta _____

Tarragon Grilled Salmon _____

Grilled Cauliflower Steak _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Name: _____ Email address _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Diet restrictions, if any _____

Send this reservation form and check payable to: **AFG of Central Ohio**. Send to AFG of Central Ohio, 500 West Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 035, Worthington, OH 43085 by September 15th.

Please submit one slip for each reservation.

Questions : Email Office@COAFG.org Call 614-547-1550

Gratitude Night 2026

Saturday November 7th

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

(same as last year)

85 Heritage Drive

Tallmadge, Ohio 44278

Doors open: 5 pm

Potluck Dinner: 6 pm

Leads: 7 pm

(Al-Anon, Alateen, AA, Adult Child)

Gratitude Microphone: 8 pm

Groups: - please donate Raffle Basket

Participants: – covered dish supper (please bring own table settings)

Basket Raffle

50/50

This is a fundraiser for the Akron Al-Anon Districts 51 and 25 to cover cost of participation in the Ohio Assembly (state level Al-Anon) and other projects (zoom, workshops, free literature distr.)

Contacts: Irena H. (text messages only 330-903-6578)

Intergroup Office: 330-645 1165 (passitonafg@yahoo.com)



AFG Fall Convention

Friday, November 6 through
Sunday, November 8, 2026

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel
903 Dulaney Valley Road
Towson, MD 21204

- **AA and Alateen Participation**
- **Spanish language meetings**
- **Main sessions-Spanish translation**

Registration includes parking, 3 buffet meals with vegetarian options (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner), topic meetings, speakers, panels, hospitality suite, evening activities and lots of fellowship.

Registration Fee: \$158 by Oct 11 /\$178 through Nov 4 /\$198 at the door

(Registration Assistance: Limited 50% discounts are available based on application order and donation levels. Application and donation details are located on page 2 and the registration website.)

**For more info and to register on-line use QR code or
go to <https://tinyurl.com/AFG24-FC>**



To book a hotel room at the AFG Convention \$126 nightly rate go to <https://tinyurl.com/2026FChotel> or call 888-236-2427 Tell the Sheraton you are with AFG to get our rate. All rooms have two beds.

¡Al-Anon para todos! Intérpretes de español en vivo para las reuniones de los oradores, y algunos
reuniones serán interpretadas por cualquier voluntario bilingüe disponible presente en esas reuniones.

Once registered, you will be prompted to Confirm your Account, adding a password.

This allows you to:

- Modify your choices
- Click to apply for Registration Assistance
- Click to donate to the Registration Assistance Fund
- Click to sign up to be available to co-lead a workshop, and designate topic choices.
- **Designate if you are looking for Spanish-speaking meetings or can help with informal translation**
- Sign up for service tasks at the convention (booth coverage, help with set-up or clean-up, interpretation, etc.)

If you cannot register on-line, please use the form on the other side of this flyer.

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To register by mail, make checks payable to "AFG Fall Convention"
Mail this form along with a check to: **AFG Fall Convention, 3116 Parkway, Cheverly, MD 20785**

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Al-Anon _____ AA _____ Alateen* _____

18 years old or older? Yes _____ If not, please provide age _____

*Alateen Registration/Cost Coming Soon. To save your Alateen's spot email us at AFG24FallConv@gmail.com or call 443-574-7668.

_____ I am willing to co-lead a meeting. ANY TOPIC _____ or My topic choices: a) _____ b) _____ c) _____

_____ I would like to request Registration Assistance. (Please register online or call 443-574-7668)

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Registration Assistance fund.

_____ I am available to help for one hour at the convention. Anytime _____ or only during this time _____.

_____ Me beneficiaré de la interpretación en español de las reuniones de oradores.

_____ I am available to help with informal Spanish interpretation of a topic meeting.

Registration(s) \$ _____ OPTIONAL Registration Assistance Donations \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Al-Anon Meeting Topics:

1. Detachment-Baggage We No Longer Carry
2. Meditation-A Spiritual Journey
3. Legacies- Spiritual Principles in Everyday Life
4. Spirituality-Trusting Our HP Along the Journey
5. HOW-The Power of Willingness
6. Strength / Vulnerability-Letting Others See Us
7. Anger to Serenity-Letting Go of Anger-Passport to Serenity
8. Attitudes-Questioning our Perceptions
9. Keep Coming Back-Traveling the Road Together
10. Sponsorship-A Win-Win Adventure
11. Gratitude-Changing Our Perspective
12. Slogans-Why Are They So True?
13. Emotional Intimacy-Courage to Connect
14. Listening-I Thought I Had the Answer
15. Boundaries-Shared Roads-Healthy Boundaries
16. Attraction-Finding Connection for Everyone

17. Adult Children of Alcoholics-Making Sense of Chaos
18. Resentments-Roadblocks to Serenity
19. Self-Care Without Guilt
20. Steps 1, 2, 3-Our Journey Begins
21. Steps 4, 5-Holding Up the Mirror
22. Steps 6, 7, 8, 9-Change through Humility
23. Steps 10, 11, 12-A Daily Awareness
24. Traditions-Using Al-Anon's Wisdom in Relationships
25. Workshop-Writing and Submitting for CAL
26. **Desprender con amor**
27. **Crises, como superarlo**
28. **Principios no personajes**

AA Meeting Topics:

29. Amends
30. Service
31. TBD

REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE DETAILS: All Registration Assistance is Early Bird. Registration Assistance closes October 11. Registration Assistance is for \$79 which is 50% of the early-bird cost. If you feel you need help to be able to attend, you can apply for confidential registration assistance provided by the generosity of our fellow members through the Registration Assistance Program (RegAsst). All RegAsst is granted on a first-come, first-granted basis through on-line application at <https://www.tinyurl.com/AFG24-FQ>. As donations come in from our donating members, we will contact the next person on the list and subtract \$79 from their total. We will disburse assistance as donations arrive, in the order of RegAsst registrations received, so register as soon as possible. If you have applied for Registration Assistance, we will contact you as soon as we can, and no later than October 14.





District 48 Holiday Dinner Reservation Saturday, December 5th

Hartville Kitchen
State Route 619
Hartville, Ohio 44632

Reservations are under:
"Al-Anon District 48"
Private Banquet Room

Choice of: Chicken, Beef, Gluten Free or Vegan
To be served with
Salad, Warm Rolls, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Beans & dessert

Reservations must be received by **November 16**
No Walk-ins

Doors Open 5:00 - Dinner 6:00 - Lead 7:00 – Tammy P.

Mail the registration form along with your check for **\$36.00** per person

Make checks payable to: District 48

Mail To: Anita Dudiwka - 2410 Auberry Dr. - Akron, OH 44312

CUT HERE

Please find enclosed a check made payable to District 48 for \$_____. This is for _____ Holiday Party Dinner reservations.
of meals

Name _____

My Entrée Selection is

(select one) Chicken  ☐ Roast Beef  ☐ Gluten Free  ☐ Vegan  ☐

Name _____

My Entrée Selection is

(select one) Chicken  ☐ Roast Beef  ☐ Gluten Free  ☐ Vegan  ☐

Name _____

My Entrée Selection is

(select one) Chicken  ☐ Roast Beef  ☐ Gluten Free  ☐ Vegan  ☐

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 08.04.2026

Opening

- Serenity Prayer
Recite together
- Readings
 - Traditions of the Month: ____Angela Q.____
 - Concept of the Month: ____Angela Q.____
- Introductions

Don Villenauve, ISR, Tuesday Night Serenity Seekers

Jim K co-chair Fairlawn Tuesday....contact me to volunteer for the 23-Aug-26 picnic organization.

Irena H. Firestone Park GR, DR-51

Angela Q. - Women's Focus on Growth

Shelley Co-chair Literature Tues/Sat Medina AFG

Carla M., Hudson Fri AM, and Treasurer

Christina - Secretary Kent Friday Nights

Mariann H. Kent Friday Friendly GR

Laurie – Wednesday Afternoon Cuyahoga Falls

Irena – GR Firestone Park, District Rep 48

Previous Meeting Minutes

- Review of Minutes: Any additions or corrections?
- Motion to Accept Minutes: ____Mariann____
- Seconded by: ____Carla____
- All in Favor? X Yes ☐ No

Reports

Co-Chair Report

Notes: Invites are continued to be encouraged and greatly welcomed to join the monthly Intergroup meetings to share what is going on with groups in the area. Cuyahoga Falls Paradise meeting is having their anniversary September 16 from 12-2PM.

Kathy has received more Al-Anon items from Dr Bob's. She is trying to coordinate a time to give these items to Intergroup.

The Intergroup office is in need of additional shelving. Jim has volunteered to make these shelves.

The Al-Anon Picnic is Sunday, August 23 from 3-6PM. Jim is accepting guidance from all picnic experts to make this a *grape* event.

Founders' Day meetings are being held via Zoom the last Wednesday of the month at 7PM. Next Founders' Day meeting is August 26.

Treasurer's Report

Overall Financial Position:

- **Current Balance:** \$20,012.15
 - Al-Anon Checking: \$5963.68
 - Alateen Checking: \$5,873.98
 - Prudent Reserves (CD + Savings): \$8,074.49
 - Petty Cash: \$100.00

Monthly Income & Expenses:

- **Total Income:** \$3454.71
 - Literature Sales: \$477.98
 - Group Donations: \$807.39
 - Individual Donations: \$2110.51
 - Founders' Day: \$30.00
 - OH State Sales Tax: \$28.83
- **Total Expenses:** \$1906.44
 - Rent: \$675.00
 - Gas: \$89.00
 - Electric: \$76.40
 - Phone/Internet: \$129.23
 - Copier: \$68.73
 - Miscellaneous: \$868.08
- Net Income – Expenses = \$1548.27

Notes:

- Miscellaneous expenses: McAfee Antivirus - \$53.49
- State Farm Insurance: \$146.50
- Zelle fees: \$3.50
- OH Sales Tax: \$664.59

Total A/R is \$534.17. Books were purchased for other groups. Intergroup is waiting for groups to pay for those books.

Books at Founders' Day – currently not charging 10% handling fee of books. There was a discussion on if it's necessary. Shelley and Carla will be getting together to figure out how to add sales tax and handling fees into the Founders' Day spreadsheet.

Carla went to Apples to Apples to see if we could save on utilities. She found a company where we can save on electric and gas.

Intergroup is continuing to have issues with phone/internet/printer. Somehow the password got changed and Carla had to work with AT&T to reset the password.

Attendees reviewed the Appeal Letter for regular donation to Intergroup. Carla made a motion to send out the appeal letter in September. Christina seconded it.

- Motion to Accept: __Carla_____
- Seconded by: _____Don V._____
- All in Favor? X Yes ☐ No

Committee and Liaison Reports

Committee / Liaison	Presenter	Key Updates / Notes
Literature	Shelley	Shelley and Carla (and hopefully Mary and Laurie) will be meeting to discuss the handling fee and how to include it in literature.
Public Information (PIC)	Don V.	Don encouraged members to continue to put out Al-

Anon literature and
consider adopting a library.

Meetings on Wheels (MOW) n/a

Alateen n/a

Office Coordinator n/a

OAA Liaison n/a

Joanna sent a message saying we need volunteers to join OAC planning committee Aug 15 at noon at Bob Evans off Arlington Rd exit.

District 51, 48 and 25 n/a

Gratitude Night is Saturday, November 7 at First Congregational Church of Tallmadge (same location as last year). Doors open at 5PM, pot luck at 6PM and leads begin at 7PM.

Webmaster n/a

Steering Committee n/a

Archives n/a

Founders' Day Jane

Jane attended the AA Founders' Day meeting. Attendance was down by 1000 people for 2026 Founders' Day, but more money was made in 2026 than 2025. AA Founders' Day had a meeting with the University of Akron and there was discussion about moving Al-Anon to a different building. AA Intergroup is hurting financially. Founders' Day Al-Anon meetings will be

last Wed of the month at
7PM via Zoom.

Old Business

Notes / Updates: Jim as Chair, Bonny as Co-Chair as long as she doesn't have to write the newsletter. Connie from Cleveland has a dedicated newsletter editor. Christina is going to do Secretary and newsletter for September.

New Business

Notes / Discussion Points: Jane made a motion to vote on the officers listed below. Carla seconded. Vote unanimous.

Chair - Jim

Co-Chair - Bonny

Secretary – Mariann

Newsletter Editor - Christina

Treasurer - Carla

Co-Treasurer - Mary

Office Coordinator - Cathy

Literature - Shelley

Co-Literature – Laurie

PIC – Don V.

Co-PIC – open

Alateen – Lynda

Co-Alateen - Gina

Archivist – Jane

Meetings on Wheels – open

Webmaster – Richie

Office Coordinator – Cathy C.

OAA Liasion – Joanna

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 9.00PM.

