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## Secretary's Corner

### Al-Anon of Southeastern WI

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#### **Beginners Meetings**

Beginner's meetings are recommended for newcomers. There are a series of 6 meetings to help explain the Al-Anon program. There are 4 locations:

##### **Sunday – 5:00 pm**

Alano Club  
630 56th Street  
Kenosha, WI

##### **Sunday – 6:00 pm**

Galilee Lutheran Church  
N24 W26430 Crestview Dr.  
Pewaukee, WI  
Al-Anon meeting follows at 7:00 pm

##### **Monday – 7:30 pm** (Except Holidays\*)

Summit Place – Conference Room 2135  
6737 W. Washington St.  
West Allis WI 53214

##### **Wednesday – 8:00 pm**

The Grove Club  
1037 Grove Avenue  
Racine, WI

#### **Other Al-Anon Websites**

<http://www.alanon-wi.org> (SE WI)

<http://www.area61afg.org> (Area 61)

<http://www.al-anon.org> (WSO)

<http://www.al-anon.org/members> (WSO Members)

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/electronic-meetings>  
(Online Meeting Information)

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/Podcasts/FirstSteps/>

(Al-Anon Podcasts)

#### **General Announcements**

##### **Intergroup Meetings 2017**

July 27, September 28, November 16  
Meetings are at the Al-Anon Service Center at 7:00PM  
6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis  
Conference Room 2135 (first floor), **except July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
(July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the Al-Anon Office)

##### **Service Board Meetings 2017**

August 24, October 26, December 28  
Meetings are at the Al-Anon Service Center at 6:30PM  
6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis  
Conference Room 2216

##### **Waiting to register for the October Al-Anon / Alateen Convention?**

**Wait no more!**

[Click here for the registration form](#)

Register early for a great discount

## Al-Anon Service Center Announcements and Service Opportunities

### Beginner Meeting Leaders Needed

Need a group or group of members to take the Beginners Meeting the second Monday of even months 7:15-8:30pm

### Office Volunteers critically needed - as of 12/22/16

- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 4-7:30 PM of odd months
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 4-7:30 PM of every month Feb – May
- ❖ Starting in July, we will need 1st Monday eve. Coverage for odd months - July, Sept, Nov.

Contact the Al-Anon Service Center at 414-257-2415 or e-mail [alanon@alanon-wi.org](mailto:alanon@alanon-wi.org) to sign up or to obtain additional information.

- Training will be provided for new volunteers. One year of Al-Anon attendance is required. If there is no volunteer on Saturdays, the Service Center is closed.
- In need of substitute volunteers who would be available to fill in for last-minute duties on Saturdays and Monday evenings. You will be working alone, answering phones, writing receipts for purchases, and doing some light clerical duties. You may bring your own projects to do, or catch up on your reading. Wi-Fi is available! Training will need to be scheduled.
- Need to fill various openings each month. Refer to calendars on Volunteer page of [alanon-wi.org](http://alanon-wi.org) website.

### Open Service Board Position – Fund Development Committee Chair

Please refer to the bottom of the Secretary Corner for description of position.

### Open Position - Website Events Postings

#### Webmasters Looking for 1-2 persons to join team

Work from home. Generally 1-2 hours/month. Basic computer skills needed. Refer to bottom of the Secretary Corner for more information.

### Used Literature Donations

THE AL-ANON COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF NEW OR USED AL-ALON CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE.

Including: *The Forum and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* pamphlets and directories (directories need to be current); books such as *“How Al-Anon Works”* and daily readers, audio cassettes/CDs, and monetary donations toward the purchase of literature.

- Donations will be distributed to under served populations, such as jails, shelters, mental health facilities and programs for low-income or minority populations.
- You can give your donations to your group’s ISR or drop them off at the Al-Anon office in West Allis.

### ❖ Public Outreach Opportunities

Here are some featured Public Outreach efforts in the southeastern WI area. Feel free to contact the coordinator for more information or to get involved. When we get busy in service, we get better!

#### Sunday – 6:00 pm

##### Galilee Lutheran Church

N24 W26430 Crestview Dr.  
Pewaukee, WI

Contact Kathy R. [Coordinator]

262-367-7606 or [kriley29@gmail.com](mailto:kriley29@gmail.com)

#### Every Saturday – 9:00 am

##### Rogers Memorial Hospital

34700 Valley Rd.

Oconomowoc, WI

Contact: to be provided

#### Every other Saturday of each month–11:30 am

##### Aurora Psychiatric Hospital

1200 Dewey Avenue

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Contact Denise M. [Coordinator]

414-235-5333 or [denisemarisich@gmail.com](mailto:denisemarisich@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Open Al-Anon Meetings

### Monday, July 17, 2017

#### 7pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting

Sponsored by: Monday Night How it Works AFG

Waukesha State Bank

S69 W15273 Janesville Rd. Muskego WI 53150

Topic: Paths to Recovery -Step 7

Al-Anon Speaker: Kelli T., Muskego

### Monday, July 17th 6:30pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting

Sponsored by: Lake Country – Let Go and Let God AFG

Elmbrook Church – Lake Country

1100 St Road 83

Delafield, WI

Room C1A ~ enter at the South East corner of the building

AA Speaker Sharon B. - Hartland

Al-Anon Speaker Christi C - Milwaukee

Join us for Recovery, Fellowship and Treats!

### Saturday, July 22, 2017

#### 11am - 3pm

#### 1pm: Speakers

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation

District 2 AFG Summer Picnic

Greendale Community Center Picnic Shelter

6200 S. 76th Street

(south of Grange Ave.)

Details:

Please bring a dish to pass Bottled water, plates, plastic utensils, napkins will be provided.

Electricity is available (for crockpots) Charcoal grills are available (bring your own charcoal).

Baseball Diamond, Tennis Court, Basketball Court, Roller Hockey Area, Yard Games, Kids Playground and Restrooms.

Al-Anon Speaker: Grant G.

AA Speaker: Ned L.

### Monday, July 24, 2017

#### 7pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting

Sponsored by Monday Night How it Works AFG Open Meeting

Waukesha State Bank

S69 W15273 Janesville Rd.

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Topic: ODAT - Selflessness

Al-Anon Speaker: Karen R.

### Saturday, July 29, 2017

#### 9:30 – 11:00am

District 4 Meeting

Community Room at the Waukesha Public Library

### August 18, 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>

Green Lake Round-Up 37th – 2017

Green Lake Conference Center

W2511 State Road 23

Green Lake, WI 54941

Refer to website for details: [www.glcc.org](http://www.glcc.org)

Al-Anon Speaker: Cheryl A. Waukesha, WI on Saturday 6:30 PM

### Friday, September 8, 2017 - Sunday, September 10, 2017

FRIDAY - 4-5pm Registration

6pm Dinner

Annual Al-Anon Weekend

St. Benedicts Retreat Center

Benet Lake, Wisconsin

Refer to Flyer for details and registration form

## Upcoming Open Al-Anon Meetings - cont.

### Friday, September 29, 2017 - Sunday, October 1, 2017

2017 FLWWR

Friends of Lois Wilson Women's Renewal

Inspiration Retreat Center

N2270 State Road 67

Walworth, WI

Theme: "welcoming and giving comfort to the families of alcoholics"

Cost: \$155 includes 2 night stay, dinner Friday, all meals Saturday, and breakfast Sunday. Lodging rooms will accommodate 4 or 5 with a bathroom in every room and bedding provided.

There are a limited number of partial scholarships available this year. See information below on where to find details on the scholarship and registration:

Registration opens June 11, 2017 Register online at

<http://flwwr.blogspot.com> –OR– download

registration form from the Al-Anon website

([www.alanon-wi.org](http://www.alanon-wi.org) under this event listed under the

Events section for this event.

### Sunday, October 15, 2017

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation

Sponsored by Pewaukee Serenity

Galilee Lutheran Church

N24W26430 Crestview Dr.

Pewaukee

Save the Date!

5:30PM - Potluck

6:40PM - Skit

7:00PM - Speakers

Al-Anon Speaker: TBD

AA Speaker: TBD

Alateen Speaker: TBD

### Friday, October 20, 2017 - Sunday, October 22, 2017

Save the Date - Al-Anon/Alateen Area 61 Convention

Chula Vista Resort

2501 River Road

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Friday Night Ice Cream Social

Friday night speakers: Jesse & Liz P - Flint, Michigan

Saturday Banquet Speaker:

Mike B. - Seven Lakes, North Carolina

Sunday Spiritual Speaker:

Meagan M. - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Rooms \$99. Reservations (855) 388-4782

## Open AA Events / Meetings

As stated in our Traditions, Al-Anon cooperates with AA and guides us to encourage and understand our alcoholic relatives. We can do this by attending open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous with the purpose to learn more about the disease of alcoholism.

For more info on open AA meetings go to

[www.aamilwaukee.com](http://www.aamilwaukee.com)

## Have an Event to Post?

Any additions to this newsletter are welcome. Please e-mail the webmaster for the SE WI Al-Anon website

at: [webmaster@alanon-wi.org](mailto:webmaster@alanon-wi.org)

## **Volunteering at the Service Center**

### **Why I like to volunteer...**

Service keeps me busy and my mind off of problems in my own family.

Lots of good literature to read all around me – especially any new literature and flyers of upcoming meetings.

Makes me feel good if I can help a caller who has questions about Al-Anon, and I can give them support as well as the location of a meeting near them – plus website.

I love seeing Jeri and being a part of the Al-Anon community and what it stands for!

- Marion S.

P.S. I Love Alateen – Hope for Children of Alcoholics

### **Why I like to volunteer...**

Last fall I finally decided to volunteer at the Service Center. It is my way of giving back. When I did my day the end of June I found my name had been selected at the ISR meeting drawing for the \$15.00 literature certificate as a thank you for service!

To say volunteering is rewarding is oh so true. I would encourage those of you who have not tried it to call the office. It is easier than you think.

- Ella E.

### **Why I like to volunteer...**

The bigger world of Al-Anon opens up to me when I volunteer at the service center. I can give a caller information about meetings, write receipts for donations, or stock the shelves with the experience, strength and hope found in our literature. When I mail out an information packet in response to a phone call, I am giving hope to someone living with the effects of the disease of alcoholism. My home group gives me understanding, hope, and laughter, and my volunteering helps the flow of information from the service center to our group. It's life-giving to be in a group, but it's even more fun to help behind the scenes to make it all happen.

A lovely bonus is a drawing every two months for a chance for a volunteer to win \$15 worth of literature. I won in April, and chose "Hope for Today", since that's what Al-Anon gives to me.

- Penny G.

### **Why I like to volunteer...**

I'm very appreciative of what our Al-Anon Service Center provides me. I believe it keeps me striving within myself, it gives me insight and I have learned qualities I can apply to my everyday life, such as: my self-esteem, my leadership, and my confidence. I believe in my ability to offer Al-Anon to customers. Giving a few hours here and there is my way of giving grateful and sincere effort to spread happiness! I really love refilling literature, I enjoy talking with the staff, and the "HOLD" button is great for when I have to gather my composure. Finding solutions like that is fuel, so when I'm not there, I don't cower out of fear (mostly). I can pause...gather a plan... and positively strive forward. Taking the initiative to volunteer for such a wonderful cause fills me with the leadership and confidence I need to stand up for myself. I love my program and I squeeze with love. My best love is when I see literature I get to say, "That could be a piece I helped with!" We stay like a well-oiled machine, when we keep volunteering our services to Al-Anon. These are just a few of my light bulbs of clarity I found by volunteering at our Service Center. Thank You, Al-Anon for teaching me to love and respect myself.

- With Sincere Love Always, Sharon D.

## Open Service Board Position Descriptions

### Service Board Fund Development Committee Chair

Lead efforts to raise awareness of the “Service Center” about our tradition of self-supporting through: Group Donations, Literature Donations and Events

- a. Raise awareness about our financial support model for AFG of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.
- b. Create additional pipeline of qualified fund development where appropriate and ensure that any method of donation is as simple as possible.
- c. Ensure the method of receiving funds and forms of payment are current with the market.
- d. In conjunction with the Treasurer, manage the ecommerce aspect of funding.
- e. In conjunction with the Finance committee, help advise with the development of an annual budget in support of the financial needs of the organization.
- f. In conjunction with the Group Outreach and Community Outreach committees, support their efforts.
- g. Ensure the ongoing health of the Snow Ball.
- h. Develop sub-committees in support of committee work, especially Events.
- i. Fill in as Service Board Officer if needed.
- j. Write an article for the website twice annually.

### Website Event Posting Position

Complete directions for webmasters are provided. Contact us at [webmaster@alanon-wi.org](mailto:webmaster@alanon-wi.org) with any questions. It would be great to have you on our team!

#### Requirements

- Windows Operating systems. Not sure if Mac users would be compatible. We would need to verify.
- Commitment of ~1-2 hours per month. Depending on the number of webmasters, the rotation is 1 week every 3-4 weeks. Week runs Wednesday thru Tuesday. Any emails coming in during that week are their responsibility. If we need to trade (vacation, etc), we ask the group.

#### Proficiencies

- File Explorer. Webmasters use a similar program (**free** FTP - file transfer program) to move files to and from the website.
- Notepad ++ (**free**) or Notepad (**free**). They are very similar. We use it to edit HTML, used to create many of the more static documents on the website. HTML is text with some format markings. No knowledge of HTML is needed, as the instructions will provide what to do. Typically, we help each other when we need to update these and we do not need to very often.
- Word. Either Microsoft Office or WPS Office works to edit the Secretary Corner. WPS Office has a **free** version. It puts a watermark when you print.
- PDF. Documents such as Secretary Corner and Volunteer Calendar, are printed to a PDF file, a format that all users can read. It simply requires printing to a PDF file rather than to a printer. A PDF print option may be already on the computer or **free** downloads are available.
- Adding events to the Events page is done using a custom application. A template is completed with all pertinent information.