



## Secretary's Corner

# Al-Anon of Southeastern WI

### 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.alanon.alateen.org/Podcasts/FirstSteps/>  
(Al-Anon Podcasts)

### General Announcements

#### Thanksgiving Meeting Schedules

##### No Meeting:

- ✧ Opening our Hearts 9:30am in Wales
- ✧ Friends of Lois Wauwatosa 7pm
- ✧ Twelve Steppers Brookfield 6:30pm
- ✧ Thursday Morning How Al-Anon Works 9am

##### Meeting:

- ✧ Special Al-Anon Gratitude meeting on Wednesday, November 22, 10am  
Jerusalem Presbyterian Church  
207 W. Main St Wales, WI

#### New Office Hours

Monday 10am-7:30pm  
Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday 10am-4pm  
Thursday 11am-5pm  
Friday 9am-12pm,  
Saturday 9am-12pm when staffed

#### Service Board Meetings 2017

December 28

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

## Al-Anon Service Center Announcements and Service Opportunities

### Office Volunteers critically needed - as of 9/1/2017

Critical need Monday evenings 4-7:30:

**First Monday - odd months only**

**ALL Second, and Fifth Mondays**

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Need to fill various openings each month. Refer to calendars on Volunteer page of [alanon-wi.org](http://alanon-wi.org) website.

### 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-ANON 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.

1. Donations will be distributed to underserved populations, such as jails, shelters, mental health facilities and programs for low-income or minority populations.
2. 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 [denisemarisch@gmail.com](mailto:denisemarisch@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Open Al-Anon Meetings

### Wednesday, November 22, 2017

10am

Al-Anon Gratitude Meeting  
Sponsored by Opening Our Hearts  
Jerusalem Presbyterian Church  
207 W. Main St  
Wales  
Bring your Gratitude!  
Childcare available

### Sunday, November 26, 2017

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by The 94 ½ AFG  
All Saint's Cathedral  
818 E. Juneau Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI  
Al-Anon Speaker: Sharon D.  
AA Speaker: John S.  
Post-Thanksgiving evening of fellowship  
Potluck meal – please bring a dish to pass  
Street parking is available  
See flyer for additional details

### Thursday, November 30, 2017

7pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by Friends of Lois  
Martin Luther Church  
9235 W. Bluemound Road  
Wauwatosa  
Al-Anon Speaker: Miriam M.  
AA Speaker: Steve B.  
Alateen Speaker: TBA

### Saturday, December 2, 2017

8:30am to 3pm

Sponsored by: District 21  
Salem United Methodist Church  
25130 85th St  
Salem WI 53168  
Panels Basket Raffles  
Potluck Lunch  
Alateen Speaker: TBA

### Tuesday, December 5, 2017

6:30pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by Franklin Serenity  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
3800 W. Rawson Avenue  
Franklin  
Al-Anon Speaker: Hilary S.  
AA Speaker: Jason D.

### Monday, December 11, 2017

6:00 PM Fellowship

6:30 PM Dinner

7:15 PM Speakers

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by Slinger Monday Night AFG  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4860 Arthur Rd. (Hwy. NN)  
Slinger  
Holiday Party!  
Please bring a dish to pass  
Al-Anon Speaker: Agie H.  
AA Speaker: Mary Alice G.

### Thursday, December 14, 2017

12:30pm Potluck

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by Thursday Afternoon Discussion  
Gloria Dei Church  
W180N7863 Town Hall Road  
Menomonee Falls  
Bring a Dish to Pass  
Al-Anon Speaker: TBD  
AA Speaker: Lori M.

## 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.

## 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

1. Windows Operating systems. Not sure if Mac users would be compatible. We would need to verify.
2. 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

3. File Explorer. Webmasters use a similar program (**free** FTP - file transfer program) to move files to and from the website.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Adding events to the Events page is done using a custom application. A template is completed with all pertinent information.