



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

Meeting Announcements

- Lake Country Let Go and Let God Al-anon Family Group meeting is moving to beginning Monday, December 3rd (same time: 6:30 pm)

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1600 N. Genesee St., Delafield, WI 53018
See website meetings directory or contact Al-Anon Service center for further details.

Holiday Meeting Changes

- The following meetings **WILL NOT** meet in December on the dates listed:
 - Monday Night Al-Anon How it Works AFG: December 24th and December 31st.
 - Monday Night Comfort Group: December 24th.
 - Oconomowoc One Day at a Time Al-Anon Family Group: December 25th.
- The following meetings **WILL** meet Christmas Eve/Day and/or New Year's Eve/Day:
 - Monday Dec 24th 6:30pm Lake Country Let Go and Let God AFG at new location:
Christ the King Lutheran Church,
1600 N. Genesee St., Delafield
enter and leave quietly through the side door as there will be a service at 7 pm.
 - Monday Dec 31st 6:30pm Monday Night Comfort Group AFG:
St. John's Lutheran Church
20275 Davidson Rd, Brookfield

Critical Need The office needs 2 groups or some dedicated volunteers to lead the Beginner Meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of even months starting in June. It is a great way to be of service and is only six times a year!

Service Board Meetings 2018

Thursday, December 27
6:30PM
Meetings are at the Al-Anon Service Center at
6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis
Conference Room 2216

Al-Anon Service Center Announcements and Service Opportunities

Office Volunteers critically needed - as of 8/27/2018

Critical need Monday evenings 4-7:30:

First Monday - odd months only

ALL, and Fifth Mondays

Third Saturdays

Contact the Al-Anon Service Center at 414-257-2415 or e-mail 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 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.

Beginner Meeting Volunteers Needed

Do you have some Al-Anon wisdom to share with people new to Al-Anon? Do you want to be reminded of how much you've grown spiritually? Is your home group getting small and could use new members? We have just the opportunity for you. The office needs a group or some dedicated volunteers to lead the Beginner Meeting the fourth Monday of even months - the first would be June 25th. It is a great way to be of service and is only six times a year! It is not difficult and everything you need is provided. The meetings time is 7:30pm in room 2135 at 6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis. This is the same building where the Service Center is located. Contact the service center with questions and enthusiastic responses. 414-257-2415 or alanon@alanon-wi.org

Used Literature Donations

THE AL-ANON COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEES 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 underserved 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

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

Upcoming Open Al-Anon Meetings

Thursday, December 13, 2018

12:30 Potluck

Bring a dish to pass
Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation
Sponsored by Thursday Afternoon Discussion
Gloria Dei Church
W180N7863 Town Hall Road
Menomonee Falls
Al-Anon Speaker: Ellen C.
AA Speaker: Kathy S.

Monday, December 17, 2018

6:30pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation
Sponsored by Brookfield Courage to Change
St. John Vianney Parish
1755 N. Calhoun Rd.
Corner of Calhoun and Gebhardt
Brookfield, WI
Al-Anon Speaker: Kelli T.
AA Speaker: Mary A.

Monday, December 17, 2018

7:00pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting
Sponsored by Monday Night How it Works AFG
Open Meeting
Waukesha State Bank
S69W15273 Janesville Rd.
Muskego, WI
Topic: Step 12 – It is a Process
Al-Anon Speaker: Cheryl A., Waukesha

Sunday, December 30, 2018

7:00pm

Al-Anon Open Meeting
Sponsored by Pewaukee Serenity
Galilee Lutheran
N24W26430 Crestview Drive
Pewaukee, WI
Al-Anon Speaker: Martha E., East Troy
Plus 2 surprised 10 minute speakers

Monday, December 31, 2018

5pm Social Hour

6pm Lasagna Dinner

7pm Speakers

8:30pm DJ Lou Dance til Your Feet Fall Off

AA Open Meeting with Al-Anon Participation
Pass It On Club
6229 W Forest Home
Milwaukee
WICYPAA XXVI Presents:
The New Years Eve Masquerade Ball
Tickets \$15 now; \$20 at the door
Al-Anon Speaker: Natalie B - Glendale
AA Speaker: Jenni T - Eau Claire

Friday, January 11 – Sunday, January 13, 2019

WICYPAA XXVI

Hyatt Regency

Milwaukee, WI

Marathon Meetings

DJ Scarecrow

Al-Anon Participation: Rick K., Waukesha

Hotel information and registration:

www.wicypaa26.org

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

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

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 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.
1. 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

1. File Explorer. Webmasters use a similar program (free FTP - file transfer program) to move files to and from the website.
1. 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.
1. 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.
1. 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.
1. Adding events to the Events page is done using a custom application. A template is completed with all pertinent information.