



## 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

#### 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 2018

February 22 April 26  
June 28 August 23  
October 25 December 27  
6:30PM Thursdays  
Meetings are at the Al-Anon Service Center at  
6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis  
Conference Room 2216

#### Intergroup (ISR) Meetings 2018

January 25 March 22  
May 24 July 26  
September 27 November 15  
7PM Thursdays  
Meetings are at the Al-Anon Service Center at  
6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis  
Conference Room 2135

## **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

### Monday, January 22, 2018

**7:00pm**

Al-Anon Open Meeting  
Sponsored by Monday Night How it Works  
Waukesha State Bank Community Room  
S69W15273 Janesville Road  
Muskego, WI  
Al-Anon Speaker: Jean H, Wauwatosa

### Monday, January 29, 2018

**9:45am**

Al-Anon Open Meeting  
Sponsored by New Attitude Monday A.M.  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
1415 Dopp St.  
Waukesha  
Details:  
no childcare  
Al-Anon Speaker: Karen H.

### Monday, January 29, 2018

**6:30pm**

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by Lake Country Let Go and Let God AFG  
Elmbrook Church  
1100 State Hwy 83  
Hartland, WI  
Kids Chapel ~ enter building in South east corner  
Al-Anon Speaker: Ruth H.  
AA Speaker: John H.

### Monday, January 29, 2018

**6:30pm**

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by Eastside Monday Night  
North Shore Presbyterian Church  
4048 N. Bartlett Ave.  
Milwaukee  
Please join us for some great speakers, fellowship  
and snacks!  
Babysitting provided!  
Al-Anon Speaker: Jean H.  
AA Speaker: Ray M.

### Monday, January 29, 2018

**7pm**

Al-Anon Open Meeting  
Sponsored by Monday Night How it Works AFG  
Open Meeting  
Waukesha State Bank  
S69 W15273 Janesville Rd.  
Muskego  
Topic: It wasn't my fault  
Al-Anon Speaker: Mike S. - Waukesha

### Wednesday, January 31, 2018

**7pm**

Candlelight Gratitude Meeting  
Sponsored by Pathway To Serenity  
United Methodist Church  
819 E. Silver Spring Drive  
Whitefish Bay  
Room 221 (Second Floor, Door to the Left of the  
Elevator)  
Start the year on a Positive Note!  
Fellowship time to follow meeting. Candles will be  
provided.

### Thursday, February 1, 2018

**6:30pm**

Al-Anon Open Meeting with AA Participation  
Sponsored by Twelve Steppers  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
20275 Davidson Rd.  
Brookfield  
Main Level  
Child Care Available  
Al-Anon Speaker: Fe P.  
AA Speaker: Bill P.

### Monday, February 5, 2018

**7pm**

Al-Anon Open Meeting  
Sponsored by Monday Night How it Works AFG  
Open Meeting  
Waukesha State Bank  
S69 W15273 Janesville Rd.  
Muskego  
Topic: Came to Believe  
Al-Anon Speaker: Ann Marie A. - S Milwaukee

## Upcoming Open Al-Anon Meetings - Continued...

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**9:00am: Doors Open**

**9:30am - Noon: Workshop**

Al-Anon Open Meeting

Summit Place

1st Floor Conference Room

6737 W. Washington St.

West Allis

Join District 2 for a Writing Workshop for two new Daily Readers: Intimacy and The Diversity of Al-Anon Members.

The workshop will be presented by

Carol V (Past Delegate) and Jamie C (Area 61 Archivist)

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Parking is available in the Visitor Lot, which is east of the main door.

Use the Visitor Lot Door to enter the building.

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**4:30pm - Doors Open for VIP ticket holders;**

**5:00pm - Dinner**

**6:00pm - Doors open for event ticket holders**

**7:00pm - Speakers**

Snow Ball 2018 - Annual Fundraiser for Al-Anon Service Center

American Serb Hall

5101 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53219

See Flyer for event details, including ticket sales and donation requests.

- ◆ Deadline for buying VIP tickets is February 16th VIP tickets include dinner (service starts at 5), event, 2 raffle tickets, preferred parking and seating
- ◆ Volunteers are needed for Registration, Raffle, Greeters and Literature. Please contact office to sign up!
- ◆ Donations are accepted for Raffle items or baskets

Al-Anon Speaker: Elizabeth N.

AA Speaker: Monica B.

Alateen Speaker: TBA

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**7pm**

Al-Anon Open Meeting

Sponsored by Monday Night How it Works AFG Open Meeting

Waukesha State Bank

S69 W15273 Janesville Rd.

Muskego

Topic: Finding Peace

Al-Anon Speaker: Bridget C. - Muskego

## 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.