

Al-Anon Alive Newsletter

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AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP (AFG) OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN SERVICE CENTER

Located in Summit Place
6737 W. Washington Street, Suite 2125
West Allis, WI 53214-5655
414.257.2415
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Service Center - Closed

Saturday, May 23rd
&
Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day Holiday

SERVICE CENTER HOURS

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Call ahead to verify the Service Center hours for Mondays after 4:00 p.m. and for Saturdays.

(Weather-related closures of the Service Center will be posted on WTMJ Channel 4, WITI Channel 6, and WISN Channel 12 TV.)

SERVICE CENTER PARKING

Parking is available to the East of Summit Place. If you leave before 10:00 p.m. on a week day obtain a "voucher" from the Service Center to give to the guard for a token. The token is used to exit the East visitor parking lot.

The front door of Summit Place is handicap accessible, but is not open after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and not open on weekends. Use the door by the East visitor parking lot. There is handicap parking to the West of Summit Place.

Parking is also available in the parking structure and in the city lot at the east end of Washington Street.

SERVICE CENTER VOLUNTEERS – NEEDED

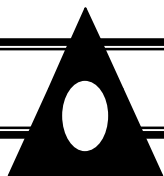
Service Center volunteers are needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Monday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. An extended commitment is not necessary.

The Service Center will not be open on Thursday evenings due to a shortage of volunteers.

For details on how you can volunteer for the Service Center, call Tracy A., Coordinator of Office Volunteers, 414.704.0769 or contact Linda D. at 414.257.2415.

No experience is needed. A short training session will be provided.

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HOTLINE

When the Service Center is closed, we now have the ability to transfer the Service Center calls to an individual's home phone. We are looking for volunteers. The process is simple and you can choose the hours you are willing to accept calls.

HOTLINE SCHEDULE

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Laurie S.
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	(Vacant)
Sunday:	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Beth C.
Monday:	7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	(Vacant)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Tracy C.
Tuesday:	4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	(Vacant)
Wednesday:	4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	(Vacant)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Tracy C.
Thursday:	4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	(Vacant)
Friday:	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Laurie S.
Saturday:	Noon – 10:00 p.m.	(Vacant)

For more details, call Linda at the Service Center, 414.257.2415.

NEW TO AL-ANON?

SUNDAY NIGHT PEWAUKEE BEGINNER'S MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The Sunday Night Pewaukee Beginner's Meeting is held at Galilee Lutheran Church at N24W26430 Crestview Drive (off Hwy G), Pewaukee, WI.

MONDAY NIGHT BEGINNER'S MEETING

7:30 P.M.

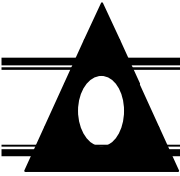
The Monday Night Beginner's Meeting is held at the Service Center located in Summit Place at 6737 W. Washington Avenue, Suite 2125, West Allis. Everyone is invited.

Meeting Night	Facilitator	Facilitator Contact #
1 st Monday of month	Nancy D. / "Franklin Serenity"	414.764.5897 (or) 414.378.2955
2 nd Monday of month	JoJo D. / "Waukesha 12x12"	262.732.9586
3 rd Monday of month	Gary P. Temporary	414.531.8203
4 th Monday of month	Chris S. Chris D. / "Brookfield Courage to Change"	414.329.9310 262.522.6567
5 th Monday (when there is one)	Mary N. / "Back to Basics"	262.894.5111

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEGINNER'S MEETING

7:00 P.M.

The Wednesday Night Beginner's Meeting is held at Calvary Memorial Church at 4001 Washington Avenue, Racine, WI. Go to the back of the church. Use the 1st door on the east side, walk up the steps, and turn right to the Al-Anon room. Everyone is invited.



AL-ANON OPEN SPEAKER MEETINGS

Inform the Service Center at 414.257.2415 of any upcoming Al-Anon open meetings.

1ST WEEK OF THE MONTH

1ST TUESDAY OF MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER

6:30 p.m.
(no smoking, childcare provided)
"Franklin Serenity"
Faith Presbyterian Church
3800 W. Rawson Avenue
Franklin, WI 53132

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

8:00 p.m.
(no smoking)
"Helping Hands"
Nativity Lutheran Church (side door, upstairs)
6905 W. Bluemound Road
Milwaukee, WI 53213

1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

7:00 p.m.
(no smoking, childcare provided)
"12 Steppers"
Brookfield Presbyterian Church
1485 N. Brookfield Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

2ND WEEK OF THE MONTH

2ND MONDAY OF EVEN-NUMBERED MONTH

7:00 p.m.
(no smoking)
"Stepping Stones"
Mother of Good Council Church
6924 W. Lisbon (enter on Lisbon)
Milwaukee, WI 53210

3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH

3RD MONDAY OF MONTHS WITH 5 MONDAYS

6:30 p.m.
(no smoking)
"Brookfield Courage to Change"
St. John Vianney Church
1755 N. Calhoun Road
(at Gebhardt – use parish center door)
Brookfield, WI 53005

3RD WEDNESDAY OF MONTHS WITH 5 WEDNESDAYS

7:00 p.m.
(no smoking, childcare provided)
"Wales Hope and Serenity"
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
470 N. Oak Crest Drive
Wales, WI 53183

4TH WEEK OF THE MONTH

4TH THURSDAY OF JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, & OCTOBER

8:30 p.m.
(no smoking)
"Tosa Thursday Night"
Underwood Baptist Church
1916 Wauwatosa Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

5TH WEEK OF THE MONTH

5TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

7:00 p.m.
(no smoking, childcare provided)
"Pewaukee Serenity" Al-anon & Alateen
Galilee Lutheran Church
N24 W26430 Crestview Drive
Pewaukee, WI 53072

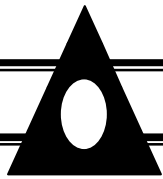
5TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

9:45 a.m.
(no smoking, childcare provided)
"New Attitudes"
Ascension Lutheran Church
1415 Dopp Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

5TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 p.m.
(no smoking)
"Eastside Monday Night"
North Shore Presbyterian Church
4048 Bartlett Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211





MEETINGS OFFERING CHILDCARE

**Sundays
6:30 p.m.**

“Living in the Solution”
Unity Church
1717 N. 73rd Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**Sundays
6:30 p.m.**

“Sunday Night Surrender”
St. Johns Lutheran Church
20275 Davidson Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

**Sundays
6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

“Pewaukee Serenity - Al-Anon & Alateen”
Galilee Lutheran Church
N24 W26430 Crestview Drive
Pewaukee, WI 53072

**Mondays
9:30 a.m.**

“New Attitudes”
Ascension Lutheran Church
1415 Dopp Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

**Tuesdays
6:30 p.m.**

“Franklin Serenity”
Faith Presbyterian Church
3800 W. Rawson Avenue
Franklin, WI 53132

**Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.**

“Waukesha 12 x12”
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
601 N. University Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

**Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.**

“Wales Hope & Serenity”
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
470 N. Oak Crest Drive
Wales, WI 53183

**Thursdays
10:00 a.m.**

“Into Action”
Lawrence Center
3011 Saylesville Road
Waukesha, WI 53189

**Thursdays
7:00 p.m.**

“Hartland How It Works”
Church of the Resurrection
W287 N370 North Shore Drive
Hartland, WI 53029

**Thursdays
7:00 p.m.**

“Twelve Steppers”
Brookfield Presbyterian Church
1485 N. Brookfield Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

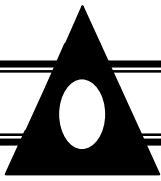
**Fridays
12:00 noon**

“Back to Basics”
Calvary Lutheran Church
1750 N. Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005

**Fridays
8:00 p.m.**

“No Saints”
All Saint Lutheran Church
9131 S. Howell Avenue
Oak Creek 53154





MEETINGS NEEDING SUPPORT

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

“The Papillion Al-Anon Group”
Galano Club
315 W. Court Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Sundays
7:00 p.m.

“Greendale Courage to Change”
Community Church
6015 Clover Lane
(1 block west of Loomis Road at Southway)
Greendale, WI 53129

Wednesdays
10:00 a.m.

“Path to Serenity”
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3302 N. Sherman Blvd.
(Enter the north door on Barnard Place & ring church office bell)
Milwaukee, WI 53216

Wednesdays
11:00 a.m.

“Freedom”
Pass It On Club
6229 W. Forest Home Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53220

Wednesdays
8:00 p.m.

“New Hope Jackson Park”
Jackson Park Church
4353 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53219

Thursdays
6:30 p.m.

“Gratitude”
Nativity of the Lord Church
3672 E. Plankinton Avenue
Cudahy, WI 53110

Thursdays
8:00 p.m.

“Thursday Night Good Hope”
Good Hope Church
8700 W. Good Hope Road (1st floor conference room)
Milwaukee
Childcare provided
(AA meets at the same time)

Fridays
8:00 p.m.

“East Hampton”
Roundy Memorial Baptist Church
4819 N. Ardmore (off Hampton)
Milwaukee, WI 53217

OPEN DISCUSSION MEETINGS

Sundays
7:00 p.m.

Hales Corners Open Discussion
(Al-Anon with AA participation)
Emanuel Church
10627 W. Forest Home Avenue
Hales Corners, WI 53130

Al-Anon guidelines suggest, if combined meetings are held, they should be used as supplements to regular Al-Anon meetings.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Sundays

(New time – formerly 11:00 a.m.)

5:30 p.m.

“Progress to Serenity”
Serenity Club
3677 E. Pulaski Avenue
Cudahy, WI 53110

Mondays

(New place and time)

6:00 p.m.

“Renacer”
Nativity Jesuit Middle School
1515 S. 29th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Thursday

(New place and time)

6:00 p.m.

“Renacer”
Nativity Jesuit Middle School
1515 S. 29th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Friday

(New day, place, and time)

8:00 p.m.

“Believe in Me Alateens”.
Our Savior Lutheran Church
145 E. Lisbon
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Saturdays

(New place and time)

10:00 a.m.

“Renacer”
Nativity Jesuit Middle School
1515 S. 29th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Saturdays

(New place and time)

10:30 a. m.

“Saturday Morning Alateens”
Nativity Jesuit Middle School
1515 S. 29th Street
Milwaukee. WI 53215

No Longer Meeting

Wednesday
5:00 p.m.
V.A. Medical Center

Saturday
“A Safe Place”
Benet Lake

NEW MEETINGS

Sundays

6:30 p.m.

“Living in the Solution”
Unity Church (childcare available)
1717 N. 73rd St. (73rd & Milwaukee)
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

Martin Luther Lutheran Church
(no childcare available at this time)
9235 W. Bluemound Road
(Corner of 92nd St. and Bluemound)
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

WANTED - AL-ANON/ALATEEN MEETINGS

**Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital
Mequon, WI**

Anyone interested in starting an Al-Anon meeting at the hospital, call the Service Center 414.257.2415.

**House of Hope
Waukesha Women’s Shelter**

Anyone interested in starting an Al-Anon meeting at the shelter, call Denise Marisch at 414.688.6884 or e-mail: Denise.A.Marisch@fnis.com

Second Friday of month - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Al-Anon men are welcome.

**South Milwaukee/Cudahy/
Oak Creek/Franklin Area**

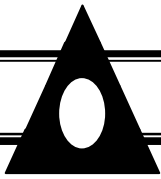
Anyone interested in starting a daytime (between 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.) Al-Anon meeting with childcare in the area, call Sally at 414.762.9712

South Milwaukee High School

Anyone interested in starting an Alateen meeting, call Victor M. at 414.766.5815.

Alano Club

Anyone interested in starting an Alateen meeting at the club, call the Service Center 414.257.2415.



INTERGROUP MEETINGS

4th Thursday of every odd-numbered month
(except) November they meet on the 3rd Thursday

7:00 p.m.
Summit Place, Conference Room 2218
6737 W. Washington Street
West Allis, WI 53214

All Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs) and their alternates need to register with the Service Center to have voting privileges for their group. Call the Service Center 414.257.2415 or e-mail: alanon@alanon-wi.org to register.

Give you groups name, your full name, mailing address, and phone number (e-mail address is optional).

Upcoming Meeting Dates

May 28, 2009
July 23, 2009
September 24, 2009

SPANISH SPOKEN MEETINGS

Mondays **Thursdays** **Saturdays**
6:00 p.m. **6:00 p.m.** **10:00 a.m.**

“Renacer”
Nativity Jesuit Middle Scholl
1515 S. 29th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Thursday **Saturdays**
6:00 p.m. **1:00 p.m.**
“Comenzar A Vivir”
Prince of Peace Church Parish Office
1138 S. 25th Street (at Scott Street)
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Saturdays
10:30 a.m.
“Saturday Morning Alateens”
Nativity Jesuit Middle School
1515 S. 29th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53215

SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS

4th Thursday of every even-numbered month
6:30 p.m.

Summit Place, Conference Room 2218
6737 W. Washington Street
West Allis, WI 53214

The chair and assistant chair positions are for one year. However, after serving the one year assistant chair position that person automatically serves the following year as chair. The other board positions are for two-year terms. The prerequisite for becoming a Service Board member is to either have one year as an ISR or two years in Al-Anon with services at the group level.

*** by position
Indicates
open in
July, 2009**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 23, 2009
June 25, 2009
August 27, 2009

SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS

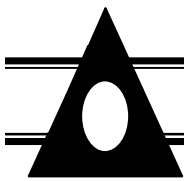
Chairperson:	Laura Q.	262.790.0144
*Assistant Chair:	Sandy G.	262.370.3161
Secretary:	Mary D.	414.444.2365
AA Liaison:	Amy P.	262.751.6963
Al-Anon Alive Editor:	Ann M.	414.771.3166
Alateen Coordinator:	Pat S.	414.529.5086
*Alateen Liaison:	(vacant)	
Area Liaison:	Annemarie A.	414.571.0135
*Institutions:	Steve G.	262.594.2114
Literature:	Ellen T.	414.861.6382
*Public Information:	(vacant)	
*Treasurer:	Carol L.	262.650.1720
Volunteer Coordinator:	Tracy A.	414.704.0769
Ways & Means:	Chris B.	414.355.4568
*Web Coordinator:	Eric R.	414.278.4150

If you are interested in filling an opening or have questions about the Service Board, you may leave a message at 414.257.2415.

FRAGRANCE FREE AL-ANON MEETINGS

Please avoid using scented products before coming to this meeting, including:

- Perfume, cologne or aftershave
- Scented deodorants, soaps or body wash
- Scented shampoos, hair conditioners/sprays
- Scented fabric softeners.
- Body fragrances, fragranced body/hand lotions



"ELECTRONIC" MEETINGS

ON-LINE MEETINGS

Current list of registered electronic meetings is available at:
www.al-anon.alateen.org/meetings/meetings.html
Click the link at bottom of the page and enter your e-mail address.
You'll receive another link to the list.
Please use WSO list to be sure the meetings are registered.

TELEPHONE MEETINGS

Phone: 1.712.432.8733 (Access code: 52639#)
www.geocities.com/alanonphonemeetings
Spanish Speaking Al-Anon Phone:
1.218.486.8700 (pin number: 32106#)

MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE

Community Recovery Center
N87 W17313 Main Street
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
Call Barb D. at 262.257.4770

Trinity United Methodist Church
308 Oneida Street
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
Call Pastor Mark S. at 920.887.7211

Alano Club
1521 N. Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Call Mark at 414.287.9102

Love of God Cathedral
818 W. St. Paul Street
Waukesha, WI 53188
Call Craig at 414.430.0888

AL-ANON BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, BOOK COVERS, MEDALLIONS ETC.

The Al-Anon Service Center at 6737 W. Washington Street, Suite 2125, West Allis, WI 53214 has available for purchase the various Al-Anon books, pamphlets, book covers, medallions, etc.

The new butterfly, serenity prayer, bronze medallions are now available at the Service Center for \$2.00. The Al-Anon anniversary medallions from one month to 30 years are also available for \$2.00.

Book covers are available for the small daily readers for \$2.00 and book covers for the larger size books are \$2.50.

Please call the Service Center at 414.257.2415 with any questions.

COULD USE . . . Packing peanuts, bagged air, and plastic grocery bags are needed at the Service Center.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

* These people volunteered more than once in February.

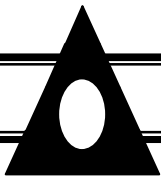
MARY B.K.
JEAN G.
BEVERLY S.
ERIKA S.*
MARY K.
DOLORES W.

RUTH H.
PAT M.*
TIM G.
CAROLE E.
MARY S.

CHRIS B.*
JUDY D.
CATE M.
SUSAN K.
KAREN V.

Listed are our Very Important Volunteers (VIV) for the month of February. Thank you very much for supporting the Service Center. The Service Center could not operate without your assistance.

Please keep Iudu P., our Service Center office assistant, in your thoughts and prayers. She is recovering from a broken leg.



INCOME / EXPENSES

2/1/09 – 2/28/09

INCOME

2009 Midlake	\$ 70.00
2009 Snow Ball Income	\$6,154.09
Coffee and Soda	\$ 5.40
Donations	\$1,126.48
Literature Purchase	\$7,010.06
Medallions	\$ 34.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 16.20
Subscriptions	<u>\$ 17.00</u>

Total Income: \$14,433.23

EXPENSES

2009 Snow Ball Expense	\$2,799.22
2010 Snow Ball Expense	\$ 100.00
Bank Debit	\$ 30.00
Bank Fees	\$ 0.42
Coffee for Meetings	\$ 28.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 10.00
Office Supplies	\$ 9.88
Payroll	\$ 1,525.36
Postage and Delivery	\$ 468.07
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 171.51
Purchase Literature	\$ 5,442.25
Rent-Office	\$ 961.23
Utilities	<u>\$ 298.16</u>

Total Expenses: \$11,844.10

February, 2009

Total Overall Income: \$2,589.13

DONATIONS

2/1/09 – 2/28/09

Anonymous	\$ 25.00
Back to Basics	\$ 90.95
Brookfield Courage to Change	\$ 54.90
Eagle River AFG	\$ 4.30
Eastside Monday Night	\$ 48.96
Fox Point Monday Night	\$ 35.00
Friday Night Couples	\$ 50.00
Friends of Lois	\$ 96.00
Ginne's Just for Today	\$ 20.00
Gratitude Elm Grove	\$ 17.10
Greendale Courage to Change	\$ 30.00
Hartland How It Works	\$ 50.00
Hopefuls	\$ 75.00
Just for Today Waukesha	\$ 15.00
Key to Serenity	\$ 38.25
No Saints	\$ 69.00
Progress to Serenity	\$ 33.00
Steps of Hope	\$ 37.00
Sunday Morning AFG	\$ 94.02
Thursday Afternoon Discussion	\$ 50.00
Tuesday A.M. Oconomowoc	\$ 50.00
Tuesday Night Hales Corners	\$ 19.00
Twelve Steppers	\$ 24.00
Unknown Group	\$ 100.00

Overall Donations: \$1,126.48

SNOW BALL 2009 INCOME/EXPENSE

11/1/08 – 3/21/09

INCOME: \$8,089.09

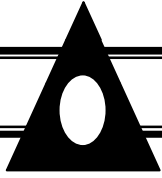
EXPENSES: \$3,698.20 --- 2009 SNOW BALL EXPENSE \$3,598.20

Speaker Air Flight:	\$ 298.98
Snow Ball DJ:	\$ 400.00
Cash for Cashbox:	\$ 100.00
Dinner/Hall:	\$ 2,258.52
Speaker Gifts:	\$ 49.40
Speaker Airline:	\$ 343.90
Speaker Hosting:	\$ 92.40
Speaker Expense:	\$ 55.00

--- 2010 SNOW BALL EXPENSE \$ 100.00

**2009 SNOW BALL
TOTAL OVERALL INCOME**

\$4,390.89



NOTE FROM THE AREA LIAISON

By: Annemarie

After typing up my report to give to the Area World Service Conference (AWSC), I am overwhelmed by the caring people of this fellowship. As I wrote all the news of Southeastern WI., to share with the people of the Area, I stopped to think about all the work that is being done. All the effort that goes into managing the Service Center, running the beginners meetings, putting on the Snowball, bringing our message of hope to institutions, selling our literature at events, putting together our various newsletters, working with Alateens, taking time to listen to a suffering newcomer or an old timer just having a bad day, etc. etc. etc. There are too many service opportunities to name, but you are out there doing them, day after day. Thanks for ALL you do. You are a wonderful example to me of love in action.

TRADITION FOUR

Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another group, or Al-Anon, or AA as a whole.

By: Laura Q.

Webster's dictionary describes autonomous as "having the right or power of self-government: undertaken or carried on without outside control."

This definition makes the tradition very clear to me. It tells me that each group has the right to do what is best for its members. Using the WSO guidelines, we discuss ideas, have group consciences, and collectively make decisions on what's best for the group without diverting from the meeting's main purpose. We use the traditions and conference approved literature to encourage unity.

It's like giving each group a different "flavor," similar to going to different Italian restaurants. I know what Italian food tastes like, but the food at one restaurant may not taste exactly like the food at another.

I can go to any meeting and know some things will

always be the same, giving me something I can count on and feel comfortable with. I also know the meeting may have some differences, teaching me to be flexible and patient.

Going to a new meeting is always scary for me. Will I know anyone there? Will I know what's going on or worse will I do or say something stupid drawing attention to myself? But then we say the Serenity Prayer and I take a deep breath and say to myself, "just relax, everything is fine, you belong here," and everything is fine.

ALATEEN SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

April 18, 2009

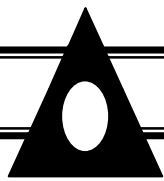
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Alateen sponsors are required by the World Service Organization (WSO) and Area 61 to complete a training session and a background check. The training will be held at the Al-Anon Service Center on 6737 W. Washington Street, West Allis, WI. Finger print cards will be available at the training. E-mail Pat S., Alateen Coordinator, at: patschroeder1948@yahoo.com or call 414.529.5086.

PARTICIPATION - THE KEY TO HARMONY

By: Chris B.

I heard someone say that this is their favorite concept of service, and you know what? I couldn't agree more. There are many ways to participate: chairing a meeting, being treasurer of your group, ISR, GR, Service Board member, DR and the list goes on. One simple way to participate is to volunteer at the Service Center. This is one I like to do, and will keep doing as long as God is willing. I have the opportunity to work on myself, talk with people that come in or call, and handle small, yet meaningful, projects that will help others. But that isn't a starting or a stopping point. It is important to participate in life as well. Take a moment to enjoy a sunset, listen to the birds sing, or watch a couple squirrels play. It is an important part of my program to take some time, in some way, to be at peace, and find serenity with the simple things in life. So, if I may suggest..... participate.



SERVICE CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

by: Linda D.

It is so nice to think about Spring and the pleasant weather it usually brings. Thinking positively about the future is one way that I keep today pleasant. I really have no way of knowing what the future will bring, and I am grateful for that. Frankly, in the past if I had known what the future would hold for me, I would have been horrified at some of the trials I would have to walk through. But with the help of my Higher Power, the principles of the Al-Anon program, my sponsor, and friends I have been able to get through the challenges each day brings. At the time I was not always able to feel grateful for them, but in hindsight I can see that God does not give me more than I can handle. Gratitude is a very powerful Al-Anon tool.

Happy Spring!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

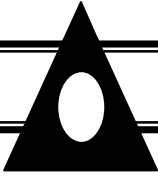
Our Service Center has the privilege of utilizing the time and talents of many Al-Anon volunteers. The work you do is important. Thank you for sharing yourselves by helping at the Service Center.

There are many opportunities for service at the Service Center. Please review the April Volunteer Calendar in this issue of Al-Anon Alive. It shows when we have office volunteers, and when we don't. There are openings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the day, Monday evenings, and Saturday mornings.

Other volunteer opportunities include preparing the Al-Anon Alive newsletter for mailing, being a "Hotline" phone person, leading a Beginner's Meeting on Monday evenings. *No commitment is necessary, training will be provided. Please consider being there for the newcomer who calls or comes in.* Call Tracy A. at (414) 704-0769 or Linda D. at (414) 257-2415.

April 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Beverly S. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Susan K.	2 Closed	3 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. vacant 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Erika S.	4 9:00 a.m. - Noon Mary B.K.
6 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Kathy G. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. vacant 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Chris B.	7 Closed	8 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mary K. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. vacant	9 Closed	10 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Ruth H. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Erika S.	11 9:00 a.m. - Noon vacant
13 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. vacant 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. vacant 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Tim G.	14 Closed	15 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Carole E. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Susan K.	16 Closed	17 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. vacant 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pat M.	18 9:00 a.m. - Noon Cate M.
20 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. vacant 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. vacant. 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. vacant.	21 Closed	22 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Annie W. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. vacant	23 Closed 6:30 p.m. Service Board Meeting	24 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. vacant 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pat M.	25 9:00 a.m. - Noon vacant
27 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. vacant 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dolores W. 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Judy D.	28 Closed	29 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. vacant 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. vacant	30 Closed	Al-Anon Service Center Hours Mondays: 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon) Phone: 414.257.2415	



AL-ANON DISTRICT 18 OPEN SPRING EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**MENOMONEE FALLS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

W156 N8436 PILGRIM ROAD
PILGRIM ROAD – JUST NORTH OF APPLETON

PANELS

“HOW TO DO A GROUP CONSCIENCE”

BRING A BRUNCH DISH TO PASS.



LOST & FOUND

Small, brown, zipper bag containing make-up was found at the Snow Ball.

It is at the Service Center waiting to be claimed.

27TH ANNUAL TRI-COUNTY SPRING CONFERENCE

AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN WELCOMED

“SERVICE IS THE SECRET”

U.A.W. HALL
3615 WASHINGTON ROAD
KENOSHA, WI 53144

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

8:00 A.M. (Registration)

9:00 A.M. (SPEAKERS)

AA: TOM B. (LAKE COUNTY, IL)
AL-ANON: TAMMIE N. (RACINE)

AL-ANON PANELS

10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

CHILI LUNCH (\$1.00)

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
(Please donate chili - bring with you)

BANQUET

6:00 P.M.

AA SPEAKER: DARYL M. (RACINE COUNTY)

7:30 P.M.

DANCE: (Music by DJ)

9:00 P.M.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Spanish interpreter needed? Y N

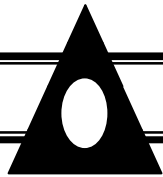
Do you require vegetable dish? Y N

Circle: AA Al-Anon Alateen Other

Banquet & Dance: \$20.00 Dance: \$5.00

Make checks payable to: Tri – County Conference

**Mail to: Bill Vincent
4221 Midlane Drive
Wadsworth, IL 60083**



1ST ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

**“SERENITY NOW”
TUESDAY NIGHT AL-ANON**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009

6:30 p.m. (Doors open)

7:00 p.m. (Speakers)

ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
148 S. 8TH AVENUE
(CORNER OF 8TH & WALNUT)
WEST BEND, WI

(ENTER RED DOORS IN BACK OF CHURCH AND GO DOWNSTAIRS)

SPEAKERS

AL-ANON . . . MILLIE H. (WEST BEND)

AA BILL S. (WEST BEND)

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, COOKIES, & COFFEE.

10TH ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

**“GREENDALE COURAGE
TO CHANGE AL-ANON
GROUP”**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

6:00 P.M. (DOORS OPEN)

6:30 P.M. (SPEAKERS)

GREENDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH
6015 CLOVER LANE
(1 BLOCK WEST OF LOOMIS AT
SOUTHWAY)
GREENDALE, WI

SPEAKERS

AL-ANON . . . CHRIS B. (FEMALE)

ALATEEN . . . TBA

AA CINDY S.

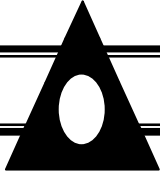
SNACKS & BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED.

THURSDAY NIGHT 12 STEPPERS OPEN AL-ANON MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009

BROOKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1485 N. BROOKFIELD ROAD
BROOKFIELD, WI

Babysitting Available



21ST ANNUAL AL-ANON ADULT CHILDREN WORKSHOP & FESTIVAL

MAY 1- 3, 2009

GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
GREEN LAKE, WI

SPEAKERS

BARBARA K. (AURORA, IL)
LAURIE C. (STREAMWOOD IL)
JO B. (ADDISON, IL)

PANEL

“PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION”
(4 MINI-STORIES OF GROWTH)

PROGRAM STARTS: FRIDAY, MAY 1ST AT 4:00 P.M.
(Registration in Kern Lodge Lobby)

- SPEAKERS
- 85+ HOURS OF CORE ISSUE MEETINGS
- DANCE
- CAMPFIRE FELLOWSHIP

PROGRAM ENDS: Sunday, May 3rd at 12:45 p.m.

*Call 920.294.3323 for lodging and meal reservations.
Hotel, cabin, and camping accommodations are
available. Everyone is responsible for their own
lodging, transportation, and meals.*

Registration Fee is for the cost of the Workshop.
*(Cancellations less than 30 days before the event or “no
shows” will not receive a refund.)*

\$30.00 (Pre-Registration) postmarked March 15, 2009

\$45.00 (Pre-Registration) postmarked after March 15, 2009

\$45.00 (Walk-ins) *plus site facility fee of \$5.00 per day
payable at the gate for those not lodging at Green Lake
Conference Center*

Make checks payable to: Illinois ACAFG Workshop
P. O. Box 883
Wheaton, IL 60187-0883

AL-ANON OPEN MEETING

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON
DISCUSSION GROUP**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14TH
12:30 P.M.**

SPEAKER: TBA

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
(REAR ENTERANCE)
W180 N7863 TOWN HALL ROAD
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI

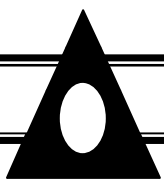
**POTLUCK
BRING A DISH TO PASS**

District 29 April Round Robin Open Meeting

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
10627 W. FOREST HOME AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WI

Al-Anon Speakers: D’Lea C.
AA Speaker: Sharon L.



**AREA 61
DISTRICT 2 FUND-RAISER**

PRESENTATION BY WSO TRUSTEE

**APRIL 4, 2009
9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

SUMMIT PLACE
CONFERENCE ROOM #2218
6737 W. WASHINGTON AVENUE
WEST ALLIS, WI 53214

“FINDING THE LEADER WITHIN”

**RAISING MONEY FOR CO-HOSTING:
AREA 61- 2009 FALL ASSEMBLY**

**POT LUCK LUNCH
11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**BREAD & DRINKS PROVIDED
BRING SALAD OR SANDWICH FIX'NS**

**REQUESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR
FOR ANY QUESTIONS: CALL DENISE M. 414.688.6884.**

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

**APRIL 19, 2009
3:00 P.M.**

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
470 N. OAK CREST DRIVE
WALES, WI

**AL-ANON SPEAKER: JOHN M.
AA SPEAKER: AMY S.**

DISTRICT 12 OPEN MEETING

MAY 10, 2009

**6:00 P.M. FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
7:00 P.M. AL-ANON/AA SPEAKER
(FR. TOM W. FROM CA)**

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR PARK
ZEIGLER BUILDING
3000 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD (CTY RD PV)
WEST BEND, WI

CONTACT: MARYR. 262.670.0993 (OR)
KATIE G 262.644.5442

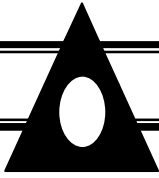
**1ST ANNUAL SPRING AA AREA 75
2009 CONFERENCE**

JUNE 19-21, 2009

RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
2040 AIRPORT DRIVE
GREEN BAY, WI 54313

AL-ANON & AA SPEAKERS AND PANELS

CONTACT: DARREN J. 920.360.5700 (OR)
CHAR S. 920.819.5509



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If you don't have access to a computer, please feel free to write your articles on paper and mail or drop them off at the Al-Anon Service Center at 6737 W. Washington Street, Suite 2125, West Allis, WI 53214. The Service Center will then mail the articles to Ann.

Call Ann at 414.771.3166 with any questions.

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