



**Syracuse Al-Anon Information Service**

1118A Court St. Room 11 | Syracuse, NY 13208

For information call: 315-471-0191 (24/7)

# News and Events

**Service Center Hours**

Monday	1st & 3rd	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Monday	2nd & 4th	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday		11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesday		10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thursday		10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Friday		10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
<i>Additionally: 1st Friday of every month</i>		
		3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**For Meeting Information Call:**

1-888-425-2666

**Visit Our Website at:**

[www.syracuseais.org](http://www.syracuseais.org)

**Visit the World Service**

**Office (WSO) Website at:**

[www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org)

**Newsletter Submissions:**

Send announcements and story suggestions to [newsletter@syracuseais.org](mailto:newsletter@syracuseais.org) by the 15th of the month preceding the edition: November 15 for December/January edition, January 15 for the February/March edition, March 15 for the April/May edition etc.

**A Newsletter Serving Al-Anon/Alateen Groups in Districts 3, 15, 18, 21, 28**

## Upcoming Events AL-ANON and ALATEEN

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| <b>October 15</b> | Circle of Hope <b>Annual Day of Sharing</b><br>9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Donation \$3.00<br>Workshop, Panels, Lunch, 50/50 and Raffles<br>Al-Anon, Alateen, AA Speaker in the afternoon   | St. Paul's United Methodist Church<br>2200 Valley Drive, Syracuse, NY<br>Parking in rear.<br>Handicapped Accessible |
| <b>October 22</b> | AIS Service Center <b>Volunteer Recognition Luncheon</b><br>12 p.m. to 2 p.m.  | AIS Service Center<br>All AIS officers and coordinators are asked to attend.  |
| <b>October 29</b> | District 21 <b>Annual Day of Sharing</b><br>9 a.m. to 3 p.m.<br>Guest Speakers, Raffles, and Literature  | All Saints Episcopal Church<br>149 South 1st & Academy Streets, Fulton<br>(Enter the side of the building)          |
| <b>December 5</b> | <b>AIS Monthly Meeting: Elections</b><br>6:30 to 8:30 p.m.<br>See note below.  | AIS Service Center<br>1118A Court St. Room 11, Syracuse   |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | <b>New Meeting:</b> Al-Anon Adult Children Candlelight<br><b>New Meeting:</b> Liverpool Alateen  | 7:30 p.m., Open House, 1947 W. Fayette St.<br>7 p.m. Call 471-0191 for details.                                     |
| <b>Ongoing</b>    | <b>AIS Representative Group Visits:</b> An AIS representative will be visiting each meeting in the near future to confirm the name of each GR (group representative) and to leave a pamphlet explaining AIS and how the Seventh Tradition helps support AIS. |   |
- Please submit event announcements for the December/January edition by November 15, 2011. E-mail to [newsletter@syracuseais.org](mailto:newsletter@syracuseais.org) or call 315-427-5307.*

### Step 10

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

### Tradition 10

The Al-Anon Family Groups have no opinion on outside issues; hence our name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

### Concept 10

Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided.

## Service Positions Open

### Elections to be held at December 5th AIS Meeting

This is Pat M.'s last year as Chair of AIS. His last meeting will be December 5th. Elections for all positions will be held at the December 5th meeting: Chair, Alt. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alateen, Service Center Coordinator, Literature, Public Outreach, Website, Newsletter, and Archives.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, it is suggested that you visit the AIS website, <http://syracuseais.org/pdf/AIS-jobDesc.pdf> and review the general guidelines for all officers and coordinators and "Job Descriptions" for various positions. A resume specific to Al-Anon will be requested of candidates.

For more information call the Service Center at 471-0191.

## Save the Dates: AIS Meetings in 2011

**October 24, December 5 at the Service Center** 1118A Court St. Room 11 | Syracuse, NY 13208

## Fall Focus: Public Outreach

**AIS** is currently seeking a coordinator for its Public Outreach service. NYN has just elected Genevieve P., District 3 to the position at the Area level. It seems worth taking a look at Public Outreach in general and the position of public outreach coordinator as described in some of our literature.

In *Al-Anon/Alateen Public Outreach Service* (G-10) found at: <http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/guidelines/G10.pdf> it states (along with providing many Public Outreach service suggestions): “*Public Outreach informs the general public through the media, professionals, facilities, and organizations about who we are, what we do, and how to get in touch with us. Our goal is to attract to our program those whose lives are or have been affected by someone else’s drinking, so that those who need our program can find the help and hope we offer. We also strive for name recognition and credibility as a community resource. Public Outreach includes Outreach to the Public/Media, Outreach to Professionals, and Outreach to Institutions. Your area/district may*

*combine these service areas under Public Outreach, or may maintain separate coordinators and/or committees. All those in Public Outreach are encouraged to work together to avoid duplicating efforts.*

In *Area Public Outreach Coordinator: (G-38)* found at: <http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/guidelines/G38.pdf>, possible roles for the Area Public Outreach coordinator are: to serve as a communication link between the WSO and Area; to communicate and work cooperatively in a team effort with other coordinators; to make presentations or hold workshops at AIS meetings, area assemblies or district meetings; to encourage GRs to carry projects and information to the groups to request reports of public outreach activities from the districts and AISs; just to name a few.

AIS’s Public Outreach coordinator will initiate and coordinate AIS Public Outreach activities in cooperation with Area, Districts and the Groups it serves. It is a critical service role for those in the Syracuse Area affected by the drinking of friend or family member.

## NYN Area Elections

The NYN (New York North) Area 2011 Fall Election Assembly was held September 23-25. Five people were elected to positions in NYN for the term 2012-2014:

- Pam A., Chair
- Ruth S., District 3, Delegate
- Diane C., District 15, Alternate Delegate
- Kathy M. District 21, Archives
- Genevieve P., District 3, Public Outreach

## From the Archives . . .

Greetings from the Keeper of your History! We are looking for you if you are:

- A lover of the Historical
- Interested in Preservation
- Looking for a Service Role
- Enjoy working (mostly) alone
- Are interested in maintaining Al-Anon’s Syracuse AIS Heritage

I will be stepping down as Archivist as of January 1, 2012. Syracuse AIS needs you! If you feel you are being called to serve contact your Archivist at [archives@syracuseais.org](mailto:archives@syracuseais.org).

Kathy M., AIS Archivist

## Alateen: When Anyone Anywhere . . .

You often hear that “Alateen is Al-Anon”. It states in the 2010-2013 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual that where there is no Alateen meeting available the Alateen is welcome to attend an Al-Anon meeting. Al-Anon membership is open to anyone who feels his or her life has been or is deeply affected by close contact with a problem drinker. It does not state what age a person has to be. In the Syracuse area, we have four Alateen meetings. They meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. If a young person was unable to go those days or to those locations, would a young person feel welcome at your meeting? I hope everyone who reads this, is able to say yes. I hope that everyone who attends any meeting in the Syracuse area feels welcome at a meeting, regardless of the focus of the meeting.

Helen H., Syracuse AIS Alateen Coordinator

### Officers and Coordinators

Chairperson:	Pat M. <a href="mailto:chair@syracuseais.org">chair@syracuseais.org</a>
Alt. Chair:	Cathy A. <a href="mailto:alternate@syracuseais.org">alternate@syracuseais.org</a>
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## AIS Web site News

I recently spoke with the WSO coordinator assigned to work with local AIS Offices concerning our decision to eliminate group names on our meeting schedules — both in print and on the web. Although the *2010-2013 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, on page 32, states “A group’s name is included in meeting directories (both printed and on-line)” this does not mean that the name MUST be included. WSO has no opinion on whether or not local areas choose to include group names on meeting schedules. Their only opinion is that the decision be discussed and reached by group conscience.

Our decision to remove group names from meeting schedules appears to be in line with other Areas and AISs. The WSO coordinator said that potential new members are first going to local websites for meeting information then call the WSO meeting information phone number for confirmation. The information wanted is the meeting’s day, time and location.

Kathi D., Web Coordinator