

**Syracuse Al-Anon Information Service**

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# News and Events

**Service Center Hours**

Monday 1st &amp; 3rd 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Monday 2nd &amp; 4th 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Tuesday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Wednesday 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Friday 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

*Additionally: 1st Friday of every month*

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**For Meeting Information Call:**

1-888-425-2666

**Visit Our Website at:**

www.syracuseais.org

**Visit the World Service****Office (WSO) Website at:**

www.al-anon.alateen.org

**Newsletter Submissions:**

Send announcements and story suggestions to [newsletter@syracuseais.org](mailto:newsletter@syracuseais.org) by the 20th of the month preceding the edition: September 20 for the October/November edition etc.

**Step 9**

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

**Tradition 9**

Our groups, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

**Concept 9**

Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity. In the field of world service the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership.

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

## Upcoming Events

 AL-ANON and ALATEEN

<b>August 5</b>	<b>District 15 Picnic</b> 3:00 p.m. to dusk Gillie Lake in Camillus	Swimming and Volleyball Bring a dish to pass Burgers and drinks provided For more information, contact Susan A. at 378-0353 or <a href="mailto:susanadair@verizon.net">susanadair@verizon.net</a>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>District 18 Annual Picnic</b> 10:30 – 2:30 PM at Cedar Bay Park located on Cedar Bay Road between Kinne Rd. and N. Burdick St. (Kinne Rd. is off Erie Blvd. near Shoppingtown Mall)	\$3 person/\$5 family donation appreciated Proceeds to benefit NYNAC (NYN Alateen Convention). Bring a Dish to Pass Spirituality Panel @ 12:30 PM Raffles
<b>August 18</b>	<b>4th Annual There's Always Tomorrow Alateen Spaghetti Dinner NYNAC Scholarship Fund Raiser</b> St. Michaels Lutheran Church West Genesee St. & Hinsdale Rd. (across from West Genesee High School), Camillus, NY	\$5 Adults \$3 Children and Seniors Dinner will be served from <b>5pm to 6pm</b> sharp. AA., Al-Anon and Alateen Speaker beginning promptly at <b>6:15 pm</b> 50 – 50 drawing Contact Walt (Group Sponsor) at 636-8800 about donations of sauce and raffle table items
<b>September 28-30</b>	<b>New York North Fall Assembly</b> <b>Registration deadline: August 28</b> Hosted by Districts 3 and 21	Comfort Inn & Suites 6701 Buckley Road, Syracuse, NY 13212 457-4000 and 453-7877
<b>October 20</b>	<b>Circle of Hope Day of Sharing</b> Save the date	St. Paul's Methodist Church 2200 Valley Drive
<b>October 5-7</b>	<b>NYNAC</b> Hosted by There's Always Tomorrow Alateen	For more information, contact NYNAC Coordinator <a href="mailto:nynac@nynafg.com">nynac@nynafg.com</a>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>These Meetings Could Use Support:</b> <b>One in Thirty-One</b> — Wednesday Step Study, 10:30 a.m., Open House, W. Fayette St., Syracuse <b>Westenders</b> — Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Open House, W. Fayette St., Syracuse <b>Thursday Morning Live &amp; Let Live</b> — Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Open House, W. Fayette St., Syracuse <b>Thursday Evening Serenity</b> — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., NSEA Building, 210 S. Main St., North Syracuse <b>Liverpool Alateen</b> — Thursday, 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph The Worker, Tulip and 6th, Liverpool <b>Works In Progress</b> — Thursday, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph The Worker, Tulip and 6th, Liverpool	

## Save the Dates: AIS Meetings in 2012

August 27, September 24\*, October 22, December 3

\* Meeting will be held in Oswego at 6:30 p.m. on this date.

# For the Records

The Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1) has been revised and is now available on the Members' Web site at [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members). The newly redesigned form is user-friendly and available in electronic format (PDF writable), so it can be completed and e-mailed. A copy of the submitted form can also be saved for the group's records. Members are encouraged to use the new form and submit Al-Anon group registrations and changes through their Area process.\*

\*Reprinted from Inside Al-Anon Groups June 2012 ([www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members)).

In the July/August issue of New York North's *Northern Hi Lights*, Group Records Coordinator, George S. explains the new form, the ease with which it can be submitted, and its importance to NYN and WSO. Parts of his report are excerpted below. Current and consistent group information is vital to Al-Anon's ability

The image shows a detailed registration form titled "Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)". It includes sections for: 1. Group Based (WSO ID, District, Area), 2. Status (New, Change, Inactive, etc.), 3. Changes (Group Name, Address, etc.), 4. Group/Registration Overview (Group Name, Location, Meeting Place), 5. Meeting Details (Day, Time, Type, Spoken Language, etc.), 6. Current Mailing Address (First Name, Street, City, etc.), and 7. For Area Use (Group Reg, Other). The form also contains a footer with contact information for Al-Anon Family Groups.

to serve families and friends of alcoholics seeking comfort in the face of alcoholism.

*"I have been pulling all the corrections together and... working towards using only the WSO data base. This will... guarantee that all our information is correct and current at WSO.*

*It is important that I receive complete information on changes. There is a new GR-1 change form that is posted on our web site ([www.nynafg.com/pdf/GR1.pdf](http://www.nynafg.com/pdf/GR1.pdf)) at present you can fill it out online save it and send it to me as an attachment....*

*It is very important that every group have a CMA (current mailing address); this can be someone other than the GR. ...*

*WSO is using e-mail and the e-communities to communicate with the GRs and DRs; in turn, they are requesting that Group Records verify the emails for the GRs. A solution to simplify things and not use a personal or business e-mail is to create one for the Group. An example is what I did for Group Records "mailto:area39grouprecords@gmail.com" area39grouprecords@gmail.com); set a simple password and as the GRs change they simply pass on the address. There is no cost to set up a G-mail account...."*

# Announcements and Reminders

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The AIS Center has a pressing need for volunteers to staff the center, answering phones etc. If you are looking for an opportunity to be of service to Al-Anon and/or Alateen please consider volunteering on a regular basis or as a "sub." It is suggested that volunteers have a year of Al-Anon participation.

**Contact:** Sue M.  
**e-mail:** [contact@syracuseais.org](mailto:contact@syracuseais.org)  
**phone:** 315-471-0191

**LITERATURE:** The AIS Center is often short of one dollar bills to make change for literature purchases. If you plan to visit the center to purchase literature with cash, please try to bring correct change or something close to it. Dollar bills appreciated. Thank you.

**Contact:** Pete L.  
**e-mail:** [literature@syracuseais.org](mailto:literature@syracuseais.org)

**AIS WEB SITE:** Syracuse AIS is fortunate to have a wonderful web site ([www.syracuseais.org](http://www.syracuseais.org)). Check it often for breaking news, announcements, and volunteer opportunities, to post your group's announcements or to share about recent service projects.

**Contact:** Kathi D.  
**e-mail:** [contact@syracuseais.org](mailto:contact@syracuseais.org)

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The AIS newsletter is mailed to group representatives, district representatives, and AIS coordinators the first week of every other month provided the service center has a current and accurate address on file. It is also e-mailed and posted on the web site. If you aren't receiving the newsletter and would like to, please contact me at [newsletter@syracuseais.org](mailto:newsletter@syracuseais.org) and provide your mailing address and/or your e-mail address. If you are getting the newsletter in the mail and would prefer the e-mail version only, let me know that as well. The Service Center currently mails 50 to 60 copies via first-class mail. Please update your contact information and preferences as necessary. Also, contact me with your groups' announcements by the 20th of the month preceding publication or as close to it as possible. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your newsletter coordinator.

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## Officers and Coordinators

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