

Syracuse Al-Anon Information Service

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News and Events

Service Center Hours

Monday (all)	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Monday 1st & 3rd	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday	10:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday	1:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Service Center is manned by volunteers. Please call prior to your visit to ensure that someone will be there to assist you. Thanks!

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 by the 20th of the month preceding the edition: May 20 for the June/July edition etc.

Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5

Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps of AA ourselves, by encouraging and understanding our alcoholic relatives, and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics.

Concept 5

The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard.

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

Upcoming Events AL-ANON and ALATEEN

April 9	District Meeting	5:15 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Valley Drive, Syracuse
April 10	Registration Deadline for Spring Convention	Registration information at: www.nynafg.com/pdf/2013/sp13Front.pdf www.nynafg.com/pdf/2013/sp13Back.pdf
April 13	Alateen Outreach Meeting	12 p.m. at the AIS Service Center
April 21	Fall Assembly Planning Meeting	5:15 p.m. at James St. United Methodist Church (corner of Rigi, a block east of Midler) in Eastwood.
April 22	AIS Meeting	6:30 at the AIS Service Center
April 30	District 18 Meeting	6:00 p.m. at the AIS Service Center
May 10-12	2013 NYN Spring Convention	Crowne Plaza Resort and Golf Club Lake Placid, NY
May 20	AIS Meeting	6:30 in Oswego at Faith United Church, 12 Mark Fitzgibbons Dr., Oswego 13126
Meeting Update	Pride AFG meeting is now on Wednesdays at 431 E. Fayette St. Basement floor of CNY Philanthropy Center. Tuesday Noon meeting at University Methodist Church will move to Temple Concord at noon as of April 1. Friday Oswego Serenity — new location as of April 5: St Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 50 E. Mohawk St., Oswego 13126	
Ongoing	These Meetings Could Use Support: One in Thirty-One — 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Open House, 1947 W. Fayette St., Syracuse. Westenders — 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Open House Live and Let Live Group — 10:30 a.m., Thursdays at Open House Thursday Evening Serenity Group — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., NSEA Building, 210 S. Main St., North Syracuse. Works in Progress and Liverpool Alateen — 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, St. Joseph the Worker School, Tulip St. and Sixth St. (behind the church)	

NYN Fall Assembly Fundraiser

District 15 with the help of District 18 is working on plans for hosting the 2013 New York North Area Fall Assembly to be held September 20-22 at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 6701 Buckley Road, North Syracuse. The theme of the event is "Harvesting the Fruits of Recovery"

As a fundraising project we will be selling Slogan Pens.

Members of the committee will have them for sale around May 1st at a cost of \$3 each or 2 for \$5. For more information please contact Diane C., Circle of Hope AFG; Susan A., Dist. 15 Representative; or Lucy J., District 18 Representative.

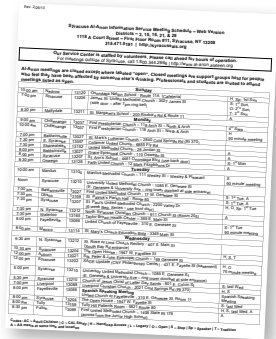
—Diane C., 2013 Fall Assembly Committee

Meeting Schedules and Public Outreach

The local Al-Anon/Alateen meeting schedule is one of our greatest public outreach tools. Our current schedule was revised several years ago to increase its readability, usability and clarity. Before any changes were made we spent months discussing them. These discussions enabled us to produce a one sheet meeting schedule listing day, time, location, and meeting type for approximately 50 Al-Anon/Alateen meetings.

The revised format has allowed us to clearly communicate meeting information to our current members; *however, there is still one piece of the schedule that causes great confusion to the public — our meeting codes.* More specifically meeting codes associated with a number, such as S – 2nd, T – 4th. People not yet familiar with Al-Anon tend to interpret this to mean that the group only meets on the 2nd or the 4th day of the month instead of weekly.

A large number of calls and emails sent to Syracuse AIS are because of this confusion. While this is an opportunity for us to reach those still suffering from the family disease, we don't know how many people simply give up on Al-Anon before ever giving us a try. In an effort to reduce this confusion, I'd like for us to consider removing these 'one-offs' — at least at the public level (public outreach and on the web).



Please discuss this with your group and bring your thoughts/concerns to the next Syracuse AIS meeting.

Yours in Service,
Kathi D. – Web Coordinator

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.

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AIS MEETINGS IN 2013:

Mondays: June 24, September 23 (in Oswego), October 28, December 2 at 6:30 unless otherwise noted.

AIS WEB SITE: Syracuse AIS is fortunate to have a wonderful web site (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.

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Literature Report

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at the Salt City Mid-Winter Roundup. We are also grateful to all the people and groups who buy books and materials from the AIS Service Center. These purchases help pay the expenses of the service center. The center helps coordinate Al-Anon and Alateen meetings and activities. It's the call center for new people looking for help. We are all volunteers willing to help people seeking comfort in the face of the family disease of alcoholism. Again thank you for your orders. Please keep them coming. If you have a large order please call or e-mail me so I can prepare for your order and maintain our inventory. Thank you again.

—Pete L.
literature@syracuseais.org

CAL Inventory

The following are a few questions borrowed from Al-Anon pamphlet S-62, **"Group Inventory: Use Of Conference Approved Literature (CAL)"**

- Who is responsible for CAL in our group?
- Why is it important to order CAL regularly?
- Why is it helpful to read Alateen CAL?
- Why do we use only CAL at Al-Anon meetings?
- Why is it important to write personal sharings and send them to the World Service Office (WSO)?
- What group situations were clarified by referring to the Service Manual?
- What CAL can you use in your Twelfth Step service projects?
- Which pieces of CAL do you give to newcomers?
- What can be done with an over-supply of CAL?
- How does an Al-Anon group's CAL library of books help its members?