

# Greater Rochester Area AIS Service Center SEPTEMBER 2021

### **EVENTS**

## AIS Monthly Meetings 2021, 10:00 a.m. Upcoming Meetings:

October 9 November 13 December 11

Meetings are hybrid and are held at Faith Lutheran Church, 2546 Browncroft Blvd. Electronic Sign-in on website

Link to AIS Rochester meeting minutes: <a href="http://aisrochester.org/minutes.html">http://aisrochester.org/minutes.html</a>

Link to upcoming Anniversary meetings: <a href="http://aisrochester.org/anniversaries.html">http://aisrochester.org/anniversaries.html</a>

AIS Rochester website is updated daily with information on local, district, and world service information. Please see the website often!

## **Vice Chair Report**

Hi Everyone,

Summer is winding down and Fall is approaching which means we are getting ready at Rochester AIS to get back in the swing of things. We have elections coming up in November and a budget to vote on and many Outreach opportunities. I haven't heard from anyone who's willing to step up for Secretary or Book Depot Chair. (Please check out our "Help Wanted" on our website). I do have someone interested in standing for Chairperson and for Volunteer Coordinator at the Service Center. Please announce these positions in your meetings. Rotation of service is important and gives us all a chance to step out of our comfort zone and try something new. We'll work with you along the way.

Since our Intergroup Rep (Maggie), and our Finance Chair (John) are currently holding these positions (for just a few months), I have asked them if they would be willing to stand again for these positions and they are willing. If anyone else is interested in standing for Intergroup Rep or Finance Chair please be in touch by contacting me

at vicechair@aisrochester.org (Once again, we have elections in November.)

I'm excited to announce that Maureen L. is now an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service.) Maureen's paperwork was submitted to WSO and has been approved. Maureen is now our Rochester AIS Alateen Coordinator. We voted her in at our last meeting, September 11th.

Congratulations Maureen!

We need more members to become an AMIAS so that we can have Alateen meetings throughout our area. This is another service position where we definitely need help. Dual members are welcome! However, I can be of service, please let me know. My contact info is <a href="mailto:vicechair@aisrochester.org">vicechair@aisrochester.org</a> Gratefully, Pat H.

### A Note from our Finance Chair

Thanks to all our local members and groups for your support of AIS Rochester these past 18 months! So far this year we are just barely in the "black" financially (see current Treasury Reports available on homepage) and have not dipped into our reserve. Many of our expenditures are fixed, and we have mailed out over 340 newcomer packets and continue to operate our office/book depot. No fundraisers are planned for this year -difficult due to current pandemic.

We appeal to all our groups and members of Al-Anon to consider continued support of our local information office as well as WSO in future donations. Checks sent directly appreciated and on-line donations available – see AIS Rochester homepage if interested in making your **Tradition 7 contribution**.

#### Alateen

An Alateen meeting is being planned. We need adult volunteers. If interested, please contact AIS.

## **Important Reminder from WSO**

Groups are required to update their meeting information, temporary or permanent, not only with our local AIS office but also with the WSO to ensure anyone searching for our local meetings on



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the NYN or WSO websites have accurate information.

Process for updating the WSO:

- Complete the form: Temporary Al-Anon Electronic Meeting Change Form <a href="https://form.jotform.com/201006291804141">https://form.jotform.com/201006291804141</a> located on the alanon.org website under the members tab/group records
- To complete the form, you will need your Registered group name and WSO ID Number
- 3. Email form to grouprecords@al-anon.org.
- 4. Send updates as often as needed (each time you update AIS, also update the WSO).

## **August Website Report**

2021 - AIS Traffic

- 3,700 visitors viewing 14,597 pages.
- 67% new and 34% returning visitors.
- 55% mobile and 45% desktop viewing devices.

Top 10 pages visited:

- 1. Home Page 3275
- 2. Meeting List 555
- 3. Sunday 345
- 4. Tuesday 298
- 5. Saturday 284
- 6. Wednesday 263
- 7. Monday 248
- 8. Friday 223
- 9. Thursday 192
- 10. Newcomer 129

#### **AIS Zoom Account Information**

Please take note of the following information if your group would like to take advantage of the new availability of an AIS group Zoom account for your group meeting:

- 1. Each Zoom meeting needs a group contact.
- 2. The group contact will email the Website Coordinator at:
  - webcommittee@aisrochester.org requesting a Zoom log-in.
- 3. The Website Coordinator will set-up the Zoom account and forward the meeting ID

- and passcode to the website tech to be added to the website.
- 4. The website coordinator will email the group contact back with the email and password for the group host to start the meeting.
- 5. If there is a time conflict with two meetings, the Website Coordinator will contact both group contacts to see if there can be a resolution.
- 6. The cost is \$3 per month per group.
  Checks can be made payable to AIS.
  Please indicate on the check it is for the
  Zoom account. Groups can pay monthly or
  for six months at a time.
- 7. It is the responsibility of the group to assign a host. AIS will not be responsible for hosting group meetings. The host is the person who actually starts the meeting. Once the meeting is started the host can assign a cohost. **Important reminder**: The host cannot leave the meeting unless they assign a new host. If the host needs to leave before the meeting ends, they click "leave meeting" then assign a new host. Otherwise, the meeting will close.

Any questions, please call Sue C. at 585-355-0343.

#### Outreach

The new Beginners Meeting, Healing Hearts, continues to meet at 11:30 on Saturdays. We are asking for support from members to announce the new meeting, welcome newcomers, and share their experiences. This is a good way to carry the message of Al-Anon.

We are making trifolds for the Health Fairs which will be starting in the fall and will be looking for volunteers to help at the booths for a few hours. If any members are interested in helping out with our projects, please call the office at 288-0540 and leave your name and number. Someone on the committee will contact you.