

8-8-26 AIS Committee Bullet Points to Share

- AIS Rochester continues to seek a Co-chair for the rest of 2026 and 2027
- We welcome Judith as our new Alateen coordinator
- The AIS Rochester Tureen Supper will be held on November 8, 2026 from 2-5 pm at the Summerville Presbyterian Church. A flyer is coming soon.
- Stevan shared that some money was moved to ESL. The CD is there as well and PayPal now deposits to ESL. He and Kathy target closing the Citizens Bank account in August.
- Please send newsletter content to Teresa at newsletter@aisrochester.org by the end of the day on Friday, August 14th.
- Teresa's term as Newsletter Editor ends 12/31/26. AIS is seeking a Newsletter Editor.
- John and Julie discussed electronic literature. There are questions about what will happen to Book Depots nationwide. We will continue operating a Book Depot and monitor developments.
- Brenda highlighted that 8/7 is the deadline to register for hotel rooms and banquet/box lunches for those attending the 2026 Fall Assembly/Convention in September.
- The **Summer Area World Service Committee (AWSC)** meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 15**, from 9:00 am to -1:00 pm. It is online only. Area officers and coordinators, District Representatives and AIS Intergroup Representatives (AIS Liaisons) have a vote in this committee. All members are welcome.
- We discussed literature needs for the Jennifer House meeting. The Outreach Committee's budget isn't sufficient to cover those needs. Dennis will learn more about whether the meeting is an AI-Anon meeting and whether it's open or closed to determine whether a budget increase should be considered for 2027.
- Dennis' term as Chair of the Outreach Committee ends on December 31, 2026. Interested parties should contact Dennis. He's willing to mentor and/or share his experience.
- If you are listed with in person space for your meeting and you are not going to meet in person on a certain week - DO NOT FORGET to let the web committee know so that the information can get posted to the website. **Keep in mind the desperate newcomer that may show up to your meeting.**

AI-Anon Service Meeting Agenda

Date: 8/8/26

10 am-ELECTRONIC ONLY

Electronic sign in on AIS website

Opening:

Serenity Prayer

Reading of:

- 12 Traditions - Maggie E.
- 12 Concepts of Service - Mike G.
- Warranties - Tammy P.
- Expanded Concept of the Month - Brenda L.

Roll Call First Names Only - [See current AIS Contact List](#)

In voting, ISRs are asked to use the following reactions (under red heart or three dots):

- green checkmark as yes
- red x = no
- coffee cup = abstension

ISRs: Mike G., Harriet P., Mary Ann E., Carolyn C. (part of meeting), Kim C., Terry D., Dave T., Mary R.

Plus: Julie B., Jess B., Maggie E, Brenda L., Michele B., Ellen V., Stevan R., Asher, Deb G., Cait W., Tammy P., Dennis C., Sue M.

Welcome all to the AIS Rochester monthly meeting.

We hope you will find in this fellowship:

- Growth in your program and understanding of how AIS works.
- A welcoming environment where members feel safe and can express opinions and ideas freely, w/o interruption or criticism.
- Discussion and actions that benefit the AI-Anon groups in the Rochester area and beyond. (We welcome feedback, especially ideas for improvement).
- Contact information for Officers and AIS members, and an orientation for new members.
- Thank you for your service; rotation of service is important for our group's health.
- [If you need orientation for a new service role, please reach out to Julie.](#)

Chair - Julie

Reminder: Only ISRs vote. To facilitate voting, ISR's are asked to change their name to ISR/your name in Zoom. Also, we'll be using the green check mark for yes, the red x for no, and the coffee cup for abstentions. For help with these changes, please reach out to Julie by phone in advance of the meeting.

August 2026 AIS Committee Chairperson Report

August brings our AIS committee to the eighth month of 2026. After a brief break in July, we are preparing for the fall and the continuing celebration of AI-Anon's 75th anniversary.

In August, we welcome Judith as our new Alateen coordinator. We have also had a member show interest in volunteering for the activities chair for AIS Rochester, with more information to follow.

AIS Rochester continues to seek a Co-chair for the rest of 2026 and 2027. We have renewed our lease for the AIS office and book depot on Browncroft Boulevard for next year, which includes a \$10 increase in our monthly rent.

As we look to the fall, we look forward to the upcoming assembly election and convention in Binghamton, New York, and the AIS Rochester Tureen Supper on November 8, 2026.

If you want more information or are interested in joining the AIS committee, please send us an email.

In Loving Service,

Julie B.

AIS Rochester Committee Chairperson

Tureen Supper - Deb

Tureen Supper Planning Committee Report

Tureen Supper details: November 8 from 2 pm - 5 pm

- The Planning Committee secured the Summerville Presbyterian Church on St Paul Blvd in Irondequoit with a capacity of 200 for this year's Tureen Supper at the same cost as last year's venue. They have a sound system, and we can get in on Saturday to set up.
- A poster will be available soon
- Someone volunteered to manage the kitchen
- Supplies have been inventoried
- Deb is currently using activities email
- District 2 will volunteer to do registration
- Theme will be Gratitude and Grace
- The Planning Committee will meet again soon (date & time are TBD)

Respectfully submitted

Deb G

Committee Chair

Vice Chair - position vacant - contact Julie if interested

NYN Fall/Assembly Election Report

- This section was added to the minutes to facilitate capturing future updates.

Secretary - Jess - [June Minutes](#)

- June Minutes:
 - Questions? No

- Motion to approve _____ Harriet
- Second _____ Mike G.
- Carried? _____ Yes (with 5 votes in the affirmative)
- Opposed _____ 0
- Abstentions _____ 1

Treasurer - Kathy

June 2026

- [Banking Summary June 2026](#) - balance \$451.14
- [Transactions June 2026](#)
- [Citizens Bank Checking and Savings June 2026](#) \$29,992.41
- Questions: _____ No
- Motion to approve: _____ Mike G.
- Seconded: _____ Harriet
- In favor: _____ 6
- Opposed: _____ 0
- Abstentions: _____ 0
- Carries? _____ Y

July 2026

- [Banking Summary July 2026](#) - balance -9,570.81
- [Transactions July 2026](#)
- [Citizens Bank Checking and Savings July 2026](#) - balance \$30,467.10
- Questions: _____ Dave T. - What accounts for the notable difference between July and August on the Banking Summaries? A. Expenses that came in i.e. the annual Zoom bill of \$339, and moving money around.
- Motion to approve: _____ Dave T.
- Seconded: _____ Terry D.
- In favor: _____ 7
- Opposed: _____ 0
- Abstentions: _____ 0
- Carries? _____ Yes

Stevan shared that some money has been successfully moved to ESL. The CD is there as well PayPal is now going directly to ESL. He and Kathy are working to make sure they know everything paid out of Citizens before closing that account and target completing that in August

He highlighted the increase in revenue between July and August and noted that Book Depot and Group Donations continue to be our main sources of revenue. He reported that we only have \$300 budgeted to cover the costs of Brenda attending the NYN Conference. **Action needed:** Consider increasing that budget line next year as costs have increased.

Reminder: After reports are shared there should be an opportunity to ask questions before we seek a motion to approve the minutes/financials.

Finance - Stevan

- See above

Newsletter – Teresa

- **Articles/content needed** by the end of the day on Friday, August 14th.
- Please send submissions to newsletter@aisrochester.org
- We are looking for a newsletter editor to start in January 2027.

Alateen - Judith

Activities

Book Depot - John

- John and Julie had a conversation on electronic literature. There are questions about what will happen to Book Depots nationwide. We will rely on HP for guidance, continue operating a Book Depot, and monitoring developments.

Intergroup Rep - Brenda L. - [August Report](#)

AIS Rochester Intergroup Representative Report August 5, 2026

Since our last AIS meeting, I attended the following:

6/24 District 19 Meeting - Eight of us attended the first get-together in this district in several years. Attendees included two District 19 Group Representatives (GRs), one District 19 Information Service Representative (ISR), and one of the Alateen group sponsors. Wendy L was elected as District Representative (DR), HannahElise was elected as Secretary, and Linda P was elected as Alternate DR. Thank you to all who attended and congratulations to the officers and the District!

8/1 District 25 meeting - This District continues to meet without an official District Representative or Secretary. This District and many others could use additional support from its groups.

I've registered to attend the (in-person-only) 2026 NY North Area Fall Election Assembly/Convention to represent our AIS. I will be there from Friday afternoon, 9/18 through Sunday morning, 9/20. (An Election Assembly is a once-every-3-years opportunity to witness (or participate!) in the amazing Area election process. Will your group(s) be represented?)

Upcoming NY North Area deadlines and events (<https://nynafg.com/event-calendar/>):

- **Friday, August 7 deadlines** regarding the **(in-person-only) 2026 Fall Election Assembly/Convention**
 - Assembly/Convention **Early Registration** (\$35 – Registration price increases to \$40 after 8/7.) 2026 Fall Assembly/Convention registration
 - **Binghamton Holiday Inn discounted room reservations** (These may all be booked!)

- As of 7/29, the Sherwood Hotel at 25 Genesee Street in Greene, NY 13778 had also blocked 20 rooms for NY North.
- For more information about ideas on where to stay, visit <https://nynafg.com/important-convention-dilemma/>

- **Saturday Box Lunch and Banquet orders**

- **Saturday, August 15, 9:00am-1:00pm: Summer Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting**
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Since we have quite a few electronic Al-Anon Groups within our 7-district region, I thought I'd share this Forum piece that was published online in June. It's a great reminder that no matter how we meet, it takes energy and focus to be present for and stay connected to our Groups, Districts, AIS, NY North Area and worldwide AFG Fellowship (whether in recovery and/or service). <https://al-anon.org/blog/an-al-anon-group-is-an-al-anon-group-even-online/>

And speaking of the Forum, do you and/or your home group subscribe to the printed version of our Forum magazine? It includes much more content than is available online, and it offers another great way to stay connected. You can subscribe here: https://ecomm.al-anon.org/EN/The_Forum/EN/RiSE/Forum_Subscriptions/Forum_00_Landing.aspx#vaff

As always, let me know if you have any suggestions or requests regarding how I can contribute!
Brenda L

- Brenda shared that the District 19 Meeting was especially productive. Three new officers were elected and they were able to facilitate the remainder of the meeting!
- She mentioned that an election assembly only happens every three years. They're moving to witness and participate in. All Al-Anon members are welcome to attend.
- She noted that the In the Loop newsletter highlights several articles from the Forum in every edition.

Office Coordinator - Terry D.

- The office has been quiet for the summer.
- There's a new person covering Tuesdays for now. It's not known if prior Tuesday volunteer will return in the Fall.
- If you'd like to volunteer, please let Terry know.

Public Outreach - Dennis - [August Report](#)

Public Outreach Update 08/08/2026

Committee members continue to follow through with individual projects; Libraries, Post Offices, Community Centers, Health Centers and Coffee Shops. Follow up and restocking of materials as needed.

Al-Anon meeting at the Monroe County Jail for men continues. Three men are now meeting twice monthly.

Beginner's meetings in the Rochester area continue to meet regularly, Wednesday at 11:00am and Saturday at 11:30am.

Newcomer packets continue to be sent as requests come into AIS. Total requests for Newcomer packets from January, 2026 to the end of July, 2026 stand at 32.

Al-Anon volunteers visit Jennifer House second Monday of each month. This committee has been informed that Jennifer House residents are requesting more Al-Anon literature, specifically, daily readers, How Al-Anon works and Paths to Recovery book (the workbook is in the possession of the house). This committee requests members ask for help in this endeavor as they attend meetings they attend. Any donations can be dropped off at the AIS office and the committee chair will make delivery to Jennifer House.

Public Outreach committee now meets monthly until the end of the year and the expiration of my term as committee chair. Next meeting of the Outreach Committee is scheduled for August 19, 2026 at 6:00pm. Access to this meeting may be gained through aisrochester.org website.

** Be advised, my term as Chair of this committee will expire on December 31, 2026. Anyone interested in this position, please identify yourself. I am happy to share my experience with this position and mentor as is necessary.

Submitted in Service,
Dennis C.

Questions:

Julie mentioned attending meetings where she's heard requests for donations to support literature for the Jennifer House Meetings. Q. Is that meeting an Al-Anon meeting (following the approved format)? If yes, is it open or closed? **Action item:** Dennis will look into that and report back to Julie before the September meeting. We may need to look at the Outreach Budget to make sure it is sufficient to cover the literature costs for the groups like Jennifer House.

Website: Ellen V. - [August Report](#)

AIS Rochester Web Committee Report August 2026

Hello Fellow AIS members,

1 - Please send anything that needs to be posted to the website to the webcommittee@aisrochester.org email.

2 - PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE - IMPORTANT!!

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When sending reports and flyers - please try and send them in pdf format as attachments.
Thanks

3 - The monthly traffic report is not available this month.

4 - We are having some problems with a few of the pages on the website - due to medical issues and vacations we are delayed in fixing them! Thank you for your patience -

5 - Thank you for sending in your payments to cover your zoom meetings! Thank you -

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen V, Julie M

Group Announcements

- [Canandaigua Noon AFG's 44th Anniversary Celebration](#) with AA & Al-Anon Speakers and refreshments. Monday, 8/10 from Noon-1 pm @ The United Church of Canandaigua, 11 Gibson St, Canandaigua, NY 14424 Click for more information
- Pittsford Monday Night 42nd Anniversary Meeting, St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28 Lincoln Ave, Pittsford, NY 14534, USA
- Outreach Afternoons - Newark Public Library, Renner Room - every Wednesday in September from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, except 9/2 which ends at 3:15 pm. Volunteers sought to share experience, strength and hope. Please contact Maggie E. to volunteer.
- District 2 is planning its second annual Day of Service for 4/17/27. Please save the date. More information will follow.
- The Spencerport 12 & 12 Group is planning an anniversary on Tuesday, 10/6. A flyer with details will be available soon.
- The Saturday Courage to Change Meeting in Fairport has begun hosting a second meeting on Friday nights at the Fairport United Methodist Church at 7 pm.

Unfinished Business

- Ad hoc committee on Finance for continued discussion on earned income Bylaws discussion in May. Ad hoc committee needed. Julie mentioned potentially expanding the Bylaws to include a technology committee that oversees the web committee.

New Business

- Diane M. requested AIS consider bringing an Al-Anon meeting that's interpreted to Rochester. Julie shared that Diane agreed to spearhead the work group looking into this. Julie is almost ready to turn over the following questions, tools, and names of interested members for Knowledge Based Decision Making.
 - What's available through WSO?
 - What is AA doing?
 - Zoom meetings can include captions without recording.
- Need to find an AIS Co-Chair

Closing - Al-Anon Declaration

