



Greater Rochester Area Al-Anon Information Service Newsletter August 2026

EVENTS

AIS Monthly Meetings 2026 @10 am Upcoming Meetings:

September 12
October 10

November 14
December 12

Meetings are held online
Electronic sign-in on website

Link to AIS Rochester meeting minutes:
<http://aisrochester.org/minutes.html>

Link to upcoming Events and Activities:
<https://www.aisrochester.org/events-activities/>

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 Al-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

Bullet Points from the August AIS meeting

- AIS Rochester continues to seek a Vice-chair for the rest of 2026 and 2027



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Al-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.**

From the Newsletter Editor – Teresa W.

We are starting our search for a new newsletter editor starting this coming December. This is a two-year term. I have now served two, two-year terms, so it's time for me to "pass the torch". I am happy to answer any questions you may have. We have a supportive AIS group that makes this job easy to do! I will train you and provide you with templates and more!



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If you are interested, please email me at: newsletter@aisrochester.org. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report – July 2026

1 BANKING SUMMARY - LAST MONTH - Last month

7/1/2026 through 7/31/2026 (Cash Basis)

Category	7/1/2026- 7/31/2026	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Uncategorized	17,065.55	17,065.55
Book Depot Income	264.35	264.35
Group Donations	1,362.00	1,362.00
Zoom Income	84.00	84.00
TOTAL INCOME	18,775.90	18,775.90
EXPENSES		
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00
AIS Office		
Phone	71.43	71.43
Rent	580.00	580.00
TOTAL AIS Office	651.43	651.43
Book Depot Expense		
WSO	560.28	560.28
TOTAL Book Depot Expense	560.28	560.28
Fee	10.00	10.00
WSO Donation from AIS	125.00	125.00
TO Unspecified Bill Presentment Account	27,000.00	27,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,346.71	28,346.71
OVERALL TOTAL	-9,570.81	-9,570.81

From our Intergroup Representative

Is your group prepared for the NY North Area Fall Election Assembly and Convention in Binghamton taking place the afternoon of Friday, September 18th through Sunday morning the 20th?

This Assembly is in-person only! It's time for our Group Representatives (GRs) (or their alternates) to elect our next 3-year Area 39 Panel to include a Delegate, an Alternate Delegate, all officers and all coordinators!



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Around and alongside the Assembly business, there will be plenty of recovery-related convention activities for GRs and other members. (The first responsibility of the GR is to attend the Assembly business meetings, but other members are welcome to attend other activities throughout the weekend.)

Concept One reminds us “The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.” Does your group have a GR to attend District meetings and Area Assemblies in order to help stay connected to our links of service? If not, there’s no time like the present to elect one!

Don’t know how to prepare? Here are some things members in your group can do:

- Set aside funds to pay your GR’s expenses.
- Visit the NYN Area Assembly and AWSC Information page at <https://nynafg.com/assembly-and-awsc-info/>
- Visit our Rochester AIS Districts page at <https://www.aisrochester.org/districts/>
- Attend your next District meeting (most are listed at <https://www.aisrochester.org/events-activities/>)
- If your District is not active, attend a different District’s meeting – They’ll welcome you!
- Make sure your group has at least one copy of the 2026 to 2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. You can also access it at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/service-manual/>
- **Register** online to attend any (or all) of the NY North Area meetings listed below! (Although advance registration is much appreciated, there is also the opportunity for walk-in registration during the weekend.)
- Find a place to stay in or near Binghamton (which may require some creativity by now). Perhaps there is member already registered who’d be willing to share a room.
- Attend any or all of the events listed below.
- As always, email me, Brenda L, at intergrouprep@aisrochester.org and arrange for me to visit your group and help you get started!

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

- **Thu, Sep10, 7 - 8:30 pm:**
Fall Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting Online only.
- **Tue, Sep 15, 7 - 8 pm: New GR meeting** Online only.
- **Tue, Sep 15, 7:30 - 8:30 pm: Alateen Interest meeting** Online only.
- **Fri, Sep 18 – Sun Sep 20**
Fall Election Assembly & Convention In-person only in Binghamton.



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******Anyone that is interested in attending the Fall Election Assembly & Convention on 9/18-9/20, 2026, can submit a late registration request can be completed online and by mail by SEPTEMBER 12, 2026.******



****Please see the following pages for important AIS Flyers!****



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New Al-Anon Meeting Please Join Us Friday Evenings

Friday 7 PM Courage to Change
FAIRPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ENTER BACK OF CHURCH

31 W. CHURCH ST.

FAIRPORT NY





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42nd
Anniversary Meeting

Pittsford Monday Night Meeting
(Formerly, Monday Night St. Louis AFG)

Monday, August 24, 2026

Doors open at 7:30 PM

Meeting begins at 8:00 PM

Alanon & AA Speakers
Refreshments served

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
28 LINCOLN AVE, PITTSFORD, NY



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Fall Election Assembly & Convention

with AA participation

Learning from the Past

75
Years

Contributing to the Future

September 18-20, 2026

Holiday Inn Binghamton Downtown
2-8 Hawley Street Binghamton, NY 13901

Questions? Interested in volunteering?
presentation@nynafg.com

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**Fall Election Assembly
& Convention**
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*Interested in volunteering?
Become a part of our celebration!*

Your skills and service are needed for a few hours to make our event a success!

Help is needed in the following areas:

- Hospitality Room
- Greeters
- Registration
- Basket Raffle
- Literature

**To volunteer or for more information
contact alateen@nynafg.com**

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Help is needed in the following areas:*

Lunch/Banquet Liaison

- Facilitate communication between the registration, hospitality, and decorating committees and the hotel catering manager regarding the meals provided by the hotel.

Program Committee Members

- Meet virtually or in person with the Program Chair to create a schedule of meetings, speakers, or panels.
- Find speakers and choose topics for meetings and panels.
- Design a printed program.

To volunteer or for more information about the responsibilities of these positions contact:
alateen@nynafg.com or presentation@nynafg.com

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