

# (AIS) Al-Anon Newsletter

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## 911 AIS Office Emergency

At the Board of Trustee and membership meeting on June 6th, we were informed of the financial state of the AIS office. Our AIS office could be on the verge of closing without your help. Our prudent reserve is gone and we have as of June 4th a balance of \$846.54 in the bank account. That will not take care of June's bills.

The AIS office gets its money to operate from the Eat-n-Speak, Literature Sales and Contributions. Four Eat-n-Speaks a year at \$500-\$600 is approximately 4 months of rent. Literature sales making \$1-\$2 a book is not enough, especially when the sales have been down a long time. Your contributions are absolutely essential and they have been down also.

I have been in the program over twenty years and they have never ask to contribute over a dollar. That money is for rent and coffee at your meetings. It is also suppose to contribute to the AIS office. I think it is time to raise that to \$2-\$3 unless you absolutely cannot afford it. After your prudent reserve give more to the AIS office. Maybe you could pass the basket a second time and give to the AIS office. A few years ago we got a new computer for the office that way. Maybe some of the groups can come up with other ideas to make money for the AIS office. The Board would like to hear from you. If we get volunteers maybe there could be another Harmony Happening Fundraiser. We need your help to keep our AIS office going.

In case you don't know how the AIS office benefits you. Let me tell you a few ways:

- It keeps Literature on hand at the same price as you can buy it on the internet. The advantage is you don't have to pay an extra \$5.00 for shipping and wait a week to get it.
- Our Office Secretary makes up the Welcome Packets for you to pick up for newcomers. The welcome packets do not come into the office ready to go.
- Our Office Secretary keeps us in touch with the activities that go on in our fellowship.
- There is a human being on the phone, not a computer when a new person calls in desperation, needing our help.

This is only a few benefits of having an AIS office.

My fear is we are becoming complacent, we are ok now so we don't need to do anything. I am so grateful to the members that came before me. They kept Al-Anon going so when I walked through the doors I had a place to go. Now it is our turn to keep the program strong not only for us, but for the people that follow. Your office is in trouble and it needs your help. I know Oklahoma has good people because of the response to our May disasters. Now it's time to step up again. They ask a question at conference "How much is my gratitude worth". That says a lot.

One other item discussed at the membership meeting was the By-Laws. They were passed with only having clarification between Board and Office Secretary duties, as a change.

Karla K., AIS Board of Trustee  
Newsletter Editor



## Calendar of Events 2013

**July 12, 13th & 14th**-Alateen Conference

**August 3rd, 1:00-3:00 P.M.**-Eat -n-Speak at St Stephens, 50th & Villa

**August 17th, 5:30 P.M.**-Billboard Project Fundraiser at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church at 2717 W. Hefner Road. See article page 2.

**September 2**, -AIS Office Closed for Labor Day.

**September 12th, -6:00 P.M.** AIS Board of Trustees, **7:00 P.M.** - Membership Meeting at St. Stephens, 50th & Villa

**September 14th**, -Area World Service Conference

**September 15th, 8:30 A.M. -2:00 P.M.** -Area Assembly at OSU-OKC Extension

**October 4th, 5th and 6th**-Fall Serenity Celebration at Sequoyah/Western Hills Resort.

## State Public Outreach Committee



Mike M. needs our help. A few months ago Mike undertook trying to put together a fundraiser to put up a couple of billboards. The WSO has approved putting up the billboards and deemed they were considered public service announcements not promotional.

Mike has found a church that is willing to host the fundraiser. The Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (2717 W. Hefner Road), will allow us to have a covered dish dinner on August 17th, dinner at 5: 30 P.M., speaker at 6: 30 P.M.

That is only three months away and Mike needs our help. Here is a list of items he needs help on:

- People/Groups/Districts to commit to help in the following areas:
  - Setup (setup will occur from 3-5)
  - Breakdown (occur after the event)
  - Food Crew (to help when people bring food)
  - Drink Crew (help with coffee, tea, water, pop)
  - Clean-up Crew
  - Literature Sales Crew
  - Raffle Crew (sell tickets and receive baskets)
- Raffle Gifts
  - District and/or Groups put together raffle prizes with value of \$50.
- Speakers
  - How about a Al-Anon and AA speaker. Contact me with names.
- Speaker Recording-Do we want to record our speakers?

Please get the word out to districts and groups around the State. We want this to be successful.

A bank account has been setup, we will be accepting contributions from districts, groups and individuals.

Make contributions out to Oklahoma State Al-Anon PO/BB and sent to OK State Al-Anon PO/BB, 1622 Downing, Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Contact Mike at [mike73120@yahoo.com](mailto:mike73120@yahoo.com), for more information or if you can help.

## Alateen Information

July 12th, 13th and 14th is the Alateen Conference at Camp Sooner in Pink, OK.

We need an Alateen Coordinator for the West.

I would like more Alateen information for the newsletter, so please keep me informed (Karla, [kjkillin@hotmail.com](mailto:kjkillin@hotmail.com)).

## Fall Serenity Celebration

October 4rd, 5th, & 6th at Sequoyah/Western Hills Resort. Flyers are available.

Resort Room Rates \$65-70 per night plus tax. Additional people may occur additional charges. Cabins and Bunk house available contact Resort, 1-918-772-2545.

Be sure and reserve room soon they go fast. Al-Anon registration cost \$20. each.

Speakers:

Al-Anon-Sue B. and Tom B.

AA-Brad O.

Alateen-Hailey H.

## 2014 Convention Committee

Committee:

Pool:

Mike M.

Sharyn T.

Brenda M.

Theresa S.

Julie L.

Cindy J.

Leslie G.

Deanna H.

## WSO - Effects of Loss of Funds

The World Service Office is also having financial difficulties. Our contributions to them are down. Literature sales are down. They are supported by these items. Please contribute to the WSO. We need them to make sure our program continues.

These are a few ways they may have to start cutting back if we don't help.

1. Delay in printing manuals.
2. Stop sending the Forums.
3. Stop creating Public Service Announcements.

Make sure your group contributes to our program. The WSO is part of our program.

## Group Services

Our Area Archivist Janet T. has been busy sorting, cataloging and consolidating our Archives. She has started an album on the conventions. Also, a scrap book for memorials. She wants to start interviewing long time Oklahoma Al-Anon member for stories on OK Al-Anon before those are lost. Anyone who can help please contact Janet at janettyrrell@gmail.com

## Fellowship Communication

Calendar sales broke even but didn't make any money. They are not going to do the calendars again.

Area is looking at changing conference format to encourage more participation. It is in early stages. The area website is [www.okareaafg.org](http://www.okareaafg.org).



## Public Outreach

Gently used Al-Anon Family Groups Conference Approved Literature, including books, pamphlets and Forums. If you will bring the literature you don't need anymore to your meeting, I will pick it up and send it on its way to institutional settings such as Women's Shelters, Rehabs, Prisons, etc. Please call me, Peg J. Public Outreach, 405-410-2790.



## New Literature

We have three new publications:

1. Reaching For Personal Freedom-Living the Legacies which is a workbook that sells for \$15.
2. Conflict Resolution Using the Twelve Traditions a booklet that sells for \$4.
3. Having Had a Spiritual Awakening an e-book that you can purchase on Amazon, Kindle and iBook

The first two will be available July. Make sure you check with the office to see that they were shipped. They have been ordered.

## Services Opportunities

We need volunteers to help with Al-Anon meetings at Jordon's Crossing. Contact Doris W. to help chair meetings.

There is an Al-Anon meeting at the Jesus House. They need people to chair on Tuesdays at 3:00 P.M. Anyone that can chair please contact Kevin Smith at [kevin.smith@jesushouseokc.org](mailto:kevin.smith@jesushouseokc.org).

The AIS office is looking for a few volunteers who are willing to work in the office when Richard is off sick or on vacation. It's not that hard to learn.



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10:30A.M.-5:30P.M.



## Meeting Changes

Al-Anon Meetings Discontinued:

1. Wynnewood, OK
2. Edmond Clubhouse, Tuesday at 5:30 P.M.



## Website News

Did you know you need to go to the website to register to get the newsletter? [www.okcalanon.org](http://www.okcalanon.org). If you don't have access to a computer you can go by the AIS office and have Richard print you a copy.



## Eat-n-Speak

The May Eat-n-Speak brought in \$531 after expenses. This is the only fundraising event for the AIS office. We need your support.

Thanks to the host group Key to Serenity and the co-host group New Beginnings. Also, we want to thank our speaker, Laree.

The next Eat-n-Speak is August 3rd and we need a co-host group.



## AIS Office News

Phone calls, e-mails and visitors traffic at the AIS office continues to fall. Literature sales and contributions are continuing to drop, also.

Sales of literature is our main source of income for the office so please tell your members and newcomers that a wide variety of literature is for sale at the office.

Thanks to hotline volunteers: Randy, Rose, Jeanette, Charles, Myrtle, Deanna and Bryan.



Contributions From Groups - March Through May 2013

1. 23rd and Council	\$120.00
2. A-1 Study Group	300.00
3. A New Day	48.50
4. Choctaw Into Action	35.00
5. Courage and Hope for Parents	70.00
6. Courage To Change	38.82
7. Courage To Change AFG	33.00
8. District 17	25.00
9. Duncan AFG	100.00
10. El Reno AI-Anon	50.00
11. Eleventh Hour AFG	193.29
12. First Things First 7 A.M. Tuesday & Thursday	182.00
13. Free To Be Tuesday 6:45 P.M.	113.51
14. Freedom AFG	10.00
15. Gotta Work It	100.00
16. Hefner Parkway AFG-OKC	60.00
17. Here and Now	85.00
18. Home Place AFG	27.00
19. Hope & Serenity	31.32
20. Key To Harmony	25.00
21. Keys To Serenity	23.00
22. Letting Go-Living Now	33.81
23. May Club Friday Beginners	25.23
24. Midwest City AFG	89.00
25. Monday Morning Freedom	100.00
26. New Beginnings in Norman	90.00
27. New Life Newcastle	13.84
28. Northwest Monday Morning	60.00
29. One Day At A Time-Western Club	50.00
30. Personal	102.92
31. Reaching Out	25.00
32. Saturday Morning Lake Road	14.50
33. Saturday Serenity	10.00
34. Serenity AFG-Norman	10.00
35. Springlake AFG	25.50
36. Sunshine AFG	45.00
37. Tecumseh-New Hope	10.00
38. Tuesday 5:30 Men's	100.00
39. Tuttle AI-Anon	11.00
40. Unity	20.00
41. Way Out AFG	20.00
42. We Try	1.01
43. Women's Awareness	40.00

Our May EAT-N-SPEAK 556.14

**TOTAL** **\$3,019.88**