



Greater Rochester Area AIS Service Center May 2021

EVENTS

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

Meetings will be virtual through July 2021.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 12

July 10

No meeting in August

Link to AIS Rochester meeting minutes:

<http://aisrochester.org/minutes.html>

Link to upcoming Anniversary meeting:

<http://aisrochester.org/anniversaries.html>

Vice Chair Report

Hi Everyone,

We have had someone express an interest in being the Alateen Coordinator for AIS Rochester. I have given her contact information for the NYN Alateen Coordinator (Mary S.) to begin the paperwork. I will keep you informed.

I have been participating in the Public Outreach Committee as well as the committee looking into starting a second newcomer meeting.

Thanks to Maggie, our new intergroup Rep for AIS Rochester, for representing us at the Area World Service Committee Meeting, (AWSC) and the Assembly this past weekend.

Together We Can Make a Difference!

Pat H. vicechair@aisrochester.org

From the Book Depot

Quickest way to get literature? Call or text Rebecca at 585-472-6393 for any AI-Anon literature you want. Please leave contact information and literature requested.

Zoom Discussions

AIS is looking at purchasing a "Zoom" account and discussing options to share this with meetings. Have you tried Zoom meetings? The connection with voice and face over the computer screen offers experience, strength and hope.

At our last AIS meeting, we discussed our gratitude for this way of meeting, and also the loss of intimacy of face-to-face and home meetings. What has your home meeting been doing? Have members of your home group been able to learn about Zoom or create in-person solutions or "combination/hybrid meetings"? AIS Rochester has been asked to consider how we can support Zoom meetings for groups that desire this. How does your meeting get support for Zoom or in-person? Is it from other meetings, your district, or perhaps tech-savvy friends?

New Bylaws

The By-Laws were voted on and passed at our last AIS business meeting Yahoo! They are posted on our website, aisrochester.org under "Information". The following are the key changes to the By-Laws:

- Officers and Committee members must live within the geographical boundaries of the groups they are serving.
- Responsibilities of Officers and Committee members were made clearer.
- WSO guidelines were included.
- The importance of decorum and mutual respect was emphasized for business meetings.
- Dual members can hold the following positions: Activities, Alateen, Book Depot, Finance Committee, Newsletter, Public Outreach, Volunteer/Service Center, Web Committee, Website Tech.

Donations appreciated.

Many thanks to all who have donated to AIS. Donations are lower than last year. We are donating more literature to community agencies and book sales are minimal with fewer in-person meetings. Please consider donating to AIS through check or PayPal, per instructions on the AIS website. Thanks!!



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Thanks to Mike W., we got a picture of how smaller meetings in more isolated areas are affected by the pandemic restrictions.

We also discussed how to include those who have been in our home groups in person, but not on Zoom, in group discussions/group consciences about options for proceeding with meetings. We will continue this discussion at our next meeting on June 12. Please send any questions you have about this to secretary@aisrochester.org.

Outreach

Outreach continues to chemical dependency treatment centers. We are delivering literature and offering speakers. See Outreach Committee for information on plans to start a second beginners' meeting. There is a Public Outreach Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom ID: 88975918711, Passcode: outreach.

NYN Donations Address

The address for making NYN Donations is as follows:

NYN Area

PO Box 64176

Rochester, NY 14624-6576

Joy is our Birthright.

We are sorry to announce that the meeting Joy is our Birthright AFG (Adult Children) 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays has officially closed.

AI-Anon's 70th Anniversary Virtual Celebration

Come celebrate the remarkable 70-year history of AI-Anon Family Groups with World Service Office volunteers and staff. Join us live online at 2 p.m. EDT on July 10, 2021! This free event will have several videos and live AI-Anon speakers. Access is limited, but audio recordings of the speakers will be played periodically in meeting in the free AI-Anon Family Groups mobile app for the remainder of 2021.

Planned Outage for System Upgrade

AFG connects will be performing a significant and extensive upgrade to their iMIS database system. As a result, both the AI-Anon Online Store and AFG connects will be unavailable for approximately two days. Please note the anticipated timeline which follows:

Sunday, May 16 – Online Store and AFG Connects are taken offline around 6 p.m. eastern.

Wednesday, May 19 – Online Store and AFG Connects is back online.

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