



GREATER ROCHESTER AREA  
AIS SERVICE CENTER  
DECEMBER 2019

**Events**

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

**AIS Monthly Meeting 2020 10AM**

Faith Lutheran Church  
2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY

**Upcoming Meetings**

Jan. 11

Feb. 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

**Jan. 22**

18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women's 12& 12  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pittsford

**Feb 2**

Spiritual Awakenings Anniversary  
Blessed Sacrament School

**Mar. 13-15**

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower City Fellowship Convention  
Hyatt Regency Hotel

**Mar. 29**

Tureen Supper  
St. Anne's Church

**Apr 4**

AWSC Meeting – NSEA Bldg. Syracuse, NY

**May 29-31**

"Embracing Change" – "Discovering Choices"  
NYN AFG Convention and Assembly, Troy, NY



Sign up online for the newsletter at  
<http://aisrochester.org>



May the understanding  
love and peace of the  
program be with you into  
the New Year.

**Newsletter deadline: Jan. 15**

**Office Hours:**

- Monday 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- Tuesday 12:30pm to 2:30pm
- Wednesday 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Thursday 9:00am to Noon
- Thursday 2:00pm to 3:30pm
- Friday 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Please call first: 585-288-0540



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**Reports were recorded in the minutes and appear here as well as on our website.**

**Save the DATES: The 39<sup>th</sup> Flower City Fellowship Convention will be March 13-15 2020.**

Al-Anon will be an active participant. The theme is Serenity 2020 and it will be at the Hyatt Hotel in Downtown Rochester. The flyer and registration are available on our website ([AISROCHESTER.ORG](http://AISROCHESTER.ORG)) There are volunteer opportunities for welcoming people at the convention. Please contact the AIS office at (585)288-0540 and leave your name and phone number and how best to reach you.

From Kathy KP,  
Co-Chair of FCFC Al-Anon 2020

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings on Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Advanced registration for the Convention is available through April 15, 2020 for \$115.00 US per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 US per attendee. Al-Anon participation will include a variety of sessions held during the day on Friday and Saturday. Al-Anon members are also welcomed to attend the A.A. big meetings.

Information on World Service [https://al-anon.org/for-members/wso/news-from-the-wso/?utm\\_source=intheloop&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=itl-engagement](https://al-anon.org/for-members/wso/news-from-the-wso/?utm_source=intheloop&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=itl-engagement)

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Chairperson:	Mel
Vice Chair	Loron
Secretary	Mary L.
Finance Chair	Open
Intergroup	Open
Outreach Chair	Beth (nominated)
Activities Chair .	Open
Volunteer Chair	Mike G.(nominated)
Alateen Chair	Open



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**Pearls from December 2019 AIS meeting.**

Thanks to all our member volunteers. Thank you to Kathleen, outgoing outreach chair and Mel, Volunteer Coordinator for their service.

**Group Donations** to AIS of Greater Rochester are needed to keep the lights on, to contact professionals and community organizations and provide literature at a low cost to members. Look for an appeal letter and donate to AIS. Consider birthday and quarterly donations to AIS. Our donations have decreased from last year and ask you to help with this important outreach.

**Calendar Fundraiser:**

A member has created a calendar for 2020 that beautifully summarizes the Al-Anon program. Each month illustrates a Step, Tradition and Concept. This year the member handled costs and donated the profit to AIS. Look for report on the success of this Fundraiser and how to repeat in 2021, call AIS Rochester for information on the Calendar.

**Book Depot:**

- Will order new Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism before the end of the year.
- New service manual is coming out because of significant changes-we will update members on this when we have more information.
- Any book orders should include the [Welcome Checklist](#).

**Outreach:**

We have an outreach committee with members Loron, Rose, Beth and Kathleen, Nancy and Mike. We have met and determined the following:

- The committee structure is the most effective way to support this effort.
- We have a list of organization/contacts in the community who could use Al-anon. We will call these folks using scripts Rose created and send appropriate literature to follow up. This method will help us with postage and to target literature to persons/groups.
- Will start this in January.

**Newsletter:**

- Event info comes from the website-please submit to website or call with questions on how to do this 288-0540
- Needs items by the 15th of the month.
- There will be a "watch for" section in the newsletter and continued cartoons.

**Activities:**

Look for Flower City Fellowship conference and Tureen Super information in Newsletter and on the AIS Website. Coming in March 2020.



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**Website:**

Under "Information" and "News from WSO" please notice two new pieces:

1. [Does Al-Anon Have "Promises"?](#)
  2. [Welcome Checklist](#)
- Meeting list will be updated to
    - keep Website address on the same page as the meeting info
    - add Beginner meeting explanation to the Meeting List

**Volunteers** Office Hours: Suggest you call be for coming: The current office hours are:

Monday 2:00pm to 5:00pm

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**Group Conscience**-who can Serve in AIS. Suggest amending-In the By Laws on page 5 - **Section II - AIS Representatives B - we might add 1 D and it could say:**

Dual members of A-Anon and AA can take service positions that don't vote on policy.

An Al-Anon/Alateen member who is also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous shall be eligible to serve in all elected or appointed positions other than the following: AIS Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Intergroup Rep, ISR (Information Service Rep). **They may hold these offices:** Alateen Chair, Book Depot Chair, Finance Chair, Newsletter, Public Outreach Chair, Website Chair, Activities Chair.

We want people to be able to volunteer for Al-Anon service and this discussion will clarify what important posts would be available to these members.

Bylaw committee to weigh in-review scheduled in 2020. Page 87 of the service manual is clear on how to handle dual members seeking service positions.

We discussed how to "vet" members seeking service. Decided that if at the point of nomination, there will be a declaration that "If Al-Anon is your primary program" you are welcome to serve. We must not police their memberships but leave it up to the individual's integrity.

**ACTION**-members to discuss above at their group meetings before amending bylaws. Report back to AIS.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loron,  
Chair,  
AIS Rochester

