

Anniversaries

April 5th – McKeesport Saturday will celebrate their 28th anniversary at 11:30 AM. Use the main entrance and sign in (first name and last initial). Take the ramp and then turn right at the end of the hall. Food and fellowship after the meeting. Salads and desserts are welcome. (1)

April 18th – New Beginnings AFG will celebrate their 6th anniversary from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Covered dishes welcome. There will be an Al-Anon speaker at 11:00 AM. (2)

April 23rd – New Stanton for Me Wednesday Night will celebrate their 15th anniversary with food and fellowship at 6:00 PM and a speaker at 7:00 PM. Covered dishes of any type are welcome. (2)

May 6th – Crafton Tuesday Night will celebrate their anniversary at 7:00 PM with food and fellowship and a meeting to follow at 8:00 PM. Salads, side dishes and desserts are welcome. (1)

May 10th – Etna Saturday will celebrate their anniversary at 11:30 AM. Salads and desserts are welcome. Please join us. (1)

May 17th – Plum Unity Monday Night will celebrate their 36th anniversary with food and fellowship at 8:00 PM and speakers at 8:30 PM. Enter at the front door of the church located at the far end of the parking lot. (1)

Announcements

The next **AIS Board meeting** will be on April 21st at 7:00 PM at the AIS office. (1)

The next **AIS meeting, “A Little Bit about a Lot of Things”**, will be in May 19th at 7:00 PM at the church hall by the AIS office. (1)

Public Outreach is looking for **volunteers for an event on May 16th**. This is an opportunity to reach out to high school students. Anyone interested please contact the AIS office at 412-683-7750 and leave your name and number for Darlene B. (1)

Darlene B. our new Public Outreach Chairperson would like to announce the **new PO Committee members:** Judi N., Kathy R., Nancy F., Craig D., Marlene B., Scott R., Claudia B., Mary Helen H., Patti B., and Jane. Thank you to all our new volunteers.

Applause, applause to everyone in attendance at the AIS meeting at Forest Hills. Great clean-up work by everyone! Our work is so much easier when everyone participates. (1)

The **Alateen Group at Edgewood/Swissvale Tuesday Nights** reminds all parents of teens that the recovery that you get from your Al-Anon meetings is conveniently available to your teens at 8:00 PM Tuesday nights at the same location as the Edgewood/Swissvale meeting. Alateen needs your support. Please check the back of your meeting list for other convenient locations and times. (1)

Meeting Changes and Cancellations

Having trouble getting to a meeting on a weeknight? The Mayfair Adult Children AFG is happy to announce that we now have **babysitting services** during the meeting on

Tuesday nights!! We have a step study from 7-8:00 PM and a Beginners meeting from 8-9:00 PM and our regular meeting from 8-9:00 PM. Babysitting will only be available from 8-9:00 PM. So come join us at the Unitarian Universalist Church. (1)

The **North Versailles Parents Survivors Group** has ended their book study. (1)

Events

The district 18 Spring Workshop will be held on April 5th at St. Bruno Church in Greensburg from 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM. See the enclosed flyer in last month's Key. (2)

On Saturday, April 26, District 26 will host its 16th annual **Brown Bag Workshop, “New Beginnings”** from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Unity United Presbyterian Church. See the enclosed flyer. (2)

Attention all musicians, instrumentalists, singers, dancers, and jugglers! On April 25th at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Monroeville, it will be time for the **District 26 Musical Magical Meeting**. Rehearsals will be on April 23rd and 24th at 7:00 PM at the same location. If you want to share your talent for a good cause, contact your GR for more details. (2)

The 36th Annual Pennsylvania AFG Convention will be held on June 6-8, 2008 at Gettysburg College. Please see the enclosed flyer in last month's Key for more details. (2)

The **Love Gift Committee** would like to ask you for your help. If you know any member of Al-Anon in another state or country, please pass on the email address

afg2008lovegifts@comcast.net to help spread the word about making Love Gifts for the convention in July. A kit will be sent to those who email. So far, we have 4,797 love gifts and counting from four different states and Canada. (1)

Do you want to help at the WSO International Convention? Greeters and huggers are needed to welcome the world to Pittsburgh July 4-6, 2008. You must register in order to volunteer. Contact Maggie L. at maglar@verizon.net to sign up to volunteer. (1)

Sunday, August 3rd, 2008. **District 10 Al-Anon and Alateen Open Potluck Family Picnic** will be held at Renzie Park Jakomas Blue Top Pavilion. For more information, contact the AIS office for Dottie's number. (2)

Handicap Notice The ISR Meeting Hall is handicap accessible - AIS Office is not.

Al-Anon General Information

Meeting Lists –

\$6.00 per 25 with postage when mailed;
\$4.00 per 25 when picked up at AIS Meetings. Make Checks payable to: AIS of Greater Pgh. Area Inc. and mail them to AIS Office, Attn: Meeting Lists.

Key Announcements - Items for the Key need to be written and received at the AIS Office by the 10th of each month for the next month's issue or e-mailed to:

bj_alanon@yahoo.com PLEASE, PLEASE, include a contact person with phone number, so as to avoid ME messing up your information. Events can only appear twice. For flyers to be mailed with the Key, send 145 tri-folded copies plus a \$9.00 check to cover postage (payable to the AIS of Greater PGH Area, Inc.), Mark them "Attention: Key Editor." Please e-mail the key editor or contact the AIS office for information on where to send the flyers.

Effective immediately: (1) Announcements pertaining to new meetings, disbanded meetings, and permanent meeting time changes or location changes will not be placed in the Key unless they are accompanied by a WSO Al-Anon Registration/Group Change Form. Obtain the forms from

your DR, the AIS office or the Al-Anon website. (2) Address changes will not be made to the Key mailing list unless they are provided on an AIS Group Change Form. Obtain the form from the AIS office. (3) All announcements pertaining to Alateen must be accompanied by the Group ID.

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This month's Key is dedicated to:
"acceptance" Acceptance means simply admitting there are things we cannot change. Accepting them puts an end to our futile struggles and frees our thought and energy to work on things that can be changed. (One Day at a Time, page 76)

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March 30th – Castle Shannon Sunday Evening will celebrate their anniversary with food and refreshments at 7:30 PM and a speaker at 8:00 PM. Hope to see you at the celebration. (2)

March 31st – Forest Hills Monday Night will celebrate their 28th anniversary with food and fellowship at 7:30 PM and a speaker at 8:00 PM. Covered dishes are welcome. (2)