

# AI-Anews

FLORIDA NORTH, AREA 9, DISTRICT 7 (Pinellas County), PANEL 61

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## Embracing New Opportunities to Serve

When I think of the many service roles I was encouraged to stand for during my volunteer years, I am reminded of this quote from *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78): “I am not encouraged to identify myself with any of the roles I try on, and I am encouraged to pass the job on after a fairly definite period of time. Al-Anon calls this arrangement ‘rotation of leadership,’ and I find in this concept the encouragement to participate without exerting control and to let go without worrying that others might not step forward to carry on” (p. 50). This idea helped me to identify and accept my service roles and opportunities in Al-Anon—and to pass them along when the time came.

As a previous Sponsor once told me, new experiences, should we accept them, come into our lives to teach us something about ourselves. I have learned that my willingness to accept a new experience when presented gives me the courage to release control of the outcome. After all, I am reminded, I took on a service role or job that someone before me decided to let go. So, it may be time for me to do the same in order to experience a new opportunity that has been placed before me.

As we come to the end of this year, hopefully many Areas have had members step forward to fill vacant positions and embark upon exciting new opportunities in service. Here at the World Service Office, we are excited that members have applied for and accepted positions that will help our continuing efforts to disseminate current information to those seeking our support.

I am grateful that we in our fellowship practice rotation of leadership. And because of this practice, we have learned, or are learning, that embracing new service opportunities—as well as passing them on to the next trusted servant—ultimately supports those seeking our Al-Anon message of hope.

*By Marsha W., Director of Programs Emeritus*

*The Forum, December 2021*

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## ARE YOU READY TO FIND GROWTH IN A NEW SERVICE POSITION?

A member recently shared in a meeting that when she started in Al-Anon she was so desperate for help that she initially focused solely on herself. Now, after many years in the rooms, she has nothing but gratitude for the members who served then to keep Al-Anon strong and available when she really needed it. So she started doing service in order to do the same for others. Her surprise came when she learned how much service enhanced her *own* recovery!

These last two years have been difficult for all. I have watched as our trusted servants at the District level went into action to adapt their service positions to new roles called for by the need to protect ourselves during the pandemic. The need for Al-Anon meetings and resources had become even more acute and new approaches had to be adopted. Without the excellent work of these volunteers we would not have had the information and resources we needed.

See the list of District 7\* service positions on page 3. We have more openings than usual on this panel.

Please consult your Higher Power about serving in either one of our highest priority positions:

### Information Line

Organizes a committee of Al-Anon volunteers for the purpose of responding to telephone calls and emails received from individuals seeking information about Al-Anon.

### When & Where Chairperson

Creates and publishes a District meeting list for distribution on an established schedule.

Remember, there are no “musts” in Al-Anon. Trusted servants may perform duties their own way, by relying on the experience, strength and hope of those who have gone before if guidance is needed. A service sponsor can help guide you as well.

If you need more information, please contact Kimberly at [disl@d7afg.org](mailto:disl@d7afg.org)

*Susan C, St. Petersburg*

\*District 7 is the service level that supports all the AFGs in Pinellas County. These are the trusted servants who maintain the website, meeting list, speakers list and information line. See [d7afg.org](http://d7afg.org)

Take a look at how your meeting is listed on the website event calendar at [d7afg.org](http://d7afg.org) and in the When & Where. Is it correct?

Also, have you changed your GR or mail person recently?

If anything needs changing, please let the Group Records chair know!

[grouprecords@d7afg.org](mailto:grouprecords@d7afg.org)



### **SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR OUR SPEAKERS LIST!**

If you would like to have your name added or if you have heard a speaker you like, let Shira know at [speakerslist@d7afg.org](mailto:speakerslist@d7afg.org).

For more detailed information on Al-Anon service position guidelines:

<https://d7afg.org/resources/guidelines/D7ServicePositionsGuidelines.pdf>

# DISTRICT PAGE

## MARCH DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The new Service Manual for 2022-25 is available online and for download at <http://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/service-manual/>. Print copies are still delayed.
- One of the District's immediate priorities is filling open service positions:
  - Key chair positions on the panel, see p 2 — contact [disl@d7afg.org](mailto:disl@d7afg.org)
  - Convention in Orlando August 26-28 ([afgarea9.org](http://afgarea9.org)) — contact [dr@d7afg.org](mailto:dr@d7afg.org)
    - workshops
      - Concepts 1 and 2
      - Keeping Up, Steps 10, 11, 12
    - Serenity Room chair
- If members need literature, it is recommended that purchase be made through the District. Proceeds then stay in the District to be used for outreach. Books and pamphlets can be ordered through the District Literature Chair. Contact [literature@d7afg.org](mailto:literature@d7afg.org) for more information.
- Assembly (semi-annual meeting of GRs, district trusted servants and interested members from all of North FL ("Area 9")) will be June 24-26 in Altamonte Springs. See [afgarea9.org](http://afgarea9.org). Get experience, strength and hope from people who are doing service across the state!
- There are some Alateen meetings still active, with one potentially in the works for the summer. For more information, contact [alateen@d7afg.org](mailto:alateen@d7afg.org). Also contact her for information on the Alateen Roundup and Conference.
- For information about AMIAS training in April, contact [dr@d7afg.org](mailto:dr@d7afg.org) and see Alateen page at [afgarea9.org](http://afgarea9.org).

### Next District Meeting

(monthly meeting for GRs, District trusted servants and any interested members)

**Saturday, May 14, 2022, 9am ET**

**Please check the website Event Calendar to confirm this is Zoom or face-to-face**

Zoom ID 992 4877 8742

Passcode 202161

<https://zoom.us/j/99248778742?>

## DISTRICT 7 Service Positions

**District Representative (DR)** Shelly F  
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**District Secretary** Kimberly  
[district\\_secretary@d7afg.org](mailto:district_secretary@d7afg.org)

**District Treasurer** Bob W  
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## DISTRICT INFORMATION SERVICE (DIS) Positions

**DIS Liaison (DISL)** Kimberly H  
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[whenandwhere@d7afg.org](mailto:whenandwhere@d7afg.org)

\*Open Position — service opportunity!

# MEETING PLACE

## A Day of Empowerment: Step 11

District 6 April 30, 2022 10:00am-2:30pm

\$5 Registration, pay at the door  
(Please register on line for headcount) [eventsafg@yahoo.com](mailto:eventsafg@yahoo.com)

**First United Methodist Church UMAC Building  
600 W. Ianthe Street Tavares, FL 32778**

**Al-Anon and AA Speakers Fun and Fellowship Workshops  
50/50 Drawing Basket Raffle**

Doors open at 10am Registration, coffee, and fellowship

Potluck: Bring a dish to share that meets your particular diet and can be shared with others (Main dish, salads, sides and desserts)



### STEPS TO SERENITY IS RESUMING IN-PERSON MEETINGS

New time! New room!  
Tuesdays at 1pm

Heritage United Methodist Church Room B6  
2680 Landmark Dr & SR 580  
Clearwater 33761

### Safety Harbor Serenity Speakers Meeting

Saturday May 14  
Alanon and AA Speakers

Time: 7:00 p.m Food and Fellowship  
8:00 p.m Meeting

Where: 1st Presbyterian Church Safety Harbor  
255 5th Ave. S.  
Safety Harbor

### GROUP DONATIONS TO THE DISTRICT:

Checks should be made payable to AISPC  
and mailed to PO Box 1511, Largo FL  
33779-1511.

If you would like to try Zelle for donations,  
contact [treasurer@d7afg.org](mailto:treasurer@d7afg.org).

### WOMEN'S GOTTAWANNA WEEKEND JUNE 3-5

All meals are included!

For information, contact  
[2carolynlambert@gmail.com](mailto:2carolynlambert@gmail.com).

### MEETING NEWS

Friday Evening AFG:  
New time Fridays 7.30pm Zoom and F2F

Eleven & Eleven AFG:  
Meeting Saturdays 11am Zoom & F2F  
Beginners' Meeting 10.15am Zoom and F2F  
St Catherine of Siena, 1955 S Belcher Rd,  
Clearwater