

AL-ANEWS

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District Information

November 23, 2024

JOIN US

Al-Anon District 7
Gratitude Luncheon

AA and Al-Anon Speakers

Potluck

Raffle

Fellowship

**“Joyfully
Lifting our Hearts
with Gratitude”**

November 23, 2024
10:30- 3:00pm
St. Catherine of Siena Church
1955 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, FL 33764

Service Needed

Positions

Available:

Food Chairperson
Beverage Chairperson
Set Up Chairperson
Raffle ticket sellers
Volunteers at Large

Contact Lisa M at 727 648-3521

Bring a dish to share

If possible, in a disposable container

RAFFLE BASKETS ARE NEEDED

GROUPS: THIS IS A FREE EVENT HOSTED BY DISTRICT 7.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SENT IN YOUR \$15 DONATION
(OR WHAT THE TREASURY CAN AFFORD)

TO SHARON C. CALL 727-612-9149 FOR ADDRESS (OR BRING TO DISTRICT IN NOVEMBER)

Al-Anon Declaration

Let It Begin with Me—
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be
there, and
Let It Begin with Me.



God,
grant me the
serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
the **courage**
to change
the things I can,
and the
wisdom
to know the
difference.

District Chair Positions Are Open:

Consider service!!! It could be a valuable tool for your program growth.

When and Where Chairperson

When & Where Chair - **Creates and publishes** an Al-anon District meeting list for distribution on an established schedule. **Who Is Eligible:** • Al-Anon members willing to serve who have regularly attended Al-Anon meetings for at least one year and who have not previously served a full three-year term in this capacity.

AA Liaison Chairperson

Alateen Chairperson

Institutions Chairperson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM AREA 9

October Assembly was rescheduled due to Hurricane Milton.
It is now a ZOOM assembly Nov. 1- 2

Rescheduled Assembly Registration Now Open Closes Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.

Registration will remain open until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27.
Everyone who registered for the October Assembly will
need to register again. (You should have received an email from Mark with link)

Meetings that were not sending a representative might
want someone to attend by zoom.

There is NO CHARGE for this assembly.

Go to afgarea9.org to register

District 7 Upcoming Anniversaries



Tarpon Springs Tuesday Morning Friends

*Is Celebrating its 10th Anniversary
with a Picnic Back at the Park!*

Join us for
Food, Fellowship, Speakers and the beautiful view!

**When: Saturday October 26
11 am**

**Where: Anderson Park, Shelter #1
39699 US Highway 19
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689**



Bring a dish to share and a chair if you wish.

CELEBRATE
Good Morning Al-Anon's
ANNIVERSARY



OCT 27TH 10:30 AM

St Anthony's Hospital
BASEMENT AUDITORIUM
1200 7TH AVENUE, 33705

48TH ANNIVERSARY

**LARGO
AFTERNOON AFG**

OCTOBER 28, 2024

1:00PM

10895 HAMLIN BLVD

LARGO, FL

AL-ANON AND AA SPEAKERS

Al-Anon 6th Tri-State Winter Weekend 2024



LIVE-NOT JUST EXIST

Friday December 13th-Sunday December 15th

Join us for a fun filled weekend of spiritual growth, recovery, and fellowship at the beautiful

Epworth by the Sea Conference and Retreat Center

100 Arthur J Moore Drive, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Each State Host will present a speaker telling us about their recovery and how Al-Anon has helped them live a full meaningful and satisfying life. Three Speaker sessions. There will be a “Clue Hunt.”, a “Read My Mind” team building, and an Al-Anon Lingo challenge. Plus attend one of the lively Al-Anon workshops, or join the candlelight mediation, or

Smore’s fellowship around a fireplace. Raffles, Boutique, Hospitality cottage and so much more.

Hosted by: Kristen M, Jacksonville FL, Tina D. Yulee FL, Karena Z. Byron Georgia and Barbara T. Charleston SC.

Epworth By the Sea accommodation. Call the lobby desk at (912) 638-8688.

Accommodation payment goes directly to Epworth.

Rates are per person, based on the number of adults staying in the room together, and include lodging for 2 nights, 6 meals, and taxes. Rates are subject to change based on any change to taxes.

EARLY ARRIVALS TURNER LODGE – 20% DISCOUNT – NO MEALS

<u>BUILDING:</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>
Turner Lodge:	\$406.24	\$279.20 – EACH	\$228.24 – EACH	\$203.94 - EACH
Robertson Inn:	\$385.12	\$258.08 -EACH	\$211.82 - EACH	\$196.90 - EACH
Pitts/Booth:	\$340.52	\$239.30 - EACH	\$197.74 – EACH	\$185.16 - EACH

Example:4 people stay in Pitts room. Each pays \$185.16 and that is the total per person, and it includes Friday and Saturday night plus 6 buffet-style meals. This equals to roughly less than \$95 per day. A great deal.

Al-Anon registration is \$20 (\$15 early discount it paid by September 30th) to be mailed in with the following coupon.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER. This helps the Hosts plan accordingly. The onsite registration is \$30 and opens at 3:30p.

Hopitality Room: Will you bring a snack to share? IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

AFG TRI-STATE WINTER WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING, COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH A CHECK (FOR EVENT REGISTRATION) FOR \$20 PAYABLE TO AFG TRI-STATE TO: Mary Anne, 2440 Mayport Rd., Ste 7, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. (ONLY \$15 IF PAID BY SEPT. 30.)

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

REGISTRATION FEE IS TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE.

Questions? E-mail: Afgtristate@gmail.com

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LITERATURE

Celebrating 60 Years of Conference Approved Literature

In April 1961, at Al-Anon's First World Service Conference, our Cofounder Lois W. introduced the idea of Conference Approved Literature (CAL). As Lois explained, it would serve the same purpose as the formation of the Conference—to create unity among all groups.

Prior to that, groups often wrote and distributed their own literature or used various outside sources.

Some of these materials were inconsistent with Al-Anon's Traditions and spiritual principles. They often took a religious approach or focused on trying to "cure" the alcoholic, therefore causing confusion about Al-Anon's identity and purpose. The Conference's unanimous decision and the process it developed over the following years assured that our

literature would reflect the Al-Anon program in principle and practice, undiluted by differing points of view. Over the years, CAL has continued to expand to meet new needs and changing conditions. Within the last year and a half, as our fellowship and the World Service Office (WSO) faced the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, literature sales plummeted and The Forum lost 2,300 subscribers. An increase in contributions has helped counter this drop in sales, thanks to the generosity of Al-Anon members everywhere. For the first time since 1954 (the year before our first book was published), member contributions

exceeded literature sales. While I am comforted by the idea that the fellowship will continue to support its service arms, I remain concerned about what we are losing in recovery as reliance on one of our primary tools continues to diminish. Our literature can't substitute for the healing that takes place at Al-Anon meetings and in one-on-one conversations with Sponsors and other members, but it greatly supplements this help with inspirational insights from thousands of members—not only from throughout the world, but from throughout the history of our program. Between meetings and when other members are not available, CAL offers me the comfort of knowing that my problems are not unique, and I am not alone. When I am reluctant to share because I am afraid that no one will understand, CAL reassures me that others have been there too. If I feel different at a meeting because of my age, gender, relation to the alcoholic, or any other reason, CAL reminds me that we are all equal.

Our Suggested Welcome states, "The loving interchange of help among members and daily reading of Al-Anon/Alateen literature thus make us ready to receive the priceless gift of serenity." So please, in celebration of CAL's 60th anniversary, when anyone reaches for help, let's make sure that not only the hand of Al-Anon, but also the gift of Conference Approved Literature is always there, and "Let It Begin with Me."

By Tom C., Associate Director—Literature
The Forum , September 2021

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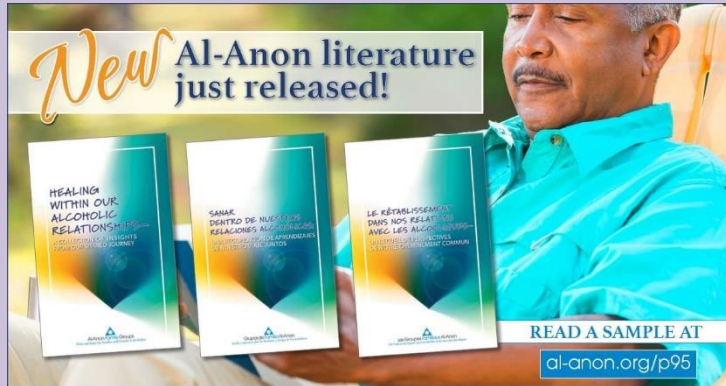
Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., Virginia Beach, VA.

NEWS FROM OUR CHAIRS

Literature Distribution Center LDC

IN STOCK

To order email: literature@d7afg.org



InfoLine

NEEDS volunteers to listen to messages and return calls.

Step into Service

Contact Carolyn at [727-303-6619](tel:727-303-6619)

Al-Anews

Looking for contributions of original writings, favorite readings, book reports, or group information.

Send to alanews@d7afg.org

Did you know that you can receive your own Al-Anews in your email inbox? Just email alanews@d7afg.org and put subscription in subject line.

District 7 Alateen Meetings

Beacon of Hope Alateen*

Tuesday 8pm

Christ Lutheran Church

3451 30th Ave N.

St Petersburg, FL 33713

*** AA and Al-Anon meet at same time**

Countryside Friday Night Alateen* Friday 7pm North

Northwood Presbyterian Church Rm#8

2875 SR-580

Clearwater, FL 33761

*** Al-Anon meets at same time**

Direct from the Alateen portion of the Area website at afgarea9.org/alateen-resources-panel-64.html which reads "Al-Anon members in Alateen Service (AMAIS) are the backbone of our Alateen program in the Area. These Al-Anon members agree to participate in training, background checks and frequent contact with Area trusted servants so that information is current and up to date at all times. Many AMAIS provide the necessary support to have Alateen meetings by being Alateen Group Sponsors, Alateen Group CMAs, Alateen Group Financial support (keeping the money) and attending meetings to keep the spaces safe for everyone.

In addition, members who would like to chaperone, drive or provide other support service at events with Alateens agree to go through the certification process." So you can do other Alateen service as well as sponsor Alateen meetings as long as you are a certified AMAIS!! Contact Sharon C at DAPP@d7afg.org for more information. Also contact me if you are interested in starting a new Alateen meeting in District 7.

**For Al-Anon members looking to become an AMAIS
or current AMAIS, the next trainings are scheduled for:**

November 9, 2024 from 9 am to noon.

**For more information on the trainings contact Judy, Area Alateen
Coordinator at Alateen-64@AFGArea9.org or Karyn, Area Alateen
Process Person at AAPP-64@AFGArea9.org.**

NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE?

Position	Name	email
District Representative	Heather D	dr@d7afg.org
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District Treasurer	Sandy L	treasurer@d7afg.org
District Secretary	Lili	District_secretary@d7afg.org
District Information Services Liaison	Ana	disl@d7afg.org
DISL Secretary	Jan B.	Dis_secretary@d7afg.org
Literature Distribution Center	Kimberly H	literature@d7afg.org
AA Liaison	OPEN	aaliaison@d7afg.org
Al-Anews	Laurie L	alanews@d7afg.org
Alateen	OPEN	alateen@d7afg.org
Archives	Shelly F.	archives@d7afg.org
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District Alateen Process Person	Sharon C	dapp@d7afg.org
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Information Line	Carolyn L	informationline@d7afg.org
Institutions	OPEN	institutions@d7afg.org
Public Information	Shira P	publicinformation@d7afg.org
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Speakers List	Jenny	speakerslist@d7afg.org
Technology/Website	Ed Mc	webkeeper@d7afg.org
When and Where	OPEN	whenandwhere@d7afg.org
Hospitality	Kathy	hospitality@d7afg.org



Next District Meeting
 (Monthly meeting for GR's, District trusted servants
 and any interested members)

Saturday November 9, 2024

Door opens at 8am. Meeting starts at 9am.
 CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Fellowship Hall: 1454 Belleair Rd. Clearwater 33756