

AL-ANEWS

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District Information

Have you thought of service? There are all different types of service and length of commitment.

From "A Little Time for Myself - a Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences" p241

"When I participate in service, I inevitably get far more than I could ever give".

Consider service!!!

District Chair Positions Are Open:

It could be a valuable tool for your program growth.

AA Liaison Chairperson

Alateen Chairperson

Institutions Chairperson

Other service opportunities

Be a Group Rep or Alt. Group Rep

Be a secretary, treasurer or Literature chair at meeting

Be a sponsor

Chair a meeting, bring a topic

Set up/ break down chairs

Share your experience, strength and hope

Work with Alateens by becoming an AMIAS

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 7 Meeting Information

INACTIVE MEETINGS

Our Place AFG (30698885)
Serenity For AFG (30580148)
Sunday Serenity AFG (30611733)
Serenidad, Sol y Mar
Wednesday CAL AFG (045370)
Embracing the Legacies AFG (30682552)
New Found Friends AFG (30664657)
Miracles Happen AFG (064648)
St. Pete Group AFG (30698885)
Steps to Serenity AFG (065688)
Thursday Afternoon AFG (30652196)
AFG By The Sea (30702086)
Bright Hope (30814438) Electronic
Friday Evening AFG (002708)

St Petersburg Beginners Meeting
Wednesday 10:30am
St Luke's Church
4444 5th Ave N, St Petersburg
WILL BE MEETING CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Hoy Con Nueva Esperanza



Te preocupas por alguien que toma mucho alcohol

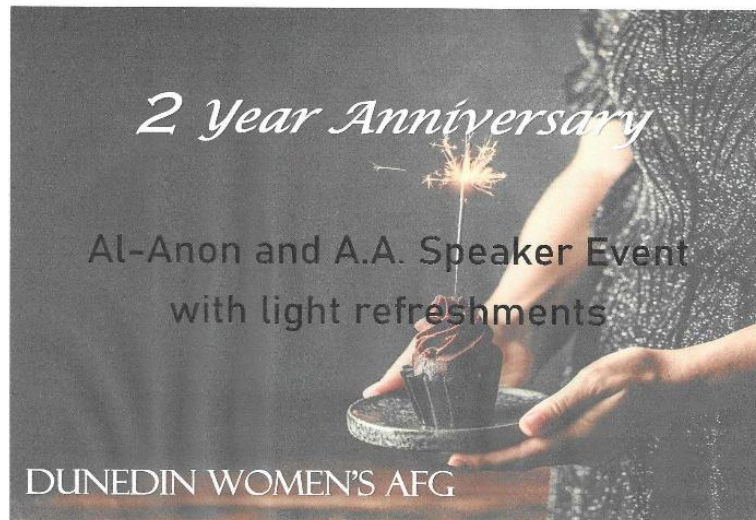
Ayuda para miembros de la familia y amigos de alcohólicos

Nueva reunion Sabados a las 2pm

Northwest Church
6330 54th Ave N
St. Petersburg, FL
33709



District 7 Upcoming Anniversaries



TUESDAY | DEC. 17TH |

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM

(Raffle Basket)

THE WAREHOUSE CLUB OF DUNEDIN

(SOFA ROOM – RIGHT SIDE)

2024 MAIN STREET

DUNEDIN, FL 34698

Friends of Lois "Souper Meeting"

Thursday January 30, 2025

6-7 pm

Join us - a bowl of warm soup

Fellowship -

Speakers

Grace Brethren Church

6300 62nd Ave., N.

Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Holiday Party
Monday Afternoon AFG
Monday December 16

1:00pm

St. Jerome's Church
10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo 33774

IS HAVING A
WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE POTLUCK

Bring a repurposed gift from home with a salad or dessert

LITERATURE

New! Holiday Bundle!

The *Al-Anon Family Groups Workbook Bundle* with Free Shipping!

Want to go deeper in Al-Anon recovery? Give yourself or a member you care about the gift of Al-Anon workbooks.

The *Al-Anon Family Groups Workbook Bundle (K-74)* includes:

- *Blueprint for Progress: AlAnon's Fourth Step Inventory (Revised)* (P-91)
- *Reaching for Personal Freedom: Living the Legacies* (P-92)
- *Paths to Recovery Workbook: A Companion for Studying Al-Anon's Steps, Traditions, and Concepts* (P-93)

This discounted set is just \$25 and includes free shipping. Order online at al-anon.org/shop

Available as a set for a limited time—through January 2, 2025

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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**

ALATEEN NEWS:

The new schedule for certification/recertification for becoming or continuing in Alateen service is now posted on the Florida North Area website. The schedule of FRESH events for 2025 is as follows:

January 9, 2025	6:30-9 pm
February 9, 2025	9:30 am – 12 noon
March 6, 2025	6:30-9 pm
April 5, 2025	9:30 am – 12 noon
May 8, 2025	6:30-9 pm
October 11, 2025	9:30 am – 12 noon
November 13, 2025	6:30 – 9 pm

Possible New Alateen Meeting

Friends of Lois, 6pm Thursdays

**Grace Brethren Church, 6300 62nd Ave N, Pinellas Park
is considering beginning
an Alateen meeting.**

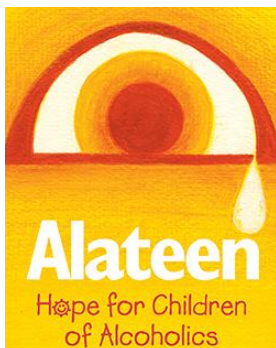
**If you are an AMIAS and would like to chair the meeting,
Or if you want to become an AMIAS please contact**

Sharon C

District Alateen Process Person

dapp@d7afg.org or 727-612-9149

Wonderful opportunity to do service!



News from Area 9

2025 Florida North AFG Convention
August 29 - 31, 2025
Caribe Royale Orlando

LISTEN TO YOUR HEART

SPANISH

ALATEEN

SPEAKERS

WORKSHOPS

BOUTIQUE

LITERATURE

BANQUET

RAFFLES

Join your Heart with Others in 2025

Registration: \$40.00 through August 22, 2025 \$50.00 at the door



Meals: **Box Lunch** **Banquet** **Breakfast Buffet**
\$39.00 \$69.00 \$40.00



SPECIAL CONVENTION MEAL BUNDLE DEAL
SATURDAY BOX LUNCH, SATURDAY BANQUET & SUNDAY MORNING BUFFET
\$140.00 THROUGH 12-31-2024

Convention T-shirts available in Short-Sleeve (\$20.00) & Long-Sleeve (\$22.00)

Convention Tote Bags Available \$20.00

Order online and pick-up with your Registration Packet at Convention.



August 29 - 31, 2025
Caribe Royale Orlando
8101 World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32821 800-823-8300

Register Online for Convention:
2025 AFG convention website:
afgarea9.org/convention2025

\$169 per night for standard suites (occupancy 1-4);
plus \$10/night resort fee, plus applicable taxes.
Self-parking discounted to \$10/Day.
Rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after Convention.

Hotel Reservations:...

Online reservation link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50866101>
Caribe Royale Reservation Phone for AFG: 800-823-8300



FOR QUESTIONS ON AL-ANON CONVENTION PLEASE CONTACT:

CONVENTION2025REGISTRATION@AFGAREA9.ORG

New Event in Area 9

Getting to Know You Get Together

Here's where we stand on details-

February 1st about 10-2

Location scouting- probably central to the 6 districts participating.

Brandon near the highway?

Speaker panel (theme of sponsorship)

Potluck

Raffle

Entertainment

Proposed as a free event with 7th tradition collection to offset cost of a location.

We divvied up the responsibilities and I agreed that District 7 would be responsible for the **raffle and a 50/50**.

If you would like to chair the raffle committee and solicit volunteers to sell tickets or if you would like to be on the D7 raffle team, let me know. Please spread the news that we will need volunteers. This is a great opportunity to do a short term commitment in service as well as fellowship with our neighboring Districts.

News from WSO

What It Means to Be an Al-Anon Family Group

“Family” is our middle name! Family members come in all shapes and sizes, and while we have many differences, we come together through our common bond in an Al-Anon Family Group. In keeping with Tradition Three, which says, in part, “The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend,” and Tradition Five, which states that our one purpose is “to help families of alcoholics,” which we do by “welcoming and giving comfort” to those families, consider these responses when faced with obstacles in welcoming visitors and newcomers:

- When a teenager arrives, welcome them as an Al-Anon member. Safety in meetings applies to everyone.
- When someone other than the selected participants (parents, LGBTQIA+ members, men, etc., as found in the Advanced Search feature) arrives, welcome that person to the meeting and share how to find additional choices for their next meeting.
- Offer meeting lists with electronic and in-person options for attending Al-Anon meetings and contact numbers for support between meetings.

Is your group ready to welcome anyone, anytime?

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

Saturday January 11, 2025

Door opens at 8am. Meeting starts at 9am.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fellowship Hall: 1454 Belleair Rd. Clearwater 33756