

AL-ANEWS

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DISTRICT 7

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Welcome to District 7's Al-Anews. Our monthly newsletter: source of information from District 7, Area 9 and WSO, World Service Office.

This newsletter is available to all members of Al-Anon in District 7 (Pinellas County). Group Representatives should have a printed copy (black and white is fine) available at meetings. If you would like to receive your own copy sent to your email, send an email to alanews@d7afg.org (hold control key and click link)

You will receive a blind copy, keeping with our principle of anonymity the second Wednesday of each month.

Just put subscribe in subject line.

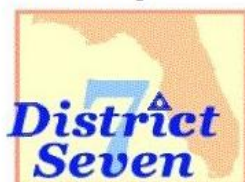
You can also put your text number in body of message and Laurie will text you a copy.

Lots of valuable and interesting information in each edition.

Don't miss out on what is going on!!

**Newsletter is also available by going to
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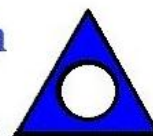
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Al-Anon / Alateen
Family Groups

For Families and Friends of Alcoholics

St. Petersburg, Clearwater -- Pinellas County, Florida



DISTRICT 7 SERVICE

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

District Information Services Liaison is needed to complete panel

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

ALL JOB DESCRIPTION GUIDELINES CAN BE FOUND AT D7AFG.ORG

Service

Service is the 12th Step of Al-Anon!

(hold down control button on keyboard and click blue link)

[Service Opportunities](#) — Await your time and talents!

[Forms](#) — Help you in your service.

[Guidelines](#) — Describe various details of service.

[History/Archives](#) — Contain information about past Service and the history of District 7.

[Members](#) — Member can log on to see Budgets and District Minutes.

DISTRICT MEETING INFORMATION

Updates/corrections/additions

New group information can be announced each month

Send fliers or information to alanews@d7afg.org
to be posted in Al-Anews.
The deadline is 5th of each month.

Oakhurst Wednesday Night

Oakhurst United Methodist Church
13400 Park Blvd., Seminole, FL 33776
West end of building Room 12

NEW

**Beginners' Meeting before regular
Wednesday Night meeting.**

7:15 PM

**Regular Meeting
8:00 PM**

Clearwater Discussion AFG Sunday 7:00 PM

Trinity Presbyterian Church
2001 Rainbow Drive
Clearwater, FL 33765

Location instructions:

Behind Culvers on Gulf to Bay.
The door is the office sign in chapel.

DISTRICT 7 UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

ELEVEN & ELEVEN ANNIVERSARY PARTY

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 22
10 AM**

**St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
1955 S Belcher Rd
Clearwater, FL 33764**

Zoom info:
ID: 198 401 134
pw:649335

BRING A DISH

50/50 RAFFLE

**AA and AL-ANON
SPEAKERS**

DISTRICT 7 UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES



**48th ANNIVERSARY MEETING!
COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

BRIGHT PROMISE AFG

(formerly known informally as "the Shore Acres group")

**Tuesday, Feb 25
12.15pm**

**Al-Anon speaker
Eats
Fellowship**

**Now meeting at:
First Presbyterian Church at 701 Beach Drive NE
St Petersburg 33701**

**School room N123
Parking on N Shore Drive (around the block) across from dog park**

DISTRICT 7 UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Hi Hopes, AFG

**49th
Anniversary**

AA AND AL-ANON SPEAKERS

February

28

2025

**All
Welcome**

Zoom only

ID: 822 420 1197
PW: 638389

DISTRICT 7 UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

HI HOPES
FOR TODAY
FACE 2 FACE

2ND ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 28, 2025

7:30PM

AA AND AL-ANON SPEAKERS
FACE 2 FACE

FELLOWSHIP

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

RIVIERA METHODIST CHURCH
175 62ND AVE N
ST PETERSBURG, FL 33702

DISTRICT 7 UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Gottawanna Weekend Workshop

Presented by Women's Gottawanna AFG
Come Share in a Weekend of Recovery

Cultivating Your Garden of Recovery

May 2 - 4, 2025

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
1920 Streetman Drive Lithia, FL. 33547

Registration 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 2nd

Workshop ends at noon on Sunday, May 4th

Double Occupancy, 2 nights, 5 meals: \$225

Contact Shelly at gottawannaweekend@gmail.com

DISTRICT 7 ALATEEN NEWS

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



*** SAVE THE DATE ***

**2025 AREA 9
ALATEEN CONFERENCE**

FRIDAY, SEPT 5TH - SUNDAY SEPT 7TH

Spend a **weekend** of fun and fellowship
in beautiful **Lake Placid, Florida**

FREE for children ages 8-18
includes food, lodging, and all activities!

Registration details coming soon to
[HTTPS://WWW.AFGAREA9.ORG/](https://www.afgarea9.org/)

Only Children AND Area 9 Certified AMIAS
are welcome to attend

Find out more about *Alateen* and how to become an AMIAS at
<https://www.afgarea9.org/alateen-resources-panel-64.html>

*** HELP PICK THE THEME *
AND DESIGN THE LOGO!**

Submit your ideas by **February 15, 2025!**
Ask your AMIAS to Email them to
ALATEEN-64@AFGAREA9.ORG

District 7 is looking to start a *new Alateen meeting*
at the same time as the Al-Anon meeting Friends of Lois
on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm on 62nd Ave N near 66th Street Pinellas Park.
We have a room, and teens interested in coming
but need 2 AMIAS to become the group's sponsors.

Please think about this.

This could be a wonderful service opportunity for you.

If interested contact Sharon

at DAPP@d7afg.org for more information

DISTRICT 7 LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION CENTER

DID YOU KNOW????

All Al-Anon members can order literature through our District. You don't need to go through your group Literature person.

Simply email literature@d7.org with your order.

Kimberly will get back to you with financial and distribution information.

Below is the link to the WSO Online Store Catalog in a PDF Format.
You can print one out for your personal use and/or your group.
The catalogue also includes links to material available for download.

HIT CONTROL KEY AND CLICK [WSO Literature Catalogue](#)

Please consider ordering your literature from District 7 AFG

HIT CONTROL KEY AND CLICK literature@d7.org

You can find an order form to order directly from District 7 via email

HIT CONTROL KEY AND CLICK literature@d7.org

Arrangements can be made for pick-up at the monthly district meetings held the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Let me know if these don't work and I'll e-mail them to you directly.

FORUM
SUBSCRIPTION



The Forum subscription order form

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An electronic edition of *The Forum* is available for purchase through your electronic media provider.
(Please see the "Electronic Literature" category at al-anon.org/eforum for more details.)

Send this subscription to: (for Group subscriptions see below)

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DISTRICT 7 AMIAS INFORMATION

Think for a few minutes of how important your program is in your life and how your life would be if you did not have a program to help you live it. Do you think teens' lives would benefit from the same program and that they should have a program to help them live their lives? Think about how you could help them to find their way to a better life just like you did/do and consider becoming an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member In Alateen Service). There are many ways you can do service in Alateen but you need to be an AMIAS to do so. You would receive many benefits as well. You would need to complete the FRESH training and get a background check (reimbursed by the District). ALSO, CURRENT AMIAS NEED TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING TO BECOME RECERTIFIED FOR THE COMING YEAR. The dates of upcoming training are:

February 22 from 9:30 am - noon

March 6 from 6:30 - 9 pm

April 5 from 9:30 am - noon

May 8 from 6:30 - 9 pm

Alateen Sponsorship



Alateen, a part of Al-Anon, is for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Every Alateen group needs active, adult members of Al-Anon to serve as Sponsors. The following questions may help you decide if you can say "yes" to Alateen sponsorship.

1. Are you looking for service work that is rewarding, loving and exciting?
2. Have you ever thought about helping Alateen?
3. Are you aware that sponsoring Alateen is a Twelfth-Step opportunity for you?
4. Is there an Alateen meeting in your town?
5. Have you thought of the teens who want help and can't get it because Alateen isn't available?
6. Can you make a commitment to an Alateen meeting for the next six months or year?
7. Are you willing to meet with Alateen members to share with them, laugh with them, and sometimes cry?
8. Can you allow Alateens to conduct their own meeting without controlling or directing?

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9. Can you listen with an open mind, giving Alateen members the freedom to express themselves?
10. Can you respect the anonymity of Alateen members by not discussing their comments with their parents or others?
11. Can you say no to inappropriate behavior and explain your reasoning while continuing to love them?
12. Can you suggest program tools (slogans, Steps, Traditions, books, pamphlets) and not give advice?
13. Do you know the difference between guidance and domination? Are you willing to learn?
14. Have you thought, if only you knew how to go about it, you would sponsor Alateen?

If you are at least 21 years old, have been an active member of Al-Anon for at least two years, have met your area requirements, and are willing to share your program, Alateen sponsorship may be for you. If you are interested, make contact with your group representative, an Alateen Sponsor, Area or District Alateen Coordinator, District Representative or Information Service (Intergroup) Office.



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There will be an Alateen
Conference for 2025
in Lake Placid, FL.
September 5-7.

I know we have teens interested
in going.

Let's make this a great
experience

for all North Florida teens.

There is a planning meeting
scheduled for

January 16 at 7 pm.

if you are an AMIAS who is
willing to help,
please attend this meeting.

If interested contact Sharon
at DAPP@d7afg.org for more

information **Number 2**

DISTRICT 7 DISL INFORMATION

AA Liaison position Open

Al-Anews submit information to alanews@d7.org

To receive Al-Anews in your own personal inbox send email to alanews@d7.org or request a copy to be texted and include your phone number

Alateen position Open

Archives digitizing District 7 archives

Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Worked with PTSA to have Al-Anon outreach on 2 buses, going north on US 19 and going south on 34th St. Starting soon.

District Alateen Process Person Current and new members wanting to be an AMIAS's (Al-Anon Member In Alateen Service) need to certify (recertify). Contact Sharon, dapp@d7afg.org

Group Records All changes to group information should be sent to Patty, grouprecords@d7afg.org. To keep your meeting active, you must have a CMA.

Information Line Looking for volunteers to return calls to people leaving messages on district voice mail. Contact Carolyn, informationline@d7afg.org

Institutions position Open

Public Information Shira is working with local governments to get word out about Al-Anon

Spanish new meeting started, see When and Where

Speakers List Contact Jen H, speakerlist@d7afg.org If interested in sharing your story.

Technology/Website Send group event flyers and information to Ed, webkeeper@d7afg.org

When and Where Printed quarterly. Anyone updates should go to Bonnie, whenandwhere@d7afg.org

AREA 9 UPCOMING EVENTS

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/convention.2025

\$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

AREA 9 UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!!

2025 Area Service Workshop

“Participation is the Key
to Harmony and Growth”

Hosted by District 13



Saturday, October 11, 2025

Christ Venice Church

1475 Center Road

Venice, FL

More details to follow!

nfdistrict13al-anon.org

NEWS FROM WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

Did you Know?

Who receives "In The Loop"?

In The Loop is automatically sent to all Al-Anon groups' Current Mailing Address (CMAs) of record, just like *Group eNews*, the WSO newsletter that preceded it, used to be.

New CMAs are added as they are identified; however, since *In The Loop* is also for individual members, outgoing CMAs are not removed from the distribution list unless they ask to be removed or if their email bounces back.

All members are encouraged to register to receive *In The Loop* at al-anon.org/emailme (hold control key and click link)

Contributions & Self-Support Al-Anon's Tradition Seven

"Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of Al-Anon service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but all service levels remain self-supporting. This keeps Al-Anon free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose of supporting families and friends of alcoholics.

In keeping with Al-Anon's Tradition Seven, Al-Anon is self-supporting, accepting contributions only from Al-Anon members and declining outside contributions.

Make a personal donation to World Service Office by going to:

[Al-Anon Member - Al-Anon Family Groups](#) (hold control key and click link)

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

Saturday MARCH 8, 2025

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