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KUDOs to the

Day of Workshop Committee

For putting on an amazingly

wonderful successful

Day of Workshops!!

Thank you to all the workshop presenters for sharing your incredible experience, strength and hope.

For more information regarding District 7

D7afg.org is our website. Check it out.

Pinellas County (District 7) hotline for information

(727) 548-6811

ST PETERSBURG BEGINNERS MEETING 48th ANNIVERSARY

June 18

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

4444 5TH Ave N

ST Petersburg

Meeting begins at 10:30

AA and Al-Anon speakers

Pot luck lunch begins at 11:45

Bring a dish to share



DISTRICT 7 ALATEEN NEWS

New Alateen Meeting Beginning June 5th

The **Beacon of Hope Alateen** meeting which previously has been held on Tuesday at 8pm at the Christ Lutheran Church has moved day, location and time. The **Beacon of Hope**

Alateen meeting Is **now being held** on Thursday at 6pm at Grace Brethren Church, 6300 62nd Ave. Pinellas Park. This is at the same time as Friends of Lois AFG.

1 IN 4
CHILDREN
are affected by
someone's drinking.
You are not alone.
Alateen can help.

Pinellas County (District 7) hotline for information (727) 548-6811







Other District 7 Alateen Meetings

Countryside Friday Night Alateen*

Friday 7pm

North Northwood Presbyterian Church Rm#8

2875 SR-580, Clearwater, FL 33761

* Al-Anon meets at same time



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 DEA

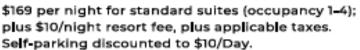
SATURDAY BOX LUNCH, SATURDAY BANQUET & SUNDAY MORNING BUFFET \$140.00 THROUGH 12-31-2024

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



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: CONVENTION2025 REGISTRATION @AFGAREA9. ORG



registration

1:00 - 7:45 PM

workshops

4:00 - 4:45 PM (1)

5:00 - 6:00 PM (1)

6:15 - 7:15 PM (1)

9:15 - 10:00 PM (1)

general session

7:30 - 9:00 PM

hospitality

6:00 - 7:30 AM

1:00 - 5:30 PM

6:30 - 7:30 PM

9:45 - 11:30 PM

serenity room

2:45 - 7:45 PM

9:45 - 10:30 PM

literature

3:00 - 7:45 PM

9:45 - 10:30 PM

FRI

raffle / boutique

2:00 - 7:45 PM

10:00- 11:00 PM

drop off raffle baskets above hours



registration

7:00 - 9:45 AM

11:30 AM - 1:45 PM

workshops

6:45 - 7:30 AM (1)

7:45 - 8:30 AM (2)

8:45 - 9:45 AM (8)

1:15 - 2:15 PM (8)

2:30 - 3:30 PM (8)

3:45 - 4:45 PM (8)

5:00 - 5:45 PM (8)

9:00 - 10:00 PM (2)

10:15 - 11:00 PM (1)

SAT

general session

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

hospitality

6:00 - 9:45 AM

3:30 - 5:30 PM

9:00 - 11:30 PM

serenity room

8:00 - 9:45 AM

11:30 AM - 1:45 PM

3:30 - 4:15 PM

literature

8:00 - 9:45 PM

11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

ticketed meals

12:00 - 1:00 PM

6:15 - 7:15 PM

Pick up raffle baskets -

Saturday 9:00 - 10:30 PM



raffle / boutique

8:00 - 9:45 AM

12:00 PM - 1:45 PM

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2025 Area 9 Service Workshop

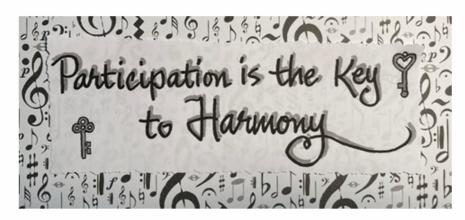
Hosted by District 13 (South Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto and Glades Counties)

Saturday, October 11, 9 am - 3pm

Doors will open at 8:30 am

Christ Venice Church 1475 Center Rd, Venice, FL 34292

All are welcome to come and share as we explore Concept 4 with Al-Anon Speakers and Panelists represented from all levels of service



\$25 ADVANCE Online REGISTRATION (INCLUDES MORNING SNACK AND BOX LUNCH)

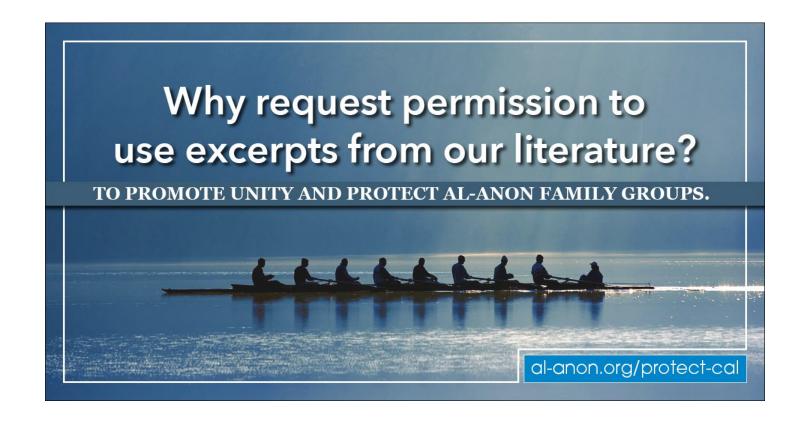
*SCAN QR code at the bottom of this page with your phone OR
*LINK to the registration form https://forms.gle/gaTWgfg9qXj8fE3z9
"Walk - Ins" are welcome on the day of the event. \$25 registration will be payable by cash or check(payable to District 13 AFG)(no credit cards) This option does not require advance registration but will not include a snack or lunch.

PLEASE BRING YOUR SERVICE MANUAL IF YOU HAVE ONE



CONTACT Pam L with questions: serviceworkshop2025Registration@afgarea9.org





Inside Al-Anon Family Groups

The Value of Sharing Our Experience

Before Al-Anon, I thought the loving thing to do when anyone shared their problems with me was to offer them my best advice about how to fix whatever the problem was. Whether I had any expertise related to their problem or not, I would eagerly tell the person what I thought they should do. Solutions popped around in my mind like popcorn kernels in a kettle of hot oil.

When I got to my first Al-Anon meeting and heard the guidelines for sharing—something about not giving advice and speaking from our own experience—I wondered how anyone was going to get the help they needed. More than that, I wondered how I was going to get the help I needed if no one there could tell me what to do.

Fittingly, the name of my home group was "Listen and Learn." As members shared their experiences, I recognized my own and felt relief that I was not alone. As they shared the tools and spiritual principles that helped them navigate their various alcoholic family situations and personal challenges, I learned that I could use those same tools and apply those same principles to my life.

I found more of this valuable experience, strength, and hope in the pages of our Conference Approved Literature (CAL). There were even indexes where I could look up specific topics! Al-Anon literature is the source of help that it is not because it advises or tells members what to do, but because it is made up of the lived experiences of our members. Reading about the myriad ways Al-Anon members apply our Legacies and program principles gives me resources, options, and most of all, hope for dealing with the effects of the family disease of alcoholism.

In 2023, the World Service Conference (WSC) approved the development of a new piece of literature on PERSONAL AND SERVICE SPONSORSHIP (working title) focusing on members' personal stories. In 2024, the WSC approved the development of a piece of literature about how members apply Al-Anon principles to their relationship with finances. The World Service Office (WSO) is currently seeking sharings for the FINANCES IN AL-ANON RECOVERY piece (working title) and the PERSONAL AND SERVICE SPONSORSHIP piece. (Visit al-anon.org/sharing to see the detailed writing guides for each and to submit online.)

Additionally, WSO Staff will be conducting writing workshops at the 2025 A.A. International Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3–6, 2025. Writing workshops will be offered in English and Spanish and will focus on the new CAL as well as on writing about the Legacies and writing for our magazines.

Thanks to Al-Anon, I no longer blurt out advice or tell other people what to do. I can tell you, though, that sharing my experience in writing, whether for *The Forum* or another piece of CAL in development, has enriched my recovery. In sharing my experience, strength, and hope, I always receive far more than I give.

By Carol C., Associate Director—Literature

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"Our Common Welfare"—Notes from the WSO

Carrying the Al-Anon Message Online

Whether we use social media to connect with friends and family or follow our favorite interests, it has become a large part of our lives. Social media is one way we can carry the Al-Anon message, but it can be tricky.

The Social Media Policy found in the Public Outreach section of the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" in the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) provides guidance about using social media to spread our message of help and hope to those suffering as a result another person's alcoholism.

The Policy provides carefully defined service authority, such as who can create Al-Anon or Alateen social media pages/profiles and what roles groups and members can take on, so that each member and service arm can understand the role they play in using this avenue for carrying the message.

While sharing the message of help and hope to families and friends of alcoholics on social media, members are encouraged to practice obedience to the unenforceable by adhering to Al-Anon Traditions. Tradition Eleven states, in part, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, and TV." This applies to our online presence as well, as does Tradition Twelve, which states, "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities."

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Next District Meeting

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

Saturday JULY 12

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

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fellowship Hall:1454 Belleair Rd, Clearwater 33756