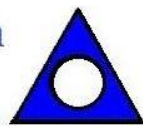


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Take a look and see  how much is going on in  
our District 7 and Area 9

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October 25	District 7 Gratitude Luncheon	p.7

**GR's - Please make sure you announce these events at your meetings.  
There are flyers attached with more information. Please Spread the Word.**

### **Important District 7 information.**

District 7 has openings for service positions at the district level. These, as all services positions, can help elevate your personal program. Take some time to pray and meditate regarding your open mindedness to serve.

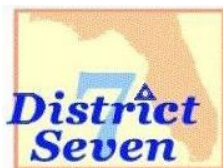
**DISL Chair: District Information Services Liaison. Go to [d7afg.org](https://d7afg.org) and search for Service Position Guidelines for more specific information**

**Group Records Chair: Keeps meeting information current with District 7, Area 9 and WSO. Go to [d7afg.org](https://d7afg.org) and search for Service Position Guidelines for more specific information**

**The NFA Convention on August 29-31 is hosting a Raffle Room. Please ask your meeting if they would be willing to put together a basket to donate.**

**The NFA Assembly on September 26-28 will be having a raffle. District 7 is responsible for running it. Ask if anyone would like to do service for 1 day, Saturday September 27, all expenses paid for by District 7. For more information contact Heather D. at [dr@d7afg.org](mailto:dr@d7afg.org). Also ask your meeting if they are willing to submit a basket.**

**District 7 Website: [d7afg.org](https://d7afg.org)  
District 7 Information line: 727-548-6811**

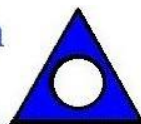


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**2025 Florida North AFG Convention**  
**August 29 - 31, 2025**  
**Caribe Royale Orlando**

**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](https://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:...**

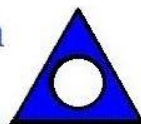
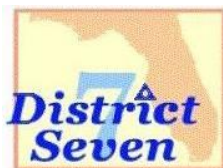
Online reservation link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50866101>

Caribe Royale Reservation Phone for AFG: 800-823-8300

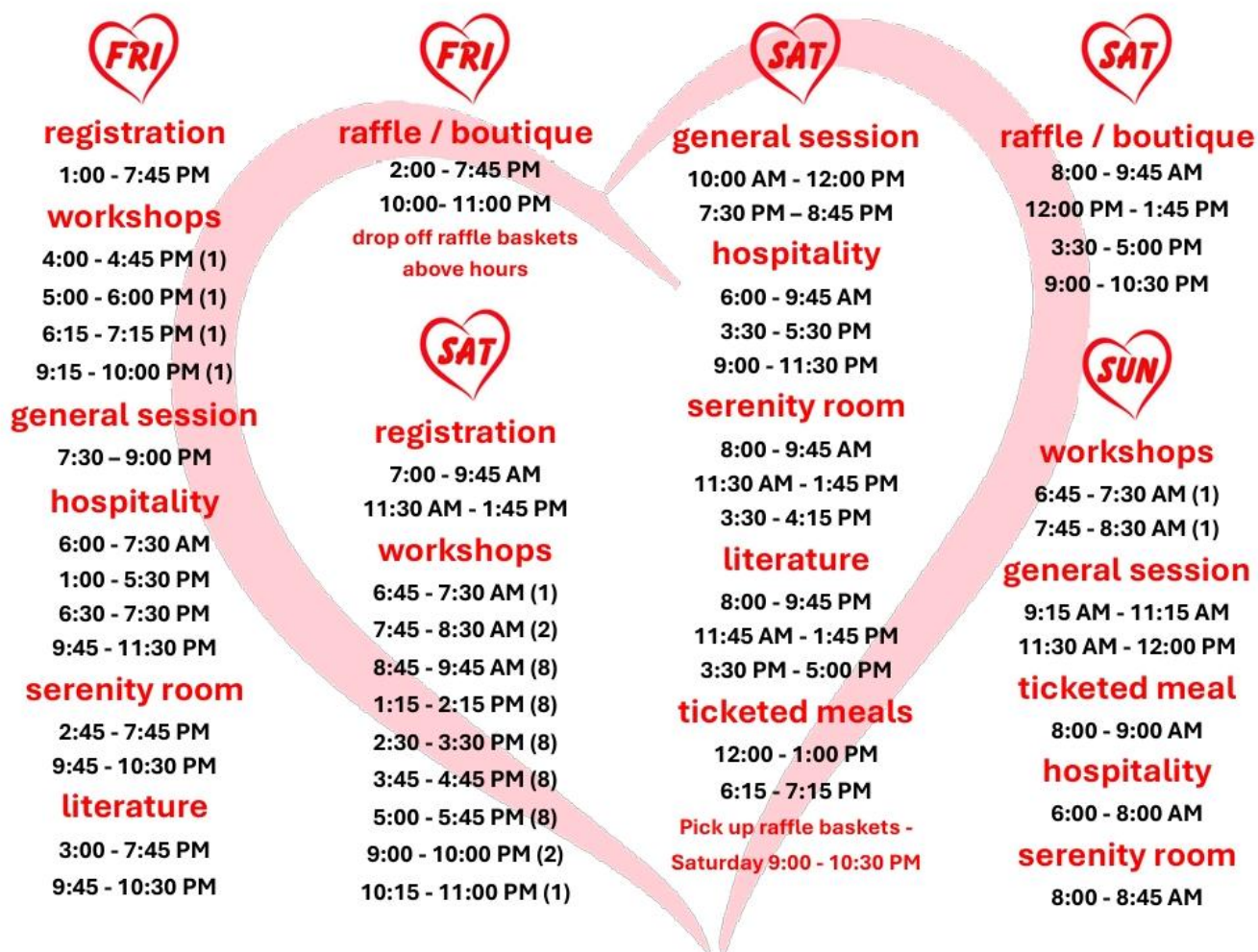


**FOR QUESTIONS ON AL-ANON CONVENTION PLEASE CONTACT:**

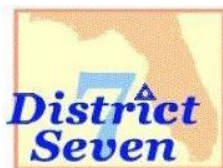
**CONVENTION2025REGISTRATION@AFGAREA9.ORG**



## SCHEDULE FOR NFA CONVENTION

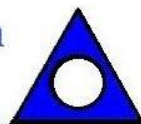






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### Alateen News

FLORIDA  
Share Your  
2025  
Heart  
Conference

Friday,  
September 5th  
through  
Sunday,  
September 7th  
in Beautiful  
Lake Placid

Weekend of  
Fun and  
Fellowship  
for Children  
and Teens  
Ages 8-18

Florida Alateen Conference Hosted by Florida North Area 9, District 12  
Only Children, Teens AND Florida Certified AMIAS are welcome to attend

Register Today! contact an AMIAS or Email [AlateenConference2025@AFGArea9.ORG](mailto:AlateenConference2025@AFGArea9.ORG)

Find out more about Alateen and how to become an AMIAS at:  
Florida North Area 9: <https://www.afgarea9.org/alateenresources/pinell-64.html>

Questions? Email [ALATEEN-64@AFGAREA9.ORG](mailto:ALATEEN-64@AFGAREA9.ORG) or Call/Text (248) 760-0337

**ALATEEN** Hope and Help for young people who are affected by someone else's alcoholism.

**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**

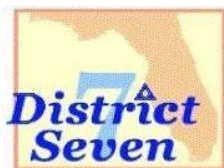
From District 7 Alateen Process Person, Sharon C.

Alateen in this District is in trouble. The meeting in Countryside is closing due to lack of teens attending and the last meeting will be August 8. This leaves us with only one Alateen meeting in our District, the Beacon of Hope, which meets at the same time as Friends of Lois on Thursday night at 6 pm. Currently there are only three teens who come and not to every meeting. I have learned that successful Alateen meetings get their members from AA meetings. I have left meeting notices at Terra Nova Club and Rebos Club. What I am asking of you is if you know of any AA members, please ask them if they could pass the information on to their groups and to spread the word in their program. Also periodically announce it in your Al-Anon groups. We need to remember to "LET IT BEGIN WITH ME" in order to make it possible for those teens who need the help and hope our program offers. They cannot exist without our support!

#### District 7 Alateen Meetings

**Beacon of Hope Alateen**  
**Thursday 6pm**  
**Grace Brethren Church**  
**6300 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, Pinellas Park**

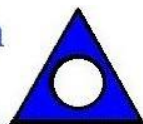
**Countryside Friday Night Alateen**  
Has closed due to lack of attendance



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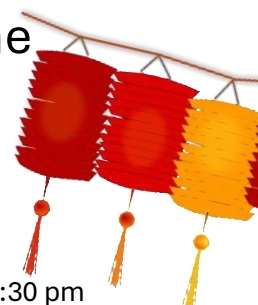
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Please join us in celebration of the  
16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Women's Gottawanna AFG



**Speakers**

*Bring a dish to share*

**Laughter**

**Fellowship**

Date: September 24, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Location: Riviera United Methodist Church  
175 62nd Ave N, St. Petersburg, 33702

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON

Hybrid Meeting ID: 822 420 1197

Password: 638389

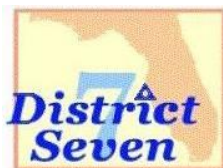


**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**  
**GOOD MORNING AL-ANON AFG**  
**33rd Anniversary**

**October 19, 2025**  
**10.30 am-12 noon**

St Anthony's Hospital  
1200 7th Ave N  
St Petersburg  
Ground Level Auditorium

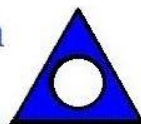
**Speakers**  
**Pot Luck Lunch**  
*Bring a Dish to Share*  
**Raffle**



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## 2025 Area 9 Service Workshop

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

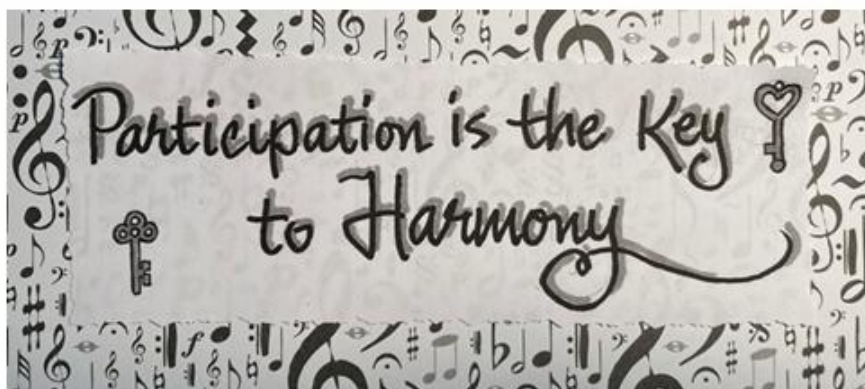
**Saturday, October 11, 9 am - 3pm**

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>

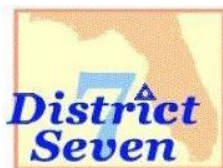
**"Walk - Ins" are welcome on the day of the event.** \$25 registration will be payable by cash or check (payable to District 13 AFG) (no credit cards) **This option does not require advance registration but will not include a snack or lunch.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR SERVICE MANUAL IF YOU HAVE ONE**



**CONTACT Pam L with questions :** [serviceworkshop2025Registration@afgarea9.org](mailto:serviceworkshop2025Registration@afgarea9.org)

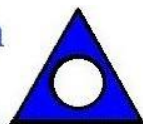




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# SAVE THE DATE

## DISTRICT 7 GRATITUDE LUNCHEON

Saturday October 25, 2025

12:30–3:00pm

Doors open at noon

St Catherine of Siena Church

1995 Belcher Road S

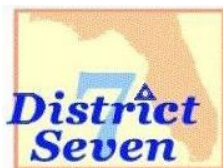
Clearwater, FL 33764

**Main Meal Provided**

**Raffle**

**Speakers**

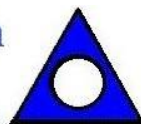




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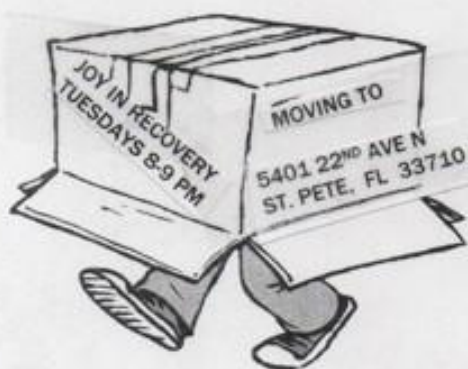
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WE ARE MOVING AS OF AUGUST 1, 2025



JOY IN RECOVERY TUESDAYS 8-9 PM

NEW ADDRESS IS:  
PALM LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
5401 22<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE NORTH  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33710

*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**

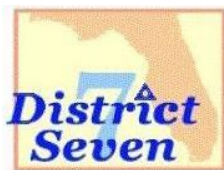


### **Friday Morning Friends VIRTUAL AFG**

The group voted to cease zoom meetings and not  
participate in GEA

The zoom account has been canceled effective July 31,  
2025

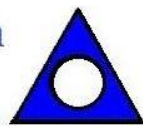




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### Inside Al-Anon Family Groups

#### Experiencing the Joy of Service

What does the saying, “When I Got Busy, I Got Better” mean to you? For me, this statement rings true. I remember the feeling I experienced when I had been in Al-Anon for about a year and my home group elected me to serve as the Group Treasurer. First of all, I could hardly believe that the members trusted me with the group’s treasury. Second, I was honored to assist with this important task. I handled my position with great care, and as I experienced the joy of service, I encountered growth in my recovery as well!

I remember being drawn to the members in my home group who had smiles on their faces and were cheerful despite what they shared about their personal lives during meetings. These members were applying the Al-Anon principles in all their affairs. And guess what? They were involved in Al-Anon service! I gravitated toward those people in service because I sensed that it would benefit my recovery. And it did!

*Would you like to experience more growth in your recovery and encounter the joy of service?*

Yes? That’s a great answer because it is election time for multiple Areas, and there are many opportunities to serve. Standing for a position, whether it is for your group’s Treasurer, a District Representative, or the Area Delegate can bring about the joy of service. Maybe you are eligible for a position at the Area level, or perhaps you are fairly new and can agree to serve as your group’s literature person or the CMA (Current Mailing Address). There are quite a few service opportunities from which to choose.

*Are you wondering where to find more information about elections?*

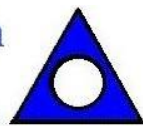
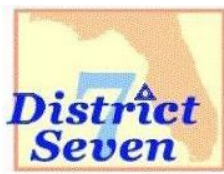
I encourage you to consider reading “Elections” in the “World Service Handbook” section of the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27). The “Handbook” explains how Al-Anon is held together worldwide, how it is structured, and how our trusted servants can best function within our structure. Specifically, “Elections” describes elections “At the Group Level,” “At the District Level,” and “At the Assembly Level.” There are also pages that describe the typical Election Assembly Procedure.

*Raise your hand if you want to experience the joy of service and catapult your recovery to the next level!*

I invite you to click on Free Downloadable Items at [al-anon.org/literature](http://al-anon.org/literature) and take a look at Al-Anon’s *Joy of Service (S-57)* leaflet as you consider stepping up to serve.

*By Suzanne M., Associate Director—World Service Events & History*

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### What Are the Links of Service About?

From all walks of life, we enter the rooms of Al-Anon, find belonging and membership, and embark on a recovery journey. Our common bond is that we've all been affected by someone else's drinking. Once we become a member of a group and participate in its business meetings, we are introduced to the links of service.

These links form a chain—not one of command, but one that functions as a flexible conduit of information and ultimately leads the future of Al-Anon. The first link is the Group Representative (GR), who links the group to their District and Area via an Area Assembly. An Area is typically an entire state or province or a segment of one.

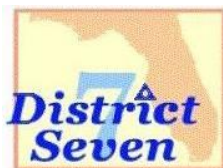
Group Representatives elect District Representatives (DRs) and Delegates to serve at the Area level. Each Area is represented at the World Service Conference (WSC), Al-Anon's annual business meeting, by its Delegate. Delegates can bring knowledge of their Area's conscience to the WSC because it has been communicated through the links of service. Without these links in place, members risk not being able to carry out their responsibility and authority as described in Concept One: "The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups."

### Are we linked?

- Does our group have an active GR?
- Does our District have an active DR?
- Is there participation and communication throughout our links of service?
- Is there regular rotation so that many members have the opportunity to experience service?

Visit [al-anon.org/s28](http://al-anon.org/s28) to download the free pamphlet *Links of Service* (S-28), and go to [al-anon.org/wsc-structure](http://al-anon.org/wsc-structure) to see a diagram of how these links function in the World Service Conference Structure.

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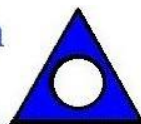


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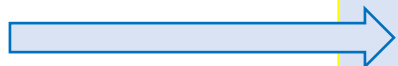
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District Secretary	Lili	District_secretary@d7afg.org
District Information Services Liaison	OPEN	disl@d7afg.org
DISL Secretary	Jan B.	Dis_secretary@d7afg.org
Literature Distribution Center	Kimberly H	literature@d7afg.org
AA Liaison	OPEN	aaliaison@d7afg.org
Al-Anews	Laurie L	alanews@d7afg.org
Alateen	OPEN	alateen@d7afg.org
Archives	Shelly F.	archives@d7afg.org
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Information Line	Carolyn L	informationline@d7afg.org
Institutions	OPEN	institutions@d7afg.org
Public Information	Shira P	publicinformation@d7afg.org
Spanish	Fanny	spanish@d7afg.org
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**Next District Meeting**  
(Monthly meeting for GR's, District trusted servants and any interested members)  
**Saturday September 13**  
Door opens at 8am. Meeting starts at 9am.  
CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Fellowship Hall:1454 Belleair Rd, Clearwater 33756