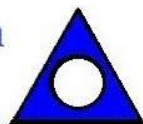


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Take a look and see  how much is going on in our District 7 and Area 9

Sept 24	Womens's Gottawanna 16 th Anniversary	p. 2
Sept 26-28	NFA Assembly: GR's attend in Orlando	
Oct 1	Al-Anon Wednesday Book Study Group	p. 3
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October 11	AREA 9 Service Workshop	p. 4
October 19	Good Morning Al-Anon 33 rd Anniversary	p. 5
October 25	District 7 Gratitude Luncheon	p. 6

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.

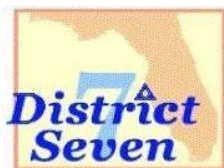
District 7 has openings for service positions at the district level. These, as all services positions, can help elevate your personal program. Take some time to pray and meditate regarding your open mindedness to serve.

DISL Chair: District Information Services Liaison. Go to d7afg.org and search for Service Position Guidelines for more specific information

The NFA Assembly on September 26-28 will be having a raffle. Please ask your meeting if they are willing to submit a basket.

NFA ASSEMBLY IS SEPTEMBER 26-28. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH GROUP TO SEND YOUR GR OR OTHER VOTED IN INDIVIDUAL TO THIS.

**District 7 Website: d7afg.org
District 7 Information line: 727-548-6811**

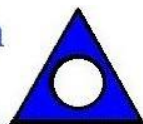


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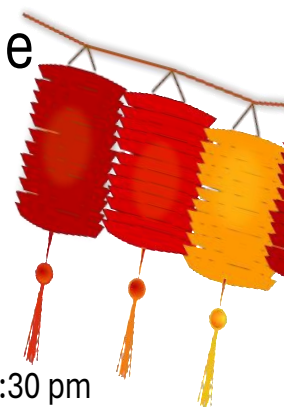
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Please join us in celebration of the
16th Anniversary of
Women's Gottawanna AFG



Speakers

Bring a dish to share

Laughter

Fellowship

Date: September 24, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Location: Riviera United Methodist Church

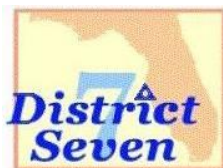
175 62nd Ave N, St. Petersburg, 33702

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON

Hybrid Meeting ID: 822 420 1197

Password: 638389

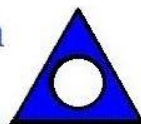




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October 1 , 2025 Please come celebrate our 1st year anniversary with Al-Anon in Dunedin 12:30-2:00 pm

Date: 10/1, Wednesday

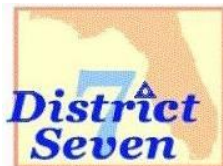
Time: 12:30-2:00 pm

Where: 411 Wood Street. Dunedin in Friendship Hall (Behind the First United Methodist Church) Enter on west side of building

Occasion: First Year Anniversary Party for Al-Anon Wednesday Book Study Group

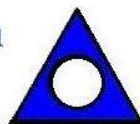
What you need: YOURSELF and if you want bring a brown bag lunch and a drink while listening to inspiring AA and Al-Anon Speakers. Raffle basket

If you have any questions please email: publicinformation@d7afg.org



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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

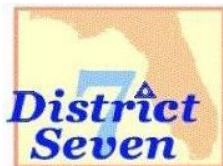
Ground Level Auditorium

Speakers

Pot Luck Lunch

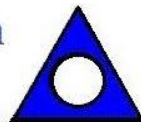
Bring a Dish to Share

Raffle



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2025 Area 9 Service Workshop

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

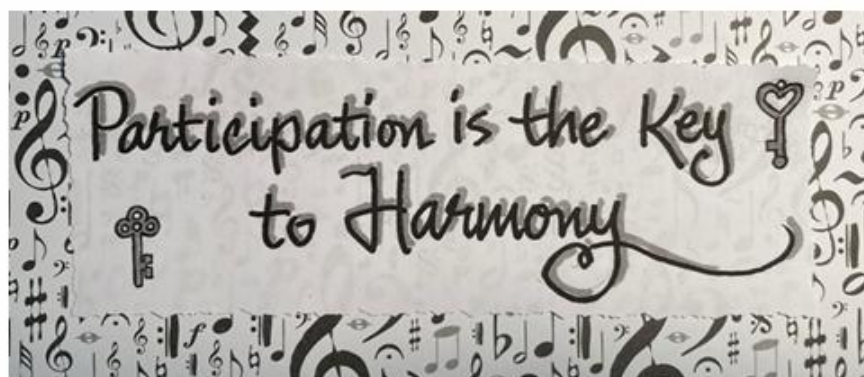
Saturday, October 11, 9 am - 3pm

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**

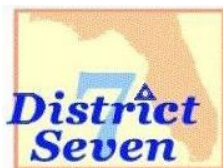
***LINK** to the registration form <https://forms.gle/gaTWgfg9qXj8fE3z9>

"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

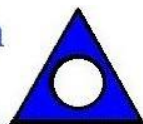


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SAVE THE DATE

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

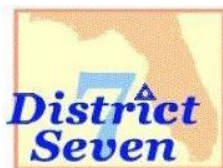
Main Meal Provided

Raffle

Speakers

Bring a dish to share



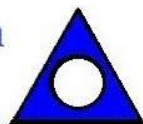


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12:30 - 3:00 pm

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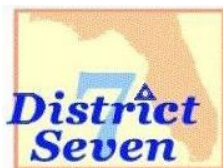
WE NEED A **HEADCOUNT!!!!!!**

THE STAKES ARE HIGH.
THERE WILL BE FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP, AND FOOD.

EACH GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE TO TEXT ROSALIE WITH THEIR
HEADCOUNT. PH: 781.686.4122

By Oct. 1, 2025

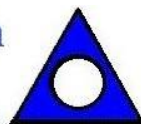
ALL ATTENDING RAISE YOUR HAND ONCE
REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF
MEETINGS YOU ATTEND.



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District 7 Alateen

Meeting

Beacon of Hope Alateen

Thursday 6pm

Grace Brethren Church

6300 62nd Ave N, Pinellas Park

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

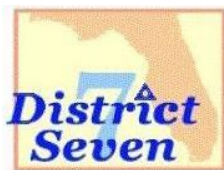


**Pinellas County (District 7)
hotline for information
(727) 548-6811**

Al-Anon Family Groups
Help and Hope for Families and Friends of Alcoholics

ALATEEN, part of the Al-Anon Family Groups, is a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism in a family member or close friend. If you know a young person affected by the family disease of alcoholism, please give them the same chance to recover in Alateen as you do in Al-Anon.

PLEASE PASS THE MESSAGE ON

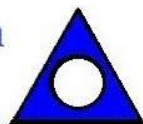


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District 7 AMIAS News

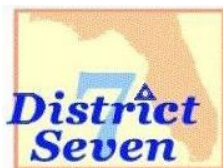
From District 7 Alateen Process Person, Sharon C.

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 Rebo's 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!

It is time again for current AMIAS to be recertified for next year by registering and attending a FRESH event and getting the form to Judy, our Area Alateen Coordinator at Alateen-64@AFGArea9.org. If you need a paper copy and are unable to print one, contact her at this email and she can send you one. For questions about what forms are needed, contact Karyn, our Area Alateen Process Person, at AAPP-64@AFGArea9.org. If you wish to become a new AMIAS, the process is outlined on the Florida North Al-Anon website in the Alateen section. You will need a background check done and can submit the receipt to our District Treasurer Sandy. The following dates have been scheduled so far for FRESH events to get certified for next year:

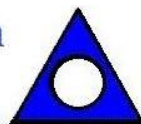
October 11, 2025 at 9:30 am - noon
November 13, 2025 at 6:30 - 9:30 pm

"Thank you all for your service to Alateen and to our Al-Anon Fellowship. Together we can make it!" (from Area Alateen website)



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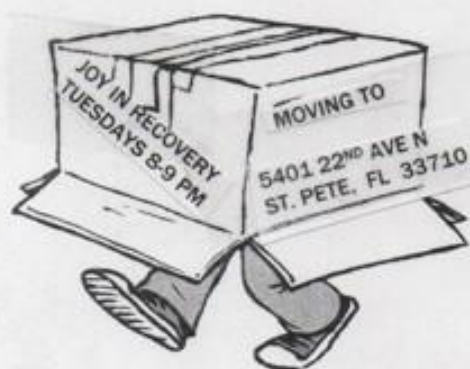
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WE ARE MOVING AS OF AUGUST 1, 2025



JOY IN RECOVERY TUESDAYS 8-9 PM

NEW ADDRESS IS:
PALM LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5401 22ND 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

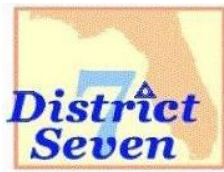
Beginning in November 2025 the **Wednesday Book Study Group** is going to go back to our original location at the **Lady of Lourdes Church** (their renovations are over!!)

**750 San Salvador Dr
Dunedin, FL 34698**

We meet Wednesday from 12:30-1:30

and we will resume on 11/1 going forward at Lady of Lourdes .

Until then we are at temporary location at Friendship Hall at 411 Wood St in Dunedin as part of the United Methodist Church

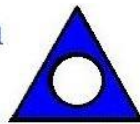


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Words Heard Around the Rooms

JADE

Don't need to:
Justify, **Argue**, **Defend**, **Explain**

3 C's
Didn't **CAUSE** it
Can't **CONTROL** it
Can't **CURE** it

3 B's
Be **Bold**
Be **Brief**
Be **Gone**

Honest, **Open**Minded, **Willing**

3 A's
Awareness
Acceptance
Action

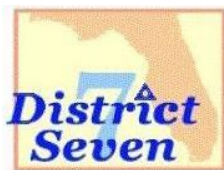
FEAR
Face **Everything** And **Recover**
False **Evidence** **Appearing** **Real**

FAITH
Fact **Accepted** In The **Heart**

LOVE
Let **Others** **Voluntarily** **Evolve**

3 C's
Didn't **CAUSE** it
Can't **CONTROL** it
Can't **CURE** it

DETACH
Don't **Even** Think **About** **Changing** Him/Her

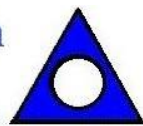


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Desperate to Change

I once read that 80 percent of people make changes out of desperation, while only 20 percent change due to inspiration. When I attended my first Al-Anon meeting, I was certainly not inspired to change—I was desperate. The truth is that pain can be a great motivator for change. I cannot say that change was easy for me, nor did it happen overnight. Week after week, attending Al-Anon meetings, I found myself seeking the camaraderie, friendship, and serenity I gained from our group.

It wasn't just the people I met, the wonderful [slogans](#) I heard (they do make a difference), the shared stories, and the tears we all shed that kept me coming back. While those were invaluable, it was the reconnection to my Higher Power that "sealed the deal." I remember crying at the end of my first meeting when our meeting chair led the closing, saying, "Who loves us?" I had not felt the love of my Higher Power in years, but now I felt a bond with God that I looked forward to each week.

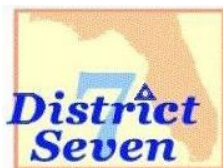
Today, I "Keep Coming Back" to the "club." I jokingly say, "No one wants to be a member at first, but somehow we are glad we are now." I continue to grow into the person I desire to become while also helping those new to Al-Anon find hope when there seems to be none. Pain in life is unavoidable, but suffering is optional. Al-Anon has brought me the peace and serenity I desperately sought simply because I kept coming back. After all, I'm worth it!

By Anonymous

The Forum, September 2025

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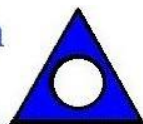


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NO OCTOBER MEETING



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

Saturday November 8

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

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fellowship Hall: 1454 Belleair Rd, Clearwater 33756