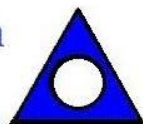


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District 7 News

EVENTS

- Nov 11 Tarpon Springs Tuesday Morning 11th Anniversary
Nov 15 Let it Begin With Me
Dec 10 Women's Gottawanna Giving and Receiving Meeting
Dec 16 Dunedin Women's AFG 3rd Anniversary
Jan 30-Feb 1 Camp Gottawanna Weekend Workshop

GRATITUDE LUNCHEON

On October 25th our District celebrated our wonderful fellowship. There over 100 people celebrating. We had fabulous AA and Al-Anon speakers. We had 32 raffle baskets that were all won and taken home to enjoy. Shira won our 50/50. This is not a fund raising event. It is free for all participants. Participants were very generous with their individual donation. 27 groups donated towards the main meal. With that being said, the \$900 seed money will be returned to the District treasurer.

FROM WSO

Dear Trusted Servants,

Please share the following request through the links of service in your Area.

The WSO is encouraging members to invite professionals in their communities-**counselors, educators, healthcare providers, social workers**, and others who refer individuals to Al-Anon-to contribute an article to the next edition of [*Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*](#), our outreach magazine.

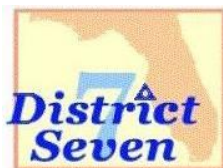
According to the 2024 [Membership Survey](#) 43% of Al-Anon members first heard about the program from a professional.

Articles written by professionals help illustrate that **alcoholism is a family disease** and that **recovery is possible**, not only for those with alcohol use disorders but also for their families. Their voices reinforce Al-Anon's role as a trusted source of ongoing support.

Share this link with a professional you know: al-anon.org/resources-for-professionals/call-for-articles/ (Or share attached PDF)

Submission deadline: November 21, 2025

Thank you for all you do to help carry the message of help and hope.

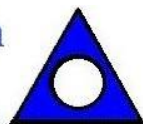


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**Connect with your 'Conscious Contact' to
Celebrate our 11th Anniversary!!**



****Join Tarpon Springs Tuesday Morning Friends in Food & Fellowship****

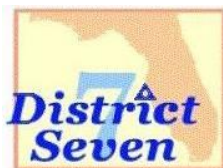
Tuesday November 11, 2025

11:00 – 1:00 PM RAIN or SHINE

Bring a dish to share and a chair (if desired)

Anderson Park, Shelter 1

39699 US HWY 19 in Tarpon Springs

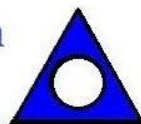


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*Come Work ALL 12 Steps
using Al-Anon CAL!*

Let It Begin With Me

AN AL-ANON 12 STEP STUDY WORKSHOP

Sat, Nov 15, 10 - 2pm (Eastern)

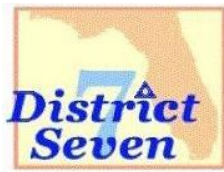
Potluck!

Online & in person
Zoom: 291 652 3853
Password: serenity

*Newbies
Welcome!*

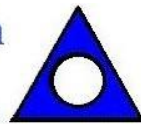
Radius Church, 165 13th St N, St Pete
▲ Pasadena Tranquility AFG
Info (330) 328-1221 text only





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Women's Gottawanna Meeting
Please join us for the Giving and Receiving Meeting

December 10, 2025 7:30 p.m.

175 62nd Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Practice Giving:

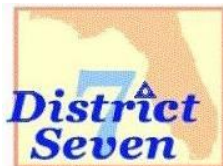
If you feel inspired to do so, bring your favorite Al-Anon quote (on paper-30 copies)

Practice Receiving:

Receive favorite Al-Anon quotes from other attendees

Topic for the evening will be on giving and receiving.

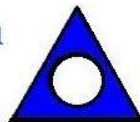
In addition to in person quotes, we are doing a zoom collection of quotes. Please contact Liesl Piotti for more information.



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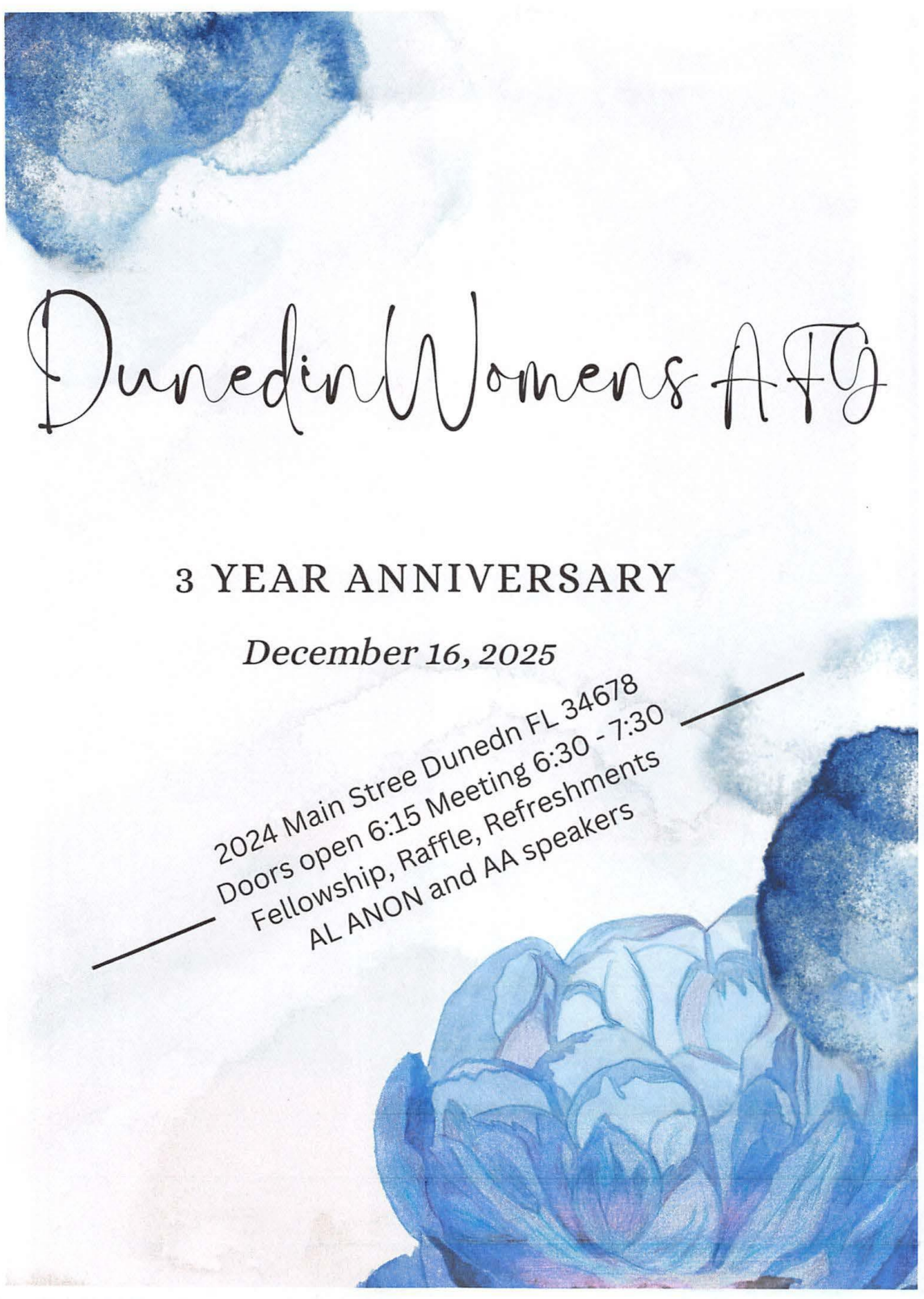
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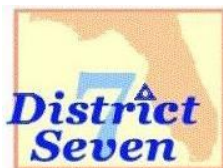


Dunedin Womens AFG

3 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

December 16, 2025

2024 Main Stree Dunedn FL 34678
Doors open 6:15 Meeting 6:30 - 7:30
Fellowship, Raffle, Refreshments
AL ANON and AA speakers

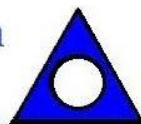


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Camp Gottawanna Weekend Workshop 2026

The Story of Recovery

Presented by Women's Gottawanna AFG

Come Share in a Weekend of Recovery, Fellowship and Fun, with time to
reflect and set intentions

January 30th - February 1st 2026

Registration starts 5:00 pm Friday - Workshop ends at noon on Sunday

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center

1920 Streetman Drive Lithia, FL. 33547

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

Contact Shelly at gottawannaweekend@gmail.com

Registration deadline January 10th, 2026

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check Amount Enclosed: _____ Roomate Request _____

Make check payable to Shelly Fox, and mail with form to:

2531 Winding Wood Drive

Clearwater, FL 33761

Or Venmo @Donna-Finke



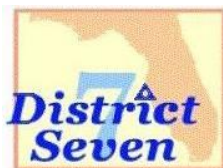
Or Register online
using this QR code



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Dietary Restrictions:

- ☐ Vegetarian
- ☐ Gluten-Free
- ☐ Lactose Free
- ☐ None

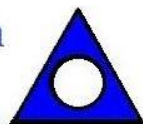


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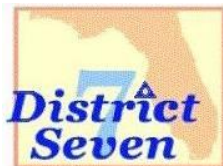
District 7 AMIAS News

The Beacon of Hope Alateen Meeting (SEE FLYER) meets on Thursday, 6 pm, at Grace Brethren Church, 6300 62nd Ave N, Pinellas Park (same time and place as Al-Anon meeting Friends of Lois), not far from the AA Rebos Club. If any AA members wish to drop off their kids, Rebos is open at this time. PLEASE pass this information along to your groups and encourage any one who knows of a teen in need of the program to attend! Also pass along to any AA meetings in the area as it has been shown that the majority of teens who attend Alateen meetings come from having parent(s) in the AA Program. Remember to Let It Begin With Me.

It is also time for current AMAIS to get recertified and any other members of Al-Anon who wish to become an AMAIS need to go through the process, it is outlined on the Area website if you search for Florida North Al-Anon and click on the Alateen button. Just follow the directions listed there and email Karyn or Judy if you need help. I am not able to access my District email at this time but will be working on it with our webmaster. The upcoming dates for training are:

November 13, 2025	6:30 - 9 pm
January 15, 2026	6:30 - 9 pm
February 21, 2026	9:30 am - noon
March 19, 2026	6:30 - 9 pm
April 11, 2026	9:30 am - noon
May 14, 2026	9:30 am - noon

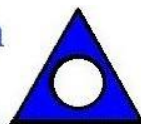
Contact Judy at Alateen-64@AFGArea9.org to schedule your training or for any questions you may have,



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District 7 Alateen **Meeting**

Beacon of Hope Alateen

Thursday 6pm

Grace Brethren Church

6300 62nd Ave N, Pinellas Park

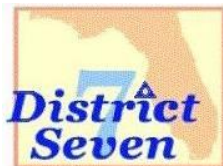
**1 IN 4
CHILDREN**
are affected by
someone's drinking.
You are not alone.
Alateen can help.

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



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.

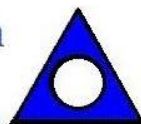
PLEASE PASS THE MESSAGE ON



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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

**Al-Anon
AYUDA**



**Para Quienes Conviven con Personas Afectadas
Por La Enfermedad del Alcoholismo**

Camino Serenidad

Jueves a las 6pm

Place Grace Brethren

6300 62nd Ave N

Pinellas Park, FL

Nueva Esperanza

Sabados a las 2pm

Northwest Church

6330 54th Ave N

St Petersburg, FL



**Si el alcoholismo te envuelve,
no le sigas el hilo.**

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



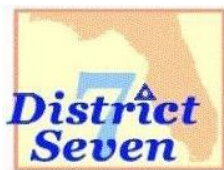
Northwest Church

6330 54th Ave N

St. Petersburg, FL

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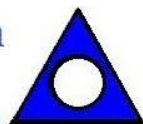


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The Day I Gave Up Fixing

Last year, on the first Tuesday in February, I attended my first meeting. It started as one of the worst days of my life—worse than the day I lost my dad to a sudden heart attack, worse than the day I lost my mom to a horrific infection. It was the day I had decided to end my suffering by driving off a winding road that overlooked a lake from several hundred feet above. I had found my spot and was getting ready to follow through with it when, suddenly, I heard my father's voice in my head telling me, "No one is worth taking your own life over. Smarten up and get yourself some help." It was as if he were sitting next to me in my car.

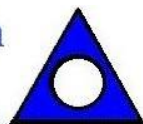
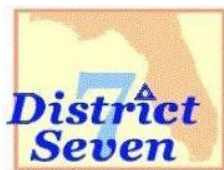
After a good 20 minutes of crying, I looked at the time, turned my car around, and drove straight to that meeting. I sat outside for about half an hour before people started arriving. I was petrified and couldn't find the courage to get out of my car. But then, two women walked up to my window and asked me if I needed help walking into the church. I am so very grateful for them, as I didn't have the strength to walk in on my own. The lowest day of my life turned out to be the day I gave up on trying to *fix* my alcoholic husband and started focusing on myself.

One year later, I am a much better version of myself. Our marriage is still intact, which is shocking considering where we were last year. It's exactly as I hear in the rooms: if we can help ourselves, then the people around us are bound to notice and might see things in a different light. My alcoholic husband is trying very hard to fix his issues. Because I now fully embrace that they are *his* issues to fix, not mine, I have more serenity than I have ever had. The three Cs come to mind for me today: I didn't cause it. I can't control it. I can't cure it. However, I can continue working on myself, and Al-Anon has given me all the tools I need to do so.

By Anonymous

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Are You Ready to Welcome Newcomers this Holiday Season?

The holidays are approaching quickly. For newcomers seeking help at this time of year, please make sure that your group meeting information is correct.

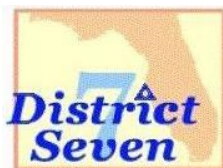
Ask yourself and your group, "What did I need when I went to my first meeting?" Specific location or login instructions about your meeting can be helpful to a newcomer attending Al-Anon or Alateen for the first time. We want everyone to feel welcome in our Al-Anon and Alateen meetings!

- Is there a special door to gain access to the building or a room number for the Al-Anon or Alateen meeting?
- Are there passwords or login instructions needed to join the Al-Anon meeting electronically?
- Is there a sign on the door or chat notice to alert people if your group won't be meeting that week? (For example, "Not meeting on Thanksgiving.")
- Is there a volunteer from the group to be a "Greeter" for those attending your Al-Anon or Alateen meeting for the first time?
- Has the group's temporary electronic meeting information been removed from your group record? If not, go to al-anon.org/update to update.

Submit your Al-Anon group changes [online](#) anytime throughout the year. For help with submitting Alateen changes, contact your Area Alateen Process Person.

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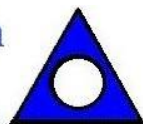


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Next District Meeting
(Monthly meeting for GR's, District trusted servants
and any interested members)

Saturday December 13

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

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fellowship Hall:1454 Belleair Rd, Clearwater 33756