

District Anniversaries

June 8

Palm Harbor/ Dunedin

June 17

St Pete Beginners

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Article from the Forum

District 7 Al-Anews June 2026

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District Events

JUNE 13 Day of Workshops

AUGUST 22 Funshop

AREA 9 Events

June 5-7 NFA 9 Assembly

Aug 28-30 NFA Convention

Sept 29 Service Workshop

Come Celebrate



Register early

Information From the Day of Workshops Committee

It's going to be an awesome Al-Anon Day

Register Early - it helps us organize better

Bring a Pot Luck dish, wraps will be provided by committee

We are asking groups to bring a breakfast item and a raffle basket

RAFFLE and BOUTIQUE

Bring baskets and Boutique items to event at either of these times

Fri June 12 9-12pm

Sat June 13 7:30-9am

Raffle and Boutique will be closed during all workshops and speakers

Boutique

Please donate Hand made items and
Items related to Al-Anon or Spirituality

We are not accepting personal items

There will be \$1, \$3, \$5 and \$7 tables

Place your items on table of your choice

Plastic bags for purchases will be appreciated



Palm Harbor/Dunedin AFG

Come Celebrate our 40th Anniversary!

Come celebrate with the Palm Harbor Dunedin AFG as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary!

Where: St. Mark Lutheran Church
1120 Curlew Road, Dunedin
(between CR 1 and Alternate 19)

When: Monday, June 8th - 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
6-7pm social hour, 7-8pm Speaker Meeting

What: Speakers, food and fellowship

Who: Hope y'all can join us!

Why: 40 years of recovery is something to celebrate!

Please bring covered dish to share. Cake will be provided.

Come ready to be refreshed and inspired!





***ST. PETERSBURG
BEGINNER'S AFG***

***48th ANNIVERSARY
LUNCHEON***

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

10:30 AM

***ST. LUKE'S UMC
4444 5th Ave N.
St. Petersburg***

*Speakers, Fellowship
Bring A Dish To Share*

Welcome to the June 2026 District 7 Information

We are coming to the end of Panel 64. In September we will be voting in a new panel of Officers and Chairs. All these positions and contact information is on the final page of this newsletter. Contact someone you might be interested in the position they are holding current. Talk to your Higher Power, talk to yourself and other AI-Anon friends, as well talk to your sponsor.

Groups will be voting for Group Reps, Treasurer, Secretary and Literature positions in October. Please start talking about it. Each group will also need to have a CMA – Current Mailing Address.

From some of the Chair people about their positions

The DISL secretary chair takes the minutes of the district meeting.

In other words, you take notes of what is said (not word for word, it's mainly a summary and high points of discussions).

If you've ever taken notes while listening to a phone message - then you have the skills for this position. Before the District meeting, I take the email reports which the chairpeople have sent in (to the DIS chairperson) and I "cut and paste" this information - into the "upcoming" District meeting document.

This allows me to add to a report while the District meeting is underway; such as further discussions or new material presented.

Bring your laptop or tablet to the District meeting.

You will need to keep track of dates - when the minutes are needed prior to the next District meeting (via email); and the date of Zoom meetings to attend prior to the District meetings.

I started with DISL secretary position when Panel 64 was already underway - I began in August 2024. For this reason, I am willing to stay through July 2027 - to be available for questions as I hand off this service position to the next AI-Anon member.

What has it been like? The District meetings are packed with good information. It is a pleasure to be among members who I've known for many years and also make new friends in the fellowship.

The AI-Anews Chair is a job I felt compelled to do at the time. It felt right and I don't regret fulfilling my position. Basically, I produce a digital monthly newsletter. I send it the DR to be sent out to those in service on the District level. I send out the AI-Anews to those who sign up to receive it. I send blind copies to kept with the principle of anonymity. I have free reign to do as I please without principles to relay information to members and groups about the going on's in District 7. There are District guidelines that I follow as well. It can be as long or short as you want. You can design the newsletter with any program you are familiar with or learn a new one.

There is 1 meeting a month prior to the District meeting that I attend with all the DISL chairs. This group is autonomous and has done meetings in restaurants, people's homes, at District prior to the meeting and on zoom.

At the District meeting I give a monthly report as to my progress, changes, or asking for help and submission of articles or information,

What have I gotten out of this service work? Confidence in myself that I can do it. The ability to make my own decisions or ask others for opinions. Gave me courage to stand for other positions. Going to the District meeting gives me a sense of belonging, which is huge for me. Feeling the warmth of the fellowship from around the county, not just my little niche in St. Petersburg.



NEW PANEL SERVICE FUNSHOP

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**TAKING PLACE AT
AUGUST DISTRICT**

1454 BELLAIR RD, 33756

Come explore service opportunities
with current and past position holders

Panel 67 begins January 2027



**When you don't know
where to turn...
because someone
drinks too much...**

Alateen can help.
(Alateen is part of Al-Anon Family Groups)
Learn more by attending a confidential meeting in your community.
888-4AL-ANON • al-anon.org

**Our meetings are for young people ages 9-18 whose lives
have been or are being
affected by alcoholism in a family member or friend.**

“Beacon of Hope Alateen”

IN – PERSON MEETING

THURSDAY 6-7 PM

**Grace Brethren Church
6300 62nd Ave N, Pinellas Park**

For more information contact:

dapp@d7afg.org or

District 7 information hotline: 727-548-6811

Again I want to thank all current AMIAS who have re-certified or are planning to at the remaining training left for this year in June. Also I appreciate a couple of members who have shown an interest in becoming an AMIAS for the first time. The process is outlined on the Area website if you search for Florida North Al-Anon and click on the Alateen button. Just follow the instructions listed there.

Trainings left for this year are:
June 13, 2026 from 9:30-noon (same day as DOW)

Contact Judy at Alateen-64@AFGarea9.org

North Florida Area 9 Events

**June 5th,6th&7th
Spring Area 9 Virtual Assembly**



Register (copy and paste to browser)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8541qdEDbS4QoF8aR38NlkqC3S-oql4c1jppWxMVhjMVgLA/viewform>

**All GR's or Alt. Gr's should plan to attend
This is part of your responsibility.
Because it is virtual, there is no cost.**

AREA SERVICE WORKSHOP

Busy As a Bee Enhances My Recovery

Explore the buzz busy bees make while bettering themselves in Al-Anon service!

Join us Saturday, September 19, 2026
9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Jacksonville
North Florida Area Service Workshop
Hosted by District 3

Including a Special Guest Speaker

All Saints Episcopal Church
4171 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville 32207

Registration: \$20/person (Includes Lunch
and Entry Into Gift Basket Drawings)

All Al-Anon
members
welcome



**BEE
BUDDY
SPECIAL!** TWO CAN REGISTER
FOR ONLY \$15 EACH
WHEN THEY REGISTER
TOGETHER!

Ready to Register?
Scan or click.
Or visit afgarea9.org/events



Want to stay a while?
Hilton Garden Inn special rates.
Scan or click.

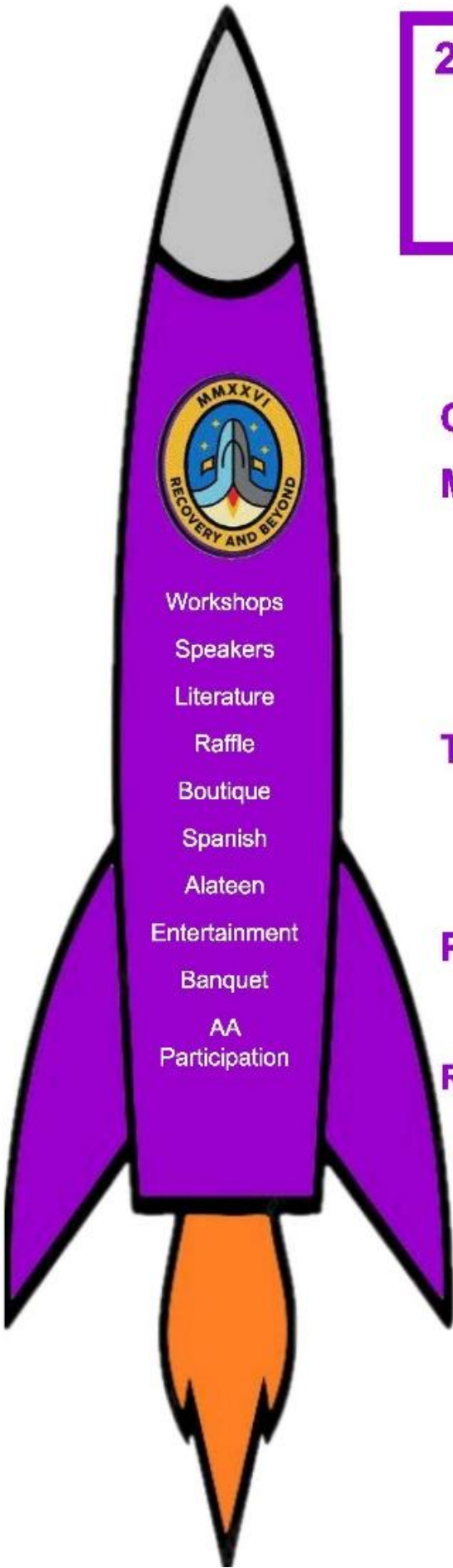


Questions? Email us at
serviceworkshop2026@afgarea9.org

2026 AFG AREA 9 SERVICE WORKSHOP

"Hey, Buzzy!
This sweet workshop is going
to be the Bee's Knees!"





2026 Florida North AFG Convention
August 28 – 30, 2026
Radisson Resort at the Port

	Regular	At The Door
Convention Registration	\$40	\$50
Meals:		
Saturday Buffet Lunch	\$36	
Saturday Night Banquet	\$58	
Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$36	
T-shirts:		
Short-sleeved	\$22	
Long-sleeved	\$25	
Patches	\$ 6	

Register for Convention online at:
AFGArea9.org/convention 2026



Hotel:
Radisson Resort at the Port
8701 Astronaut Blvd.
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
(321) 784-0000
\$169/night (occupancy 1 – 4)

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Letter from Lois

Sponsorship

(Lois W., 1967 Conference Digest)

Good evening, everybody! There seem to be more young faces here today than at any previous Conference—younger, gayer, and happier. Let's hope we'll accomplish just as much or more than any Conference so far! Sue asked me to say a few words on sponsorship.

The practice of sponsorship has been greatly neglected in Al-Anon. Its importance in the approach to newcomers should not be overlooked by us. When an older member takes a newcomer under her wing and gives her friendship and understanding, the new member can respond to the program more quickly and many a doubtful prospect can be encouraged to continue her interest in Al-Anon who otherwise might go away disheartened.

In the old days of A.A. to which I am always harking back, members often took a prospect into their homes and not only helped him to live in the program, but gave him bed, board, clothing, carfare—nursing him in a thousand ways. But that kind of sponsorship was never feasible in Al-Anon and I'm not sure it was a good practice anyway—except for the A.A. that were doing the sponsoring. It was good for them.

However, it would be very helpful if Al-Anon adopted many of the present day A.A. Sponsors' customs. To make sure that all newcomers are well received, the group appoints a special committee which not only greets all new arrivals but sees that they each have an appropriate, understanding Sponsor, one who appeals to the new member. Some Al-Anon groups do this now, of course, and it would be fun to see in how many of your home groups this kind of

sponsorship is practiced. (Calls for raise of hands). There must be at least 15 hands raised. That's very encouraging.

The initial Al-Anon contact is sometimes the one most suited to undertake the responsibility of sponsorship. This includes befriending the beginner, accompanying her to meetings, calling her during the week, and listening to her story, perhaps over and over again, thus making oneself a sounding board against which the new member can pour out her pent up emotions. When the beginner has this outlet, she is not so apt to spill over at meetings, which, we all know, is undesirable. The Sponsor's example can also be of great help to the recent arrival who thus learns what to do and what not to do.

When the new member is ready, the Sponsor should explain how gratitude can be expressed in service, the life-blood of Al-Anon. She can show how the phrase, "Keep It Simple," really relates to the program, reminding us not to "fancy it up," but does not refer to the service structure as it is sometimes interpreted to do. A service structure is necessary if there is to be any order or efficiency in "carrying the message." It does not complicate but simplifies the whole fabric of the fellowship, doing so particularly in relation to one of Al-Anon's most important responsibilities, the practice of the Twelfth Step, all over the world.

There is another phrase the Sponsor should explain if necessary, but not use, as it gives the wrong impression—"This is a selfish program." Our program, of course, is not a selfish one. Generally what the users of this phrase are trying to say is that the program is one of self-development and improvement, in order to be of more use to others.

So when we try to sponsor newcomers, aiding them to live by the Al-Anon program, we are not only benefiting them but strengthening ourselves as well. Thank you very much.

DISTRICT 7 CONTACT INFORMATION

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NO JUNE MEETING



Next District Meeting
 (Monthly meeting for GR's, District trusted servants and any interested members)
Saturday JULY 11
 Door opens at 8am. Meeting starts at 9am.
CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Fellowship Hall: 1454 Belleair Rd,
 Clearwater 33756