



District 7 Al-Anews July 2026

What's
upcoming panel
all about?
Lots of info
inside

No July events
Look Inside for
events for August
and September

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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

*Women's Gottawanna Al-Anon
17th Anniversary Meeting*



Presented by Women's Gottawanna AFG

Wednesday, September 9th 2026

7:30 – 8:45 pm

Riviera United Methodist Church

175 62nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg FL 33702

**Join us for an evening of food and fellowship including
Al-Anon and AA speakers**

This is a hybrid meeting and can be attended either in
person or virtually via Zoom

If attending in person you are welcome to bring food to share

If attending virtually, the Zoom information is:

Meeting ID: 822 420 1197

Passcode: 638389



JOY IN RECOVERY

50th Anniversary

RECOVERY IS GOLDEN

TUESDAY
15 SEPTEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 7:45 PM

SPEAKERS
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
RAFFLE

PALM LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5401 22ND AVE N, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33710



Welcome to the July 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 Al-Anon friends, as well talk to your sponsor.

In September all groups will be voting

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

Group Rep, GR: Person who is the liaison to District 7 by attending District meetings 1 Saturday morning a month: June and Oct do not have meeting because GR is expected to attend Assembly 9 meeting. These are held in Altamonte Springs for a weekend. Important information from both of these meetings are to be shared at your meeting.

Alt. GR: substitutes for GR when that person is not able to attend.

Treasurer: Collects 7th Tradition after each meeting. Keeps accounting of money as they see fit. Pays donation to church for use of space, literature orders, any allowed expense for group. Develops a budget if none exists. Have prudent reserve available for 3 months of donations to church, and especially to save for GR to go to assembly 2 times a year.

Secretary: Keeps minutes at business meetings. Writes thank you notes if warranted.

Literature: Keeps stock of books for sale, pamphlets and Forum magazines. Orders from LDC (Literature Distribution Center for District)

CMA: Current Mailing Address. This is most important to have because WSO uses it to send important information. It also keeps track of meetings.

Group News

The Dunedin Mens Wednesday Night Alanon group. We have been a hybrid meeting, but have very recently contacted the WSO to change to the World Area. We have a new GR who resides in Pinellas and will remain hybrid within district 7. We have a new ID **315 838 0066** and a new password **0900**.

7 on 7th
Saturday Night
7pm

HAS MOVED

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
1200 Snell Isle Blvd. NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33704

REMEMBER: teens deserve the same chance at recovery as you do so if you know a teen who could use Alateen, try to make it available to them.



**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

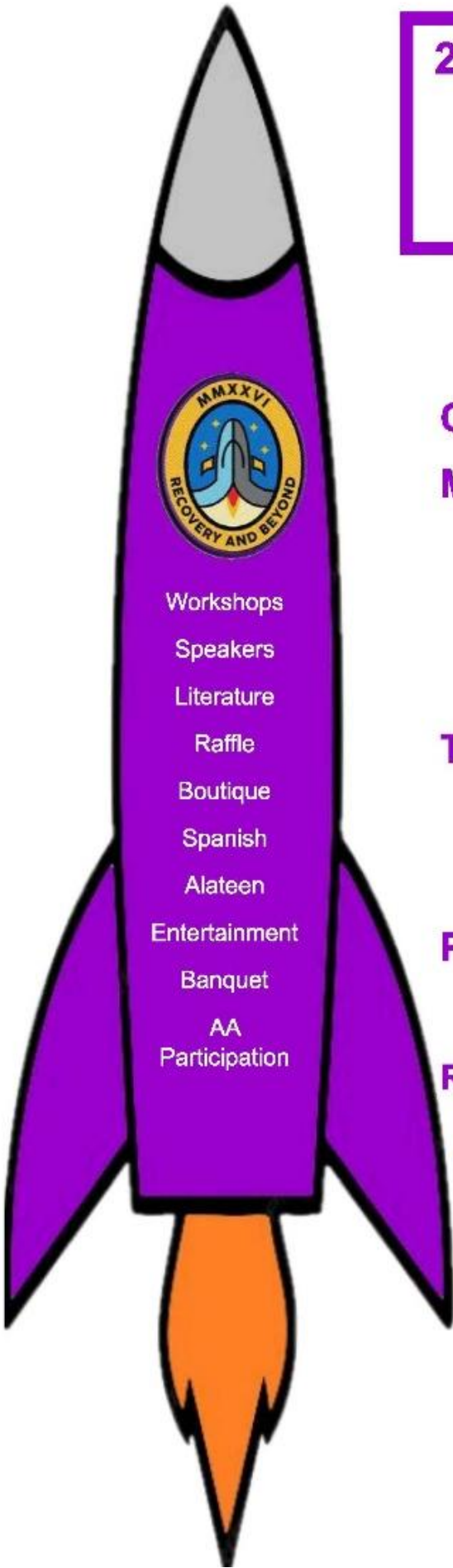
THURSDAY 6-7 PM

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

For more information contact:

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District 7 information hotline: 727-548-6811



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)

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!"



If I Am Aware, I Am Responsible

Years ago, I decided to branch out and find an additional [meeting](#) to attend in the town where I lived. There were limited choices in this relatively small community, including a local meeting I attended occasionally. What I experienced was a meeting that had one member who served as both the sole keyholder and the contact with the facility where the meeting was held. Each week, “Jim” unlocked the building, set up the room, and chaired the meeting. Others showed up and faithfully waited for him to start the meeting and announce the topic. This meeting was even referred to as “Jim’s meeting” by local members.

I knew I had choices. It would have been easy to simply stop attending this meeting, but I thought of the reminder on page 85 of [Hope for Today \(B-27\)](#): “In Al-Anon I’ve heard that if I am aware, I am responsible.” I was never comfortable speaking up before I found Al-Anon, but the program has helped me find my voice. I had to get out of my comfort zone and take a risk if I wanted things to change.

After regularly attending this meeting for several weeks, I decided to “Let It Begin with Me” and asked whether the group would consider having a business meeting to discuss some things about how the meeting was run. The group agreed, and I shared about how, at other meetings that I attended, the group would pass around a calendar so that members could sign up to chair. Jim’s response: “That would be wonderful.” He hadn’t set out to control the meeting; it had simply fallen into a rut.

Moving forward, a calendar was circulated each week, and members began to rotate the job of chairing the meeting, signing up in advance, and selecting a topic. Over the next few months, the meeting took on new life, proving that “participation is the key to harmony.” Over time, the group tripled in size. I am grateful that in Al-Anon, through the [Traditions](#) and the principle of participation in [Concept Four](#), I am encouraged to voice my concerns at business meetings. By practicing these principles, I discovered that when I find the courage to speak up, I can contribute meaningfully and sometimes even make a significant impact.

Members interested in finding out how groups conduct business meetings can find information in the section “Group Business and Health” on pages 46-49 of the [2026-2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual \(P-24/27\)](#).

By Margie S., Group Services Specialist
The Forum, July 2026

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JULY 2026

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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