District 7
November Al-Anews

Anniversaries and Events

Nov 14	**District 7 elections / Turn over Luncheon**
Nov 17	Tarpon Springs Tuesday Morning AFG
	12 year Anniversary Meeting
Dec 5	**DISTRICT 7 GRATITUDE LUNCHEON**
Dec 9	Gottawanna Giving and Receiving Meeting
Dec 15	Dunedin's Womens' AFG
	3rd Anniversary
Jan 29-31	Camp Gottawanna Weekend Workshop

Check out flyers inside for more info

NFA 2027 Convention
August 27-29
Tradewinds Hotel, St Pete Beach
Information inside

CONTACT INFORMATION
Website: d7afg.org
Infoline: 727-548-5811
Al-Anews: alanews@d7afg.org
When and Where is on website

District 7 Announces Our Gratitude Luncheon

"LET IT GO"

In our winter wonderland

Hosted by St Pete Beginners Meeting

Dec 5, 2026

11:00am-2:00pm

St Catherine of Siena Church,1955 S. Belcher Road,Clearwater, FL 33764



Speakers

POT LUCK
Bring a dish to share
Ice cream bar and frozen desserts
provided by committee

Fun,
Food,
Fellowship

50/50 Raffle

NO Registration required

Just show up and enjoy our fabulous fellowship

Open to ALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

D7 PANEL 64 TURNOVER LUNCH

14 NOV 2026 | **AFTER DISTRICT**

Central Church of Christ
1454 Belleair Rd, 33756



TARPON SPRINGS TUESDAY MORNING AFG

Celebrating 12 YEARS

The journey is better together

Tuesday, November 17th 11:00-1:00

Anderson Park Tarpon Springs

Shelter #1



Join us for food and fellowship

Come celebrate the strength, hope, friendship and recovery we've shared along the way

Bring a chair - Bring a dish - Bring YOU!

Can only bring one -or neither? No problem!

Just come as you are

Next elections will be held at the next District 7 Meeting

November 14

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fellowship Hall:1454 Belleair Rd, Clearwater 33756

JOIN US AND SEE WHAT SERVICE CAN DO FOR YOU, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE DISTRICT BEING SELF SUPPORTING





Please join us for the annual
Giving and Receiving Meeting
Hosted by Women's Gottawanna AFG

Bring 25 copies of your favorite Al-Anon Quote to share (not required)

Bring a dish to share

Fellowship



Date: December 9, 2026 @ 7:30 pm
Location: Riviera United Methodist Church
175 62nd Ave N, St. Petersburg, 33702
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON
Zoom is also available
Meeting ID: 822 420 1197 Password: 638389

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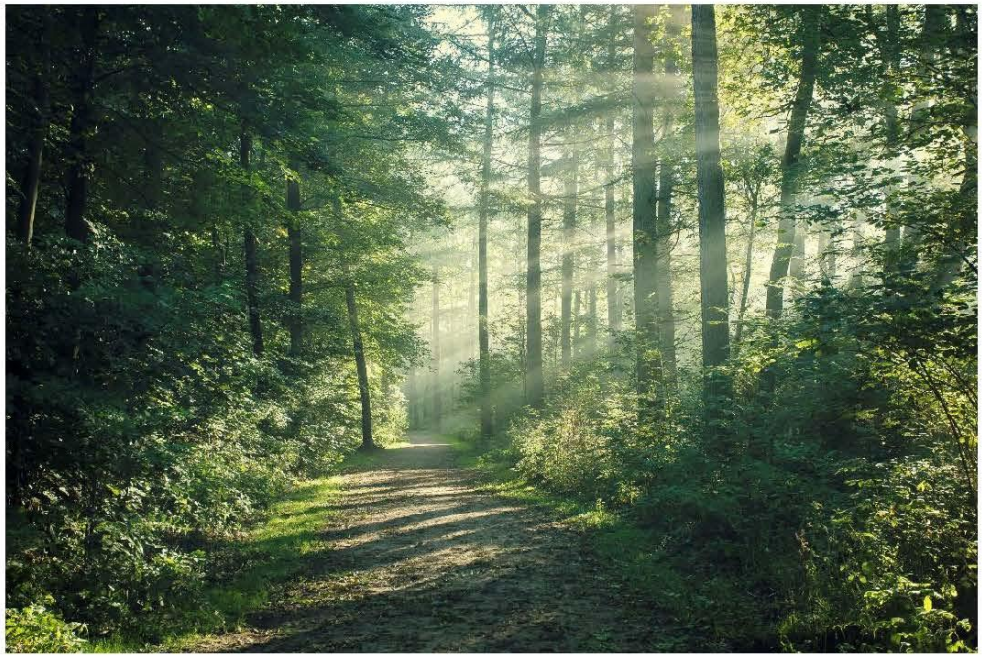


The Light of Recovery

A Path to Personal Growth & Freedom

3rd Anniversary

Dunedin Women's AFG



Tuesday - December 15 - Doors open at 6:15 pm

Speakers start at 6:30

Light Refreshments & Raffle Basket

The Warehouse Club

2024 Main St, Dunedin, FL 34698

CAMP GOTTAWANNA

WEEKEND WORKSHOP 2027

PRESENTED BY WOMEN'S GOTTAWANNA AFG

Serenity

Acceptance • Courage • Wisdom

Come share in a weekend of recovery, fellowship and fun,
with time to reflect and set intentions.

JANUARY 29TH – JANUARY 31ST, 2027

Check-in starts at 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: **$200**

Contact Donna Finke at gottawanna2027@gmail.com

Registration deadline January 10th, 2027

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check Amount Enclosed: _____ Roommate Request: _____

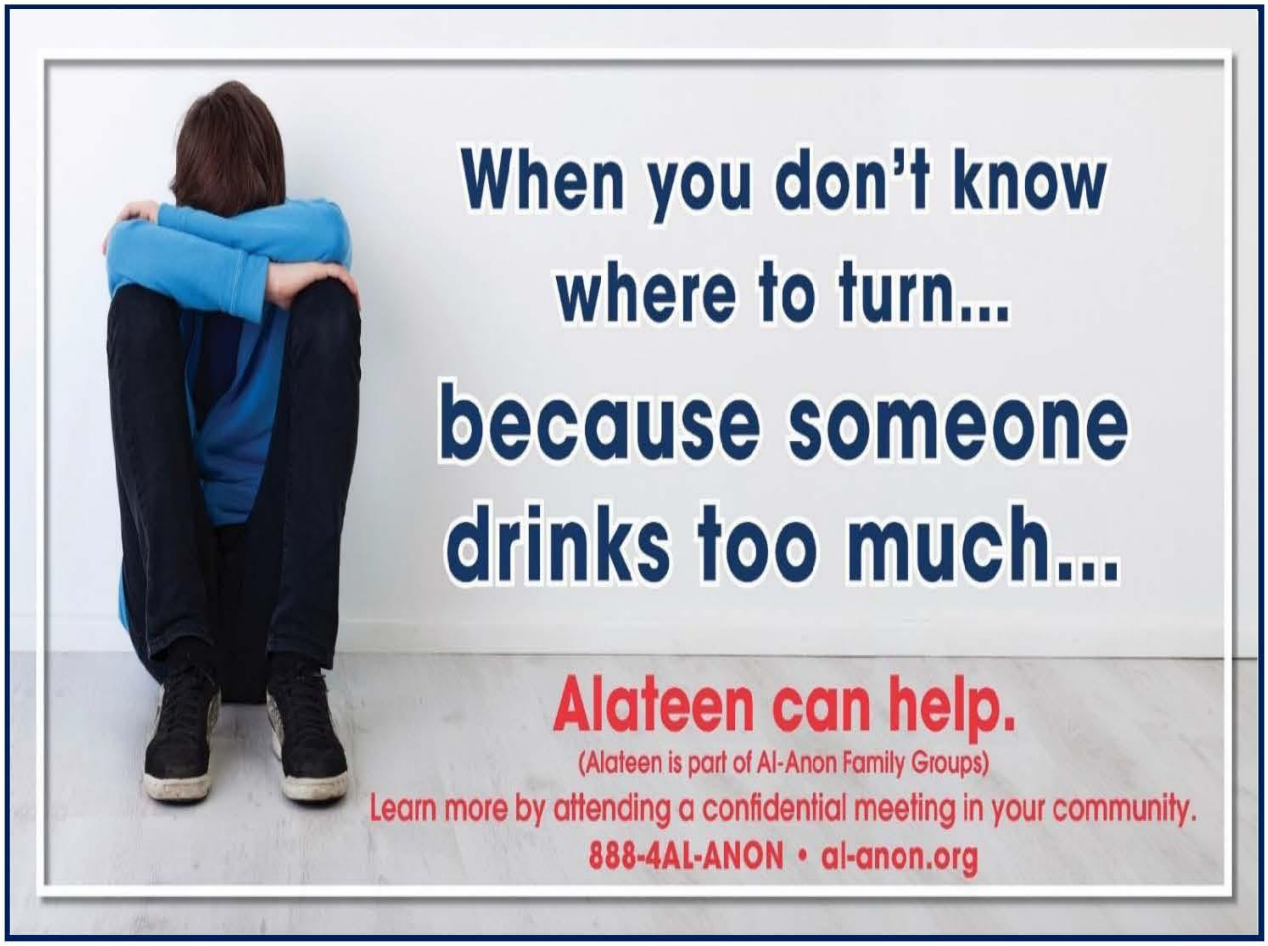
Make check payable to Donna Finke,
and mail with form to:
3918 W Bay View Ave
Tampa, FL 33611
Or Venmo @Donna-Finke

Or pay by Venmo
using this QR code

Register online
using this QR code

Dietary Restrictions:

___ Vegetarian
___ Gluten-Free
___ Lactose Free
___ None



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

Fellowship Fund: Pay It Forward

The Serenity Scholarship

Give the gift of Serenity! Help one Al-Anon member and one Alateen member from our community attend the **North Florida Area 9, 2027 Al-Anon Convention!**

Through a Serenity Scholarship donation of $5 to $500, you can help cover the **full cost of attendance** for two members who would otherwise be unable to go.

Each District in North Florida AFG Area 9 will nominate one Al-Anon member, and Districts in Area 9 with Alateen groups will also nominate one Alateen member.

Nominations are emailed to **Pam V., 2027 Convention Publicity Chair, by March 31, 2027.** The two recipients will be drawn from among them.

Every gift, large or small, helps an Al-Anon and an Alateen member take another step on their journey to serenity. Thank you for your generosity. It truly makes a difference!

The Serenity Scholarship: How It Works

- **Give:** Donate an amount of your choice between October 17, 2026, and March 31, 2027. Use the QR code.
- **Nominate:** Each District in North Florida AFG Area 9 nominates one Al-Anon member, and Districts in Area 9 with Alateen groups also nominate one Alateen member, who would not otherwise be able to attend. Nominations go to Pam V., 2027 Convention Publicity Chair.
- **Draw:** Nominees are placed in separate drawings, one for Al-Anon and one for Alateen.
- **Announce:** Recipients will be randomly drawn at the 2027 Spring Assembly.
- **Attend:** Each recipient receives a full scholarship to the North Florida Area 9, 2027 Convention, which includes hotel for two nights, all meals, and registration.

Questions? Contact Pam V. at
convention2027publicity@afgarea9.org

NFL AFG Convention 2027

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RECOVERY
UNITY
SERVICE

Desperately Seeking SERENITY

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Old Defects of Character

No longer serving me. Slightly worn from overuse. Letting them go through Step Six – best offer accepted, or will trade for humility and grace.

Resentments

Priced to move! Comes with unnecessary ...hts. Great deal for ... show.

PERSONALS

DESPERATELY SEEKING SERENITY

Keep the faith. Aug. 27 - Aug. 29

2027 NFA AFG Convention

Love, HP

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Progress, Not Perfection Snack Bar

Growing one day at a time, with patience ... off ... aked pastries.

HELP WA... ED

Memb... perate, ...

Must be ...ling to ... show up. Pay includes peace of mind, connection, and laughter. Tradition One experience preferred but not required.

Sponsor

Seeking guidance and peace of mind. Must be patient, trustworthy, and willing to listen. Serious spiritual inquiries only.

TRADE

Fear for Faith

Looking to ma... ...ade. Prefe... ...nd ...cceptance, lightly wo...

ROOMS FOR RENT

Paradise on St. Pete Beach

Island Grande at TradeWinds
Special Rate $200 per night, plus tax

INCLUDES resort fees, parking, sunshine, and serenity!

Aug. 24 - Aug. 31.
5500 Gulf Blvd., St, Pete Beach, FL
(727) 367 - 6467
Reservations: (800) 360 - 4016
https://book.passkey.com/event/51291934/owner/1272/home

TRADE:
Fear for Faith

Looking to make a trade. Prefer trust and acceptance, lightly w...

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

Need -to-Know

Registration $40 thru Aug 20, 2027
$50 at the door

Meals: Pricing from 10/1/26 - 5/31/2027

Saturday Boxed Lunch.	$40
Saturday Dinner Banquet	$68
Sunday Buffet Breakfast	$42

Swag Merchandise:

Short Sleeve T-shirt	$15
Long Sleeve T-shirt	$20
Neck Wallet	$5

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Progress not Perfection Snack Bar

Growing one day at a time, with patience and plenty of coffee. Fresh baked pastries.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Workshops, Speakers, Literature, Raffle, boutique, Spanish, Alateen, Entertainment, Banquet, AA Participation, and G.E.A

REGISTRATION LINKS

AFGArea9.org/Convention2027

If you h... questions about the Al-Anon Convention, please email Convention2027Registration@afgarea9.org.

Serenity

Struggling with the need for clarity when dealing with abstract concepts, I have always wanted to know what something is. After 15 years in Al-Anon, I had no idea what serenity was. How could I tell I had serenity if I had no idea what it felt like? I started thinking hard about the concept. I could identify what serenity wasn't, and by doing that I could begin to understand what serenity was.

Serenity isn't walking around on tiptoe (sometimes literally) to avoid setting off my alcoholic. It isn't having to watch every word I speak, praying I won't be misunderstood. So when I can be my mumbling, bumbling self without fearing ridicule or punishment, maybe that's a taste of serenity?

Serenity isn't being consumed by thoughts, worries, and fears for my alcoholic loved one. It isn't lying in bed at night listening for their car to pull up or for the front door to open so I know they are alive. It isn't having to monitor their spending so the lights don't get turned off. It isn't calling their workplace and lying about why they won't be in—again. So when I can get a good night's sleep, pay my bills on time, and not have to make up stories about imaginary illnesses, maybe that's a taste of serenity?

Serenity isn't pouring out alcohol or begging them not to drink just for this occasion. It isn't sitting at work praying they remember to pick our son up from practice and that they are sober when they do. It isn't making sure there is beer in the fridge on a Saturday night so they have it on Sunday when it's not for sale in the store. And it definitely isn't yelling and trying to prove my point with someone who won't remember it tomorrow morning. So going to a special event without worrying about a drunk person making a scene or going out with friends and knowing my children are safe, maybe that's a taste of serenity?

Lastly, serenity isn't about keeping secrets from those who care about me so I or my alcoholic loved one won't look bad. It isn't about accepting blame for things that go wrong just to keep the peace. It isn't about trying to do it all to the point that I'm physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted. So when I can release the opinions of myself, tell myself I'm doing the best I can (and believe it), and take the blame only for my part of things, maybe that's a taste of serenity?

I still struggle with what serenity is, but I can see now what it isn't. I realize, at least some of the time, that I've found it. Serenity!

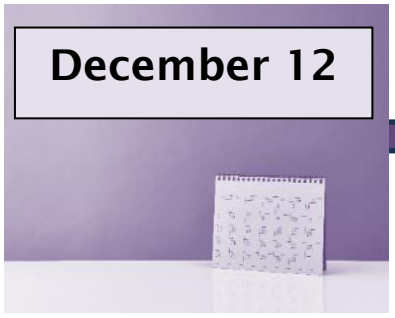
By Tanya B., Georgia

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Last Panel 64 District Meeting
(Monthly meeting for GR's, District trusted servants
and any interested members)

Saturday December 12

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

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fellowship Hall:1454 Belleair Rd, Clearwater 33756