

Happy May 2024 District 10 family!

Like the familiar saying that reminds... April Showers bring May flowers, I hope you all are beginning to feel the beautiful buds and blooms that come from sharing and serving in recovery. Amazingly beautiful, these growth opportunities!

Please review and share the following information with your groups:

It continues to be important to keep our information updated for the Group, District, Area, and WSO. Any and all changes, even small ones, can be easily updated on the G-1(Group Records Change Form)

Please note the new addresses for District and Area contributions.

District 10: AFG 3956 Town Center Blvd #256 Orlando, FL 32837

Area 9: NFA AFG, INC 1700 N. Monroe St. #11-184 Tallahassee, FL 32303

Available open positions for Panel 64 District10 include:
Officer position: Treasurer.

Chair positions: Alateen Chairperson, CMA-Group Records, and Public Outreach Institutions.

Guidelines for these positions: <https://al-anonorlando.org/uploads/3/5/5/6/35564240/>

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Convention Info 2024: Do you have people in your group that have no idea what an Al-Anon Convention is?

Attached, please find several flyers to help answer any questions and even an “At-A-Glance” schedule of the entire weekend. As this is the largest fundraiser of the year for our Area, there are several opportunities available to donate or volunteer to help. Registration and Volunteer opportunities can also be found at: <https://www.afgarea9.org/convention2024.html>

AND... The winner of the Convention Raffle was Diane from District 2!

Service Workshop Info 2024: **The Joy of Service** will be Hosted by District 7 - Pinellas County in Clearwater Florida, on August 17, 2024 from 9am-3:30pm.

A \$20 registration includes all food and workshops. For location and digital registration: <https://www.afgarea9.org/events.html> Flyer attached.

Celebrations: District 10: Solo Por Hoy in St. Cloud will be celebrating 20 years open this May!

District 12: 39th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024. Location: Manasota Chapel 1450 46th Avenue West, Bradenton
10:00 am ~ Refreshments & Raffle 10:30 am ~
Speaker Meeting

North Florida Area Assembly was held on May 3-5. The theme LOVE and SERVICE was felt throughout the weekend. The new GR's were welcomed with a special training session and Dist 8 presented a skit explaining our Al-Anon Symbol. The triangle representing the spiritual principals that bind us together. Recovery through the Steps, Unity through the Traditions, Service through the Concepts, and the strength this creates for the circle in the center. Awesome!

Items brought to our attention:

How to reach an informed group concience using KBDM, Knowledge Based Decision Making. Please see the attached flyer.

The GR's voted and approved the Public Service Outreach Project! As they wish to reach out in ALL OUR LOCAL areas to play the Alanon-Alateen Public Service Announcements, they still need any names (just the name, as they will do the rest) of SMALL LOCAL Radio, TV, Social Media outlets, etc... Please e-mail this info directly to: Carmen S, Area 9 Public Outreach Coordinator publicoutreach-64@afgarea9.org.

Alateen Info: We have 20 active Ala-teen groups in Area 9 (none in our District), and 55 Certified Amias. Did you

know that ALL costs to become an Amias are covered, and many opportunities for training and certification are available. If you are interested please speak to our DR, Marla, for more details.

Archives: All Area 9 Archives are now out of storage and can be found on the Area 9 web site, afgarea9.org under Resources. These are searchable documents from 1967-2018 including a history of Al-Anon in Florida.

Literature: There are 7 updated pages for the Service Manual. These can be printed out and added to your manual. These are found at: Alanon.org, Members - Member Resources - Manuals and Guidelines.

New future books in the works on Service Sponsorship, and personal finances in recovery.

Three people from Florida were published in the Forum this month, including our own Sam from Dist 10! Have you considered making a submission to the Forum?

See the attached guidelines for submission. To order the Forum: <https://ecomm.al-anon.org/forum?#vaff>

Treasurer: World Service funds, reported as the best year ever and reserves are good. The success of the new daily reader being the main source.

Thoughts on how a group can send a GR to the Assemblies. Imagine if 4 people commit to give \$3 per week = Both Assemblies are covered. ($3 \times 52 = 156 \times 4 = \624)

Zelle for online donations works. Read a 7th tradition statement at the meetings. Suggestions are found in the Service Manual page 18.

Red Light/Green Light Questions: Question 1:
Discussions at the group level about non-CAL terminology have been contentious and divisive. We get a lot of feedback from some members such as "It's just a word, no one can tell me which words I can and can't use". How do we keep the program from being diluted by non-CAL terminology.

Question #2. A small group can't afford to send their GR to Assembly & ask an area coordinator (who happens to attend that group) to vote for that group. The Area Guidelines state that if an Area Officer or Coordinator votes for a group, the group pays. The district does not have extra funds either. Does that mean only established prosperous groups have a voice and vote at Assembly? Could a fund be created at the Area level, funded by voluntary contributions, for groups to utilize if they can't afford to send their GRs to Assembly?
Research on these questions may be found on at afgarea9.org. Resources - Area meetings and reports - Panel 64 - Assembly 2024 May

Future Conventions:
2025 AA International Convention in Vancouver, BC, is

expecting nearly 20,000 Al-Anon participants.
2028 Al-Anon International Convention location will be determined this fall. It will not be in Orlando.

I continue to monitor the District e-mail account for inquires, and direct them where needed. Please feel free to send any questions you may have directly to **afgdistrict10info@gmail.com** and I will do my best to find who in our district can help.

Be sure to stop by the District Information table during our May business meeting to see what may be there for your group!

Grateful to serve,
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