



Illinois State AFG Convention  
October 8-10, 2010  
Springfield, IL

**\*\* GIFT BASKET RAFFLE \*\***

We are putting out the call to all groups to create gift baskets for this year's convention raffle. These baskets have been a big hit at previous conventions with the funds going towards paying bills and for seed money for next year's convention.

How your group can help: Think of a theme for your basket to tie it all together.

For example:

- Spa/relaxation (candles, lotions, bath salts)
- Pets (dog, cat, etc)      - Book lovers
- Cooking (cookbook, recipes, spices, utensils)
- One for the guys      - Chocolate/coffee/tea lovers
- Sports (general or a specific sport or team)
- Autumn – pumpkins/apples/Halloween

Collect items - One idea is to keep a box at your meetings and members can bring items to the meeting. Remember: **KEEP IT SIMPLE!** You don't need to buy extravagant items. Be creative – re-gift something that you couldn't use.

Assemble your basket. Again reuse! Find a basket you don't use anymore to fill with your items. **Please include one Al-Anon program item, such as an Al-Anon book or an issue of The Forum.** Wrap the whole basket in cellophane to keep the items from falling out. Be sure to identify the group who created the basket – the winner will be pleased to know.

What to do when you are finished: Please bring the completed baskets with you to the convention registration table on Friday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> or early on Saturday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. The winners will be announced after the quilt raffle on Saturday night.

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