



Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups - Area 16
News-O-Gram
Spring/Summer 2018

**Area World Service Committee (SIAWSC)
Meeting**

Saturday, July 14, 2018 – 9:00am
Registration at 8:30am

Both meetings are held at:

Memorial Medical Center
Rooms D229
701 North First Street
Springfield, IL 62781

Area Assembly (SIAFG) Meeting

Saturday, July 14, 2018 – 12:30pm

Directions to meeting rooms

Park in Doctor's lot (no parking in the ER/OB GYN spots) other spaces are okay. Take the elevators on the north side to first floor. Get off and walk through walkway into hospital. As you are coming in will see the Garden elevators. Take Garden elevator up to 2nd floor. Get off, turn right and go into the north D section which is SIU offices. Rooms D229 on the right.

OFFICER AND COORDINATOR REPORTS

Chairperson – Rowena A.

I hope you have all had a good spring and are ready for our summer Assembly meeting.

At the last meeting Fern T. our Archives person asked about what to do with the tapes she had in the archives. It was decided to reach out to members and ask if someone had the knowledge or desire for this project. I am glad to say, we have had a member volunteer to take on this project. Thank you, Jane P. We are in process of getting these tapes to Jane. I know that a couple of groups and Districts have had quilt square parties. I am excited to see the quilt moving forward. Our next meeting is July 14, 2018. I hope to see you all there. Our Host for this meeting is District 17.

In Service,

Rowena Altic – roclean1@sbcglobal.net

Group Records Secretary – Annette W.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Group Records Secretary. If there are changes to your groups that need to be made please email me at siafggrprec@gmail.com. Also feel free to check the WSO website for any changes that have been requested. Be sure to include all of the pertinent information on your emails so that we can quickly identify which District and Group needs the change. See you in July.

Treasurers Report – Carol W.

Southern Illinois Area Treasurers Report

Hello, I have received donations from the below groups. Please use the contribution form at the bottom of the donation table. In order to keep complete records, I need to know **Group Name, District Number, and WSO ID Number**. In addition, it will help if you print the name of the person sending the donation, because I cannot always read the signatures.

The below donations were given to Area's general fund and reserve fund.

On behalf of our Area Assembly, I thank you for your contributions. It is because of your support we can continue to carry the message to others. I look forward to seeing all of you at July's Area meeting.

Yours in Recovery,

Carol W., Area Treasurer



Groups Donating May - August 2017						
GROUP NAME	DISTRICT	WSO ID		GROUP NAME	DISTRICT	WSO ID
A New Beginning AFG	20	4023		Making A Difference AFG	16	63669
Beginners AFG	11	3703		Monday Hilltop Al-Anon Group	20	4020
Beginners Group	14	30604577		Monday Morning AFG	20	24161
Bethalto Wed. Morning AFG	18	3491		Monday Night Elm Street AFG	18	3451
Blues Busters	12	49550		New Lease on Life	12	4088
Born Free	11	3948		Personal Donation		
CMA Friday Morning AFG	20	30790		Progress Not Perfection	19	30633415
Discovering Freedom	14	503171		Saturday Morning Serenity Seeker	10B	25455
District 14 AFG	14			Serenity Seekers	14	3978
District 18	18			Serenity Seekers	12	30568962
Edwardsville Fundamentals of Recovery	18	30584718		The Monday Night Serenity Group	18	26501
Friday Night Exp, Strength & Hope AFG	19	30564695		Thursday Night Group	18	30528380
Friday Night Happy Hour	10B	61535		Troy Joy	18	63747
H.O.W. Al-Anon Family Group	19	004104		Tuesday Afternoon Al-Anon	10	3495
Happiness Is	19	4811		Twelve Step AFG	16	50819
Hopeful Serenity Seekers Adult Children AFG	18	34856		Wednesday Morning Glories	20	4022
Keep It Simple	19	48115		Your Cause		

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA CONTRIBUTION FORM

Group Name _____
Contact Person _____
Street Address _____
City and State _____
Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
(if applicable)

Group ID# _____
District _____
Amount _____
Check # _____

Please Make Check or Money Order to: **SIAFG**

Send to: **Carol Wielgus**
1000 Bethel Mine Rd.
Caseyville, IL 62232

(618) 304-4672

COORDINATORS REPORTS

Archives Coordinator – Fern T.

As reported in Nov. 2017, my goal was to organize the So. IL. Area Archive Boxes, so we would have better knowledge of the contents stored in the boxes.

In doing that, I found 62 cassettes, 2 films, and 1 8-track tape from various meetings and conventions through the years. Since many people would not have access to hearing them due to modern technology, the question was, "Do we want to transfer the material to CD's?" I researched at one store who could do the transferring for the cost of \$744.00. Good discussion and an agreement was made to continue to ask group members and our friends for someone who would complete this project at a lower cost or by volunteering their time as a service to our program. I really appreciate your help.

I, also, displayed 1 Miscellaneous Information, 3 Ring Binder enclosed with an index showing, by page number, what information is filed in that binder.

I, also, designed a Master Index, in a smaller binder, which has the number of each Archive Box and what is filed and stored in each box for easier viewing when looking for a particular important document, letter, book, etc. Each box also, has a separate, individual folder listing what material is in that particular box and each box is numbered.

Of course, please remember to continue working on your Group History.

The work I have done has been time consuming, but very rewarding.

Any questions, please call Fern at 618-571-1772

Fern Turpin, Southern Illinois Area Archives Co-Ordinator

News-O-Gram Coordinator – Jan T.

Thanks to all who sent information for inclusion in the Spring/Summer 2018 *News-O-Gram*.

Deadline for next News-O-Gram is September 10, 2018.

Reminder – This is SIAFG member's publication, editors job is to organize submitted articles. Ask yourself if there is anything you can contribute for next publication. (Remember personal articles are limited to 75 words or less.)

Please submit *News-O-Gram* information to siafgnog.org@gmail.com.

Yours in Service.

Jan Tucker – News-O-Gram Coordinator and Past Delegate, Panel 30 (309-208-5897)

Ways & Means Coordinator – Theresa B.

Reminder: Ways & Means Fundraiser for our July Area Assembly Meeting will be a Spring/Summer Basket Raffle. Please be creative & generous with your time, talent, & treasure for this worthwhile event!

Thanks, Theresa B. – Ways & Means Co-Ordinator

Webmaster Coordinator – Lyri M.

New: Calendar of Events page (Calendar tab on the footer of each page); Group Changes page (Group Changes tab on the footer of each page).

Updated: Alateen Sponsor form (Members Area, Alateen Sponsorship); Area Bylaws (Members Area, Area Business, Bylaws of Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups); and District 18 and 20 meeting lists (SIAFG Meetings tab on the footer of each page, Meetings by District, District #, Printable Meeting Schedule).

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 14 – Katie G. (Alt DR)

Annual Spring Workshop will be April 7, 2018. The topic is: 'Taking Care of Ourselves with the Tools of the Program'.

Quilt Square Decorating Party will be held for the district on May 5, 2018.

Submitted by Katie Gue Herman, District 14 Alternate DR

District 18 – JoEllyn P. (DR)

Litchfield Tuesday Night AFG celebrated their 25th anniversary November 28th. The group had a potluck and an Al-Anon speaker and Alcoholics Anonymous speaker.

Nokomis has started an Al-Anon meeting

Group members continue to volunteer at Chestnut Health Systems Adolescent Inpatient Family Group once a month.

Bethalto Wednesday morning meeting members continue to meet with women at domestic violence shelter about Al-Anon.

Bethalto Wednesday morning members had Al-Anon information at SIUE Diabetes Seminar in February. The group prepared 100 Al-Anon packets and gave away 50. Many were to other vendors at the seminar. The Forum was displayed and a subscription raffle was offered, so one person will now be getting a Forum subscription. They had How Al-Anon Works for sale. They gave one to a pharmacy student who had many questions. The student contacted a member since then and may attend an Al-Anon meeting.

Group members are preparing to volunteer at Health Fairs this Spring.

District 20 – Jan T. (Past DR)

Service Manuals are being ordered for District 20 Officers, Coordinators, Past District Representatives, and Groups. To encourage attendance at next District meeting Group Representatives are being advised that they can pick up their free Service Manual at the June 10th District meeting.

District Alateen coordinator asked that announcement be made at the beginning of Al-Anon meetings regarding the weekly Alateen meeting that takes place in Peoria. Alateen public outreach materials were distributed to members to take to area schools. Alateen materials were also distributed to AA at their District meeting in February.

District approved opening of a savings account designated for Reserve Funds and a deposit of agreed upon amount into designated account. Guidelines for this fund will be explored further and suggestions will be presented at next District meeting.

Members organized a "Quilting Bee". At this event numerous members (unexperienced and experienced) gathered to create squares for the quilt that will be assembled for the 2018 Illinois State AFG Convention drawing. Thanks to the organizers and participants for a wonderful fellowship event.

Illinois State AFG Convention – Donna S. & Jan T.

2018 Illinois State AFG Convention, “Serenity along the River” will be held October 12-14, 2018 at Embassy Suites Hotel in East Peoria, IL.

Hotel - Make sure to get your hotel reservations made for the Convention, it will be a busy weekend in Peoria.

Quilt - A Quilting Bee was held in District 20 with 15 members present. Everyone had a great time enjoying the fellowship, learning new techniques, and completing 15 quilt squares. We have heard there were two other Quilting Bees planned, let us know via email, posting on website, us mail, or phone how they went. The deadline for submission of quilt square is June 30, 2018. If you have not yet mailed your quilt square, please do so as soon as possible, sending to: Jennifer McKenzie; 324 East Hazelwood; Morton, IL 61550

River Rock Painting – To get their creative juices flowing, have some creations ready for display at the Convention, and create interest in finding “Serenity along the River”, 10 members attended a River Rock Painting Party May 19th. Another painting party session is being scheduled to prepare rocks for painting at the Convention.

Meeting Topics - The Convention Planning Committee is in need of suggestions of topics for meetings to be held at the Convention. Everyone’s input is important to help make the Convention successful. Email, post on website, or us mail suggestion to Donna or Jan.

Basket - It is not too early to start planning for the basket your Group is bringing to the Convention. Bring an empty box to your meeting to put donated items in so members will feel inspired to participate, ask for a volunteer to find a basket, remind members at meeting to bring items and plan on going to Convention.

Donations - A suggestion was made, to our committee, that we request monetary Convention donations. Therefore, a note (If you would like to donate to Hospitality Room you may do so at this time using the information on the registration form) has been added to the registration form. Also, if you register and pay on line, and click the Tickets button there is place to donate to the Convention.

The committee has also decided to try the “Silver for Service/Change for Change” campaign for the Convention. A form, with directions for how to get money to Convention, is at the end of the News-O-Gram for you to use to make group and/or individual donation containers.

Monies from “Hospitality” donations and “Silver for Service/Change for Change” will be used to support the Convention.

Meetings - Next planning meeting will be held June 24, 2018 from 1-3pm in Peoria.

Please contact: Donna Spencer, ddspencer2@comcast.net, or 309.253.8547 or Jan Tucker, janimtucker@gmail.com or 309.208.5897 with any comments, concerns, or questions.

March 10, 2018 SIAWSC and SIAFG meeting highlights – Jan T.

Meeting Attendance

- SIAWSC – 23 members (17 voting)
- SIAFG – 32 members (14 voting)

Treasury – 2017 Ending Balances

- Checking (Operating) balance = \$9,844.66
- Savings (Reserve Fund) = \$5,117.88

Motions / Consensus

- SIAWSC
 - Motions
 - Approved corrected November 4, 2017 SIAWSC meeting minutes
 - Invite a WSO trustee or staff member to come to 2018 Illinois State AFG Convention and allow convention committee the right of decision to decide logistics
- SIAFG
 - Motions
 - Approved corrected November 4, 2017 SIAFG meeting minutes
 - Approved paying the full World Service Conference Delegate expense amount (\$2,443.00) for 2018

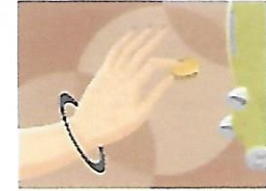
2018 SIAFG Meetings: July 14th, and November 3rd at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Save the Date -

Next Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention will be July 6-8, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland. Follow this link <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-international-conventions/> for the latest information on this event.

Please be sure to use email address siafgnog.org@gmail.com for all *News-O-Gram* correspondence.

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a check payable to: '2018 Illinois State AFG Convention' to the
SIAFG Assembly on July 14th and 2018 Illinois State
Convention October 12-14, 2018 or mail to: 2018 Illinois State
AFG Convention - PO Box 2888 -East Peoria, IL 61611-0888

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Serenity along the River

OCTOBER 12-14, 2018

2018 Illinois State AFG Convention

(an Al-Anon/Alateen event with AA participation)

Embassy Suites Hotel & Riverfront Conference Center

100 Conference Center Drive

East Peoria, IL 61611

- **SPEAKERS:**
Friday: Al-Anon Speaker – Mary W., Edwardsville, IL; AA Speaker - Becky B., Bloomington, IL
Saturday: AA Speaker - Debra B., Madison, WI; Alateen Speaker – Brianna B., Springfield, IL; Al-Anon Speaker - Aaron J., Charlotte, NC
Sunday: Al-Anon Speaker - Sandy W., Algonquin, IL
- Convention registration opens at 3:00 pm on Friday, October 12th at Embassy Suites Hotel & Riverfront Conference Center
- Discounted room rates: 1-2 people \$119 (add \$10 for each additional person) + tax (microwave, refrigerator, and cooked-to-order breakfast included in these rates) will be available until September 20, 2018 or until block of rooms have been sold out. Parking is free. For room reservations: on line, <http://group.embassysuites.com/2018-Illinois-State-AFG-Convention> or by phone, 1-800-362-2779 be sure to mention 2018 Illinois State AFG Convention.
- Banquet will be open seating on a first come, first serve basis. See menu below.
- Visit: www.ilstateafgconv.org for on line registration and updated information.

REGISTRATION FORM – One registration form per person – ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER

Name _____ Al-Anon AA (before Sep 20) \$30
 Street _____ (mark only one) (after Sep 20) \$35
 City/St/Zip _____ Alateen* (before Sep 20) \$5
 Phone _____ (after Sep 20) \$10
 Email _____ Saturday night Banquet \$35
 (choose from entrees below)

Entrees include: salad, potato, vegetable, dessert

- Bacon wrapped turkey filet Moussaka – eggplant and roasted vegetables with sauce (vegetarian, gluten and dairy free)

* All Alateens must include a signed/notarized Convention Parental Permission/Medical Care Form with the mail-in registration or bring the completed form to the convention for walk-in registration. Forms available on ilstateafgconv.org.

Yes, I would like to volunteer. I am: Al-Anon AA Alateen

- If you would like to donate to Hospitality Room you may do so at this time using the information below.
- Please make separate checks or money orders for registration and donations payable to: 2018 Illinois State AFG Convention.
- Mail registration form, payment (registration, banquet) and any donations to:
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PO Box 2888
East Peoria, IL 61611-0888
- Questions? Contact: Jan T. – 309-208-5897 or Donna S. – 309-253-8547

This weekend will feature Al-Anon, Alateen, and AA meetings, hospitality, basket, and quilt rooms, a banquet, entertainment, photo booth, and more! In keeping with our spiritual Legacies, each member is responsible for their own well-being and that of their dependents, and shall not hold SIAFG, Inc. or its agents liable for any personal injury or loss of property during this event