



**Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups - Area 16  
News-O-Gram  
Winter 2018**

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

Saturday, March 10, 2018 – 9:00am  
Registration at 8:30am

**Both meetings are held at:**

Memorial Medical Center  
Rooms 228 & 229  
701 North First Street  
Springfield, IL 62781

**Area Assembly (SIAFG) Meeting**

Saturday, March 10, 2018 – 12:30p

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Get off, turn right and go into the north D section which is SIU offices. Rooms D228 and D229 on the right.

**OFFICER AND COORDINATOR REPORTS**

**Chairperson – Rowena A.**

I hope everyone had a good and blessed Christmas and a start to a Happy New Year.

I am looking forward to our next Area meeting March 10, 2018 and hoping the weather is good to us so we can meet.

I sent out an e-mail saying we needed a Forum and Literature coordinator. I am sorry to lose Marge E. due to health issues, and hope she can still come see us as she feels up to it. I do have a replacement for that position. Kathy H. from Bloomington has graciously volunteered to fill the position. Thank you, Kathy.

In Service,

Rowena Altic – [roclean1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roclean1@sbcglobal.net)

**Group Records Secretary – Annette W.**

Copy of meeting list with information regarding each group in each district has been made available to all districts. District Reps can request a copy from me by emailing me at [siafgrprec@gmail.com](mailto:siafgrprec@gmail.com).

Please be sure to use the WSO change forms to submit any changes to me regarding the groups, please do not send forms directly to WSO.

Lists with current committee members were distributed and are also in members area of SIAFG website.

Assembly pamphlets "What are assemblies about?" were available at November Area meetings.

Mailings (USPS) are now going out to 13 people who do not have email address.

Please let me know if there are any changes to any of the worksheets on above noted Gmail address.

## Treasurers Report – Carol W.

### Southern Illinois Area Treasurers Report

Hello, Happy New Year! I hope everyone had some great times with family and friends over the holidays.

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 donations include amounts 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 at March's Area meeting.

Yours in Recovery,

Carol W., Area Treasurer



Also, see links below for copies of 2018 Proposed Budget and Treasurers Report (May-Aug 2017)

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#### Groups Donating September - December 2017

GROUP NAME	DISTRICT	WSO ID	GROUP NAME	DISTRICT	WSO ID
A New Beginning AFG	20	4023	Monday AM	10	3493
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	New Hope AFG	15	30640141
CMA Friday Morning AFG	20	30790	Pekin Riverside 12 Steppers	20	500521
District 11 AFG	11		Powerless Rangers	14	60839
District 14 AFG	14		Serenity Seekers	14	3978
Edwardsville Fundamentals of Recovery	18	30584718	Serenity Seekers	10B	25455
Friday Night Exp, Strength & Hope AFG	19	30564695	Sunday Night Steppers	11	40272
H.O.W. Al-Anon Family Group	19	004104	The Monday Night Serenity Group	18	26501
Happiness Is	19	4811	Tuesday Afternoon Al-Anon	10	3495
Happy Hour AFG	14	30637849	Tuesday Night Serenity Seekers	11	3701
Hope for Today	12	66486	Wednesday Butterfly AFG	19	42664
Hopeful Serenity Seekers Adult Children AFG	18	34856	Wednesday Morning Glories	20	4022
Keep It Simple	19	48115	Your Cause - Electronic		

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#### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA CONTRIBUTION FORM

Group Name	_____	Group ID#	_____
Contact Person	_____		
Street Address	_____	District	_____
City and State	_____		
Zip Code	_____	Amount	_____
Phone Number (if applicable)	_____	Check #	_____

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

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

**(618) 304-4672**

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[2018 Proposed Budget](#)

[Treasurers Report \(May-Aug 2017\)](#)

### **AAPP – Mary S., reported by Dottie Y.**

The District 20 Friday Morning Holiday Alateen and District 18 Gillespie meetings are inactive. In Southern Illinois we have three active Alateen meetings, one in District 20 and two in District 14.

I would like to thank Cathy B., Lyri M., Becky R., and Dottie Y. for helping create and update four SIAFG Alateen Documents.

This was necessary because the Area Alateen Process Person can now electronically manage Alateen group and AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) information with WSO.

The following documents were presented and discussed with the SIAWSC (Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee): Southern Illinois, Area 16, Alateen Group Sponsorship Guidelines; Southern Illinois, Area 16, Requirements for Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service (AMIAS); SIAFG, Area 16, AMIAS Initial Candidate Profile; SIAFG, Area 16, AMIAS Re-Certification.

SIAWSC meeting recommended that the documents be presented to the SIAFG Area Assembly for vote of acceptance. SIAFG Area Assembly voted to accept the four documents to be used by SIAFG Al-Anon members.

### **Archives – Fern T.**

One way to keep our past preserved is by writing a Group History that is done by following a Group History Checklist. Since examples from some groups were passed around in July, I hope other groups are working on theirs. If you have any questions, please call me.

A reminder that any material given to me must be dated and group name given. All material must pertain with content specific to the locale from the members in our Southern Illinois Area.

As I keep sorting and checking all the material in our Southern Illinois Area Archives Files, I will be bringing cassette tapes and 8 tracks to the March Area Assembly to get feedback as to help me make a decision on maybe transferring this information to a CD or other options so they can be viewed for future Archival use. I will do research on the expense of this project and bring to March Area Assembly. – Fran Turpin – 618-571-1772

### **News-O-Gram Coordinator – Jan T.**

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as *News-O-Gram* Coordinator and to all who sent information for inclusion in the Winter 2018 *News-O-Gram*.

As a follow-up to November 4, 2017 SIAFG meetings regarding creation of SIAFG specific *News-O-Gram* supplement - I have not yet proceeded with review of: *Al-Anon Guideline for Newsletter Editors (G-21)*, Area AIMS Newsletter Editor document, SIAFG *News-O-Gram* Coordinator bylaw information, and SIAFG website Area Officer and Coordinator job descriptions or created a SIAFG specific *News-O-Gram* Guideline supplement to *Al-Anon Guideline for Newsletter Editors (G21)*. Expect to be able to resume this task later this year or early next year.

Deadline for next News-O-Gram is May 10, 2018. Please submit *News-O-Gram* information to [siafgnog.org@gmail.com](mailto:siafgnog.org@gmail.com).

Yours in Service.

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

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **District 11 – Theresa B.**

See flyer at end of *News-O-Gram* for Spring 2018 Workshop being held April 6-7, 2018 in Decatur, IL

### **District 14 – Cheryl N.**

Hello from District 14!

We enjoyed a great Funfest in collaboration with District 18 the end of September.

We are now looking forward to our Spring Workshop...a Save the Date coming soon, so be on the lookout! It's always a good time!

A quilt square party is also pending, hopefully sometime in March. The last time we got together to make squares, we had such a fun time and great fellowship, we thought we'd do it again.

We will also be finishing up our District Inventory at our next meeting in February.

Keep warm and see you in March!

### **District 18 – JoEllyn P.**

Public outreach was provided at Hillsboro Health Fair, Collinsville Middle School Health Fair, Collinsville Health Fair, and Greenville Health Fair. District continues to provide public outreach to Chestnut Health Systems in Maryville.

District provided lunch and birthday cake for Al-Anon's Birthday in May. We had a speaker following lunch. We collected \$115.00 in donations and the groups decided to donate the money to WSO.

District provided two \$150.00 scholarships for two group members to attend the 2017 Illinois State AFG Convention held in Northern Illinois.

District 18 and 14 collaborated to put on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Fest. The turnout was positive.

District had three groups close recently, Alton Saturday group, Thursday Vandalia group, and Saturday Gillespie Alateen. Thursday Edwardsville Alateen meeting continues in District 18.

### **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 room rates are: 1-2 people \$119.00 + tax, 3 people \$129.00 + tax, and 4 people \$139.00 + tax. Quilt committee prepared squares and distributed them to Northern Illinois in October and Southern Illinois in November. Quilt squares are still available. If you or any members in your groups are interested in helping create a square, please contact Rowena A. at 309-231-2872 or [roclean1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roclean1@sbcglobal.net). Save the date bookmarks were distributed at 2017 Illinois State AFG Convention and SIAFG Area meetings in November. Some speakers have committed. Quilt donation tickets and Convention flyer should be available by March 2018. Continue to watch Convention website [www.ilstateafgconv.org](http://www.ilstateafgconv.org) for latest information. Next planning meeting will be held March 24, 2018 in Peoria.

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

# **November 4, 2017 SIAWSC and SIAFG meeting highlights – Jan T.**

## **Meeting Attendance**

- SIAWSC – 16 members (13 voting)
- SIAFG – 19 members (8 voting)

## **Treasury – 2017 Balances**

- Checking (Operating) balance = \$10,602.96
- Savings (Reserve Fund) = \$5,107.72

## **Motions / Consensus**

- SIAWSC
  - Motions
    - Approved July 8, 2017 SIAWSC meeting minutes
- SIAFG
  - Motions
    - Approved corrected July 8, 2017 SIAFG meeting minutes
    - Approved paying the full World Service Conference Delegate expense amount (\$2,443.00) for 2018
    - Approved capping off the reserve fund (\$6,000.00) at end of 2017
    - Approved accepting changes made in the Alateen documents suggested by the Alateen Group Sponsor Ad Hoc Committee
    - Approved the following By Law Changes:
      - Page 11, SECTION 12, DUTIES OF SIAWSC MEMBERS – All Officers shall
        - Change current #5 to #6
        - Add new #5
          - Shall prepare a written report of his or her activities. Oral report is to be given at SIAWSC and SIAFG meetings. Written reports are to be given to *News-O-Gram* editor (for publication in the next *News-O-Gram*) and recording secretary
      - Page 17 – H - DUTIES OF A DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
        - Replace #3 as follows:
          - Shall prepare a written report of his or her activities. Oral report is to be given at SIAWSC meeting. Written reports are to be given to *News-O-Gram* editor (for publication in the next *News-O-Gram*) and recording secretary

**2018 SIAFG Meetings: March 10<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:siafgnog.org@gmail.com) for all *News-O-Gram* correspondence.**

*Al-Anon District 11*  
*Spring 2018 Workshop*  
*(with AA participation)*  
*April 6-7, 2018*

Location: First Church of the Nazarene  
1177 W. Hickory Point Road, Decatur, IL 62526



*Al-Anon Guest Speaker: Larcine G. of California*

*Don't miss out on the fellowship of Al-Anon, AA and Alateen*

*Friday: dessert bar after speaker*  
*Saturday: light breakfast and lunch provided*