



**Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups**  
**News-O-Gram**  
**Spring/Summer 2019**

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

Saturday, July 13, 2019 – 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 13, 2019 – 12:30am

**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 D229 on the right.

**OFFICER AND COORDINATOR REPORTS**

**Chairperson – Rowena A.**

Here it is again time for the News O Gram. Time sure fly's by. I just want to remind everyone that our next SIAWSC meeting will start at 9:00am followed by the SIAFG meeting at 10:30am. These meetings are on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2019. I will be sending out the agenda for both meetings very soon. I am waiting to hear from a few people in regards to the 2020 state convention. We have a plan pending. I hope to know more by July.

**Please think about what service means to you and how you can serve in the upcoming elections. This will be one of the agenda items for the July meetings.** Please check your service manual for all job descriptions. And see 'Position Descriptions' information included later in this newsletter.

Another item on the agenda will be how will we bring our SIAWSC meeting into alignment with our service manual? See Report from Committee on SIWSC meetings included later in this newsletter.

In Service your Chairperson,

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

**Treasurers Report – Carol W.**

Southern Illinois Area Treasurer's Report (May 2019) and Southern Illinois Area Contribution Form follow on the next 2 pages.

## Southern Illinois Area Treasurer's Report

May 2019

Hello, the table below shows group donations from January–April 2019. When sending a donation, please use the contribution form that I return with your donation receipt. The donation form is also available on SIAFG website and is listed below, after the contribution table. In order to keep complete records, I need to know **Group Name, District Number, and WSO ID number**. In addition, it helps if you print the name and address of the person sending the donation, because I cannot always read the signatures. The below donations were given to Area's general 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 the next Area Assembly. Hope you are able to enjoy spring after a long winter.

Yours in Recovery,



Carol W., Area Treasurer

A New Beginning AFG	20	4023	Litchfield Al-Anon Group	18	50020
Beginners AFG	11	3703	Monday Morning AFG	20	24161
Bethalto Wed. Morning AFG	18	3491	Monday Night Elm Street AFG	18	3451
Blues Busters	12	49550	Monday Step By Step AFG	12	53628
CMA Friday Morning AFG	20	30790	Open Door AFG	18	3812
CMA-Hope AFG	20	35525	Progress Not Perfection	19	30633415
			Saturday Morning Serenity		
District 11	11		Seeker	10	25455
District 14 AFG	14		Saturday Night AFG	12	4040
Edwardsville Fundamentals of Recovery	18	30584718	Serenity Seekers	12	30568962
Effingham Al-Anon Family Group	13	3741	Solutions on Serenity	15	30791
Fourth Step AFG	10	30595928	Stepping Stones AFG	17	30673249
Friday Night Exp, Strength & Hope AFG	19	30564695	Sunday Night Hilltop	20	30160
			The Monday Night Serenity		
Friday Night Happy Hour	10	61535	Group	18	26501
H.O.W. Al-Anon Family Group	19	004104	Thursday Morning Meeting	12	30512054
Happiness Is	19	4811	Thursday Night Group	18	30528380
Hope for Today AFG	12	66486	Troy Joy	18	63747
Hopeful Serenity Seekers Adult Children					
AFG	18	34856	Wednesday Morning Glories	20	4022
Keep It Simple	19	48115	Your Cause		

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## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA CONTRIBUTION FORM

### PLEASE PRINT

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: Carol Wielgus**

**Please Make Check or**

**1000 Bethel Mine Road**

**Money Order to:**

**Caseyville, IL 62232**

**SIAFG**

**(618) 304-4672**

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## **Group Records Secretary Report – Suz B.**

It is a loss to Al-Anon that one of our GRs Jan O. has passed. Because of her passing Paxton New Beginning's Meeting welcomes Marie H. as the current GR. We appreciate Marie's willingness to serve.

Good news comes to us from Paris Illinois they now have a new group, Courage to Change Paris Illinois AFG.

In WSO news:

WSO conducts an annual purge of records every year about this time in an effort

To "clean up" their database. In looking over their records I have discovered several inconsistencies. In regards to this, currently the Area Group Records Secretary keeps an excel file with what is supposed to be current DRS, GRS, CMAs and group information.

Unfortunately, the file I have is questionable at best, so the next two months will be spent

contacting each and every group to confirm the accuracy of the contact and group information. I will be not only updating the excel file but I will update the WSO database as well.

I appreciate your assistance with this effort and I am sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

There are a lot of changes week to week within the districts and accurate meeting locations and information for newcomers searching for a meeting is of the highest priority.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area Group Records Secretary.

Suz B.

## **COORDINATORS REPORTS**

### **Alateen Coordinator – Becky R.**

We have some very exciting developments in the past quarter. We have a new meeting that has started in Springfield. In December 2018 I had an evening training with this new group of AMIAS (Alanon Members Involved in Alateen Service). They started a new Alateen meeting and a new Al-Anon meeting at the same time in the same facility. I received a very excited note after their first meeting that there were 4 teens in attendance with 3 more expected the following week. And the new Al-Anon meeting had 11 at their first meeting. It has been very exciting to help them get up and running.

For those previous AMIAS in districts who have disbanded their Alateen meetings I thought it might be helpful to know that this was an exciting development of having interested teens along with tapping into Al-Anon's who had previously been certified as AMIAS. My advice for this is to stay open to the possibilities and keep your eyes open. Don't be disheartened. These meetings seem to come and go as groups of teens have interest.

As always, I am happy to come to any district for AMIAS training!! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or requests. Another idea I've been successful with is to have AMIAS training with both active AMIAS as well as Al-Anon members potentially interested in becoming an AMIAS. Sometimes the best "advertisement" for attracting AMIAS is to hold a training. I just need a district representative to help organize a place, time and communication to attract Al-Anon member to.

Becky Ropp - Sothern Illinois Area Alateen Coordinator

## **Archives Coordinator – Fern T.**

Fern thanked everyone who has given her Southern Illinois Area Archive Material to file to preserve our history, Anyone giving her material should remember the importance of clearly identifying all material: people, places, dates, etc. cannot be stressed enough. Many items will be identified with the date of origin. However, photographs should have the name(s) of subject(s) and the date written on the back. Undated material can add hours of time to the work of future researchers and may sometimes make the document less valuable. Example: Spring Workshop, Dist. 14, April 6, 2019 given by Katie, Dist. Rep.

She reported about the most rewarding part of being an Archivist is when someone asks you a question, AND after doing some research, an answer is found. Some answers come from our Area Officers and Co-Ordinator's, but Joe, the Archives Representative at the World Service Office in Virginia Beach has access to the most complete files. This is a true example of what happen:

Lynn H. from Alton, IL called – question was, “Do you know or can you find out when The Wednesday Night sunshine Group began?” Fern went to her complete Archive Index – found in Box 2 a folder with registered meetings and meeting changes – no record of Sunshine Group – Fern called Joe – In a matter of minutes, he gave her the Group number and the registration date. When I called Lynn, that was one of the most amazing gifts I could have received from Al-Anon – to be able to help her to share my joy and experience with her.

Every group has a history! To preserve the past, please try to write a Group History, no matter how many weeks, months or years the Group has been in existence. There s a plan to make it easier, that you can follow, or you can write it using your own plan. If you have any concerns or questions, please call me 618-571-1772. Thank you very much for all of your help.

Fern Turpin – Southern Illinois Area Archivist

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

Thanks to all who sent information for inclusion in the Spring/Summer 2019 *News-O-Gram*.

Deadline for next News-O-Gram is September 10, 2019.

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 [siafnog.org@gmail.com](mailto:siafnog.org@gmail.com).

Discussion was held at March 2, 2019 Area World Service Committee and Assembly meetings regarding the News-O-Gram including area number in its title. WSO no longer uses area numbers. A motion was unanimously approved to remove Area 16. It will now be titled “*Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups News-O-Gram*”.

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

## **DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

### **District 10 – Kathy H. (DR)**

Changes in the district 10 meeting schedule have been made with groups records, webmaster, the printed list, and our phone service.

AA Roundup in April has invited Alateen to have a panel discussion at this event. There will also be an Al-Anon speaker at 1:00pm Deb S. from Eureka.

In June I will be stepping down as DR so that new and fresh talent can get involved in service.

Kathy H.

On a personal note –

I have shared the insanity of trying to control by yelling, and lots of threats with my cat G that I adopted. I have to smile because I realized I was doing the same things I did with the alcoholics in my life. It didn't work with them and it wasn't working with my cat. Even though my cat didn't understand my words, he did understand my tone of voice and body language. After Al-Anon I started changing what I could, but I still needed to be careful of my tone of voice and body language not sending a different message than my words. I will say I'm having a better time with G now that I'm applying my Al-Anon tools.



### **District 11 – Theresa B. (DR)**

Attendance at the Tuesday Night Serenity Seekers meeting has been down lately. We have attributed some of it to the cold weather. We did get a new enthusiastic member that agreed to be our group rep and then after just a couple of months we found out that her husband was being transferred. The Thursday morning meeting has seemed to increase. The Sunday night meeting seems to hold its own. If we do see new members, they don't seem to stay for the suggested 6 meetings or beyond.

We continue to have a presence at our local treatment center the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. We have tried to come up with a calendar for a sing up for each month, so we know who is available each month. It is sometimes a struggle to get a full panel some months. We try to stress that we get as much out of our visit as the clients do and it is great service work.

At our district meeting on November 20, 2018 it was decided that we will not have a spring 2019 workshop. Our attendance is down so much at meetings and we got started so late, we felt like we just didn't have the resources or time to pull it together for this year. We will regroup next year and hope to have a really nice one.

Theresa Burton – District 11 Rep.

### **District 12 – Cathy B. (interim DR)**

Jane M's term ended December 31, 2018. Only two GR's attended the election meeting in December, so the elections were postponed to January. Only one GR attended the January election meeting but then Cathy B. asked to step up as Interim DR until there can be enough participation to hold elections.

Cathy B. reports the district is in trouble. There seems to be a huge lack of interest, and there is no participation. In an effort to stress the importance to keep the district going, Cathy B. announced (and held) an informational meeting on February 16, and asked all members of Al-Anon District 12 to attend. There were 13 in attendance, with 6 being GR's. Discussions included the purpose of the district, and its responsibility to the Groups and to the Area; as well as responsibilities of the DR and the GR's within the district. Cathy suggested that the open positions within the district should mirror those of SIAFG. If the district positions are similar to Area's, then sharing experience, ideas and information with each other will help build confidence and strengthen the needs of the District.

Cathy recommended as many members as possible to come to the Area meeting to see first-hand the exchange of information and the relationship between District and Area. (And to hear Sandy W. share her service story!)

The next (district informational) meeting will be March 10, 2019, to share what was learned at the Area Assembly meeting and have one more round of Q&A's before setting a meeting date for the elections. Also, a summary listing of each of the different positions descriptions within the District was generated and sent to the groups. PLUS, it was asked that this document not only be distributed, but to have it read out loud as an announcement during group meetings.

Some take-a-ways from the February 16, 2019 meeting:

- Let's make District meetings fun and interactive.
- Inspire and promote service work.
- Suggest rotating location of the District meetings, having different groups host will help promote visibility and participation.
- Get a service sponsor! Or mentor with someone who has served in that position before.
- Get in the car!... Carpool to meetings, district meetings, area assembly meetings, local Al-Anon events, and State conventions. Fellowship outside the meetings is priceless!
- Al-Anon may be anonymous, but should not be invisible. Public outreach IS important!
- Let's keep the momentum going, and let's do all we can to make our District strong again!

### **District 14 – Katie G. (DR)**

December 27<sup>th</sup> was Al-Anon participation day for the local Alkathon. Wonderful family of speakers at the new venue.

Spring Round-up Workshops coming up April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am until 2pm. Will have a skit, raffles, breakouts and appetizers at the Coldwell building on Lebanon Avenue in Belleville.

Still sharing Al-Anon at the Caseyville Gateway Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. We've had at least 3 showing up!

### **District 18 – JoEllyn P. (DR)**

There were 13 Group Representatives/Alternative Group Representatives at our November district meeting. There were two new group representatives to represent their group.

District 18 has developed a website page. On this website page, groups can send events and they can be posted. In the January district meeting, it was decided to pay a small fee for the website page to avoid any advertising.

Litchfield Tuesday night group celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 27<sup>th</sup> with snacks and a speaker.

Bethalto morning meeting volunteers at Collinsville Senior Center talking Hope and Understanding for Parents and Grandparents.

### **District 19 – Charlene V. (DR)**

District now has a website. An Alateen meeting has been added on Sunday night. They have been sending out information to churches and schools.

### **District 20 – Mary S. (DR)**

Tory K, our District Representative has resigned because she needed to relocate to another state. Mary S. was elected the DR to complete her term ending in December 2019.

District elections will be in June of 2019 with the officers and coordinators assuming responsibilities in January 2020.

Our Sunday night Top of the Hill Alateen has struggled with attendance due to weather causing the majority of the problem. Hopefully with Spring close attendance will increase.

### **Report from Committee on SIWSC meetings**

Committee on SIWSC meetings: suggestions based on review and discussion of Service Manual.

Items in bold represent the group's consensus

#### **1. Content options (items to include in meeting agenda as appropriate)**

Plan possible additions to **Assembly agenda**

Address business that can't wait until next Assembly;

**Plan for general improvement of the Area**

**Initiate projects and make recommendations** (insurance, Area inventory)

**Delegate's report**

Oversight of Area newsletter (to inform & unify groups)

Submit unresolved questions to WSO (who? how?)

**Area budget**

**District problems/concerns**

Suggestions to improve service manual

Revise boundaries of Districts (as needed)

**Troubleshoot**

**Make Assembly meetings more attractive to GRs**

#### **2. Format options**

One combined meeting (Area Assembly and SIWSC)

**In-person meeting before/after Assembly**

Go-to meeting webinar (may be expensive and technically challenging)

Conference call (may be challenging to coordinate)

Group e-mail (through Group Records Secretary)

**Prefer NOT on separate day from Assembly** (expensive and time consuming)

#### **3. Time/date options:**

One week before assembly (email, conference call, webinar)

**One assembly in advance (at end of this Assembly, plan for next Assembly)**

Dedicated GR small group time during SIWSC: on service manual/service work/concepts (who would facilitate this?)



## **Regional Delegates Meeting – Summary Notes – from March 2019**

### **Submitted by: Cathy B. – Past Delegate – Illinois South – Panel 51**

**What is this?** It's actually the USNCRDM (U.S. North Central Regional Delegates Meeting).

**What is the purpose of this meeting?** It is to share the experience, strength and hope of past Delegates with the new area Delegates before going to Conference. Also, the attendees will become more informed, more unified in spirit, more knowledgeable on policy matters and have better understanding and knowledge of the Concepts, Traditions, group conscience and obedience to the unenforceable.

**Who attends this meeting?** All current and past delegates, current and past trustees, current Area officers and hosting area coordinators, current and past Canadian delegates and current and past Canadian trustees.

**Where is our region?** Our region is made up of 9 Areas, and divided into 3-Triads. West Triad: MN North, MN South, IA; Central Triad: IL North, IL South, WI & UPMI; and East Triad: MI, IN, OH.

Each year, a member of the next hosting Triad selects an Area to host the next meeting. If rotation follows suit, an Area will host the RDM once every nine years. How is this structured? There is a USNCRDM policy and guidelines that explains in detail the how, where, what, when to these meetings. The baton is passed at the conclusion of the weekend long meeting. Each year, the USNCRDM will mirror a mini World Service Conference and will use the current conference theme. The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of Service w/Warranties are read at all opening sessions. The conference history, conference structure, and the WSC rules are reviewed. Explanation of the committees, thought & task forces, and the role of the delegate are given. Also, the importance of a service sponsor, WSC mentor and how the conference materials are shared prior to conference is presented. The new delegates will share a little bit about themselves, and there are featured speakers on Saturday night and Sunday morning. The current regional trustee will present a report, sharing what's happening at WSO, and any upcoming events. Also, we learn more about the Regional Trustee, the Trustee at Large, and ECRPM (Executive Committee for Real Property Management) position descriptions; the resume' process, and how the elections work. There will be breakout sessions similar to what happens at Conference, where the chosen agenda items will be shared and discussed. Also similar to Conference, there will be a business meeting to discuss the financial business, which includes the financial report, the budget, and the seed money to pass to the next meeting. There is time for business, and always time for fun and fellowship.

**My personal experience while attending this meeting?** It's like a family reunion with my Al-Anon family members. Lots of hugs, smiles, laughs and, it's like a revival of the spiritual foundation of my program. The love and support we offer the new delegates is literally priceless. I know because I was a new delegate a long time ago. The RDM is not just about the current and past delegates, it encompasses the relationship between our area and WSO, and the communication to the groups. It's also about networking with nine other areas to share experiences, strength, and hope. There are so many similarities within our areas, we ask each other questions, talk about our trial & errors, what works and what doesn't work, and we all learn so much. Everything in between is discussed at some point during the weekend, from lack of attendance and/or participation at area, district, group meetings, to financial struggles, hurdles, and successes. I highly recommend anyone who can go, to please go and attend these annual meetings. You'll be blown away by the experience and wonder why you haven't considered going before now. Service ... its part of our legacies and a big part of recovery. You've got to give it away to get it.

**2019 SIAFG Meetings: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and November 2<sup>rd</sup> at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.**

### **Upcoming Events –**

**Illinois State AFG Convention**

**October 11-13, 2019**

**Hyatt Regency Schaumburg**

**(Flyer included in this newsletter)**

**Please be sure to use email address [siafgnog.org@gmail.com](mailto:siafgnog.org@gmail.com) for all *News-O-Gram* correspondence.**



# POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

## **Overview of the Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee (SIAWSC) & Area Assembly Officer position descriptions and responsibilities.**

The terms of office as referenced in our Bylaws [See page 8, Article V, Section 2], for officers - shall be three years, beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. For Coordinators - shall be three years, beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. Both officers and coordinators shall be limited to two (2) full terms of the same office and no more than thirty (30) years total. Please note that Office positions are elected, and Coordinator positions are appointed by the Chairperson.

**We will vote at the July 2019 Area Assembly meeting, and will finish at the November 2019 Area Assembly meeting if any seats remain open.** Goal is to then 'pass the baton' during the November 2019 Area Assembly meeting. Remember, you are not alone! There are those who have gone before us to help mentor, answer questions, and provide any help along the way. Service Sponsors are also a great resource. If you don't have one, I suggest you consider this option.

**Delegate** – Elected position, and is the primary communication link between the groups and the WSO. This person should be either a current DR, or past DR. He/she must NOT also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). He/she is to represent all the groups in his/her Area at the annual World Service Conference (WSC). He/she is to bring the Area's viewpoint on matters affecting the entire fellowship to the Conference, and to return with a broader perspective of Al-Anon worldwide. To be the bridge of understanding that links the groups & districts in the area with Al-Anon worldwide, to help them continue to function in unity. And, of course, to be a servant of Al-Anon as a whole. The Delegate shall attend each meeting of SIAWSC and SIAFG, Inc (Area Assembly); and shall submit a report to these meetings after attending the WSC, along with any updated information shared by WSO. He/she will be a member of the BOD, and chair the BOD meetings; shall be a member of the IL State AFG Convention Resource Committee (CRC), and chair the wrap up meetings when the convention is held in Southern Illinois Area. He/she shall distribute or cause to be distributed, to any new Al-Anon Family Group or Alateen Group registering with SIAFG, a copy of the By-Laws, a welcome letter, a copy of the SIAFG map and a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of the SIAWSC members. He/she shall submit to WSO no later than January 1st of the regional election year, either the regional trustee (RT) resume or notification that the area does not have a candidate. It is also recommended to serve as Area Chairperson after the Delegate term is up.

**Alternate Delegate** – Elected position, and works along with the Delegate as much as possible in communicating with the groups & districts. This person also should be either a current DR, or past DR. He/she must NOT also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). He/she acquaints himself with all of the Delegate's duties, so that if the Delegate is unable to finish the three-year term, the Alternate can step in to complete it. The Alternate can also serve as the alternate Chairperson, or assist with any other officer position as needed. The Alternate can also serve as the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) and can also assist the Alateen Coordinator if necessary. The Alternate shall coordinate workshops or other informational activities at Area Assemblies, and/or arrange for a speaker from WSO to speak in place of a workshop.

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**Chairperson** – Elected position, and should have leadership and organizational abilities, serving rather than dictating. This person also should be either a current DR, or past DR. He/she must NOT also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). It is essential to be able to plan an agenda, and conduct meetings in an orderly manner. Communication and cooperation with others is the key to success. The Chairperson shall conduct all SIAWSC and Area Assembly meetings, allow the Delegate to present his/her report of the WSC proceedings and decisions, and ask the Recording Secretary to send meeting notices. He/she shall conduct an annual Assembly inventory [should be done at least once every three years]. The Chairperson will call for vote, the election of officers at the election meeting [see AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, pages 150-151, 'At the Assembly Level' – The Election Assembly]. The Chairperson shall appoint all coordinators, and appoint another DR to fill the office temporarily if any officer other than the Delegate resigns before the end of his/her term. He/she may also call for an emergency meeting to discuss urgent Area matters if necessary. The Chairperson shall attend the WSC only when the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate are not available to attend. The Chairperson must sign the contract for the Illinois State AI-Anon AFG Convention when being held in Southern Illinois Area. And, the Chairperson shall bring to, and display at all meetings the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts (banners).

**Recording Secretary** – Elected position, and shall work closely with the Group Records Secretary to maintain current contact information of all GR's, DR's, officers and coordinators; and to ensure that the names and addresses of the AWSC members are sent to the WSO. This person does not need to be a current DR, or past DR, BUT must not also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). He/she will attend to all regular secretarial work and take minutes of all meetings, and will handle correspondence not addressed to a specific officer, coordinator, or committee. The Secretary shall keep a book of minutes of all annual, regular, special and election meetings of SIAWSC and SIAFG. (These proceedings are to include all voted results regarding Motion content made/seconded, approved or rejected). He/she shall send all notices at least 30-days prior to meetings, and send a copy of minutes no more than 45 days after each meeting of SIAWSC and SIAFG Area Assembly, to each member on the registered SIAWSC & Group list. He/she shall send a copy of corrected minutes of all meetings to such members on the list, and to WSO, no more than 45 days after approval; and submit the approved SIAWSC and SIAFG Area Assembly minutes to the Web Master for posting to the website. At election meetings, the Secretary shall call the roll of all voting members present and list on the whiteboard qualified candidates for office [the Chairperson calls for vote]. After election, the Secretary is to distribute a copy of the By-Laws and the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual to the newly elected members. [Or, these could be passed on at the end of term]



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**Treasurer** – Elected position, and will handle all SIAFG Area Assembly collections and funds. This person shall be the Chief Financial Officer of SIAFG. He/she does not need to be a current DR, or past DR, BUT must not also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). The Treasurer should prepare a special appeal letter to be sent at least once per year to all groups asking them to contribute to the Area treasury, to cover Assembly expenses, including contributions to the Delegate's equalized expense. To forward to the WSO, before January 1st, the Delegate's equalized expense amount. He/she is to issue receipts for any contributions received, and to pay all bills for approved expenditures. He/she will be responsible for keeping adequate and correct accounts of SIAFG's monies, and shall present periodic written financial reports to the SIAWSC and to SIAFG Area Assembly. The Treasurer will set aside reserve funds as directed by SIAWSC; and prepare or cause to be prepared the required local, county, state and federal tax returns. The Treasurer will keep the check book and have four officers to be authorized to sign checks; of these, two (2) signatures will be required on every check. The Treasurer will disperse to the Delegate 'out of pocket' expenses while attending the WSO; and to disperse to the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Past Delegate approved amount(s) for The Regional Delegates Meeting expenses. And the Treasurer is to provide a budget status report to SIAWSC and SIAFG Area Assembly, and to present an annual proposed budget for the following year, to be approved prior to December 31st.

**Group Records Secretary** – See Guidelines G-36 (Area Group Records Coordinator) for details. The Area Group Records Secretary serves as the nuts and bolts of the communication connection among the Al-Anon members, the groups, districts, Area, the entire service structure, and the World Service Office (WSO). He/she does not need to be a current DR, or past DR, BUT must not also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). He/she is the keeper of the SIAWSC & SIAFG Area Assembly Al-Anon and Alateen group information and district information, and serves as primary contact between the Area and the WSO regarding Al-Anon group records. Updates the Area's records with all changes received from the groups or the WSO, and will use the WSO On-line Group Records application to: register new groups, make group changes, and generate reports as needed. He/she informs groups in the Area that mail from the WSO goes to the Current Mailing Address (CMA) and not to the GR, unless the GR is the CMA. He/she will encourage members and groups to use their WSO identification number; and encourage DRs to send any changes within their district to the Group Records Secretary. He/she will be the link for Meeting Lists between District and Area, making sure all group meeting information is current and accurate. And, will work with the Recording Secretary in sending the News-O-Gram, Minutes of SIAWSC, SIAFG Area Assembly & Board of Directors, and the Treasurer's report to all appropriate persons.

AFG AREA MEETING

# SAVE THE DATE: JULY 13th AREA MEETING Springfield Illinois

SIAWSC will begin at 9:00 am

SIAFG will begin at 10:30 am



Chair::Rowena A.  
Roclean1@sbcglobal.net





**THERE'S NO GROWTH  
IN THE COMFORT ZONE**

## 2019 Illinois State AFG Convention

*Action is Attraction:  
There's No Growth in the Comfort Zone*

**October 11, 12 & 13, 2019**

hosted by NIAFG

**Come join us for a full weekend of Al-Anon,  
Alateen and A.A. meetings, speaker  
meetings, and fellowship activities!**

at Hyatt Regency Schaumburg  
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*Together We  
Can Make It!*

### Convention Opens at 3 pm Friday

#### Speakers:

**Friday night:** A.A.: Keith D., Elk Grove, IL

Alateen: Andrea C., Streator, IL

Al-Anon: Susan B., Shipman, IL

**Saturday afternoon:** A.A.: Chris & Art H., Algonquin, IL

**Saturday night:** Al-Anon: Zelda B., Washington, KS

**Sunday morning:** Al-Anon Linda H., Nashville, TN

#### Hotel reservations:

A discounted room rate of \$109 plus tax is available  
at: [www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRW/G-SAFG](http://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRW/G-SAFG) or call 847-605-1234 *before  
September 20, 2019.* Mention "AFG Convention"  
for discount. If the group rate is no longer available,  
prevailing rates may be offered for some or all of the dates.

#### Prices:

Al-Anon & A.A. Registration: \$30.00

Walk-ins and after September 20th: \$35.00

Alateen Registration: \$5.00

After September 20th: \$10.00

Banquet: \$40.00 per person

**BASKET RAFFLES  
& FELLOWSHIP!**

**Quilt Raffle!**

#### Banquet:

1. Pan Seared Salmon with Roasted Red Pepper  
Cream Sauce, Sweet Corn Relish
2. Chicken Breast, Pan Seared with Tomatoes, Fresh  
Mozzarella, Basil Pesto Cream
3. Four Cheese Ravioli with Vegetable Garnish,  
House Made Marinara, Parmesan

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Al-Anon \_\_\_\_\_ A.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Alateen \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Conference only \_\_\_\_ Banquet & Conference Meal choice # \_\_\_\_ Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
(*\$30 before 9/20, Alateen \$5*) (*\$70 before 9/20, Alateen \$45*)

Able to Volunteer: \_\_\_\_ Greeter \_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_ Registration \_\_\_\_ Literature \_\_\_\_ Anywhere

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration and checks to: 2019 IL State AFG Convention, P. O. Box 355, Plainfield, IL 60544-0355  
For more information, contact Teresa C. 630/254-1669 or Diane G. 847/544-9889 or visit [www.ilstateafgconv.org](http://www.ilstateafgconv.org)

  
Al-Anon Family Groups  
Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers