



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

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

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – 9:00am & 30
minutes after Assembly meeting
Registration at 8:30am

Both meetings are held at:

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

Area Assembly (SIAFG) Meeting

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – 9:45am

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.

A note from your outgoing chairperson: All is going well with my chemo treatment, I am half way through with the chemo. I have three more Chemo, then surgery then radiation. I miss being at the meetings but I am trying to keep in touch with what is going on in the area. I am concerned about SIAFG hosting of the 2020 Illinois State AFG convention. I am in hope that we will get that resolved soon. I am very thankful that Cathy has stepped up to help me finish my year as chairperson. I want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers. It means a lot to me.
In Service your Chairperson, Rowena Altic

Interim Chairperson and Past Delegate – Cathy B.

We still don't have a Chairperson elected, and will try to get that done during the November meeting. Following is the description for Area Chairperson position.

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 Al-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 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).

Treasurers Report – Carol W.

Southern Illinois Area Treasurer's Report – September 2019 (May-August 2019) follows on next page.

Southern Illinois Area Contribution Form is found below.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA CONTRIBUTION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Group Name _____
Contact Person _____
Street Address _____
City and State _____
Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____

Group ID# _____
District _____
Amount _____
Check # _____

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

SIAFG

Send to: Carol Wielgus

1000 Bethel Mine Road

Caseyville, IL 62232

(618) 304-4672

Southern Illinois Area Treasurer's Report

September 2019

Hello, the table below shows district and group donations from May–August 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 the last days of summer.

Yours in Recovery,



Carol W., Area Treasurer

District or Group Name	District Number	Group Number	District or Group Name	District Number	Group Number
Alton Mon. E. 12th Street	18	3451	Litchfield Al-Anon Group	18	50020
Beginners Group	14	30604577	Monday Hilltop AFG	20	4020
Birthday, 32 years			Monday Morning AFG	20	24161
CMA Friday Morning AFG	20	30790	New Beginning AFG	12	4007
CMA Hope AFG	20	35525	New Hope AFG	15	30640141
District 18	18		Open Door AFG	18	3812
District 20	20		Progress Not Perfection	19	30633415
Edwardsville Fundamentals of Recovery	18	30584718	Rise & Shine AFG	12	30669824
Fourth Step AFG	10	30595928	Saturday Morning Serenity Seeker	10	25455
Friday Night Happy Hour	10	61535	Stepping Stones AFG	17	30673249
Friday Serenity Seekers	14	3978	The Monday Night Serenity Group	18	26501
Happiness Is	19	4811	Thursday Night AFG	18	30528380
Hope for Today AFG	12	66486	Troy Joy	18	63747
Hopeful Serenity Seekers Adult Children AFG	18	34856	Tuesday Afternoon Al-Anon	10	3495
Keep It Simple	19	48115	Wednesday Morning Glories	20	4022
			Your Cause		

COORDINATOR DESCRIPTIONS AND REPORTS

DESCRIPTIONS

Interim Chairperson and Past Delegate – Cathy B.

At the last area assembly meeting, I volunteered myself to write a brief position description for our coordinator's positions, similar to what I did for our officer positions. Find below [Coordinator Duties and Descriptions](#). Hopefully, questions or concerns can be answered prior to the next Assembly meeting, and we'll have people interested to step into these positions come November. Thanks! Cathy Blakey - 217-377-0140

Duties of a Coordinator: All AI-Anon members, except those who are also members of A.A., are eligible to serve as an Area Coordinator. The Area Chairperson appoints the member to the position, no vote is needed. All coordinators are to attend both the SIAWSC and Area Assembly meetings. If pre-authorization for vote at the Area Assembly meeting is needed, it must be brought to the SIAWSC for review and recommendation for presentation to Area Assembly. All coordinators are to prepare a written report of his or her activities. Oral report is to be given at the Area Assembly meeting, and written reports are to be given to the News-O-Gram editor (for publication in the next News-O-Gram) and recording secretary (to help clarify points in the minutes during the meeting). All coordinators should become familiar with the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, our SIAFG by-laws, and review the AI-Anon guidelines available on the WSO website. Expenses will be covered by SIAFG; a budget & financial report will need to be presented to the Area Treasurer. As stated in the By-Laws, missing two successive meetings will cause the coordinator to be replaced.

Alateen Coordinator – Is the vital link of communication between the WSO, Area, and NIAFG on matters relating to Alateen. You are a resource for Alateen at all levels of service including districts and groups, state conventions, and any other trusted servants doing work in the area of Alateen. Your first step, if you haven't done so already, is to become certified as an AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) yourself. You will work closely with the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) [or fulfill the duties of], when necessary. Alateen Area Process Person (AAPP) – Also is a vital link of communication between the WSO and to Area on matters relating to all paperwork pertaining to Alateen. You are a resource for the districts, groups, state conventions, and any other trusted servants doing work in the area of Alateen. You will be handling all aspects regarding Alateen forms, certification, registering Alateen groups, and review and update as necessary the Area Alateen Behavioral and Safety Requirements. Perform confidential candidate background checks, and in cooperation with WSO, inform the candidate when they can officially begin the role as an Alateen sponsor. The AAPP [and/or Alateen coordinator] will collaborate with Northern IL Alateen Coordinator & AAPP, and will be responsible for training, and recertification of AMIAS, meeting the deadline established by WSO. ** Helpful hint: Have a records management plan to keep Alateen Sponsors, AMIAS, and Alateen Group data up-to-date. Recertification happens yearly, and you need to verify information with WSO, Group Records, and making reports to Area Assembly.

Archives Coordinator – Your primary purpose is to preserve the history and memorabilia of the AI-Anon fellowship from the beginning of the group or district's first meeting. You will assemble, keep and maintain the historical items about SIAFG groups and Alateen group activities, events, and records. Keep a record of changes and growth identified by date of origin, subject name, and the location of where the item came from. The extent of archival holdings depends on common sense and space availability. All material should be kept in acid-free folders, boxes, and photo sleeves. These should be kept in a cool, dry place and stored in a manner to protect the members' anonymity. This history should be preserved so as to be available to the membership, to display at Area Assembly meetings, State Conventions, or other Area events.

By-laws and Insurance Coordinator – The By-Laws are the written articles of incorporation and must be kept up to date in order to meet the State of Illinois requirements in keeping SIAFG, Inc. a registered nonprofit organization. Responsibilities include calling attention to the Chairperson when any variances occur between current practices and the By-Laws or Service Manual guidelines. Temporary changes may be discussed at the SIAWSC meeting, and voted by the Area Assembly; then file permanent changes with the State as recommended by the registered agent. Also, you will be responsible to review, analyze and make recommendations for the purchase of insurance. And if insurance is purchased, to maintain and update so as to stay compliant with the requirements.

Convention Coordinator – The Area convention is an occasion for AI-Anon and Alateen members to gather for fun and fellowship, to celebrate their beginnings, enhance their understanding of the program, and to find ways to attract new members. Because the State of Illinois hosts only one convention a year, it is split between NIAFG and SIAFG. NI hosts during the odd years, SI hosts during the even years. This position will serve as the liaison between SIAFG and NIAFG

planning committee meetings. You should attend all Illinois State AFG Convention planning meetings when SIAFG is hosting and at least three planning meetings (the first, last, and one in between) when NIAFG is hosting. You will assist the SIAFG Chairperson and the convention chairperson (when SIAFG is hosting) in selecting a venue for the convention – which needs to be secured at least 18 months prior to the convention. Also, you will serve as a link between SIAFG and the IL State AA Conference providing a name of a contact person in the area (district) where Conference is being held. You will also work with NIAFG in maintaining the Illinois State AFG Convention Guidelines and recommend changes to SIAFG and the Convention Guidelines Committee. Attend the annual Convention Resource Committee (CRC) meeting, usually held the first Saturday in December.

Forum and Literature Coordinator – This is a vital link in Al-Anon service, carrying the message of recovery and unity through Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) to the Districts, Groups, and other members doing literature/Forum work within the Area. Each area receives periodic information from the WSO, most of it posted electronically and through emails from WSO. You will then share this information at Assembly and to District Representatives (DRs), committees, our Web site coordinator, and our Newsletter Editor. They will then convey this information to GRs and individual members. You'll want to encourage groups to utilize CAL as tools for recovery, and be creative as you communicate and display sample literature during Assembly. The Forum is also a great tool and should be encouraged for members to write articles (submitted to WSO), and subscriptions should be raffled during Area Assembly meetings.

News-O-Gram (Newsletter) Editor – Plays an important role in putting together a key source of information, unity, and harmony for a District, Area, Group, and all members of SIAFG. The specific content criteria is determined by a group conscience of the service arm, which can also help clarify specific purposes such as encourage attendance at service events, communicating the news, and attract Al-Anon members into service. You will develop a production timeline and publication deadline and ask for any reports, flyers, and articles, to be submitted within the timeline. Be creative and generate enthusiasm and sustain interest in the contents by giving the newsletter an attractive, professional design, using an easy to read font and variety of graphics. You will also issue (or cause to be issued) the News-O-Gram six weeks prior to SIAFG Assembly meetings.

Public Information (Outreach) Coordinator – Informs the general public through media, professionals, facilities, and organizations about who we (Al-Anon/Alateen) are, what we do, and how to get in touch with us (Al-Anon as a whole). You will be a vital link between WSO, Area, Districts, and all Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups. Our goal is to attract to our program those whose lives are or have been affected by someone else's drinking, and to help them find the help and hope we offer. You will build awareness in the community, inform the media, and make sure that the public can find Al-Anon easily. You can be creative in how you motivate Districts to follow through with Public Outreach projects, by making presentations and/or holding workshops.

Ways and Means Coordinator – This position is not recognized by WSO as a service position, but, is vital to sustaining Tradition 7 by supporting Area through our own funding. When fundraising is needed for particular needs, the Area may ask for your support in conducting or helping with a fundraising project. You may purchase items that relate in some ways to our spiritual principles (i.e.: anniversary coins, bookmarks, jewelry, etc.) and make them available for resale at all approved SIAFG functions.

Web Master Coordinator – The internet is an economical communication media that many potential members will use to find help. The website address should be shared with professionals, facilities, and organizations, to share with the public. Updating and maintaining the website is crucial, along with security and member anonymity protection. The website needs to be a link of communication between WSO, Area (Assembly meeting information), Districts (events), and Groups (meeting lists); and link to NIAFG and the IL State AFG Convention. You will need to maintain the SIAFG.org domain name, communicate and maintain agreement for web hosting service. Content and security is determined by a group conscience of the service arm.

REPORTS

Alateen Coordinator – Becky R.

Report from July meeting -

- Alateen has been moving along smoothly in the last quarter. I did train 2 new AMIAS in District 10. All current AMIAS were required to recertify through Mary S., AAPP by July.
- Darlene, the new Alateen District rep in Edwardsville, connected with me this quarter to help her get up and running. What I do when someone reaches out as a new district Alateen Coordinator is to discuss AMIAS coordination in their district, discuss the annual cycle for training and recertification, and provide them WSO resources for brochures and materials. The good news is most of the materials from the WSO area available free to download so I've downloaded them and I just email them directly out.
- As always, I am happy to come to any district for AMIAS training. Please contact me with any questions or requests. Another idea for attracting adult AMIAS to service is to hold a training for both active and interested AMIAS. Sometimes it's helpful to "advertise" to prospective AMIAS by inviting them to see and hear what it's like. In order to hold a training, I need a local contact to help me organize a place, time and to communicate to your local AMIAS and prospective AMIAS. Please reach out to me. I'm happy to help!! Cell: 217-369-8164; rropp@growmark.com.
- My work with Darlene and her questions for getting up and running has inspired me and I committed to write an article for the next News-O-Gram about (in my experience) the "ebb and flow" of Alateen. Of all my service work in Al-Anon, my work in Alateen has reinforced to me the importance of giving the outcomes over to my higher power. I have to continue to put the work in and trust whatever my higher power has in store is what is to be. This article follows.

While I was recently at the July SIAFG Assembly I had the opportunity to speak with a new District Alateen Coordinator. She was expressing her feelings of confusion and desperation to help get Alateen up and running in their district. I wanted to share this conversation as well as elaborate a little for those who more than likely have had the same feelings. To illustrate this, I want to provide my personal story.

By February 2020 I will be blessed to be in Al-Anon for 10 years. When I got into Al-Anon and felt the relief and fellowship which flows from actively working a program and I wanted to share this with my then 8 year-old daughter. At the time we didn't have an Alateen program in my area. We didn't even have any certified AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service). I started attending SIAFG area functions and learned more about Alateen and decided if I were to offer something like that in my district, I would have to learn more about what it takes. In my own district I organized some informational meetings with potential AMIAS. I got 2-3 adults interested and certified and we did our best to create interest and awareness, but for many reasons Alateen just didn't seem to come together. Two of us kept up our AMIAS certification in the hopes that when the time was right, we would be ready to open an Alateen meeting.

Then in the summer of 2018, under a set of somewhat strange circumstances, the MidLake Alateen Conference was scheduled in our local area. I asked around and got 1 teen (of course not my own) interested in attending with me to check it out. We had a fantastic weekend at the MidLake Alateen Conference and the teen I took with me was on fire to help us start an Alateen Meeting in our local area. So, we set a date for September 2018. I told her I would arrange the location, AMIAS, and a flier. The teen was responsible to get the word out with friends. Low and behold we started an Alateen meeting with 5 teens the first night and we've had as many as 10 teens off and on this entire first year!!

Now, please understand, we are all navigating the challenging formation of a new meeting. It has required that we all practice the steps, traditions, and concepts as we help the teens form their new group. One of the biggest challenges is that the teens don't have an example from other teens as they start working their programs. The AMIAS and I have gently stepped in at times to share experience, strength, hope and guidance at times to help them with options, but always with the understanding that the meeting and the fellowship is the group conscience of teens to decide.

It was one particular evening when it hit me what my real purpose was with Alateen as an AMIAS. On this particular night we didn't have any teens show up. I have to admit, my ego was deflated and I was very disappointed. So, I did what I learned to do in Al-Anon and I called my sponsor. I told my sponsor I needed the "pep talk" "I am only in the input business; I am not in the output business." What my sponsor means by this is, it is my responsibility to show up. I am only in the input business. Just like our declaration states, "When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there. And let it begin with me." I am not in the output business. It is my higher power that decides what is best for the outcome. So, it is my responsibility to show up, provide the safe environment, encourage, guide and share my experience and it is my higher power that will decide what is best for the group. Now the very next week we had 5 teens again, and we have fluctuated as a group learning our way ever since, but I have tried my best to stay out of the outcome. I have to put the work into it, but watch my expectations to stay out of the results.

I share this story to encourage all of you to have patience, understanding, and appropriate expectations as you are blessed to work with Alateen. I could go on and on about what I have learned and appreciated from our teens, but the main lesson has been and continues to be to "let go and let God" take the reins to lead the group.

Best wishes as you go about your service work!!

Becky Ropp

SIAFG Alateen Coordinator

217/369-8164

Archives Coordinator – Fern T.

There are some items I will bring to the November 2nd meeting.

I really appreciate all the Group History Reports that have been turned in and are added to our Archives. Other groups that haven't written a report, please contact me if you have any questions.

I know that the chairperson appoints the coordinators. I'm thinking ahead – would consider keeping the position of Archive Coordinator for 1 more term, so I can display Archive material at the next Illinois State AFG Convention that is held in Southern Area. The plans for the last convention had to be cancelled.

Really appreciate everyone's participation in working with me these past years. What a wonderful experience! Thank you very much. With Love, Fern Turpin

Convention Coordinator – Cathy B.

- 2019 Illinois State AFG Convention- Registration Form and Gift Basket Donation flyers are included at the end of this News-O-Gram. You may now register and pay on line by logging into the convention website (www.ilstateafgconv.org), select Event Registration, select "click here to register on line for the convention and banquet".
- A preliminary meeting for the 2020 Illinois State AFG Convention was held early September. See more information in District 19 report in this News-O-Gram.

News-O-Gram Coordinator – Jan T

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

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your News-O-Gram editor the past few years. This will be my last publication but, if needed, I will be available to mentor our new editor. So, please think about serving the Area by becoming our News-O-Gram editor. If you are interested please let me or our new Area Chairperson know.

Normally our cutoff date is around the 10th day of January, May, September every year. So, plan on those dates unless our new editor advises differently.

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

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

District 11 – Theresa B. (DR)

District 11 is hosting a fall family picnic this year in lieu of our spring workshop. We will have an AA & Al-Anon speaker. 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 3rd Wednesday of every month. We have tried to come up with a calendar for monthly sign up, 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)

The district held their 4th spring event (a/k/a May Event) on Saturday May 18th. There were about 20 members at this fellowship event. There was plenty of food, fellowship, and fun. No theme or speaker, but there were three 20-minute breakout sessions on chosen meeting topics. Immediately following the event, we held our district meeting. After final Q&A and detailed discussions, we held an election. I am please to report that we have all of our positions filled.

We are still working on contacting each of the groups to obtain updated contact information and to understand how many active and inactive groups there are in our district. My goal is to attend and/or contact as many meetings in the district as possible. Introduce myself, answer questions and encourage participation at district meetings. I want to explain the importance of the role as a GR, not only at district but at the area level as well.

We will be rotating the location of our district meetings to meet at the various group locations, either before or after their regular Al-Anon meeting. We are making ourselves known and available to support the groups and their members.

The next district meeting will be Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 5:00pm in Rantoul.

District 14 – Katie G. (DR)

We had our Spring Workshop Roundup in April. We'll be participating at an event about mental illness at the Shrine on August 23rd.

District 18 – JoEllyn P. (DR)

District meetings had very little participation at District & Area meetings. After an informational meeting that Cathy held, they have been able to fill all District positions.

District 19 – Charlene V. (DR)

We are looking for potential volunteers for the 2020 Illinois State AFG Convention, proposed to take place in Springfield, October 9-11, 2020 at a facility in downtown Springfield or at Crowne Plaza. More details at November 2nd Area meetings.

District 20 – Mary S. (DR)

District 20 held election of officers on June 9, 2019 with Mary P. assuming the position of District Representative in January of 2020. All positions were filled except Group Records Secretary. Many of the Coordinators positions were filled also. A task force was formed to make suggestions on how to disburse our extra funds. One project selected is that District 20 is encouraging attendance for the 2019 Illinois State AFG Convention by having a drawing in August, providing funds for one registration, banquet ticket, one nights lodging, and money for gas and food for the weekend. At the October meeting we will be voting to accept updated forms of District Job descriptions and our reimbursement form. – Mary S.

Mary P. (newly elected DR)

My name is Mary P. and I will be the new District 20 Representative in January 2020. I am looking forward to being the conduit between WSO, Area, and the Group Representatives in District 20. I plan on keeping communication open between the groups and between the District and Area. I am looking forward to an exciting and rewarding three years. Mary P.

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

Upcoming Events –

AI-Anon Fall Fling

October 6, 2019

Rock Springs

(Flyer included at end of this publication)

Illinois State AFG Convention

October 11-13, 2019

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

(Flyers [Registration and Gift Basket Donation] included at end of this publication)



ALANON

FALL

FLING

Rock Springs
3939 Nearing Lane

- Please bring a dish to share. Main dish, water, and coffee are provided.
- Families welcome.

Question: Theresa B. 620-2349

Hosted by District 11

OCTOBER
6TH

FELLOWSHIP: 12 PM

LUNCH: 1 PM

SPEAKERS: 2 PM



**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
1800 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173
(847) 605-1234



*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 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 _____

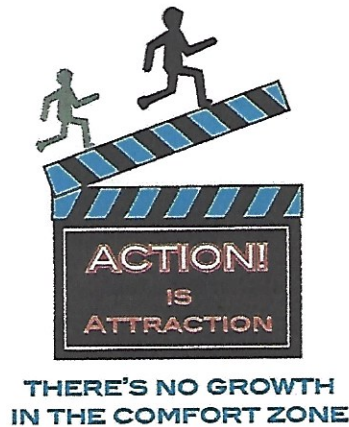
____ Conference only _____ Banquet & Conference Meal choice # _____ Dietary restrictions: _____
(\$30 before 9/20, Alateen \$5) (\$70 before 9/20, Alateen \$45)

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





2019 Illinois State AFG Convention

October 11-13, 2019

Hyatt Regency
1800 E. Golf Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Gift Basket Donations

We need volunteer groups to create gift baskets to raffle off at this year's convention. These baskets have been a big hit at previous conventions.

The funds raised go towards supporting this and future conventions.

How Your Group Can Help:

Choose a Theme for your basket. The only requirement is to include Al-Anon or Alateen Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in the basket.

Some examples are:

- Spa/relaxation/Serenity
- Pets
- Cooking
- One for the Guys
- Chocolate Lovers
- Sports
- Tea/Coffee Lovers
- Fall/Halloween (since its that time of year)

Collect Items for your basket. One idea is to keep a box at your meeting and members can bring items to the meeting. Remember, Keep It Simple! We aren't asking that you go out and spend money on extravagant items. Be creative, re-gift something that you don't want or couldn't use.

Assemble your basket. Again reuse! find a basket or attractive container you don't use anymore. Assemble all your items. Remember to include something from CAL. Please wrap the entire basket and contents with cellophane. You can include a label listing the contents near the tie, if you wish.

What to do when you're finished. Bring the completed basket to the convention gift basket room on Friday October 11th or early on Saturday Oct.12. The baskets will be raffled off immediately following the quilt raffle Saturday evening. The basket drawings are posted in the room where raffle tickets are sold and can be picked up after the dinner/banquet there also.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Pat M. at 847-436-2729 or patmarinaro@comcast.net