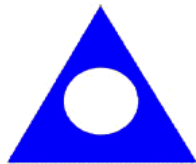


Al-Anon & Alateen Family Groups ~ Michigan ~ Area 27

District 5 ~ Ann Arbor, Belleville, Chelsea, Saline, and Ypsilanti

September 2019 Announcements



An Al-Anon Open Talk Saturday, September 21 1:00 pm to -3:00 pm

King of Kings ~ 2685 Packard Road

With many inquiries about more open speaker meetings, a few members have volunteered to organize this date and also one in November. Watch for fliers and please help to circulate them & spread the word! District 5 still needs an official "Open Speaker Coordinator". If you're interested to see how easy it is to put these together, you won't need to do it alone! Help with these upcoming talks by sending an email to Maggie: AltDistRep@afgdistrict5.org

September ~ National Recovery Month

Carrying the Al-Anon message of help and hope is a year-round effort, but the month of September brings special opportunities for public outreach. This is a great time to share information about the Al-Anon program in order to help families and friends of alcoholics find us. Therefore, if your group wants to order more AFA 2019 magazines to distribute to public places and professionals, let your LDC know. Remember, they can now be ordered all year- while supplies last! Or get some Outreach Bookmarks (M-76) from your LDC to pass around. There is also the small "Are You Concerned About Someone's Drinking" (M-1) All free from your LDC – or our NEW Public Outreach Coordinators!!

Open vs. Closed Meetings WSO has new wording!!!

The Al-Anon Meeting Type designation, which previously referred to whether the meeting was **open** to visitors or **closed** to attendance by members only, often confused members and newcomers. It has been replaced by the term Meeting Attendees, and the options have been changed to "Families and Friends Only" and "Families, Friends, and Observers Welcome" on the WSO Group Records Forms. These new descriptions match the wording approved by the Board of Trustees at their April 2019 meeting. The language is consistent with the Al-Anon spiritual principles of confidentiality and anonymity. The new terms were designed to be clearer to new members and more welcoming to both new and potential new members and professionals seeking to understand our program.

This information as written in "In The Loop: News from your WSO". Not subscribed? You can get news first-hand from WSO. Go to: www.al-anon.org/for-members

Welcome! and Thank You!!

District 5 has new Public Outreach Coordinators! Thank you Barb R & Bev S for stepping up to service! We don't have to do anything alone; they are co-chairing this position. 😊



Courage to Change Does your copy have all its pages?

Please check your small-print CTC book if you have recently purchased it. Some copies are missing pages 61-76! If you have one of them, give it to your Meeting Literature Volunteer who will trade it in for a replacement from your LDC.

Attention Literature Chairs

Your LDC Liaison will be unavailable
October 16 thru November 13

It would be best if you could stock up on your CAL before Oct 16. It won't be *impossible* to get any literature during this time frame, but days and times will be very limited.

SAVE THE DATES

October 12, 2019: Fall Assembly - Church of Christ in St. Louis, MI

November 2, 2109: Another District 5 Open Speaker Meeting - King of Kings, 1-3 pm Watch for fliers.

November 9, 2019: AWSC - Church of Christ in St. Louis, MI

November 16, 2019: District 5 Business Meeting - King of Kings, 10:30

July 2-5, 2020: AA's International Convention with a full Al-Anon Program - in Detroit.

Online registration opens Sept 9, 2019. Register early-fills up fast! Google for more info: "2020 International Convention of AA"



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Literature Distribution Center ~ LDC Literature@afgDistrict5.org

Contribution Addresses These are all also found on our District 5 Website in the "Donate" section of "Contact Us" page

Al-Anon District 5: PO Box 1861, Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Mi AFG, Inc: PO Box 980174, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-0174 (option to use Pay Pal via the "donate" button at www.miafg.org)

WSO-AFG, Inc: 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617 (option to donate via www.al-anon.org/members-site)