

Area 17 Lifelines

From Your Lifelines Coordinator —

The holiday season is now upon us. This can be an especially bad time of the year for Al-Anons and their loved ones. Take time to enjoy the real meaning of the season and don't stress about the little things.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Marilyn [REDACTED]
Lifelines Coordinator



Dates to Remember:

2017

AWSC: 1/28; 6/3; 9/23

Assembly: 3/4; 7/8; 11/11

2018

AWSC: 1/27; 6/2; 9/22

Assembly: 3/10; 7/14; 11/10

AWSC Location:

Carvel Club, 4627 Carvel,
Indianapolis, IN

Assembly Location:

Benedict Inn,
1402 Southern Ave,
Beech Grove, IN

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DR Reports

District 13

We had our second meeting and doubled attendance from the first one. Greensburg Friday night group is growing and currently doing a book study – “Transforming Our Losses”. Osgood has been flooded out of their prior meeting location. They have been meeting at Milan Community Church 7:30 pm on Mondays. Columbus has developed a trifold – “a letter to newcomers”. Seymour is developing new leadership. The district sharing is rich and aimed at developing strong groups. Public Outreach is very active with contacts made to newspapers and public libraries in all major towns in the district. District 13 is starting to make some noise!

Let it begin with me.

Sandy H.

District 13 Rep



District 9

District 9 Report: Fall Workshop

District 9's Carmel AFG group planned and hosted our Fall Workshop in September. This year's theme was Joy in Recovery— 15 attendees heard from a panel and participated in activities around this important topic. A good time was had by all and we raised \$115 for Indianapolis Information Services. A huge thanks to the Carmel AFG group for doing this!

Marie A., District Representative



District 4

Our yearly District highlight was our 65th Al-Anon Anniversary event. We had a panel of 5 long-timers who shared about sponsorship, how Al-anon has changed their lives and how to KISS. Our longest time member also shared about the steps. We had a count-down; the newest member received a copy of *How Al-Anon Works* while the longest time member received a copy of *Many Voices, One Journey*.

We enjoyed a skit, anniversary cake and ice-cream bar, and viewed the DVDs *Lois and the Pioneers* and *Lois Remembers*. A craft table was also available.

Alateen is our future so the district included Alateen (as we do for all Workshops). The teens shared testimonies and spoke about their KOMIAC experience.

The Alateen Coordinator is conducting sponsorship and AMI-AS training in December.

Karen B. District IV

**Have a blessed and
safe holiday season!**

Merry Christmas!

District 14

It has been a very busy fall in District 14!

We held our 5th District meeting of the year on September 5th. The main business agenda item was to finalize the planning for both the October 15th Mini-conference and District 14's November 6th Al-Anon's 65th Anniversary Celebration. There was great attendance from the District's GR's with all sharing activities and experiences of their group.

The day of the Mini-conference (MC) was a perfect fall day at Old Stone III Club (OS III). The MC committee led by Amanda B. had three Al-Anon speakers lined up; one was from Columbus, IN and the other two were from Nashville, TN. All three were wonderful and enjoyable— they shared their unique experience, strength, and hope with a great sense of humility and humor. The fellowship attending (77) got a big laugh as all three speakers were petite in stature but the third was more so such that an impromptu "height enhancer" was needed so the podium did not completely hide her from view. The countdown had Marilyn S. with nearly 40 years of Al-Anon program presenting the signed CAL book to the newest person in the program with 10 days. The beautiful photographic art work of Charla S. was featured in both 2017 Calendars and note cards that were sold as a fund raiser. A great Day of Recovery was had by all! We had two people, as pair, self-nominate themselves for the position of 2017 co-chairs.

To help our District celebrate the 65th Al-Anon Anniversary, the District rented two copies of both *Lois's Story* and *Lois W. & the Pioneers* from WSO. The official District kickoff celebration was held on Sunday November 6th at OS III with a pitch-in dinner including the scrumptious Anniversary cake made by Nancy M. followed by watching the videos on a 100" screen. For all, it was a great way to learn more about how our program

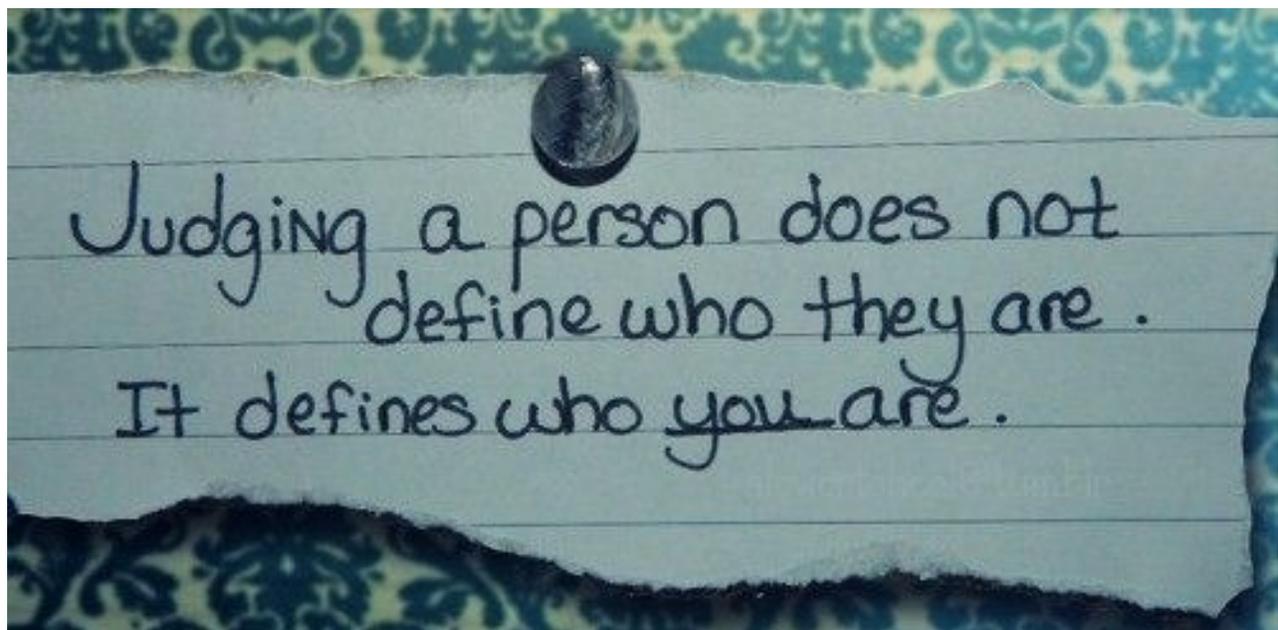
started and to be appreciative of those that helped shape the program we have today. The two sets of videos were then scheduled such that all District meetings had an opportunity to show them at either their meeting or some other time the same day.

On November 15th, the Jasper group celebrated their **50 Year Anniversary as a AFG meeting** with a speaker meeting. The speaker was Dan L. from Newburgh, IN The large group in attendance from throughout the District enjoyed the speaker's personal story and the Anniversary cake with light refreshments. Congratulations!

We held our last District meeting of the year on November 20. The main business agenda item was to finalize the planning for the 2017 District 14 Winter Get-Away to be held February 17 – 19th. Flyers have been available for some time. It is available on the www.indiana-al-anon.org website under Events. We also reviewed the Treasurer's report and set the 2017 budget for routine line items such as Alateen, Public Outreach, seed money for our events, and the travel expenses for the DR. There was good attendance from the District's GR's with all sharing activities and experiences of their group. Several of those that were out of town submitted written GR reports via e-mail. Lyndsey T., District Secretary, records the meeting minutes on her laptop and issues the draft minutes to the District before she leaves the building!

As a highlight of the meeting, Audrey D., GR, on the behalf of the Jasper Tuesday Night 7:30 EST AFG meeting, was congratulated on the outstanding accomplishment of their 50 Year Anniversary as an AFG meeting!

Submitted by Glen K. District 14 DR



2016 Convention Report

Public Outreach

The 2016 AFG Convention held in April was a great success. Districts 3, 4, 6, & 9 hosted the convention with 6 speakers and 4 workshops. We had 269 attendees, with 60% of attendees from outside Indianapolis so the state was well-represented. Most successful was the Craft & Raffle room, thanks to groups around the state donating more than 40 baskets for the raffle! The weekend was a wonderful time of sharing Experience, Strength, & Hope while also raising more than \$5,900 for the Area. Thanks to everyone who helped in planning and hosting the Convention, and of course thanks to all who attended!

Marie A., 2016 AFG Convention Chair

Every year in the fall Connect to Help 211 sends the Public Outreach Coordinator an email asking that we update their database. Connect to Help (www.connect2help211.org) is a database of all kinds of help that can be reached by dialing 211: paying bills, finding shelter, and help for families and friends of alcoholics. I updated our web address and am now checking to make sure all the links and phone numbers are up to date so people in need can find Al-Anon and Alateen.

I will be at the 2016 Because Kids Count Conference in Indianapolis on November 29-30. This will be my first time at this conference to share Al-Anon and Alateen. There will be over 1000 people there who have contact with youth and people with needs. It will be exciting to share our program.

Ginny [REDACTED]
Public Outreach Coordinator for Indiana Al-Anon



Greetings from District 11 ...

Greetings members! It was great to see everyone at Area Assembly last Saturday. It is often discussed how to make Assembly more "user friendly" and to attract attendance. Just being there and doing the business of Area Al-Anon is enough for me. I value the many friendships that I have made at Assembly over the years and I enjoy seeing everyone. I would surely miss my friends if I didn't go to Assembly.

A new meeting was started in September in Anderson. Seven attended the first week, yay! And we've had as many as eleven. This is a noon meeting and the last day meeting in Anderson closed a few years ago. Check us out if you're in the neighborhood, Keep it Simple AFG, 12 PM Madison County Community Health Center, 1547 Ohio Avenue, Anderson.

A few of the Anderson Alateens are on the KOMIAC 2017 planning committee. Way to go Teens! The Anderson meeting is only a year or so old and we are proud of those who have made the commitment to bring Alateen to Anderson and the sponsors and the kids who were able to keep coming back.

Madison County AA has a gratitude dinner every year in November. After dinner there are Al-Anon and AA speakers. This year the Al-Anon speaker is Steve S who attends meetings in Anderson and Middletown. We look forward to hearing his story and his experience, strength and hope. The dinner Sat. Nov. 19 at the Chesterfield Christian Church, 5 PM fellowship, 6:00 dinner with speakers after. There is also a serenity and sobriety countdown.

Districts 10, 11 and 13 are hosting the 2017 AFG convention. We have been busy planning and hope to bring you a great convention. We can use your help. The convention will be held in Shipshewana at the Blue Gate Garden Inn. A little bird told me the food will be delicious and comforting. Not that it's important, but we aim to please. 😊 We hope to see you there!

That's all for now folks!

In service,
Peggy D, District 11 Representative

**Check out the
2017 convention
Flyer in this edition of
the Lifelines**

Hello from your Delegate

Our fellowship just this year celebrated 65 years and next year Alateen will celebrate 60 years. The Alateen continue to grow in our Area. South Bend registered a new Alateen group in October.

I had some feedback on the "Prayer for Today" issue from several districts in our Area. There have also been some additional comments. In order that everyone completely understand the reasoning behind the literature committee's recommendation to remove the prayer, I sent the KBDM questions and answers the committee used to make their decision out to all AWSC member.

I also sent all AWSC members the frame work used by the policy committee that is being used for the discussion on "open" and "closed" AI-Anon meetings. The purpose of the conversation was to determine whether newcomers or potential newcomers might read a meeting schedule and not understand that they are welcome to attend closed AI-Anon meetings. I hope everyone has the opportunity to view this material and share their feelings on this issue.

The topic for the 2017 WSC is "Our Members: Our Hope for the Future". Each year in preparation for the conference delegates are asked to submit "Chosen Agenda Items". These are concerns or topics that you feel would impact AI-Anon and relate to the topic of the conference. I welcome anyone to send me suggestions for CAI as I feel everyone has a voice and this is your fellowship.

The Director of Business Services (David Zack) is retiring in February next year. A search committee was formed to plan for his successor. Niketa Bailey (non-member) has been selected and will begin working at WSO November 14. Niketa holds a current CPA licensure and Master's Degree in Accounting, with Business related course work.

The 2018 International Convention theme will be: Celebrating One Day at a Time. The theme has a multiple layered meaning, we are celebrating one of our slogans "One Day at a Time, and we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our daily reader *One Day at a Time in AI-Anon*".

During 2017 there will be two TEAM events close enough for anyone in our Area to attend. Minnesota South and Ohio are hosting TEAM events next year.

The General Fund recorded a gain for the 1st nine months of 2016, compared to a loss last year. Literature sales were up slightly. There was a 28.15% increase in contributions. There has been a 6.6% increase in Forum subscriptions. The thinking is that the additional subscriptions are due to suspension of the complimentary group copies. Operating expenses for the period decreased by 1%. The decrease is due to staffing changes.

I'm looking forward to my last year as your delegate and I hope that your group or district will invite me to visit.

Yours in service,
Brenda [REDACTED]

Why is anonymity important to AI-Anon and Alateen?

- Confidentiality of members' identity
- Confidentiality of sharing
- Guard against any member seeking public recognition
- Freedom for members to determine their own level of anonymity
- "Spiritual foundation of all our Traditions" (Tradition Twelve)

Forum Coordinator Report

In March, the WSO ended its free subscription to registered groups in the USA and Canada. This was to reduce WSO expenses and align expenses with income. It was our hope that Al-Anon groups would desire to keep receiving The Forum magazine and purchase an annual subscription for \$11.00 (less than \$1.00 per month).

From the WSO Forum report in March to the report in September, the number of registered groups has decreased by 146 while the while the number of mailed Forum subscriptions has grown 858. Whoohoo!

In Indiana specifically, The total number of registered groups has grown by 5 from 204 to 209. The number of mailed Forum subscriptions has grown by 62 from 337 to 399! Thank you, Indiana!

One might think that if 399 groups lost their free Forum we would hope that there would be an increase in subscriptions of 399. But perhaps some of these groups were paying for a subscription in addition to a free subscription and they decided to go back to just one issue. FYI - Two of the new subscriptions were first time attendees at the Area Assemblies. (Come to assembly to find out how they received a Forum subscription and you might receive a subscription, too. ;))

Check with your group to see if The Forum magazine is showing up at your meeting. If not, suggest that the group might buy itself a present of a subscription. The price is right. The Forum also makes nice gifts for special friends and sponsees in our fellowship.

And, as you look back over this past year, if you find you learned something especially helpful or delightful or something you just don't want to forget, write it down. Then submit it to The Forum! Mail it to: The Forum, AFG Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617. In order to keep it, you have to give it away!

Joyfully serving,
Roberta H
Area Forum Coordinator





Alateens are hard at work planning KOMIAC 2017. KOMIAC is Kentucky Ohio Michigan Indiana Alateen Conference. It will be July 28-30 at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. We are so blessed that you have always been incredibly supportive of us at all times in many ways but especially when we host KOMIAC. The teens are very appreciative of that. We simply could not pull this off without you.

If any of you have ever been involved in planning a convention, you know the work that these teens are doing. We have some Alateens that are very excited and energetic about this opportunity for service work. I remember the first time I was ever involved in KOMIAC, there were only three teens at Assembly when we first started planning. That is not the case at all today. We have a room full. It is such a beautiful sight to see these Alateens grow through service. They inspire me.

Indiana Al-anon members have always been extremely supportive and helpful to us whenever we host KOMIAC and we will need you once again. In a couple of months we will send out a list of items we need help with. The biggest two things we need are simply your prayers and monetary donations. Oh, and if anyone has any walkie-talkies that you don't use anymore, we could use a few more.

Some Al-Anon members in District 7 (Terre Haute area) have or are planning to become certified as AMIAS so that they can help on site at KOMIAC. They will be able to assist us with things like security and hospitality. That will be a huge help!

As most of you know, VOICES is the Indiana Alateen newsletter. It contains articles, poetry, and artwork by teens in meetings throughout the state. Funds for this newsletter goes to Indiana Alateens. As one of our fundraisers for KOMIAC, we will have a special edition of VOICES at the 2017 Indiana Al-Anon convention. It will contain writings from teens and sponsors from all four states. Funds from this issue will be used to help with 2017 KOMIAC. We are excited!

Speaking of the Al-Anon convention, I understand that the Anderson Step by Step Alateen group will be hosting a workshop this year. Additionally, a teen from that group will be the Alateen speaker. This group only started last year and its members jumped right in to being very active in service.

The Alateens will be having a lock-in March 3 (the night before the next Assembly). We will have some workshops, a speaker, plenty of pizza, and very little sleep. One of my favorite parts is the gratitude meeting we have in the morning.

Please come hungry to the next Assembly because the Alateens will be having a bake sale. Funds will be used to help with KOMIAC.

If you have ever considered helping out with Alateen, talk to your DR to get started today. We need you!

Peggy [REDACTED]
Indiana Alateen Coordinator



"T'WAS the NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring.....excepting my spouse.
After a long hard day's job spreading lots of Christmas "cheer",
He came home to us with the stale smell of whiskey and beer.
The noise he did make and the arguments we had
Made me think of each Christmas as being nothing but bad.
Year after year it continued this way
Until one most "glorious" day he was introduced to A. A.
And this was all well and good for him.
But poor ole Theresa was left with lots of chagrin.
Then what to my miserable life did appear!
Al-Anon with it's principles and fellowship so dear.
A good wholesome program so neat and so slick
I knew right awayit would do the trick.
But there were a lot of things that I had to do
Like taking an inventory - and with honesty too.
After this terrible task was taken and done
It was so much easier for me to accept Step No. 1.
Then just like magic all the other good things came
Like the Steps, Traditions and slogans - just to name them by name.
But the best part of all for me and my spouse
Was the serenity and communication that was new in the house.
So may I say, talking to you as an Al-Anon wife....
Thank you, Dear Lord, for A. A. and this Al-Anon way of life.

By Theresa W., [REDACTED] Indiana
Presented by the authoress on the occasion of
a Christmas Supper Meeting and Party
sponsored by the Southside Family Group
December 19, 1967 Indianapolis, Indiana

Indianapolis Information Services' Strategic Plan

Nearly 31 years ago the three Districts in the Indianapolis area (8, 9, &10) decided to come together to form Indianapolis Information Services in order to provide literature and information to groups and individuals in the Tri-District area. The Indianapolis Literature Depot, 24/7 phone line, list of Indianapolis-area meetings, and public outreach are services provided by IIS. Last year the group decided to develop a strategic plan in order to ensure these services can continue by communicating the value of the services offered. Goals were developed for 2016 and the plan was affirmed at the October IIS Business meeting, which includes Group Reps, Alternates, Coordinators, and District Reps from the three districts. The Plan Summary is attached to this newsletter. We now believe we have clear goals that will help us continue to serve the Indy area!

Marie A, District 9 Representative

Indianapolis Information Services Strategic Plan 2016-2019

October 27, 2016—Approved Version

Our Vision	Be a resource for anyone to turn to who is seeking relief and recovery from someone else's drinking behavior.																					
Our Mission	Provide services, literature, and support to individuals and groups in Indianapolis and the surrounding counties.																					
Who We Serve	Indianapolis Information Services (IIS) is a resource for the three Indianapolis-area AFG Districts (Districts 8, 9, and 10). As of 2016, this includes 51 Al-Anon meetings and 5 Alateen meetings. IIS also serves individuals across this area who are seeking information or literature.																					
Our Programs and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature Depot serving groups, individuals, and Indianapolis-area program-related activities Services: a 24/7 telephone line staffed by volunteers, a regularly updated Indianapolis-area Meeting Directory, Public Outreach efforts, & training for volunteers Support for IIS services: Literature Depot and phone line staffing; management of contributions & expenses; workshops, appeals, & other fundraising activities. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Active Meetings</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Services</p> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; font-size: small;"> <caption>Services Data (Estimated)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>\$ Lit Sales</th> <th>Calls</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>18,000</td> <td>1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012</td> <td>18,000</td> <td>1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013</td> <td>20,000</td> <td>1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>18,000</td> <td>1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>18,000</td> <td>1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16 YTD</td> <td>13,000</td> <td>1,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> </div>	Year	\$ Lit Sales	Calls	2011	18,000	1,500	2012	18,000	1,500	2013	20,000	1,500	2014	18,000	1,500	2015	18,000	1,500	16 YTD	13,000	1,500
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Our Goals 2016-2019	<p>Priority Goal: achieve 100% participation in IIS by area groups</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and market the IIS brand and services across the area <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. IIS 1-page Strategic Plan, IIS brand/logo, IIS Story, IIS Bookmark 2. Maintain service levels of the Literature Depot <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase visibility through literature displays, book-of-the-month promotions, bookmark 3. Identify opportunities to improve support for the Literature Depot 4. Increase outreach efforts to area groups, e.g., sponsor workshops of interest to GRs and other group members 5. Build a financial reserve to ensure continuation of IIS services. 																					

AR-2

Newly revised Al-Anon: Then & Now (AR-2) now available as a free download

The original text for the leaflet was created for the 1980 International Al-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) in New Orleans, LA, as a brief history of Al-Anon. By 1986, the piece was widely used for outreach and was sent in response to requests from students and other interested persons.

At that time, the piece was reformatted as a free leaflet, and the Archives Committee recommended that every group receive a copy. The AR-2 was inserted in the 1986 March issue of Inside Al-Anon to “inspire love for and create an interest in all things pertaining to Al-Anon/Alateen,” as mentioned in the Twelve Concepts of Service.

A newly redesigned and revised Al-Anon: Then & Now is available in electronic format only on the Members' Web site, al_anon.org/members.



Al-Anon DVD Rental Order Form

Lois's Story (AV-1)

A truly beautiful and moving film that every Al-Anon member should see. Produced in 1971, *Lois's Story* tells about the early days of A.A. and Al-Anon—how Lois and Bill W., against tremendous odds, built the two fellowships that now bring strength and hope to alcoholics and their friends and families throughout the world.

This is the exciting story of the frustrations and triumphs of two people who paved the way to a better life for millions of others.

The film was produced at the recommendation of the 1971 Al-Anon World Service Conference. The generous contributions of many groups helped make this project possible.



The DVD runs 33 minutes.

Lois W. & the Pioneers (AV-24)

Al-Anon's co-founder, Lois W., met with Henrietta S., first General Secretary of the Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, and Margaret D., first Editor of *The Forum*, in June 1982. Their recollections rekindle the spirit of commitment of our pioneer members in Al-Anon's formative days.

Lois, Henrietta, and Margaret share on a variety of subjects, including Bill W.'s support and encouragement; how Al-Anon got its name; humorous anecdotes about the working conditions at Al-Anon's early offices; helping newcomers find meetings; *The Forum*; the formation of Alateen; the growth of Al-Anon internationally; and the establishment of the World Service Conference. There is a timeless message for newcomers and longtime members alike about love and service.



The DVD runs 22 minutes.

Invite neighboring groups for big open meetings, group anniversaries, district meetings or workshops, Area Assemblies, or conferences/conventions. The rental fee for each DVD is \$25.00 postpaid. Enclosed with each video is a postage paid return envelope.



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Just For Today Bookmark

<u>Just For Today</u>	<u>Just For Today</u>
<p>Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep it up for a lifetime.</p>	<p>Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.</p>
<p>Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."</p>	<p>Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.</p>
<p>Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.</p>	<p>Just for today I will I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to notice what is beautiful and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.</p>
<p>Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FOR TODAY</p>
<p>Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anyone knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do - just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.</p>	<p>Lord make me an instrument of Thy Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.</p>
<p>Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, keep my voice low, be courteous, criticize not one bit. I won't find fault with anything, nor try to improve or regulate anybody but myself.</p>	<p>O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS <i>Hope for families & friends of alcoholics</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617 Phone: (757) 563-1600 Fax: (757) 563-1655 E-Mail: wso@al-anon.org Web site: www.al-anon.alateen.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">37-402M-04-12/100 M-32 PRINTED IN USA</p>

Possible Revision Coming!

The **Prayer For Today** on the above **Just For Today** bookmark will be discussed at the April 2017 WSC. The discussion will concern removing this prayer and replacing it with something not associated with the Catholic religion but still spiritual. If you have comments concerning this revision, please pass them on to our delegate as input into this discussion.

15th Annual

AL-ANON DISTRICT 12

Chili Supper!

Saturday, February 25th, 2017

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 N. SR 46 Bypass, Bloomington, IN

4:30pm Fellowship
5:30pm Dinner*
6:30pm Speakers

*  Please bring your own table service.

Al-Anon Speaker:

Jay B. (Bloomington, IN)

AA Speaker: TBA

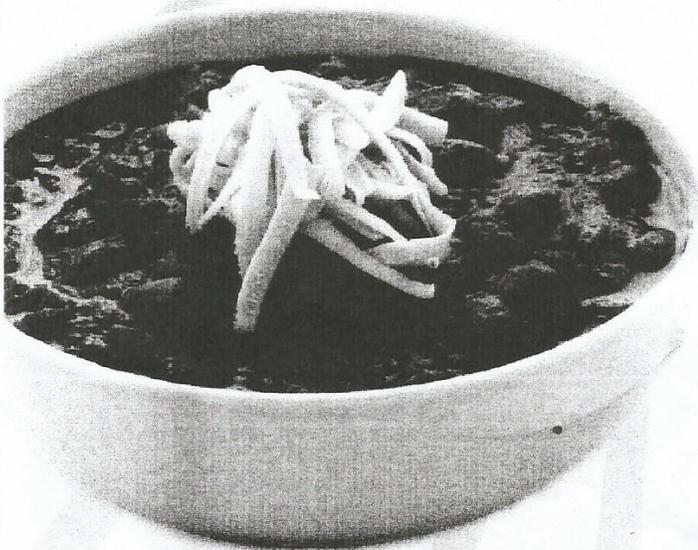


*AA Members
Welcome!*

Hosted by Tuesday Noon's
"Brown Bag" AFG
For more information contact
Andra 812.361.8451

**Please bring a salad,
side dish, fruit or
dessert to share!**

*St. Mark's does NOT allow
food containing nuts!*





Join us for a Christmas Luncheon

First Congressional Church

630 Ohio St Terre Haute, IN

December 19, 2016

Program at 1 pm

Carry-in at Noon

Program includes
viewing of the
DVD Lois's Story



white elephant gift
exchange
(not required)

42nd Annual Indiana State AFG Convention

“Waves of Change – Oceans of Miracles”

April 7, 8, & 9, 2017

Location: Blue Gate Garden Inn 800 South Van Buren Street Shipshewana, IN 46565 1-800-545-4725 www.bluegateinn.com	Ref: AFG (<i>when booking rooms</i>) Room block guaranteed until March 17, 2017 Single \$89.99 + 12% tax Double \$89.99 + 12% tax Suite \$107.99 + 12% tax **all rooms include coffeemaker, microwave, fridge and free WIFI**
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Workshops: *Earlybird Meeting *My Lighthouse: Step 11 - Knowing God, Knowing Yourself *Don't Rock the Boat: Finding Balance *The Unconditional Love Boat	Speakers: Tammy B. – Monkton, MD (AFG) Keaton H. – Frankton, IN (Alateen) Kim H. – Muncie, IN (AA) Jenny K. – Middletown, IN (AFG) Katherine S. – Anderson, IN (AFG) Barbara W. – Columbus, OH (AFG)
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Registration Opens: Friday at 3 pm and Saturday at 8 am

REGISTRATION FORM (*one per person*)

FULL NAME _____ PREFERRED BADGE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

I am a member of: Al-Anon _____ Alateen _____ AA _____
 Is this your first convention? YES _____ NO _____

Convention Registration Fee	\$25			
Alateen Only (Free)	\$0			
Saturday “Farmer’s” Box Lunch	\$10	Ham _____	Turkey _____	Veggie _____
Saturday Night “Amish Buffet”	\$29			
TOTAL:	\$ _____	(including registration, lunch and buffet)		

Make checks payable to: 2017 AFG CONVENTION
Mail completed form and check by March 17, 2017 to:
Indiana 2017 AFG Convention
2832 West 12th Street, Anderson, IN 46011
 For Additional Information contact: 2017ConvChair@indiana-al-anon.org *Alateen parental form on reverse side*

42nd Annual Indiana State AFG Convention
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Camping Facilities nearby:

Shipshewana Campground South Park
 1105 S Van Buren St
 Shipshewana, IN 46565
 260-768-4669

2017 AFG Alateen Convention Parental Consent Form

Parent: please read this consent form carefully then complete, date and sign.

Teen: This form must be presented to the Al-Anon State Convention officials with your registration form prior to taking part in any convention activities.

Parental Note: The undersigned parent/legal guardian of the teen listed here, hereby grants to the Al-Anon State Convention at 800 South Van Buren St Shipshewana IN 46565 while the convention is in session, the right to discipline such teen through any lawful means necessary to assure appropriate behavior in accordance with such uniform rules as the convention committee may agree to be responsible for, and save the committee harmless with respect to charge by the teen for room, board or any damaged rooms or property done by him/her.

Teens Name: _____

Home Number: _____

Parents Cell Number: _____

Teen has medical insurance YES _____ NO _____ Policy Number: _____

Name of Insurance Provider: _____

Regular Medication if any _____

I further designate _____ or _____

As my lawful attorneys for the child above named in cases or accident or emergency, as fully as I myself do, releasing such person(s) from any liability in accordance with this document on behalf at the time.

I certify my legal authority to execute this document on behalf of the above named child,

Printed Parent Name _____

Signed Parent Name _____

Date: _____