



SW Michigan Al-Anon

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Important News and Events – February 2023

Local News

SW Michigan Al-Anon Information Service (SWMAIS) is an Al-Anon service organization whose sole purpose is to support the members and groups in Southwest Michigan. If we can be of any assistance, please contact us.

We have created some documents for newcomers, members and groups.

[Southwest Michigan Al-Anon Information](#) - resources about Al-Anon in our community

[Newcomer Information](#) - valuable information for those new to Al-Anon/Alateen

[Al-Anon Links](#) - links to SW Michigan Al-Anon, Michigan AFG and WSO information

Service Opportunities

We pride ourselves on being a team of service volunteers who help one another in service. Positions can be shared so ask a friend to join you in a position. If you would like to learn more about open service positions, see the [Service Opportunities](#). If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email SWMichiganAlAnon@gmail.com.

Crucial Need: District Representative

We currently do not have a District Representative. This is a crucial role that links the groups to one another and links our district to the Michigan AFG. If anyone is interested or wants more information, please email us.

Other Opportunities - Click on links for more information about these positions

[SWMAIS and District 2 Secretary](#) - Our dedicated secretary is ready and willing to hand off this service position. Please consider this position and join us at our quarterly meetings.

[Phone Line](#) - SW Michigan Al-Anon is required by WSO to maintain a phone line so members and newcomers can call for information or if they have questions. This service position requires as little as a few minutes a month as we only return calls to those who leave messages on our phone line.

[Kalamazoo County Drug Treatment Court Program](#) - We attend a monthly Zoom call for about 10 minutes to explain what Al-Anon means to us to those whose family or friends are in the Kalamazoo County Drug Treatment Court. You can commit to as little as one 10 minute call this year.

Michigan AFG

Visit the [MIAFG.org Events page](https://miafg.org/events) for information regarding Michigan AFG Convention in Bay City on May 6, 2023, First Friday Speaker Meeting in Grand Rapids and on Zoom, Recovery 3.0 Concepts Meeting on Zoom, and Writing Workshop for the Forum. All Al-Anon members are welcome to attend these events.

The [Winter 2022-23 Serenity Sentinel](#), quarterly MIAFG newsletter, was recently published with valuable information about Al-Anon in Michigan and the WSO.

WSO News

Monthly Articles

[Avoiding Double-Headed Management](#)
[A Valentine for My Dad](#)

[Dancing in the Rain](#)
[Facing in the Right Direction](#)

Member Blog

The WSO has a [Member Blog](#) and they welcome members to submit articles.

February's topic is, "How has Al-Anon helped you, as a child of an alcoholic, 'grow up'?" As always, you can also write about Al-Anon's three Legacies. This month features Step Two, Tradition Two, and Concept Two. Sharings on the Member Blog may be used in future Al-Anon publications.

Are You *In The Loop*?

Join more than 35,000 subscribers to *In The Loop*, Al-Anon's monthly email newsletter, and keep up with all the latest on Al-Anon events, resources, service, CAL, and more! It's free! Subscribe at al-anon.org/emailme and stay *In The Loop*.

A promotional banner for the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention. The background features a scenic view of mountains at sunset with several hot air balloons floating in the sky. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner. At the top, it says "2023 Al-Anon International Convention a great place to meet 'NEW FRIENDS' from all over the world!". Below this, it specifies the location and dates: "2023 Al-Anon International Convention Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA JUNE 29 - JULY 2, 2023". In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo with the text "NEW HOPE NEW FRIENDS RENEWED RECOVERY" and "2023 AL-ANON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION". In the bottom center, the hashtag "#ALANONINTERNATIONAL" is displayed. In the bottom right corner, the website "al-anon.org/inter-convention" is provided.

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Registration is available [online](#). While attending in person has many additional benefits, events and add-ons, there is an opportunity to participate in some events virtually. See the registration site for details and costs.