

SW Michigan Al-Anon

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Important News and Events – May 2023

Please Join Us at Upcoming Conventions and Meetings

51st Annual State Convention - Please consider attending our <u>Michigan Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups Convention</u> on May 6 in Bay City, Michigan. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Al-Anon/Alateen members from all over the state and includes an Al-Anon speaker from Iowa and Young People in Recovery. Please contact <u>MIAFG</u> if you have any questions or want more information.

SWMAIS and District 2 Meeting - May 7 at 1 pm on Zoom; Meeting ID: 813 2718 5546 Password: Serenity; all Al-Anon and Alateen members in Southwest Michigan are welcome to attend

Al-Anon International Convention - Please note than an online option is available

Want a great way to meet new friends from all over the world? Please consider attending the Al-Anon International Convention June 29-July 2 in Albuquerque, New Mexico or join online from the comfort of your home. See the available options by starting the <u>registration process</u>. Read the <u>personal story</u> of someone attending an international Al-Anon meeting.

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 SW Michigan. Please visit our <u>website</u> for the current meeting list and other resources. We recently published our <u>Spring Edition</u> of our Currents Newsletter. Please see the newsletter to read about what is happening in Al-Anon in SW Michigan. If we can be of any assistance to members or groups, please contact us.

Service Opportunities

We pride ourselves on being a team of service volunteers who help one another in service. Many of us learned that when we got busy with service, it helped us recover. Positions can be shared so ask a friend to join you in a position. If you would like to learn more, see Service Opportunities for descriptions of positions. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email swmichiganalanon@gmail.com.

Crucial Need: District Representative - This is a crucial role that links the groups to one another and links our district to the Michigan AFG.

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 maintains a phone line so members and newcomers can call for information or ask questions. This service position requires as little as a few minutes a month.

Kalamazoo County Drug Treatment Court Program - Volunteers 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 program.

Michigan AFG (MIAFG)

Visit the <u>MIAFG.org Events page</u> for information about events in the Michigan area. Here is the <u>link</u> to the quarterly newsletter folder published by MIAFG.

WSO News

Monthly Articles Provided by WSO

Some Thoughts on "Helping"
The Power of Doing Nothing

<u>Grateful for Greater Access</u> <u>Inside Al-Anon: Grow at My Own Speed</u>

Monthly Member Blog

The WSO has a Member Blog and they welcome members to submit articles.

May's topic is, "What was a turning point in your Al-Anon recovery?" As always, you can also write about Al-Anon's three Legacies. This month features Step Five, Tradition Five, and Concept Five. Please share with us at al-anon.org/member-blog. Sharings on the Member Blog may be used in future Al-Anon publications. New topics are being added each month!

Subscribe to Al-Anon Magazines

Did you know that *The Forum* is just one of three print subscription magazines published by Al-Anon's World Service Office (WSO)? For our Spanish- and French-speaking members, we publish the bimonthly magazines *Al-Anon y Alateen en accion* and *Al-Anon/Alateen Le lien* respectively. All our magazines feature articles by members sharing their experiences finding hope and help in Al-Anon, along with news from the WSO.

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