



GROUP SPOTLIGHT
LIVING THE LEGACIES

WEDNESDAYS
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Closed Meeting

The Three Legacies
STEPS-TRADITIONS-CONCEPTS
Employing the new workbook:
*Searching for Personal Freedom-
Living the Legacies*

SAINT LEO CHURCH, corner of
Bonita Beach Road and US 41

JUAN DIEGO CENTER - 28290
Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs

Alateen Meetings

- ◆ Footprints of Alateen
Tuesday, 7:30 pm
St. John's the Evangelist Church
Parish Life Center
625 111th Ave N, Naples
- ◆ New Life Alateen Meeting
Thursday, 4:00 pm, Hensel Room
Wesley United Methodist Church
350 S Barfield, Marco Island
Local Info: 239-389-1635

Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God
remove all these defects of
character.

*Are the small, temporary
pleasures I get from my defects of
character worth the price I am
paying to keep them? If not, I
may be entirely ready to let some
of them go today.*

Courage to Change, Page 160

Tradition Six

Our Family Groups ought never endorse,
finance or lend our name to any outside
enterprise, lest problems of money,
property and prestige divert us from our
primary spiritual aim. Although a separate
entity, we should always co-operate with
Alcoholics Anonymous.

*I come to Al-Anon to receive the
spiritual benefit of meetings, princi-
ples, and fellowship. I wish to do my
part to see that we are not diverted
from our primary aim.*

Courage to Change, Page 231

Heard it at a meeting...

- ◆ Issues are like tissues – they keep popping up!
- ◆ When I don't work my program, my program doesn't work.

THINK:

- ◆ T – Thank
- ◆ H – Heavens
- ◆ I – I
- ◆ N – Now
- ◆ K – Know

Mini-Meditation – 3 Breaths

- ◆ Be Here ...
- ◆ Let Go ...
- ◆ Now What ...

Important Dates to Note

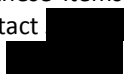
- ◆ Florida South Spring Assembly
June 6-8, Ft Lauderdale
- ◆ The next Information Services
meeting is Tuesday, July 8th
7:00 pm, St. Peter's Ministry
- ◆ The next District Meeting is
Saturday, July 12th 11:30 am
24-Hour Club
- ◆ Florida South Summer AWSC
Meeting August 1 – 3, Ft Lauderdale
- ◆ 25th Annual Florida South Bridges to
Serenity Convention, Coral Springs
August 22 – 24
- ◆ Florida South Fall Election Assembly,
Oct 24 – 26, Ft Lauderdale

BRIDGES TO SERENITY

Steps Traditions Concepts

25th Annual AFG Florida South Area 10 Convention With A.A. Participation AUGUST 22 – 24, 2014

Registration Forms Available On-Line:
www.southfloridaal-anon.org

Our Convention Decorations Committee has provided our Districts with their 2014 **Wish List**. If you have any of these items you'd like to donate, please contact  jpla159@yahoo.com or beacon159@gmail.com by June 20th to arrange for pickup at an up-coming meeting .

Kite String – white
Hot glue sticks
Pipe Cleaners – yellow, black, white, and any other color!
Spray Paint – cans of black, blue, green, brown, yellow
Fish Tank pebbles – green, blue
Glass stones – green, blue
White Modeling clay
Silk Flowers
Wire – heavy gauge
Wire hangers
Butterflies – size one would get in a flower bouquet
Bees - size one would get in a flower bouquet
Ply wood – 16-18 inch circles
Old Forum Magazines
25 – 12 inch x ½ inch pieces of wood

Miniature Stuff!
Doll house furniture
Match box or smaller sized cars
Silk Flowers
Books
Food / Vegetables / Fruits
Any thing small!

Concept Six



The Conference acknowledges the
primary administrative responsibility of
the Trustees.

*To fulfill this position of piloting the
fellowship, providing efficient and
balanced leadership, the Trustees
must be chosen, from among the
members, for their Al-Anon
experience and sound judgment.
Their great responsibility requires a
large grant of authority with which
to discharge it.*

The Concepts: Al-Anon's
best kept secret? Page 15

Public Information Unhappy House Business Card Project

Are you troubled by someone's drinking?
Help & Hope are just a phone call away

Al-Anon Family Groups
 239-263-5907 
www.southfloridaal-anon.org

Thrift Shop Shoppers Unite!

There are 38 Thrift Shops within the District 159 area and our Public Information committee is looking for Thrift Shop Shoppers who'd be willing to deliver our Unhappy House Business Cards to area Thrift Shops along with copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism [AFA]

Business Card Holders & AFA's can be picked up at the Information Service and/or District Meetings. Or, contact ispublicinformation@gmail.com for additional information.

Participation is the key to harmony!!
Thanks for your participation today



Many thanks go out to [REDACTED], our District Group Records Chair, who works meticulously to keep our *Where & When Lists* up to date. Note a change this month – she's added the *Zip Code* to the meeting address in an effort to work with those trying to find a meeting using GPS.

Nice Job [REDACTED]!

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To: Al-Anon Family Groups Reprint Permission Office

Please accept the following as my amends for poor judgment and regrettable behavior. This article will appear in our next newsletter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Area 10, District 159
Newsletter Chair

I had let a basketful of Resentments rule my life

When I took over the helm of our District's Newsletter, I was so excited. I had all sorts of ideas buzzing around in my head and couldn't wait to dig in and get started. *Oh yes, The Guidelines. I need to run through the Guidelines; it's important to do Everything Right, especially in Al-Anon. Oh! What do you mean I can use only CAL? What about all the great poems and excerpts I'd collected through the years from different books and other sources. Darn, well ok... Hey, wait a minute! You're telling me that I can only use CAL. Now you're telling me that I have to Ask For Permission to use the CAL? What the heck is that? Nobody tells me what I can and cannot do! This is So Stupid. I'm not gunna... Oh alright! I'll just footnote them; that'll be good enough for now... I'll figure out how to do all that other stuff tomorrow... And so, just like Miss Scarlet, I'd decided to think about it another day and went on my merry way. I'd received so many accolades... What a great job! You've helped me so much!* It was easy to ignore the rules for just one more month...

Fast-forward a little more than a year... a program friend called me, all upset, because I'd been using excerpts from CAL literature but I wasn't including the "used by permission . . ." by-line. Well, geeze, how can I use the used-by-permission by-line when I never did apply to the WSO for permission to use the excerpts in the first place? Anger hit during the phone call with shame and guilt and confusion not too far behind. The fog cleared. What the heck [REDACTED]? You knew you were supposed to ask for permission. Whether you like it or not, that's The Rule. Yes, even your beloved Al-Anon has some Rules.

Well, thanks to my beloved Al-Anon, I had a program that helped me sort this issue out. First, I didn't blow up at my friend; the old me would have lambasted her and never looked back. In Al-Anon I've learned that even the minority voice is important. Besides, she was right and I'd been terribly wrong. Second, I turned to my Higher Power knowing He'd brought this situation to the light for me to examine some old resentments and character defects; it was up to me to work with Him to clear them so that they were no longer running the show. And third, I talked with my Sponsor. What should I do? Do I need to tell everyone what I'd done? How bad I'd been? Her response? Hey, this is a program where we all make mistakes; just don't do it again. That's it? No beating myself up? No getting mad at me? No having to make it up to the entire fellowship over and over and over again? Just, don't do it again? Huh, how amazing is that! And so, my precious program friends, I've submitted the paperwork to WSO to get permission to reprint CAL excerpts and we'll all move forward from here.



For this is how we help one another in Al-Anon ... Please share your experience, strength, and hope in the next issue of the Beacon: Beacon159@gmail.com Submission Deadline for July Beacon is June 25, 2014. *Together we can make it!*
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