

SHARINGS

DISTRICT 3, GREATER JACKSONVILLE, FL
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Sharing our...



EMBRACING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

When I think of the many service roles I was encouraged to stand for during my volunteer years, I am reminded of this quote from *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78): "I am not encouraged to identify myself with any of the roles I try on, and I am encouraged to pass the job on after a fairly definite period of time. Al-Anon calls this arrangement 'rotation of leadership,' and I find in this concept the encouragement to participate without exerting control and to let go without worrying that others might not step forward to carry on" (p. 50). This idea helped me to identify and accept my service roles and opportunities in Al-Anon—and to pass them along when the time came.

As a previous Sponsor once told me, new experiences, should we accept them, come into our lives to teach us something about ourselves. I have learned that my willingness to accept a new experience when presented gives me the courage to release control of the outcome. After all, I am reminded, I took on a service role or job that someone before me decided to let go. So, it may be time for me to do the same in order to experience a new opportunity that has been placed before me.

As we come to the end of this year, hopefully many Areas have had members step forward to fill vacant positions and embark upon exciting new opportunities in service. Here at

the World Service Office, we are excited that members have applied for and accepted positions that will help our continuing efforts to disseminate current information to those seeking our support.

I am grateful that we in our fellowship practice rotation of leadership. And because of this practice, we have learned, or are learning, that embracing new service opportunities—as well as passing them on to the next trusted servant—ultimately supports those seeking our Al-Anon message of hope. -Marsha W., Director of Programs Emeritus
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The Forum is Al-Anon's monthly recovery magazine. Each issue is jam-packed with experience, strength and hope from members of our worldwide fellowship. Subscription information can be found at AL-Anon.org.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION CENTER

The District 3 LDC is located inside the San Marco Clubhouse (address below) and is open for sales every Wednesday from 12-1pm. They have an ample supply of pamphlets and books.

NEW SPANISH MEETING ANNOUNCED

Nosotras hablamos Español! There is now a Spanish meeting at the San Marco Clubhouse (1423 San Marco Blvd. 32207) on Fridays at 7PM. Por favor corre la voz!

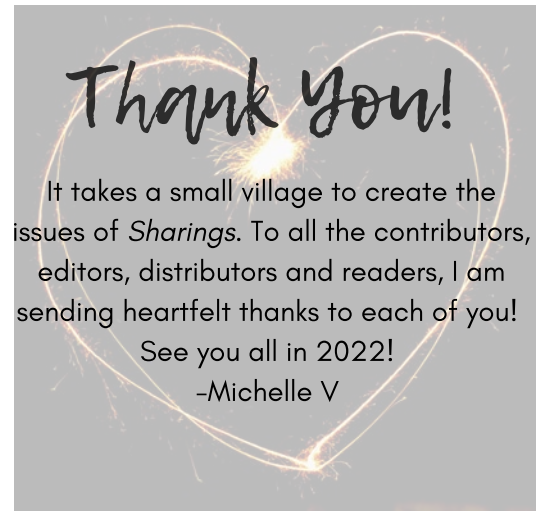
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January 1, 2021-December 31, 2023

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Coming Events

- **January 21-23** Southern States Women's Conference in Jacksonville, FL
- **August 26--28** 2022 AFG Florida North Convention - Orlando, FL



For More Information

Visit jaxafg.org for more information on local meetings (in - person, Zoom and hybrid) or for any of the events listed here.

Other useful resources are found at N FL area website afgarea9.org. Further information about Al-Anon can be found at Al-Anon.org.

A Final Thought

As a non-member working at the World Service Office (WSO), I have first-hand experience of how the spiritual principles of abundance and gratitude are practiced on a daily basis through the work performed at the WSO. I've especially witnessed the generosity of members who practice these principles through their giving to ensure that the Al-Anon message of hope will reach those in need of this program.

As we come to the close of the year, please remember that Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Therefore, your individual contributions made directly to the organization can be used as tax deductions. Please consult your tax accountant on how to claim tax-deductible contributions on your tax return. By Niketa Williams, Director of Finance and Operations (non-member)

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Year-end Giving

How to Donate

Al-Anon is self-supporting through voluntary contributions. If you would like to send a contribution of support for your local meetings, you can send them to the following sources:

Mail checks/money orders:

District 3 AFG

1880 Eastwest Parkway

PO Box 9615

Fleming Island, FL 32006

(Note your group name/number or meeting time on the Memo portion so that your group gets credit for contribution.)

Area 9

Credit Card Contributions:

<https://www.afgarea9.org/contributions-member.html>

In addition, if you would like to support **Al-Anon's World Service Office** you can find a link at Al-Anon.org/contributions/