

# Serenity Sentinel

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May 6  
Convention



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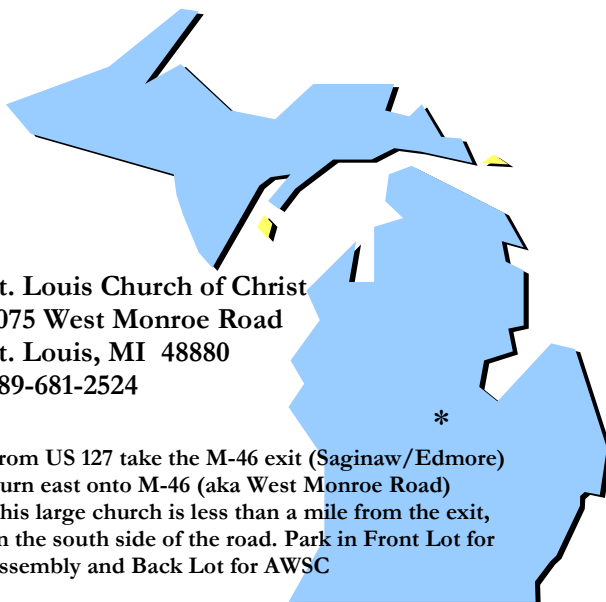
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**St. Louis, MI 48880**  
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### Schedule of Events

- February 4 **Forum Writing Workshop**  
*Via Zoom: Meeting ID 879 5006 7989, Passcode 882533*
- March 11 **AWSC**  
*St. Louis, MI*
- May 6 **51<sup>st</sup> Annual MIAFG State Convention**  
*Bay City, MI*  
See Page 11 for flyer
- June 10 **Spring Assembly**  
*St. Louis, MI*
- June 29 –  
July 2 **Al-Anon International Convention**  
*Albuquerque, NM*
- August 12 **AWSC**  
*St. Louis, MI*
- October 12 **Fall Assembly (Election Year)**  
*St. Louis, MI*
- November 11 **AWSC**  
*St. Louis, MI*

Send Al-Anon event information to [miafgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:miafgnewsletter@gmail.com)  
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**Due to poor internet connectivity at our meeting location,  
a hybrid AWSC or Assembly is currently not feasible.**

## Letter from the Editor

### *Take What You Like...*

As I write this on January 2, May 6 (the date of the annual State Convention, which I am making sure will be mentioned *many* times throughout this issue) seems a long way off. But I know from experience that, like the *Serenity Sentinel* deadlines (didn't we just publish the last issue yesterday?), the event will be here before I know it.

Similarly, it's hard to believe that 2023 marks the last year of Panel 61. When MIAFG Board Members and Coordinators first met in early 2021 it was via Zoom. Many of us did not see each other in person until last year's August AWS. It is with much gratitude (and cautious optimism) that we can plan on being together in person in 2023 at our Assemblies, AWSs and (ahem) the State Convention.

In addition to – or instead of – the usual New Year's Resolutions, some people choose a "Word of the Year" to set goals and intentions. I decided to give it a try, and Someone told me that my word is "Enthusiasm." As I thought about how I can honor that word, I remembered an anecdote about an opera singer. When asked about her having to have to travel and perform, she replied, "I don't *have* to do it, I *get* to do it."

I would like to have that same attitude whether it's planning a State Convention (did you know it's on May 6?), writing and/or editing the *Serenity Sentinel*, participating at Assemblies and AWSs or attending my meetings. Because of this fellowship, I *get* to do these things.

Best wishes for 2023, and I hope that you will *get* to go to the State Convention (in Bay City!).

Wendy S

*and Leave the Rest*



Here are some fun facts about our conventions:

- Conventions averaged 445 attendees from 1992 to 2019.
- The high attendance was in 1992 at 850 members.
- Conventions take two years to plan.
- Our MIAFG conventions are put on solely by MIAFG members.
- Convention sessions have included Alateen speakers and panels.
- We usually invite a speaker from outside of Michigan to bring a fresh perspective to our program.
- Conventions have been held in 19 different cities around the state: Ann Arbor, Bay City, Bellaire, Boyne Falls, Detroit, East Lansing, Flint, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Harbor Springs, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Livonia, Midland, Novi, Pontiac, Traverse City, Troy, and Ypsilanti.
- It has been held most often in Bellaire.
- The convention has been held three times by Zoom, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- There are 12 different positions on the convention committee to take care of the many aspects of the meeting.
- Our conventions typically feature a guest speaker, workshops, speaker panels, and an AA speaker – a range of opportunities to share the program.
- MIAFG conventions also have featured entertainment, a literature table, uplifting themes, a dinner banquet, and fellowship opportunities.
- Volunteering to help with a convention is a great way to participate in service to Al-Anon.
- Al-Anon held its first stand-alone international convention in 1985. Before that, Al-Anon's conventions were part of the international AA conventions, held every five years starting in 1950.
- In 2019, MIAFG members voted to change our conventions to a one-day event. Prior to 2022, conventions were a three-day event.
- Many sessions are recorded and tapes of the event can be purchased.

### **In Loving Memory**

It is with sadness that we advise members of the passing of Coreta "Skeet" Jeffreys who served as Michigan's Delegate 1988 – 1990 (Panel 28).

Skeet passed away on November 27, 2022. Her Service to the Fellowship will be remembered with gratitude.

### **Did you know...?**

Did you know MIAFG has been holding its annual convention since 1973? That's five decades of sharing experience, strength and hope in a vibrant, encouraging, educational, and welcoming atmosphere.



Do you have any convention documents or mementos that you would like to donate to the MIAFG Archives? If so, please contact Kate A at [miafarchives@gmail.com](mailto:miafarchives@gmail.com).

## November 12, 2022, AWSC Reports

### DELEGATE

It was great seeing so many of you at this year's Michigan Al-Anon Family Groups In-Person Fall Assembly on October 8 in St. Louis, MI. Being in-person reminded me of what I've been missing at our virtual meetings – fellowship. I got to enjoy lunch with members I had never met before, and participated in some workshops with others.

We had the pleasure of hosting Suzanne M from the World Service Office (WSO). She shared her personal story with us and led us in two workshops.

1. The *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* — Is Actually Four Books
2. Service and Service Sponsorship

Thank you, Suzanne! It was a pleasure spending time with you here in Michigan.

### News from the WSO

- Longitudinal Study – The first survey went out on September 13 to members who opted in while taking the membership survey in 2021.
- 2022/2025 V2 Service Manual is now available on Al-Anon.org. The paper copy should be available before the end of this calendar year.
- There is now a Spanish Speaking Members Interview on YouTube.
- After a two-year hiatus, WSO is once again opening its doors for guests. Tours will need to be scheduled on the online booking platform.  
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/WSOTours@al-anon.org/bookings/>

### MIAFG News

- I would like to introduce your Panel 61 coordinators. Let's welcome our new coordinators: Karl K, Technical Coordinator; Maggie S, Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP); and Sheryl R, Alateen Coordinator
- This is a hardworking, dedicated team of Al-Anon members. Thank you for helping to keep MIAFG active and connected to our members.

### Panel Coordinators

Alateen	Sheryl R	District 10
Archives	Kate A	District 32
AAPP	Maggie S	District 5
Digital	Denise S	District 20
Literature/ <i>Forum</i>	Gloria V	District 3
Newsletter	Wendy S	District 12
Public Outreach	Joy M	District 23
Records	Laureen C	District 34
Technical	Karl K	District 39
Website	Marie S	District 39

## DISTRICT VISITS!!!

Your Board Members would love to join your next District Meeting to help increase awareness and understanding of what MIAFG is, and how they are linked to your district.



A personal goal of mine is to visit all the districts in our Area!! So far, I have connected with Districts 2, 3, 5, 12, 16, 18, 20 and 39. I would love to visit your group or district; please invite me. I'm willing to attend virtually or in person.

## 2023 Al -Anon International Convention

Albuquerque, NM

June 29 - July 2, 2023

Registration opens Nov 8th



**New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery**

Let's go to the International Convention in Albuquerque, NM! It's an experience like no other! **I'll be there, will you?**

Registration Link

<https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/>

Here in Kristine's world, I am finally feeling more like myself after my double knee replacement on June 1, 2022. Boy am I glad that's behind me. During my four months of recovery, my moto was "Trust the process, trust your HP."

We are expecting two additions to our family in 2023. Our daughter Karly and her husband are expecting their first child late January and our son Drew and his wife are expecting their second child mid-May. Grandma (me) will be busy next year.

Embracing Hope,  
Kristine G

Delegate, Panel 61, Michigan

*Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance*

*Avancemos con unidad, valor y perseverancia*

*Allons de l'avant avec unité, courage et persévérance*



**Journey to the Zoo & Celebrate You**  
2017 State Convention in Kalamazoo

## November 12, 2022, AWSC Reports (continued)

### CHAIR

We are self-supporting!

If you want to get away from this growth opportunity, all you have to do is stop reading. Do you support the Group Representative to go to Assembly twice a year, which is the second Saturday in June and in October? Maybe your GR has not been attending Assembly because he/she/they is unable to attend for financial reasons. Every GR has a duty to the group to attend the Assembly. The GR's have the voice in the vote. Is your GR missing out on the fellowship, humor, and fun that happens at Assembly?

In 2023, I hope to shatter attendance records for Assemblies. All Al-Anon members are welcome and have a voice. GR's have a voice and a vote. The church is located at 1075 W. Monroe St., St. Louis, MI 48880. Feel free to reach out to me.

Ann M  
Chair, Panel 61, Michigan

**Spring Into Action!**  
**Participate in your own Recovery**  
**2014 State Convention in Lansing**

### TREASURER

Our account balances, based on bank statements, as of October 31, 2022 are:

Checking	\$ 38,764.97
Reserve	\$ 20,004.55
Convention	\$ 3,919.08
Total	\$ 62,688.60

Our primary source of income this year continues to come from member and group donations. We have received **\$16,312** which is **18.7%** higher than a year ago (**\$13,742**). Our In-Kind donations have increased **344.7%** from 2021, mostly because we have had an increase in expenses and those receiving reimbursements donate some of their costs. Expenses continue to return to pre-COVID numbers. Since the August meeting we have paid for two ***Serenity Sentinels***, the Spring Appeal letter, seed money for the 2023 convention, coordinator expenses for both August AWSC and Fall Assembly, and our WSO guest at Fall Assembly. Our Total Income is **\$16,867** which is up **19%** and Total Expenses are **\$13,981** which is up **724%**. The Net Ordinary Income is **\$2,886** compared to **\$12,470** in 2021, reflecting a change of **-77%**. This information can be found on the Profit & Loss Report.

During the months of November and December, we will have additional expenses. These include our liability insurance, 2023 WSC Conference payment, and AWSC expenses incurred November 12. There are some potential expenses such as one more ***Serenity Sentinel***, Fall Appeal letter, software/hardware costs and a donation to WSO.

Thank you to all members, groups, districts, and AIS offices that have sent in donations. Without your donations, we would not be in the good shape that we currently are in. Please carefully check over the group donations report and inform me of any discrepancies. Remind your groups to include as much information as possible, especially their WSO number, Meeting Location Zip Code and Group Name on their check, as this ensures correct documentation. We continue to accept *PayPal donations via our website (www.miafg.org)*. Please use the Note area to indicate group information.

Snail mail for MIAFG donations and ***Sentinel*** Subscriptions should be sent to:

**MIAFG Inc.**  
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Remember, all reports will be available on the Google drive.

Thank you to all our members for keeping MIAFG alive and healthy so we all can continue to carry the Al-Anon message. Grateful for this program and MIAFG members.

Renee Farley  
Treasurer, Panel 61, Michigan

**Growing from the Roots of Awareness to the  
Treetops of Action**  
**2015 State Convention in Gaylord**

### RECORDS COORDINATOR

As of 11/5/22, following is the Area 27 meeting status:

- 362 active meetings.
- 15 meetings listed as active, but currently not meeting due to COVID (these meetings are included in the active meetings count as well).
- 69 temporary electronic and/or face to face with electronic component meetings due to COVID (these meetings are included in the active meetings count as well).
- 62 of the 362 active meetings 2022 annual update sheets have been processed.
- 115 inactive meetings.
- 3 reported not meeting.
- 5 reported no mail status.
- 21 meetings with no email address associated with it.

## November 12, 2022, AWSC Reports (continued)

### RECORDS COORDINATOR (continued)

Please contact me (miafgrecords@gmail.com) with any group updates.

The WSO mailed the 2022 Al-Anon Annual Update Sheet for the North and South Central regions on Friday, September 26 to the current mailing address on record.

The groups have an opportunity to verify the information the WSO has on file and update their information if needed. To support the Areas' group records processes, the Areas have the option to instruct groups to return the Annual Update Sheet to the Area Group Records Coordinators instead of the WSO for processing.

Thank you for all you do for the families and friends of alcoholics.

Lauren C  
Records Coordinator, Panel 61, Michigan

### **Celebration of Success** 2019 State Convention in Bay City

### NEWSLETTER

The Fall Issue of *Serenity Sentinel* was completed in time to be distributed at the October 8 Assembly. Special thanks to MIAFG Webmaster Marie S who posted the newsletter practically moments after I finalized the document so that it could be online prior to Assembly.

I plan to complete the Winter Issue (#8 of Panel 61) before the end of December. This edition of the newsletter will focus on plans for the May 6 Convention in Bay City. If anyone has any shares regarding their experiences at previous conventions, I would love to be able to include them in the newsletter. Shares could be about a spiritual awakening, a panel discussion or talk that enhanced your recovery, a fellowship moment, etc.

The deadline for submissions of reports, shares, letters to the editor and classified ads is December 15.

In service,  
Wendy S  
*Serenity Sentinel* Editor, Panel 61, Michigan

### **Zoom into Recovery** 2021 Virtual State Convention

### **Many Paths, One Journey** **Traveling the Path of Recovery** 2018 State Convention at Shanty Creek (Bellaire)

### ALATEEN COORDINATOR

I'm excited to join Panel 61 as Michigan's Alateen Coordinator.

One of my first assignments? Helping identify a location for 2024 KOMIAC (Kentucky Ohio Michigan Indiana Alateen Convention). Michigan Alateen will be hosting the event, and we are in search of a Michigan college campus (or other venue) that can host this wonderful event.

Please keep your eyes, ears and hearts open for any and all contacts!!

Thank you to Al-Anon for your ongoing support,

Sheryl R  
Alateen Coordinator, Panel 61, Michigan

Hi MIAFG!  
  
We love you, MIAFG!  
  
Lots and lots and lots and whole bunches! Uh!  
  
And Stuff!  
  
You know, Aaaaarrrhhh!

### AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP)

While my start to serving as AAPP was slow, it's greatly improved.

After some guidance from Valerie S at WSO/Group Records, I can now access the AFG Connects portal for Area Alateen Process Person to make corrections and changes to MIAFG Alateen Meetings and AMIAS!

I've added a new Scottville Alateen Group, "Alateen Rocks of Mason County." However, sadly two Alateen groups were changed to inactive status due to lack of teens, one in Ann Arbor and one in Lansing (which tried both Sunday, then Thursday nights without success).

MIAFG Alateen has TWELVE active meetings at this time.

Grateful AFG member,  
Maggie S  
Area Alateen Process Person, Panel 61, Michigan

## November 12, 2022, AWSC Reports (continued)

### **Recovery is 12 Steps to the Bay of Serenity** 2016 State Convention in Bay City

#### ARCHIVES

Processing of loose documents continues to be the focus of my work. This consists of removing paper clips and staples; removing items from plastic sleeves or placing them in plastic sleeves, according to filing needs; placing grouped items in chronological order, then filing them.

#### 1. Progress with the archives

- Filed all loose documents of individual MIAFG Groups into existing binders for group records
- Created catalogue entries for:
  - Records Coordinator
  - Group and District documents
  - Audio cassette tapes
  - Video cassette tapes
  - Photograph albums
  - Posters

#### 2. Update on previous reports

- Revised the Group and District Archives Guidelines and sent to the Policy Committee for review

#### 3. Money spent – none

#### 4. Research requests

- A member of the Wednesday afternoon Serenity group in Port Huron (#6927) asked for information on the history of District 26. They planned a 50-year celebration for September 28 and wanted to know if they were the oldest group in District 26. I found records of groups founded 1952-1972 and a document confirming their founding date of September 27, 1972, but nothing definitive on the longest active group in the district. This research revealed gaps in our archives as well as ambiguous dates on early groups.

### **Happiness is Now** 1973 State Convention in Detroit

#### 5. New business

- Acquisitions
  - Received our first acquisition (other than the *Serenity Sentinel* and regular reports) – a file of skits done by District 3 for their mini-conferences. This is a vibrant addition to the Groups/Districts section of the archives.

- Flier from Tuesday PM AFG in Muskegon (#60392) for their Grill n Chill picnic in September
- Donation from Serenity AFG in Spring Lake (#54576) (my home group) of 12 older copies of *The Forum* to fill in the collection
- Created a finding aid – alpha list of Districts by cities; shared with Board and Coordinators
- The Grill n Chill Picnic held by the Tuesday PM AFG (#60392) planned to do a literature swap (bring ones you don't want, pick up ones you do), so I gave flyers to the group to post at the event asking for donations to the archives.
- Created a tri-fold for display at Assemblies explaining some of the work of the archives
- Displayed several archives items at the June Assembly – 1) copy of *Lois Remembers* with Lois's original manuscript signature on the end leaf, 2) the group notebook from 1959 for a Chesaning group, 3) a 1969 publication from the Detroit Area Al-Anon Council, and 4) an early (1974) issue of *The Serenity Sentinel*.
- The "Top Ten Reasons Archives are Cool" piece that I created for the Archives Corner that was published in the Fall 2021 issue of the *Serenity Sentinel* (Panel 61, Issue #3) was chosen by Joe T, WSO Archivist, to be pinned to the AFG Archives Community thread; several Area archivists have said they plan to use it in their archives promotions.
- 6. Fun Discoveries
  - A page from a timeline of Michigan Group history produced by the WSO Archives lists four groups founded in 1952: Benton Harbor, Escanaba, Muskegon, Appleton
  - The registration form for MIAFG's first convention in 1973 – a typed letter, rather than a form. Cost of the dinner was \$6.50.

I am learning so much about Michigan Al-Anon history - who we were, how we grew, how we worked with the WSO. I continue to be impressed by the volume of work carried out by our past trusted servants and how the simple task of carrying the message blossoms into meaningful collaborative work across numerous levels of service. I learn more and more about Al-Anon principles from the correspondence with various WSO offices as well as from the emails among MIAFG trusted servants. The archives continues to be a rich source of inspiration for me, filling me with gratitude for the Al-Anon program and the volunteers who went before me.

Diggin' the digging,

Kate A

Archives Coordinator, Panel 61, Michigan



## November 12, 2022, AWSC Reports (continued)

### LITERATURE/FORUM COORDINATOR

I am happy to report the following new activities in my role as Area Literature/*Forum* Coordinator since the August AWSC Meeting:

- FIRST, a BIG Thank You to the Central MI LDC for serving as the LDC Host at the Fall Assembly!
- I attended my 4th WSO web conference meetings for all *Forum* Coordinators on August 21, 2022.
- I will be working on arranging a LDC Host for 2023 Convention, Spring and Fall Assemblies.
- There's something new with the Literature Spotlight on our MIAFG website! In October, WSO started providing content to Areas suitable for posting on Area websites and including in either print or digital newsletters for the upcoming month. This includes:
  - Monthly Content: Monthly *Forum* articles, Monthly topic for the Member Blog, Print ads, Digital ads
  - Anytime Content: Conflict Resolution, Public Outreach, New Preface for Dilemma and ODAT

Parts of the Monthly Content will now be included on the MIAFG website starting in November.

Thanks, Marie!

**Forum Subscription Sales** – *The Forum* sales have increased over 3 ½ percent since August!

Month	Total	
	Subscriptions	Copies
August	388	405
September	387	403
October	394	410
November	402	419

### The Forum Updates

- ~ 2% of all sales are digital subscriptions. Unfortunately, WSO is unable to track these sales *by areas* due to outside vendors that manage subscriptions.
- Did you know ...  
*The Forum* is now available in French and Spanish.
- Spanish translations of the *Forum Writing Guideline* (F-1) and *Info & Tips for GRs as Forum Reps* (F-2) are now available. This work was completed by members of the California North area.
  - Contact Gloria if you are interested in these documents.

### Ways Area 27 has increased The Forum Sales

- New GRs who attended the pre-Fall Assembly Orientation received a free subscription.
  - Six (6) attendees on Thursday, October 6, 2022
  - Three (3) attendees on the morning of the Fall Assembly

### Literature Updates from WSO

- **Literature Shortage Status:** The message re: literature shortages remains on the *al-anon.org* website online store.
- **Print version of the 2022-2025 Service Manual** will be available around the end of this year for \$11. The online version is currently available.
- **Literature Price Increase:** Prices on some literature increased in August 2022. This primarily affected books with a \$2.00 increase. New order forms (S-16) are now available.
- **Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses** (B-29) is now available as an audiobook.
- **New Introduction to *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon*** (B-6): The latest printing of the ODAT, will include a new Introduction, which gives historical context to the book.

### Attention: Writing Warriors: Sharings needed for "CAL Corner"

Please continue to urge members to share in writing about how a piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We could use sharings for any of the following:

- **The Al-Anon Focus** (P-45) – To be featured in November issue
- **From Survival to Recovery** (B-21) – To be featured in December issue
- Others:
  - **Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships** (B-33)
  - **Lois Remembers** (B-7)
  - **Blueprint for Progress** (P-5 or P-91)
  - **Many Voices, One Journey** (B-31)
  - **Having Had a Spiritual Awakening** (eB-25)
  - **When I Got Busy, I Got Better** (P-78)
  - **Discovering Choices-Recovery in Relationships** (B-30)
  - **As We Understood ...** (B-11)

Send sharings to *The Forum*, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617, Attention: "CAL Corner"; to [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org) with "CAL Corner" in the subject line; or submit online at [al-anon.org/forumshare](http://al-anon.org/forumshare)

### Upcoming Area Literature/Forum Coordinator Plans

- SAVE-THE-DATE: 2nd *Forum* Writing Workshop will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2023 on Zoom

Grateful to serve,

Gloria V

Literature/*Forum* Coordinator, Panel 61, Michigan



# MIAFG News

## Spotlight on...



### May 6 State Convention

*One Day at a Time into the Future* is the theme of Michigan AFG's first in-person Convention since 2019.

Wendy S and Ruth O are chairing the one-day event, which will take place at the Doubletree by Hilton Bay City on Saturday, May 6.

While it can be a challenge to condense what once took place over a weekend into six and a half hours, things are falling into place for what should be a meaningful and fun fellowship event.

We hear about some Alateens being reluctant to move on to Al-Anon. Our Al-Anon Speaker Katy P (Des Moines, IA) not only successfully aged out of Alateen into Al-Anon, she's the Delegate for Iowa. Katy's talk is sure to be one that covers recovery from many perspectives.

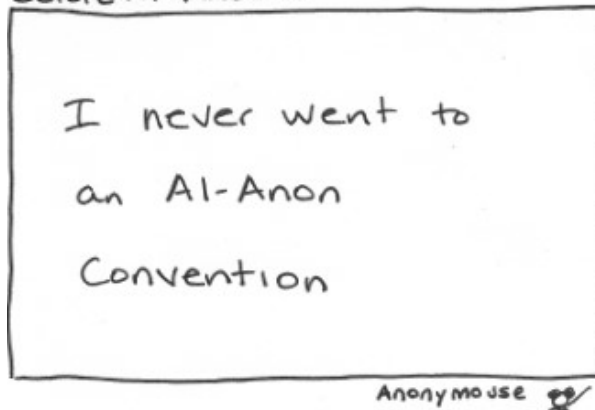
Speaking of Alateens, we are planning a panel featuring Alateens and members of MCYPAA (Michigan Convention for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous – or pronounced mickeypaw). Speakers will discuss their experiences with recovery and its place in their future.

Also featured on the agenda will be "CAL Corner Live," updates and shares on Conference Approved Literature and "RX for Groups and Meetings," an exchange of observations, ideas, and experiences.

The day will include time for fellowship and lunch. See page 11 for the flyer or visit this link to register and pay online. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-afg-51st-annual-state-convention-tickets-485177487927>.

For more information or to volunteer, email [miafgconvention2023@gmail.com](mailto:miafgconvention2023@gmail.com) or call 248-457-5120.

Before Al-Anon....



# THE Forum

## Writing Workshop



Hosted by MIAFG Literature/Forum Coordinator

**Share Your Experience, Strength & Hope in Writing**

**Date: Saturday, February 4, 2023**

**Time: 11:00 am**

**Zoom Event Information:**

- Meeting ID: 879 5006 7989
- Passcode: 882533
- Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87950067989?pwd=YnRMcUJUaF13UWtSUU9FRCSwYWNtUT09>

Contact: Gloria V., Area Literature/Forum Coordinator  
Email: [miafgliterature@gmail.com](mailto:miafgliterature@gmail.com)  
Cell: (517) 403-2831

## Classifieds

Volunteer/Attend	Writing Workshop
March Roundup (with Al-Anon participation) at Detroit's Motor City Casino (March 3 - 5) <a href="https://aa-semi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/March-Roundup-2023-Registration-Flyer.pdf">https://aa-semi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/March-Roundup-2023-Registration-Flyer.pdf</a>	<b>Saturday, Feb 4, 11 am</b> Via Zoom Meeting ID 879 5006 7989 Passcode 882533 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87950067989?pwd=YnRMcUJUaF13UWtSUU9FRCSwYWNtUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87950067989?pwd=YnRMcUJUaF13UWtSUU9FRCSwYWNtUT09</a>

### The Archives is searching for:



Flyers and programs for these MIAFG Conventions:

1973	Detroit	1st	April 14
1974	Boyne Falls	2nd	April 27-28
1982	Traverse City	10th	May 14-16
1983	?	11th	?
1984	?	12th	?
1986	?	14th	?
1991	?	19th	?
1992	Bellaire	20th	May 15-17

Do you have any materials related to these conventions? Would you consider donating them to the MIAFG Archives to help fill in our history?

Contact Kate A at [miagarchives@gmail.com](mailto:miagarchives@gmail.com).



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1970-1972 (Panel 10)	Estelle D		
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1961-1963 (Panel 1)	Ruth G		

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# Michigan Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups 51<sup>st</sup> Annual State Convention

With AA Participation

Saturday, May 6, 2023

8 a.m. – Registration begins / 9 a.m. – Convention begins / 3:30 p.m. – Convention ends

Doubletree by Hilton Bay City

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## One Day at a Time *into the Future*

Gathering **Together** with Gratitude **Now** and with Enthusiasm for *Tomorrow*

### Featuring

Al-Anon Speaker: Katy P - Des Moines, IA

Young People in Recovery: Alateen and MCYPAA Panel

CAL Corner Live: Shares and Updates

RX for Groups and Meetings: More will be revealed

### Overnight Accommodations at Doubletree



For members who wish to stay Friday and/or Saturday evening, Doubletree is offering a rate of \$109 plus tax. Rooms and special rate will be held until April 13, 2023.

To make a reservation, please call the Doubletree at 989-891-9680 (ask for Michigan AFG rate) or go to <https://book.passkey.com/go/MIAFG2023>

### For More Information or to Volunteer

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### Registration and Payment

Registration Fee through April 1, 2023.....\$20

Registration Fee after April 1, 2023.....\$25

Registration Fee for Alateen.....\$5

**No refunds after April 1, 2023**

### Lunch (\$20)

Plated Sandwich or Salad (See choices below. Email [MIAFGConvention2023@gmail.com](mailto:MIAFGConvention2023@gmail.com) for more details.)

Please make checks payable to: **Michigan AFG, Inc.**

Mail registration to: **PO Box 725152, Berkley, MI 48072**

### To Register and Pay Online (instead of by mail)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-afg-51st-annual-state-convention-tickets-485177487927>

Registrants responsible for convenience fees



### 51<sup>st</sup> MIAFG Convention Registration Form (one for each participant)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle One Al-Anon Alateen AA Guest

Check for ADA accommodations or special needs (someone will follow up with you)

Mail with check or money order to:  
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Registration Fee (see above for pricing) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 Lunch (circle one below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Plated Sandwich

Roast Beef Dearborn Ham Smoked Turkey

Chicken Salad Charcuterie Vegetarian

### Plated Salad

Chicken Caesar Salad Michigan Salad

Cobb Salad Asian Chicken