



# ALAGRAM ~ Fall 2016

Your NJ Area Assembly Newsletter

New Jersey Assembly Meeting Saturday, November 5, 2016

10 AM to 3 PM

1001 Fire Academy Drive  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

*All Group Representatives (GRs), District Representatives (DRs), Officers, Coordinators and Service Arms' Liaisons are asked to please attend and all Al-Anon members are welcome.*

Refreshments at 9:30 by District #16  
New Group Reps (GRs) Meet at 9 AM  
All Members Please Bring Your Own  
Brown Bag Lunch

TO STAY INFORMED, PLEASE READ OUR  
ALAGRAM AT YOUR GROUP'S WEEKLY  
MEETING OR BUSINESS MEETING. YOU  
MAY ALSO VIEW IT AT OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.nj-al-anon.org](http://www.nj-al-anon.org)

## *June Assembly Highlights*

**Chairperson:** Rich M. opened the meeting announcing that Sue C. was the new Alateen Coordinator. Rich also welcomed new GR's and DR's and thanked them for their service.

**Delegate:** Ann Marie Z., gave an in depth report on her time at WSC 2016. Ann explained that it was truly a spiritual experience. Ann discussed the Agenda for WSC and how each day was broken down. The sessions for each day were discussed and Ann talked about how she participated in the sessions, Ann also explained that she would be discussing the sessions she participating in at future Assembly meetings. The entire presentation given gave everyone at Assembly a great view of how Ann spent a great week. Everyone looks forward to Ann's next presentation.

**Alternate Delegate:** Donna S. attended and participated in the 2015 Financial Audit held on

March 19, 2016. Donna also received approval for the use of the Fire Academy for AMIAS training on April 23, 2016. Donna also reported that Forum subscriptions fell by 9 and asked each group to encourage its member to subscribe.

**Treasurer:** Stacey P. gave us a report that is posted online. Bank Balances as of 5/29/2016:

Checking Account: \$ 4,484.36

Savings Account: \$ 16,584.61

Stacey also provided the Budget Report for 2016.

**Recording Secretary:** Barb C. reported that the Alagram was sent out and that she attended the Financial Audit on March 19, 2016. The AWSC minutes were completed.

## **Corresponding Secretary/Group Records**

**Coordinator: THIS POSITION IS OPEN.** Millie is filling this position on an interim basis. Millie reported on WSO No Mail Status (3 Groups), WSO Groups with Returned Email (9 Groups). Electronic Communications – remember that anonymity must be maintained at the public level. Information about anonymity can be found in the Anonymity section beginning on Page 91 of the 2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. NJ Assembly Database Returned Mail – the Treasurer posts copies of all returned mail addresses to the Corresponding Secretary via the AWSC Yahoo! Group Website.

## **COORDINATORS REPORTS:**

**Website:** Angela provided a report showing Website Traffic. Angela also has had several requests for changes to be made to the meeting list online. All group record reports are maintained by the Corresponding Secretary and are confirmed prior to being processed.

**Alagram:** Barb C. reported that the Alagram Summer report was mailed.

**Alateen:** Training is scheduled April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Sayreville and May 14<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Holly. Sue C. accepted the Alateen Coordinator Position on April 23.

**Archives: THIS POSITION IS OPEN.**

**Literature:** Kathy B. is the Literature Coordinator. Kathy provided information on what Workshops are available on the Literature AFG Connect Page. Sharings Needed for a new Daily Reader (working title) Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (working title) Parents and Grandparents of Young Problem Drinkers (working title). Your sharing can be submitted on-line at the Members site.

**Public Outreach:** Karen P. reported that Carole M. and she attended the NJPN Annual Addiction Conference on 4/29/2016 at the Atlantic City Convention Center. May 1-3<sup>rd</sup> Carole M. and Karen attended the Social Workers Convention in Atlantic City and spoke to many Social Workers from all over the state.

#### **DISTRICT REPORTS**

**District #3 Hunterdon/Warren Counties:** Katie O. District rep was present and reported on the "Getting to Know You Potluck Luncheon held on April 9, 2016. It was so successful that they will have another next year on April 8, 2017.

**District #4 Passaic & North Morris:** Robin was present and reported that this is her last year as DR. A Pot Luck Brunch and Writing Workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 2016.

**District #16 Monmouth Northwest:** Diane S., District Rep was present and reported they will be purchasing more wallet sized business cards which will be attached to AFA 2017 pamphlets.

**District #20&#21 Mercer East & West:** Kate O., District Rep reported that the topic of Public Outreach was well received along with the need to financially support these efforts. As the district decides on what projects to support, the GRs believe that the groups will support them. This district is also considering a Day of Sharing in the Fall.

**District #25 Camden&Northwest Gloucester:** Chichi F., District Rep was present and reported

that the district has decided to order business cards with Meeting Lists. The district will also be sending outreach letters to the middle schools and high schools in the district for Alateen.

#### **LIAISONS**

**Jal-Con:** Lois reported that the Convention is coming together nicely. The Convention will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Sheraton in Edison NJ. The Annual Meeting for Jal-Con will be held at the convention on Saturday, July 23 at 12:30. Each group is entitled to have a Jal-Con rep present at the meeting. There are also service positions available above the group level. The commitment is for 3 years but is usually only 1 meeting a year.

**North Jersey Information Services (NJIS)** Mike G. reported that NJIS office is on a more solid financial footing because of the Memorial bequest they received. Mike attended Assembly in March and sold about \$500 in literature and AA Day of Sharing and sold a token amount of literature.

**South Jersey Information Services (SJIS)** Liz M. reported that the Spring Workshop held in Pittman, NJ was a good day of fellowship and enjoyed by all attendees. Liz reported attendance was quite small. Trustees have voted to change the location of the ISR from Hammonton, NJ back to alternate dual locations in north and/or south of the South Jersey Area. The July 16, 2016 meeting will be at the Cherry Hill Library.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Annual Picnic:** The Annual Picnic will be held August 14, 2016 at Holmdel Park. The picnic is potluck and admission is \$5.00. Tickets will be available at Jal-Con.

**TEAM Event:** Rich talked about doing a "TEAM event" it was discussed, Paul G. stepped up to be chair.

By-Law changes on web site to be done by Rich M. 2015 Financial Audit completed on March 19, 2016. Start-Up money for districts is available. Money already in budget.

Barbara C., Editor *Alagram*

***PLEASE REMEMBER THE OPEN POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED! ASK YOUR DISTRICTS AND YOUR GROUPS.***