



ALAGRAM ~ Fall 2017

NJ Area Assembly Newsletter

New Jersey Assembly Meeting Saturday, November 4, 2017

New Group Representatives Meet at 9 AM

Morning Refreshments & Fellowship 9:30 AM

Assembly Meeting - 10 AM to 3 PM

Middlesex County Fire Academy

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.

Morning Refreshments Provided by District #27
Atlantic and Cape May County

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

Tradition Seven

“Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

“In the simplest terms, this Tradition points out one of the cornerstones of the Al-Anon program of recovery. When individual members and groups understand that they are responsible for their own survival and progress, a great spiritual strength flows into each part as well as the whole. If I do my part and others do theirs, we do it together, and we don't need to ask someone else to do it for us.” *Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, pages 116-117.*

At this time, the NJ Area Assembly is not fully supporting. Various officer and coordinator positions are currently vacant, including the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Archive Coordinator and Alagram Coordinator. The NJ Area Assembly needs your help. We need Al-Anon members who want to be connected with people who have experienced recovery at another level. We are

searching for members who want to continue to build self-confidence, self-esteem, and trust and gain a greater understanding of how to apply Al-Anon's spiritual principles. Are you this member? Are you ready to experience *growth and recovery* through *service*? Please consider stepping up for one of our vacant officer positions:

Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary is responsible for taking the minutes at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and Assembly Meetings, transcribing them and then submitting them for approval to AWSC and Assembly. Term of service ends 12/31/18. It is critical to have a recording secretary so that there is continuity and minutes are prepared, amended after approval and posted in a timely manner.

Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary is the Groups Records Coordinator and is the link between the World Service Office and the NJ Assembly. This position comes with a computer, a printer, and an extremely detailed manual. The previous Corresponding Secretaries will help with any questions. The Corresponding Secretary has access to update WSO's Group Records and shares information on New, Inactive and Changes in Group information with NJAIS, SJIS, Spanish Intergroup and Assembly's webmaster. The Assembly database is in Access, but is very user friendly. Term of service ends 12/31/17.

Highlights from the June Assembly

Chairperson: Rich M. indicated that the theme for the June 3, 2017 meeting is **Warranty 2: “That no conference member shall be placed in unqualified authority over other members.”** Rich also

announced that the Recording Secretary had to step down and asked if anyone present would step up to the position. Betsy agreed to take the minutes for the June 2017 Assembly.

Delegate: Ann Marie Z. thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to represent them as the NJ Delegate at the World Service Conference and also thanked everyone for the Love Gifts and cards that were sent. She presented a detailed slide presentation covering the conference which was held Monday April 24 through Friday April 28, 2017. Ann Marie noted that new Service Manuals would be printed in 2018 and they will NOT be mailed to the groups. Also, the 2018 Al-Anon Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD in July 2018. It will be announced in the Forum and the website will be available in September.

Alternate Delegate: Donna S. passed around “The Ask-It Basket” and “Seventh Tradition” basket. Donna reported that paid Forum subscriptions for New Jersey have increased. Please continue to encourage your groups and members to subscribe to the Forum.

Recording Secretary: Minutes from the March 2017 Assembly were read by members during the break and approved with minor changes. Betsy G. from the Saturday morning Montclair meeting agreed to take the minutes for the March Assembly meeting as the Recording Secretary position remains unfilled

Corresponding Secretary/Group Records Coordinator: Millie H., the interim Corresponding Secretary, reported on new meeting changes and inactive meetings. She also spoke on electronic communications.

Treasurer: The Account Balances as of 3/31/17:

Checking Account:	\$ 5,123.18
Savings Account:	<u>\$16,592.23</u>
Total:	<u>\$21,715.41</u>

COORDINATORS REPORTS

Alagram: Donna S. prepared and mailed the Spring 2017 edition of the *Alagram* and each group should have received a copy via its Current Mailing Address (CMA). *Alagrams* are posted to Assembly’s website www.nj-al-anon.org.

Alateen: Sue C. noted that AMIAS trainings were being scheduled for the remainder of the year and that Alateen would be represented at JalCon.

Literature: Kathy B. is putting together the 2018 Assembly Calendar and asked for photos and content. Deadline is June 15 so that the calendar can sent to printer and be ready for distribution at Jal-Con. The Paths to Recovery Workbook (P-93) was introduced in January. It has been so well received that it has already gone into a second printing.

Public Outreach: Karen P. attended a number of conferences in order to distribute literature. Orders for the 2018 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism must be received by WSO by July 5, 2017 and they will be mailed in September 2017.

Website: Angela R. has been working on the website and the meeting page has been updated. Groups are encouraged to continue to send anniversary notices so that they can be added to the website. All requests for meeting changes must be submitted through the Group Records/Corresponding Secretary. Once the records have been updated, the changes will be reflected on the website. If there are any questions concerning meeting changes email: njcorrsecy@nj-al-anon.org.

Financial Audit and Ample Reserve – Donna S. presented the results of the 2016 financial audit that was conducted in April 2017. Assembly members voted to approve the Audit Report and setting the 2017 ample reserve at \$15,676.53.

November Assembly

Agenda Highlights

In addition to updates from the NJ Area 36 Assembly Officers and Coordinators, there will be presentations and discussions on the following topics:

2018 Budget – Audrey will present the proposed 2018 budget for review, comment and vote.

Corresponding Secretary – Elections will be held for the position of Corresponding Secretary. This is a three year position and the term will run from 1/1/18 to 12/31/21.

2018 Assembly Calendar will be available for sale at the November Assembly. \$6 for one calendar or \$10 for two.