



ALAGRAM ~ Winter 2017

Your NJ Area Assembly Newsletter

New Jersey Assembly Meeting Saturday, March 4, 2017

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.

New Group Reps (GRs) Meet at 9:00 AM
Morning Refreshments at 9:30
by District #3

Hunterdon/Warren Counties

Assembly Meeting begins at 10:00 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

November Assembly Highlights

Chairperson: Rich M indicated that the theme for the November 5, 2016 meeting is **Concept One: "The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups."** Rich also announced that the Recording Secretary had to step down and asked if anyone present would step up to the position. The Assembly meeting could not proceed until someone agreed to take the minutes.

Delegate: Ann Z. provided hard copies of the 2016 World Service Conference Summary and indicated that it was also available as a PDF on the Al-Anon

member's website. She also reported that at the 2016 World Service Conference there was a lengthy discussion regarding member concerns about the Prayer for Today which is included in the "Just for Today Wallet Card" (M-1) and Bookmark (M-12) as well as in "How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics" (B-22, B-32). Please see Page 27 of the Conference Summary for information about the discussion and the WSC. GR's are asked to conduct a group conscience and provide their group's feedback at the next Assembly meeting.

Alternate Delegate: Donna S.-The Ask-It Basket and Seventh Tradition basket were passed around. Paid Forum subscriptions for New Jersey have increased by 53. Please continue to encourage your groups and members to subscribe to the Forum. 2017 Calendars were available for sale.

Treasurer: The Bank Balances as of 11/1/16:

Checking Account: \$ 7,694.99

Savings Account: \$16,588.09

Total: \$24,283.08

The 2017 Budget was presented and approved. Stacey P. announced that she will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of the year. Audrey G. volunteered and a vote was taken to elect Audrey as the new Treasurer when Stacey steps down.

Recording Secretary: Minutes from the June 2016 Assembly were read by members during the break and approved. Cheryl S. agreed to take the minutes for the meeting as the Recording Secretary position remains unfilled.

Corresponding Secretary/Group Records

Coordinator: Millie H. continues to act as a Corresponding Secretary/Groups Records Coordinator as this position has not been filled. Groups are encouraged to create an e-mail account and register that e-mail address with WSO as this is WSO's preferred method of contacting groups and distributing information.

COORDINATORS REPORTS

Alagram: Barb C. prepared and mailed the fall 2016 *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. reported that AMIAS training sessions were held in 2016 and that sessions are being planned 2017.

Literature: Kathy B. announced that a new workbook, meant to accompany the "Paths to Recovery" will be available in 2017 and will cost \$10. Kathy also asked for photos and dates for the 2018 Assembly Calendar.

Public Outreach: Karen P. indicated that there will be a table at the 2016 Teachers Convention in Atlantic City. Please reach out to Karen P. if you have an upcoming event and she will have literature for you to bring.

Website: Angela reported that the website layout has been revised so that it is easier to see on your phone. The Assembly By-Laws and the Policy Manual have been uploaded to the NJ Assembly website.

March Assembly Agenda Highlights

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

Prayer for Today - Our Delegate Ann Z. has been asked to conduct informed, Tradition based discussions within our Area. Each GR is asked to conduct a group conscience within your group and bring this information to the March Assembly meeting. Ann Z. will take this information to the WSC in April 2017. **This is your opportunity for your Group's voice to be heard.**

Ample Reserve Presentation -The Ample Reserve Task Force will present its recommendation on how and when the Assembly's Ample Reserve will be determined. Group Representatives will be asked to vote on this matter. **This is your opportunity for your Group's voice to be heard.**

Ann Marie Z., the NJ Delegate will attend the 2017 World Service Conference (WSC) in Virginia Beach April 24 through April 28, 2017. The 2017 World Service Conference Theme is "*Our Members: Our Hope for the Future*"

THE FOLLOWING OFFICER AND COORDINATOR POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED:

Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Alagram Coordinator
Archives Coordinator

**ASSEMBLY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.
PLEASE ASK YOUR DISTRICTS AND YOUR
GROUPS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE
THE ASSEMBLY!**