



# N.J. Al-Anon Alagram

Fall Edition 2022



“I had to make a contribution in order to get help. It wasn’t a money contribution. It was I. I had to contribute a little bit of myself.” *(Hope for Today 187)*

The N.J. Assembly will be held as a hybrid (in-person & virtual option) meeting:

**Saturday, November 5, 2022 10AM-4PM EST**

All Al-Anon members are welcome!

**Mercer County Community College Conference Center  
1200 Old Trenton Road  
West Windsor, N.J. 08550**

*Please note that morning refreshments and lunch will be provided for the in-person meeting.*

*NO outside food may be brought into the conference center and no food or beverages are permitted in the meeting room. Since lunch is provided, we will need to provide a head count to the Conference Center, so registration is necessary. Please be on the lookout for an email with the registration survey.*

Meeting ID: 826 2033 7948

Password: 632624

Direct Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82620337948?pwd=cno3L20wWkJqVmUzYmlYYVBVdC9wUT09>

***NOTE: Separate session for new GR Orientation 9:15– 9:45AM***

Once logged into the meeting, change your name (Rename feature) to:

***First Name Last Name Initial, Position in Assembly, District #.***

If multiple positions, **list GR first.** (Example: *Jen B, GR D2, CorrSecGRC*).

## **Highlights from June 2022 Assembly**

**CHAIRPERSON:** Donna reported that she participated in Officer/Trustee meeting, attended the Northeast Regional Delegate’s Conference (NERD) virtually in March and visited four potential sites for in-person portion of the November Assembly.

**DELEGATE:** Katie reported on the 62<sup>nd</sup> World Service Conference (WSC) held April 25-30, 2022 in Tarrytown, N.Y. Highlights of the WSC included admitting the Non-Panel Global Electronic Area to the Region of the WSC Structure, a visit to Stepping Stones, and policy discussion on public outreach as it relates to social media.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE:** Liz reported that the Fall AWSC and Assembly meetings would be hybrid. Site visits were conducted and a recommendation would be made to the officers. She also reported that she attended the Forum Coordinator’s WebEx meeting.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Mary reported that income through May 2022 was \$5,674.16 and expenses were \$5,187.88 for a net income of \$486.28

**GROUP RECORDS/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (GRC):** Jennifer reported that as of May 25, 2022 there were 268 groups with a total of 295 meetings. Two new groups registered in 2022.

## **Coordinator Reports**

**ALAGRAM:** Christina reported that the Alagram was mailed to current 270 Group Representatives. The Alagram was emailed to the website coordinator and was posted to the NJ Al-Anon website (NJ-Al-Anon.org).

**ARCHIVES:** Mike reported that he is continuing to digitize the paper copies of items in Archives. Anyone interested in helping with the digitizing process should reach out to Mike. There is still a Braille copy of *One Day at a Time*.

**ALATEEN:** Lori-Jo reported that 23 N.J. Area AMIAS were recertified or newly certified. Five AMIAS did not go through training and were decertified. There are currently 7 active Alateen meetings.

**LITERATURE:** Angela reported that the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (v1) is available electronically at [www.-al-anon.org](http://www.-al-anon.org). The printed version will be available in late summer. Audiobooks, eBooks, and other digital literature are available on the Al-Anon website now.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** Debbie reported that she has been attending District meetings to introduce herself and to identify needs for public outreach. She has identified and plans to support numerous events in the coming months.

**WEBSITE:** AnnaMarie reported on website usage and activity and provided detail on some recurring issues with the website. She recommended that the Area look for someone to provide technical support on an ongoing basis. A “help wanted” or request for proposal was prepared to help with the search.

### **District Reports**

**District 2:** Ken reported that District 2 has 11 active groups (12 meetings) with 6 face to face, 3 hybrid and 3 temporarily electronic. The District 2 Treasurer position was filled. The Alternate DR position remains vacant.

**District 11:** Angela reported that meetings in District 11 are not back to pre-pandemic levels, and all meetings are back to face to face with the exception of the Westfield Tuesday night meeting which remains temporary electronic. There will be a District picnic on June 11, 2022 in Westfield.

**District 20/21:** Peter reported that literature continues to be sold and purchased. Peter and Jackie G. attended the Allentown Highschool Wellness Fair and it was a great experience.

**District 23:** Karen reported that groups from District 24 were invited to attend and participate with District 23, however, only one meeting attended. The District is working on a virtual workshop for the fall.

**District 25:** Liz reported that 12 meetings are active: 5 face to face, 4 temporarily electronic and 2 hybrid (including 1 Alateen). The District is compiling a database of churches/facilities with available meeting times for new groups or for meetings returning to face to face that need a new location.

**District 27:** Anne reported that there is a new seasonal meeting (Memorial Day to Labor Day) in the District. The Monday night meeting in Egg Harbor Township will return to meeting in person in June and the District is planning a Stepping Stones visit in September.

### **Task Force Presentations**

**Redistricting Task Force:** The Task Force presented its finding and the GR’s voted to approve redistricting along county lines.

**Permanent Electronic Group (PEG) Task Force:** The Task Force presented its findings on the procedure for admitting permanent electronic groups to the N.J. Area. After discussion and vote, the procedure was approved.

### **WSO BREAKING NEWS!**

The WSO is delighted to announce that the launch of a web page to welcome Newcomers to Al-Anon is *now available in Spanish and French!*

English: [al-anon.org/welcome](http://al-anon.org/welcome)

Spanish: [al-anon.org/bienvenida](http://al-anon.org/bienvenida)

French: [al-anon.org/bienvenue](http://al-anon.org/bienvenue)

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY.....**

Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Policy Handbook and the 2023 Proposed Budget.

***Will your Group have a voice and a vote on N.J. Al-Anon’s future?***

**As always, check the calendar on NJ-Al-Anon.org for upcoming events**

**Is Your Group Record Up To Date?** Make sure your meeting information is accurate on the website.

Verify your information today by reaching out to your DR or contact your *CorrSecGRC* at

[njarea36grc@gmail.com](mailto:njarea36grc@gmail.com)