



N.J. Al-Anon Alagram

Winter Edition 2023

“But the Right of Participation in our service structure is of such high importance to our future that it is urged we preserve this traditional right in the face of every attempt to whittle it down.” *(Hope for Today 271)*

N.J. Area Officers

Area Delegate: *Katie O.*
 Chairperson: *Donna S.*
 Alt. Delegate: *Liz K.*
 Treasurer: *Mary K.*
 Rec. Secretary: *Scott A.*
 Corr. Sec/AGRC: *Jennifer B.*

Highlights from November 2022 Assembly

CHAIRPERSON: Donna S. reviewed an Al-Anon member's request to appeal an issue from last Assembly. That issue was on the Nov. agenda for discussion. Went to Cleveland OH road trip. AWSC UPDATE: AMENDED THE BYLAWS TO INCLUDE THE CHANGES THAT WERE APPROVED AT NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY AND HAD THEM POSTED TO THE N.J. AL-ANON WEBSITE.

DELEGATE: Katie O. reported the WSO survey is in progress. Gave details on the international convention. Serving on the task force for drafting guidelines for webservice coordinators and additional web support.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Liz K. reported that she is researching insurance liability policy, specifically insurance for Area that would include local groups. She is also responsible for promoting *Forum* and distributing them. N.J. Area *Forum* goal is 300 subscriptions. There will be a *Forum* workshop at March AA Area 45 convention in Atlantic City.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary K. reported that the Area's total assets were \$36,310.97. Expenses and income were reported as well.

GROUP RECORDS/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jennifer B. reported that WSO and N.J. are now registering new electronic meetings and changes in meeting status from in-person to PEG status. There are 6 new PEGs, two undergoing processing, and one new request. N.J. redistricting is complete. AWSC UPDATE: NEW GROUP REGISTRATION AND GROUP CHANGE FORMS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE ON THE WSO WEBSITE <https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/>

Coordinator Reports

ALAGRAM: Christina McG reported 265 Alagrams mailed out to the groups for the fall.

ALATEEN: Lori-Jo did not submit a report this Assembly. AWSC UPDATE: UPCOMING AIMAS ZOOM (3hr) TRAINING DATES – 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13.

ARCHIVES: Mike L.'s report include group history form and longtime member form. Went to AA Area 44 convention in September and displayed the Al-Anon archives. Still working on digitizing records. He asks for volunteers. There is still a Braille copy of the *ODAT* to borrow or take.

LITERATURE: Angela R. reported that the new service manual available online and can be ordered as a hardcopy. Calendars were mailed out to all groups. If your group did not get it, then check your address on record. A new daily reader, *A Little Time for Myself*, will be available at the World Service Convention in Albuquerque. All literature is also available online.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Debbie A. reached out to most districts. There are Public Outreach initiatives. Leaving role as of December 31, 2022 due to work constraints. If interested, reach out to Debbie, so she can let you know what the role is about. AWSC UPDATE: POSITION VACANT.

WEBSITE: AnnaMarie T. renewed security software package. Met with a friend of an Al-Anon member to review needs. She contacted a person for hire but no progress.

Due to COVID-19, the N.J. Assembly will be held virtually via ZOOM

**Saturday, March 4, 2023
10AM-3PM EST**

Meeting ID: **860 6613 5873**

Password: **323567**

Direct Link: [Click Here](#)

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).

All Al-Anon members are welcome.

District Reports

District 1 (Hunterdon/Warren): POSITION VACANT. NO REPORT.

District 2 (Morris/Sussex): Ken S. reported that the district had a meeting after redistricting. They now have a new Alateen meeting from Butler as a result.

District 3 (Bergen/Passaic): POSITION VACANT. NO REPORT.

District 4 (Essex/Hudson/Union): Angela O. is trying to rebuild a dark district. Hosted a district picnic. Currently planning a winter *Forum* workshop. Working to promote public outreach with poster with QR code.

District 5 (Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset): Peter M. reported that the district had an event with raffle and WSO poster with QR code. It included a public outreach display, including posters for display and free literature to distribute (*Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*). They also have an Alateen meeting with 3 regular members some intermittent attendees. Looking into a Unity Day for Alateen.

District 6 (Monmouth): POSITION VACANT. NO REPORT.

District 7 (Ocean): Karen P. reported the district is meeting virtually every month. One group had anniversary meeting. The district's Treasury is affluent. They hosted an Al-Anon speaker from Connecticut. Temporary electronic meetings are transitioning to PEGs.

District 8 (Burlington/Camden/Gloucester): Liz K. reported the district is meeting virtually every month. Opened a district checking account. Held a district meet and greet event. Using the WSO poster for Public Outreach.

District 9 (Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland/Salem): Anne A. reported the district is meeting virtually every month. Currently have 15 active meetings. District had its first virtual workshop in October, using *When I got Busy I got Better*, will make it an annual event.

District 10 (Permanent Electronic Group District (PEG)): POSITION VACANT. NO REPORT. Donna S. requests that the PEGs organize with GRs and choose a DR.

Liason Reports

JAL-CON (N.J. Al-Anon Convention): Jal-Con is disbanding as a corporation.

NJIS (North Jersey Information Services): No one present today. NO REPORT.

SIG (Spanish Inter-Group): No one present today. NO REPORT.

Old & New Business

Eight (8) Motions were presented to the Group Representatives for vote. All Motions were passed with substantial unanimity.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE MARCH ASSEMBLY.....

- * Discussion on Insurance Options for the Area and the Districts.
- * Feedback on last November's hybrid Assembly.
- * Guest speaker from WSO staff.



LOOKING FOR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Do you want to actively spread the Al-Anon message of recovery?? Public Outreach Coordinator Position is open!
- Want to help the Area? Need volunteers to help with the 2022 financial audit on April 1st. Meeting is in-person in Hamilton, Mercer County.

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 Corr Secy/AGRC at njarea36grc@gmail.com.