



N.J. Al-Anon Alagram

Fall Edition 2023



“In Al-Anon we learn we can take charge of our lives. We are the leaders of ourselves.” *(Hope for Today 251)*

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

Saturday, November 4, 2023 10AM-3PM EST

All Al-Anon members are welcome!

Stone Hill Church 1025 Bunn Drive Princeton, N.J. 08540

Meeting ID: **873 0501 0291**

Password: **424261**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87305010291?pwd=aUdQbVNrWDNCRHRRZHlnbDZTdWFXQT09>

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

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

Service voting position, district number, first name, last name initial, any additional service positions (no commas)

For example: GR 6 Mike L Archives

Highlights from June 2023 Assembly

CHAIRPERSON: Donna reported that she is looking for new venue for November.

DELEGATE: Katie gave her Report from World Service Conference, theme was Love, Laugh and Grow Together.

Questions from the floor: *How does Amazon sales of Al-Anon lit effect Amazon?* Third party booksellers get a commission. But if the same literature is purchased directly from WSO, then Al-Anon does not have to pay these commissions. *What's the status of Alateen electronic meetings?* All Alateen online meetings are now overseen by the WSO. The goal is a cohesive approach to expand on-line Alateen meetings.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Liz reported that NJIS is not having regular meetings, so the Area is not in the loop with NJIS. The Area has Area Wide Insurance Policy and a Certificate is available on request if you need it for your meeting venue

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary reported the Checking balance and Saving balance. Profit and Loss reported. Quickbooks is moving to the Cloud, and Area will be moving its Quickbooks to the Cloud for now. Donna S. mentioned Uncommon Giving, a platform for people to send contributions to a non-profit. The Area does not use this service, the Area cannot accept money from outside sources, and this service charges a fee. Groups are encouraged to send contributions directly to Area and not use the Uncommon Giving platform.

GROUP RECORDS/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (GRC): Jennifer B. was absent, but her extensive report was included in the packet. Donna S. asked that each GR read the report to make sure that their group is not listed for deletion or made inactive. November will be her last Assembly in this position. 😞 😞

Coordinator Reports

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

ARCHIVES: Mike reported that he attended Area 45 AA convention in March 2023. Would love to have volunteers to help with Archives. He sent braille copy of ODAT to member that could use it.

ALATEEN: Lori-Jo reported that she held 5 AMIAS training sessions. There are now 36 or 37 AMIAS. All recertifications completed by annual deadline.

LITERATURE: Angela reported she plans to have the calendar available for AWSC in October. New daily reader coming out in July.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: *POSITION VACANT!* 😞 😞 🚫 *NO REPORT.*

WEBSITE: AnnaMarie reported that in April, she renewed subscription with GoDaddy for one year. There was a recent WordPress update which has caused some plug-in glitches.

District Reports

District 1 (Hunterdon/Warren): POSTION VACANT! ☹️ NO REPORT.

District 2 (Morris/Sussex): Ken S reported that the District contemplating a Zoom account for district and for groups in the district.

District 3 (Bergen/Passaic): POSTION VACANT! ☹️ NO REPORT.

District 4 (Essex/Hudson/Union): Angela O. reported that the District will have fellowship picnic on June 24th. No service positions filled other than DR.

District 5 (Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset): Peter M. reported the District has full officer roster and they are holding monthly district meetings. On June 11th, they planned a potluck dinner with family event for Al-Anon, AA and Alateen. There will be a Day of Sharing on Saturday October 21st, Stone Hill Church in Princeton. Got insurance for Groups.

District 6 (Monmouth): POSTION VACANT! ☹️ NO REPORT.

District 7 (Ocean): Karen P. reported that Service Manuals were purchased for all GRs.

District 8 (Burlington/Camden/Gloucester): Liz K. reported the District put on a skit at Area 45 Convention. Using public outreach posters from WSO and posting them in the Area.

District 9 (Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland/Salem): Anne A. reported the District distributed pamphlets for public outreach. Looking to change email address for the district.

District 10 (Permanent Electronic Group District (PEG)): Mark McP. reported that he hasn't held a DR meeting yet, looking to schedule it for later in the summer.

Liaison Reports

Al-Anon Liaison to Area 45 Convention: Jennifer R., Past Chair. Looking for an Al-Anon Chair for next Area 45 Convention.

Al-Anon Liaison to Area 44 Convention: Christina is looking for volunteers. Karen P. volunteered to bring literature.

Thought Force & Task Force Updates

Hybrid Assembly Venue Search: Liz K. reported a new Meeting Location: Stone Hill Church in Princeton. There are no nearby restaurants, so bring your lunch.

Thought Force to Define Excess Funds: Tim S. was not present today.

Establish a Tech Coordinator with a Tech Team Thought Force: Jennifer B. at AWSC and Assembly Meetings.

This is for the hybrid AWSC and Assembly meetings. Would like a GR on this task force. Chris G. volunteered to be GR on this thought force.

Nomination/Vetting Procedure for Regional Trustee Task Force: Kathy B. was not present today. Would like GR to join this Task Force. Resumes first get submitted to the Area Chair.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY.....

Upcoming Election for Area Group Records Coordinator on NOV 4, 2023!

The AGRC is the "keeper" of Al-Anon group information and serves as primary contact between the Area and the WSO regarding **Al-Anon Group Records**.

For more information, please click on the [Area Group Records Coordinator Guidelines \(G-36\)](#) OR search on-line for: <https://al-anon.org/pdf/G36.pdf>.



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

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