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The N.J. Assembly will be held as a hybrid meeting:
Saturday, November 7, 2026, 10AM- 3PM EST
 All Al-Anon members are welcome!

In Person: Bayshore Medical Center, 727 North Beers Street, Holmdel, NJ 07733

Main Entrance at the Back. Free parking. Go through Security before proceeding to Conference Rooms A&B. Bring your own lunch.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046157008?pwd=RURUZl2AN5MGT7lPlnaraTaPnbnpP.1>

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 2026 ASSEMBLY

Officers

Chairperson, Katie O.: Attended the Al-Anon Family Group (AFG) Connect's Meeting for Chairpersons, the North East Regional Delegates meeting, Board of Trustees, May Area World Service Conference, and the 2025 Financial Audit. Assembly policy motions have been incorporated into the new Policy Handbook which can be found on nj-al-anon.org.

Delegate, Peter M.: Reviewed highlights from the 2026 World Service Conference (WSC) and 75th Al-Anon Anniversary Gala. AFG, Inc.'s 2025 revenue was just over \$6.6M, with expenses of \$6.4M. The WSO average cost per group was \$357.95 compared to an average \$111.51 across 134 of the 264 NJ groups. Please remind groups that Al-Anon is self-supporting and relies on group support, declining outside contributions. Worldwide, there are 22,452 registered Al-Anon groups in 135 countries, speaking 43 languages.

Alternate Delegate, Cathy B.: Attended the AWSC meeting, District 6 meeting, and participated in the annual financial audit. As of 06/06/2026 there are 65 meetings and events that will have requested certificates for this year. Groups may request a certificate at any time, at no cost. As of April 2026, there were 268 Forum Subscription sales, and 284 total copies. Will research venues for March 2027 Assembly meeting.

Corresponding Secretary(CS)/Group Records Coordinator (GRC), Carrie H.: Attended AWSC, WSO's Links of Service Discussion, worked with District Representatives (DR) and Group Representatives (GR) to resolve queries, sent CMA mailing labels and email addresses for Alagram. As of April 2026, there were 253 active Al-Anon Groups with 272 active meetings, and 10 Alateen Groups with 10 meetings. Two groups did not have a mail status, and 10 groups had a bounced email. Twelve groups did not have a CMA email address or group email address on record.

Recording Secretary, Kasey M.: Prepared and posted the meeting minutes from February 7th AWSC, and March 7th Assembly. Submitted and presented the 2025 Financial Audit. Participated in the final questions and closing part of the June 6th Assembly meeting.

Treasurer, Ken S.: Attended the Area Financial Audit, and agrees with the findings. The Area bank balance as of May 26, 2026, was \$14,079.50, and includes \$881.39 (checking), \$5,302.83 (ample reserve savings), and \$7,895.28 (excess funds savings). 2026 revenue so far is \$8,989.99. Expenses so far are \$18,107.64. Ample Reserve for 2026 will be \$24,867.03. Area Appeal Letters were mailed on March 25th.

Coordinators

Alagram, AnnaMarie T.: Wrote, printed, and mailed 261 hard copies and 257 electronic copies of the Spring 2026 edition. Total costs for were \$301.53.

Alateen, David A.: Provided overview of proposed 2026 and 2027 Alateen changes. All eight Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) training sessions are complete. Let David A. know if an Alateen group still needs AMIAS training. Working toward completing all AMIAS and Alateen recertifications. Two Alateen meetings opened, three closed.

Archives, Jenn F.: Attended Area 45 AA Convention, and Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA. Both events had a good turn out. Will be attending District 5 Unity Day in October, and happy to attend other events with archives!

Literature, Peter D.: The 2027 Al-Anon Calendar is underway and plans to order 25 extra copies. Will distribute them to AWSC members at the October meeting and mail the rest to CMAs prior to November Assembly. The WSO continues to roll-out Conference Approved Literature in electronic formats. The 2026-2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Electronic Service Manual is now available. Literature is available for purchase at www.al-anon.org.

Public Outreach, Mike L.: Conferences attended include the Association of Student Assistance Professionals, New Jersey Integrated Mental Health, and Social Workers Conference. The events were well attended. Hosted a zoom meeting for public outreach. Six Districts were represented with many good ideas shared about current and future outreach projects. Groups interested in public outreach can download the Public Outreach guidelines under members and resources. G9, G-10 and G-29 at al-anon.org.

Technology, Vacant: Interested members may contact Katie O. for information.

Website, Jennifer B.: Attended Online Donations Thought Force meetings, and the Al-Anon Family Groups' 75th Anniversary Gala. Updates and additions to website include Al-Anon events and flyers, Forum articles, plugins and themes, Policy Handbook, and Spring 2026 Alagram. Reminder that event flyers should not contain personal information and must be approved by Katie O. and Peter M. prior to website publishing.

Reminder: Please include your Group Number on the check when making a Group donation. Group Numbers are not required for personal donations.

District Representatives

District 1 (Hunterdon/Warren), Vacant.

District 2 (Morris/Sussex), Lynne M.: Reported 20 active, and 7 inactive groups. Has two new GRs. Looking to host a Day of Sharing in Fall 2026 or early Spring 2027. Does not have an alternate DR and there are currently no volunteers for this service position. Developed a District Newsletter that will be distributed twice a year. Participated in Area financial audit. Hosted a 14th Anniversary Speaker Meeting. Morristown Alateen meeting reports low attendance. Public Outreach includes Turning Point Rehabilitation, and annual public outreach mailings to colleges, high schools, rehab, and professional organizations in November 2026.

District 3 (Bergen/Passaic), Debbie F.: Reported 25 in-person meetings, 3 electronic, and 2 Alateen meetings. New meeting in Cliffside Park needs support. Participating at Turning Point recovery but having difficulty getting volunteers. On-line Alateen meeting has converted to a hybrid meeting to conform with WSO requirements. Updating the printed meeting list.

District 4 (Essex/Hudson/Union), Patty V.: Had a successful day of sharing April 25th, which was attended by about 60 people. Sponsored an Alateen public outreach table at the Columbia Maplewood HS on May 18. A new Alateen meeting will start July 13th and will coincide with the Al-Anon and AA meetings currently there. It is the first local Alateen meeting in decades.

District 5 (Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset), Anne P.: Reported 44 total meetings of which 7 are electronic and 2 are Alateen. Received AMIAS certification. Attended Area Public Outreach meeting on April 21. Updated Al-Anon and Alateen Meeting List. Created business cards for Public Outreach events. Two Al-Anon and 1 Alateen meeting became inactive. However, 1 new Al-Anon and 1 new Alateen meetings began. Unity Day is October 24, 2026. All are welcome to attend. Has attended 21 meetings within the District and will continue striving to visit all 44 meetings.

District 6 (Monmouth), Jess A.: Public Outreach includes providing information cards to police departments and District groups adopting a meeting each month at Anchor House Treatment Center. District Picnic with food and speakers scheduled for September 20th.

District 7 (Ocean), Eileen R.: Reported 27 active groups. The only Alateen meeting has closed. Public Outreach plans include purchasing literature. Business Cards, posters, and information have been circulated to 33 of 35 municipalities. Participated in the NJ Assembly Policy Committee. Attended AMIAS training. Regularly sends announcements to the GRs and CMAs to keep them informed about District and Assembly news.

District 8 (Burlington/Camden/Gloucester), Tina H.: Reported 28 Al-Anon Groups including 3 Alateen. Since September 2025 there are 3 new meetings in the district. Participated in a mental health fair at Paulsboro High School and engaged with students using a conversation starter wheel. A spring Al-Anon workshop is scheduled for April 24, 2027. Public Outreach event included "Resilient Together". Several District 8 members are now AMIAS certified.

District 9 (Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland/Salem), Kathleen I.: Reported 19 Al-Anon meetings of which 3 are summer only. At the last meeting 12 copies of How Al-Anon Works distributed to Little Libraries around the District. A new meeting spot for Alateen may have been found in Cape May County. The upcoming 20th WAVE Roundup event is scheduled for November 13-15. The theme is "Trust the Process". An in-person workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 17.

District 10 (Electronic Group District), Vacant.

Liaisons

North Jersey Information Services (NJIS), Mark McP.: NJAIS is relaunching to provide more detailed information on the array of Al-Anon publications and will accommodate electronic payments. NJAIS sold Al-Anon and Alateen Literature at the Eastern Area Convention of Young People, and Area 45 Convention. They look forward to the Area 44 70th Annual Convention. Special thanks to our Area Archives Coordinator, Jennifer, for the invitation and for sharing table space at the Convention.

Spanish Intergroup, Peter M. for Vacant: Attended last Spanish Intergroup meeting. No one stepped up for this position. Requested help connecting with the Spanish Intergroup. Translation help is needed for the Policy Handbook revision and navigating the Spanish component of the telephone information line.

Al-Anon Representatives to AA Conventions

AA Area 44, Kathy H.: Attends Convention Planning Meetings. There is an issue with the venue but are working on it and will know more after the June 17 planning meeting. Requested volunteers.

AA Area 45, Karen W.: The 61st Anniversary 2027 Area 45 Convention will be 03/19-21/2027. Need an Al-Anon Co-Chair. skit actors, writers, and prop help. The position of Al-Anon Meetings Chair has been filled. Attended the first Area 45 Convention Planning Meeting, if you would like to attend in person, please reach out to Karen.

Old Business

Thought Force on Online Donations through New Jersey's Website and Online Individual Member Donations. Recommended creating a Task Force to:

- Pilot Zelle at AWSC and Assembly meetings, and
- Research online payment platforms to implement the Website component.

The recommendation passed with substantial unanimity.

New Business

The following agenda items were approved:

- March 7, 2026 Assembly Minutes as presented/amended.
- Implementation of the World Service Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements (WSC-EASBR)
- The 2025 Financial Audit Report with an ample reserve of \$24,867.03 for 2026.

Discussions: Formation of two Task Forces and one Thought Force

- **Thought Force** to determine if Al-Anon Chairpersons to AA Conventions are voting members at AWSC.
- **Task Force** on AWSC and Assembly Meeting Format. Implement recommendations of the Thought Force on same topic.
- **Task Force** on Online Contributions to implement recommendations of the Thought Force on same topic.

Ask-It Basket

Does New Jersey Assembly engage in a fundraising to support our budget needs?

Only through the appeal letters.

Can first names be used on an Al-Anon Anniversary flyer?

Yes.

Looking Ahead to November 7, 2026 Assembly

2027 Budget • Should There be Policy Changes to the Audit Committee?