

Spring, 2008

THE ALAGRAM



News From Your Area Delegate:

HELP WANTED
Area 36

**NEEDED: THOSE
WILLING TO
GROW BY BEING
IN SERVICE.
THERE ARE
OPENINGS FOR
COORDINATORS
FOR AREA
ASSEMBLY
POSITIONS.
ANYONE
INTERESTED,
SHOULD
CONTACT KATHY
B,
CHAIRPERSON,
FOR DETAILS.**



There's still time to register for Al-Anon's 4th International Convention, scheduled for July 4-6, 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA. The theme reminds us we are truly 'world-wide' fellowship. Don't miss the chance to connect with thousands of Al-Anon, Alateen, and A.A. members in love, gratitude, fun and fellowship. We are lucky enough to have the convention so close to us in Pittsburgh. There are special service workshops offered on Thursday, July 3rd throughout the day for a \$10 registration fee. On-line registration and housing is also available at the Members web-site: www.al-anon.org/members.

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**New Jersey Assembly will meet on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the New Dover Methodist Church, 687 New Dover Road, Iselin, New Jersey
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.**

MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M.

All Group Representatives, District Representatives and group officers are encouraged to attend.



The WSO is sponsoring an e-CAL contest! e-CAL is a way of sharing your experience, strength, and hope in ways beyond what is possible with words alone. Share your recovery worldwide using original audio, video, song, poetry, prose or a combination of media tools. Let your imagination and creativity shine! All e-CAL submissions during that time will be considered. WSO will be honoring five winners by a high profile showing of their presentation at the International Convention this summer in Pittsburgh. With your help, they hope to generate a greater awareness of e-CAL within the fellowship.



The Executive Director of the WSO, Ric, has begun sharing his thoughts on the Concepts on a monthly blog. This blog has an Opening as well as a longer Introduction explaining the Steps and Traditions and how they build upon one another to the Concepts. Members will be able to subscribe to the sharings and post their comments during the month. At the end of the month, the Concept and posts will be archived so that newcomers to the blog will be able to read the earlier writings.

This is not Conference Approved Literature (CAL), but a workshop. What individuals share at a meeting or in workshops is not Conference Approved. This workshop allows all members an opportunity to participate by sharing their experience, strength and hope with each other.

The WSO (World Service Office) is continuing their Public Outreach with trips to India and South America. Al-Anon Family Groups in India extended an invitation to the WSO. This visit is an opportunity to support and strengthen Al-Anon members in their efforts to build partnerships with professionals and individuals within the community and widen the message that Al-Anon Family Groups are a viable resource for families and friends of problem drinkers.

In South America, WSO met with the General Service Office (GSO) Board members in Costa Rica, Uruguay, Columbia and Peru. Their representatives had the opportunity to come to an open service meeting. The invitations for the meetings included Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

The theme for the 2008 World Service Conference is **Build Bridges – Energizing Our Spiritual Quest**. It includes a trip to Stepping Stones, the home of Bill & Lois Wilson in Bedford Hills, New York. I'm looking forward to my second WSC.

Yours in Service,
Fran M



Alateen News

There is a new Alateen meeting in Teaneck, Bergen County. Check it out at the web site. www.nj-al-anon.org.

We need new AMIIAS (Al-Anon Members In Alateen Service) and the old ones must recertify every year.

The next training sessions are:

Sunday, 4/27/08 1pm Mount Holly

Saturday, 6/21/08 1pm Edison

The next Alateen Action Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, 5/18/08, at 1:00 pm in Edison.

Criminal Background checks passed at the Assembly and will begin shortly.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3, 2008: NJIS Steering Committee Meeting

June 8, 2008: Assembly

June 14th: JAL-CON Trustee & Committee Meeting

June 19th: SJIS Steering Committee Meeting

July 4th to 6th: 4th International Convention

July 7th: NJIS Steering Committee Meeting

July 12th: JAL-CON Committee Meeting

July 15th: NJIS ISR Meeting

July 17th: SJIS Steering Committee Meeting

July 19th: SJIS ISR Meeting

July 25th to 27th: JAL-CON

August 9th: JAL-CON Committee Meeting

August 21st: SJIS Steering Committee Meeting

August 30th: Deadline for Alagram Articles

September 9th: NJIS Steering Committee Meeting

September 13th: JAL-CON Committee Meeting

September 18th: SJIS Steering Committee Meeting

September 26th to 28th: Area 44 (North) AA Convention



Al-Anon recovery is a discipline that requires diligence, patience and consistency for the best results. Regular attendance at meetings, working the Steps and applying the Al-Anon principles to every part of the day lead to a fuller and more enjoyable life.

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INFORMATION SERVICES IS A VERY IMPORTANT SERVICE ARM IN AL-ANON. When you first call seeking help, your call is directed to the Information Service answering bureau. For most of us, that's the first friendly voice we hear in Al-Anon.

In New Jersey, we have two information services:

North Jersey
 NJIS
 73 South Fullerton Avenue
 2nd Floor
 Montclair, NJ 07042
 973-744-8686
 www.NorthJerseyAl-Anon.org
 NorthJerseyAIS@verizon.net

South Jersey
 SJIS
 116 White Horse Pike
 Suite 1 B
 Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
 856-547-0855
 sjis@verizon.net

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in the fun, fellowship and speakers

Pitman 11th Anniversary
 Thursday, June 12th, 7:00 to 8:30
 50 N. Broadway, Pitman, NJ

District 18 First Anniversary Celebration
 "Recovery in Service"
 Wednesday, April 30, 2008
 Time: 6 P.M.
 Place: Manasquan Methodist Church
 Church and South Streets
 Manasquan, N.J.

Speakers: Paul G. Alt. Delegate, Area 36 Assembly
 Rich M. NJ Alateen Coordinator

Washington AFG
 Anniversary Meeting
 August 3, 2008



Outreach Goes Public

A "brainstorming session" is in the works to set some goals for communicating Al-Anon's message of hope to the New Jersey public.

Anything that has informed a professional, educated a neighbor or brought a newcomer into an Al-Anon meeting is Public Outreach.

Got any ideas? Remember, none of us is as smart as all of us. Contact your Group or District Rep, your Information Service or Area coordinators. We want to hear from you!

Sandy B
 Area 36 Public Outreach coordinator
area36po@yahoo.com

Meetings Without a Current Mailing Addresses

District 1

Tue AFG WSO#: 0

Tuesday 8:30:00 PM
Our Lady of the Mt. RC Church
Route 24
Parish Center
Schooley's Mountain 07870

District 2

Fri AFG WSO#: 38754

Friday 8:00:00 PM
AM

St. Claire's/Riverside Hospital
130 Powerville Road.
07902
(ChldAb)
Boonton 07005

Mon & Fri AFG WSO#:
501245

Friday 10:00:00 AM
Ryers Lane & Crest Court
Community Presbyterian Church
220 W. Main Street
07747
Chester 07930

District 3

Feeling Free WSO#: 65850

Wednesday 6:00:00 PM
Church of the Holy Spirit
3 Haytown Road
Lebanon 08833
07701

District 4

WSO#: 0
9072

Monday 8:00:00 PM
Vernon Methodist Church
303 Route 94 N.
Vernon 07462

District 6

Fri Nite AFG WSO#:
503009

Friday 7:00:00 PM
New Freedom Club
210 Walker Street
Cliffside Park 07010

District 7

New Freedom Club AFG
WSO#: 501072

Monday 7:00:00 PM
New Freedom Club-Madonna Rectory

340 Main Street
Fort Lee

District 8

Wed Steps to Recovery
AFG WSO#: 66845

Wednesday 8:00:00 PM

Sts Peter & Paul Church-Parish Hall
404 Hudson Street
(at 4th Street)
Hoboken 07030

Renacer 2004 WSO#:
501681

Sunday 2:00:00 PM
771 Ocean Avenue
Jersey City

District 9

The Three C's WSO#:

501359
Thursday 8:00:00 PM
St. Paul's Church
284 Nesbitt Terrace St. Paul's Plac
South Orange
07719

District 12

Summit Wed Night AFG
WSO#: 9369

Wednesday 8:30:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church
587 Springfield Avenue
Summit

AFG Open Summit
WSO#: 63283

Sunday 10:00:00

Overlook Hospital
99 Beauvoir Ave & Morris Ave.
Summit

District 16

Thur AFG WSO#: 0

Thursday 7:30:00 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church 79

79 Ryers Lane & Crest Court
Matawan

District 17

Red Bank AFG WSO#:
9330

Monday 8:00:00 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church
65 W Front St
Red Bank

District 18

Shore AFG WSO#:

Friday 9:00:00 PM
Presbyterian Church
600 9th Ave
(at E Street)
Belmar

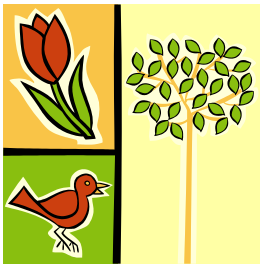
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newsletter.



CALLING ALL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES, ALTERNATE GRS & GROUP MEMBERS:

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the next Assembly meeting on June 7, 2008. If your group does not have a Group Representative (GR), ELECT ONE, or ask a group member to be a trusted servant for the day. This connects your group to Al-Anon worldwide as described in Concept One. This link provides a continuous chain of communication for the flow of information between the groups, districts, Assemblies, World Service Conference and the World Service Office. Bring a carload of Al-Anon members. See what the New Jersey Assembly is all about. Each group is entitled to a vote. Your group's voice and vote are very important.

ADDRESS CHANGE & GROUP CONTRIBUTION COUPON



Please send contributions and address changes to: New Jersey Area Assembly
518-7 Old Post Road #355
Edison, NJ 08817-4683

Group Name: _____

Meeting Place & Time: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contribution: \$ _____

WSO-ID # _____

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God Grant Me The
Serenity to Accept
the Things I Cannot
Change, Courage to
Change The Things
I Can and Wisdom
To Know The
Difference.

Attention Groups

Please review your meeting information. This may include meeting time, location, current mailing address (CMA), contact person, etc. Group Registration/Group Records Change Forms are available at the Al-Anon Members website www.al-anon.alateen.org/members (The password is your group followed by AFG), or through the NJIS or SJIS

offices.

Please send updated information to:

1. *Al-Anon Family Group World Service office* through grprecs@al-anon.org
2. *NJ Al-Anon Assembly* through the contacts link on the web page www.nj-al-anon.org

(Corresponding Secretary & Internet Coordinator)

3. *North Jersey Information Services*

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