



## AI-Anon / Alateen North Jersey Information Services

*Help for friends and relatives of alcoholics*

Greetings to the entire AI-Anon Community!

Summer is coming and we want to update you on what North Jersey AI-Anon Information Services is doing!

Since October of last year, NJIS has been participating at the Area World Service Committee and Area Assembly meetings (Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, and May 3<sup>rd</sup>). NJIS is looking forward to being a part of the upcoming June 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly! These meetings are great opportunities to foster cooperation and collaboration among all our Area's service arms, including the NJIS Steering Committee, our Areas Panel 65 Officers and Coordinators, the Area District Representatives, and our Group Representatives from our New Jersey AI-Anon Groups. We greatly appreciate the positive and constructive feedback we've received at recent meetings! There are a few key points we want to highlight.

First, at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> AWSC meeting, where the NJIS Chairperson and other members of the NJIS Steering Committee participated, NJIS reported that going forward, we are committed and will be resuming table sales of AI-Anon literature at every major NJ AI-Anon event, including Assemblies, AWSC's and AA Conventions with AI-Anon Participation in our Area. NJIS is especially looking forward to making AI-Anon literature table sales available to our Area's Districts at their Days of Sharing and special events. All of the comments made by the AWSC members were nothing but very positive, and they were very happy to hear that NJIS will be present and serving the AI-Anon community at these upcoming events!

Second, our Steering Committee members have attended various online meetings throughout the State, in locations that used to be part of the South Jersey Information Service area. We have asked these groups if they would like to join our service area, utilize NJIS for literature orders, and simply view and utilize NJIS as a resource. The response has been overwhelmingly positive! We hope to add all the "South" Jersey groups to our family and serve them in whatever way they wish and whatever way we can!

If you or your group has A-Anon-related news that you'd like to share, please contact us and visit our new, modern website! We are updating content, news, meeting lists, etc., almost daily! Our web address is still the same ([www.northjerseyai-anon.org](http://www.northjerseyai-anon.org)). We are purging and updating our email/ mailing list, so please be responsive if we request updated contact information. In addition, we will be holding regularly scheduled meetings for our Information Service Representatives so that we can collaborate and work together. We want to hear from all of you on how the NJIS can better serve the entire AI-Anon community.

While there are so many great things going on, and we've made great strides and progress... but . . . as it states in AI-Anon's Service Manual, Guidelines and in the Seventh Tradition, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! With groups still meeting online, the "Pass The Basket" has become virtual and donations dwindled to an all-time low and have not yet returned to former levels. Our efforts, our mission, everything we do is 100% reliant upon donations. It's important to remember that when someone buys books from NJIS, they are directly supporting WSO as the proceeds from sales continues to be a primary vital source of sustaining WSO's mission. NJIS itself does not make money from book sales, yet we embrace this role as a means both of supporting WSO and of meeting our local AI-Anon community's needs.

However, we do need your help! Please, please prompt your groups, whatever meetings you attend, to support the NJIS and donate! There are a number of ways to donate!

- 1) PayPal link: [Donate to NJIS](#)
- 2) Zelle (<https://www.zellepay.com/>) Zelle payment info is our email address: [northjerseyais@yahoo.com](mailto:northjerseyais@yahoo.com)
- 3) Donations can be sent via mail to:

AI-Anon Information Service, P.O. Box 646, Montclair, NJ 07042

When you attend your meetings (in-person, or virtual), please feel free to share this letter and to ask your group, at your next business meeting, to support NJIS and send a check! We need your support! The AI-Anon community needs your support. Please give what you can!

We also need your help if you can lend a hand. Please contact our office to help in whatever way you can — come to the office, help with Literature packaging/ mailing, or help with responding to incoming 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls. So please contact the NJIS office if you want to help or if you have any questions about what we're doing for the AI-Anon community at large. Please, email our office at [northjerseyais@gmail.com](mailto:northjerseyais@gmail.com) and ask for the names and email addresses of our Steering Committee members. We are very grateful for the great response and wonderful support we've received state-wide so far! So, thank you very much! Without your support, we cannot serve the AI-Anon community



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