



Al-Anon / Alateen **North Jersey Information Services**

Help for friends and relatives of alcoholics

We hope everyone is enjoying their Fall and before we know it, Winter will be upon us. As always, there is a lot going on and we are very excited to report many great developments to you!

As we've been doing for over one year now, NJAIS is continuing our ongoing discussions and collaboration with the Area World Service Committee and the Area Assembly. NJAIS has had and we will continue to have a presence at local events. As the public and community outreach, and face of the Al-Anon, our goal is not just to sell literature, but also "carry the message" and disseminate information, and to serve and be a resource to the entire Al-Anon community and those in need of help and support! This is part of our mission! We are not only the face of Al-Anon in the community, but we are the first-place people may look when they need help! We help people. All of us can save lives.

We are very excited to report that many Al-Anon groups in South Jersey, who used to be served by the SJIS (South Jersey Information Services), have been reaching out to us! These groups in South Jersey have not had a home resource to turn to. Well, as many of these groups have found out, we are here and ready to serve – and the word is spreading! Groups have reached out to buy literature, update their meeting information, and sometimes to just ask questions! We have also contacted many South Jersey groups, and it has been a virtually unanimous response that these groups want to be part of the NJAIS and look to us as a resource! Whatever South Jersey groups need, we are here for you and are happy to serve in whatever way you wish and whatever way we can!

Our President, Mark M, attended the AWSC and Assembly meetings over the summer and fall. With the help and support of our Al-Anon Community, NJAIS has been able to resume Al-Anon Literature Table Sales at the November Hybrid Assembly. These meetings are great opportunities to foster and further cooperation and collaboration among all our Area's service arms, including the NJAIS, the Steering Committee, our Areas Panel 65 Officers and Coordinators, the Area District Representatives, and our Group Representatives from our New Jersey Al-Anon Groups. We are very excited to continue to work with everyone!

That said, one item we want to make very clear to everyone is that NJAIS and our office are open, functioning, and serving the Al-Anon community every day! Whatever rumors you may have heard having anything to do with our demise, the office closing, etc. – are greatly exaggerated! We are continuing and constantly revamping our office and service delivery model. We are reconfiguring and consolidating our Montclair office for November, but be assured, we are in the same place and same office. We simply consolidated our office space. This will allow us to be more efficient and effective, and more important will provide cost savings! In addition, and after decades of extraordinary and unrivaled dedication and commitment to the Al-Anon community, our Office Manager/Administrator, Jeanette, is transitioning into the next phase of her life. She will still be working with us, on a reduced (hours) basis, and she will be working in conjunction with a new volunteer person that we will have in the Montclair office! We are continuing and constantly revising, updating, and improving our business, operations, and service delivery model, and how we serve the Al-Anon community. We are still a Literature Distribution Center and yes, we still sell literature! We have reinvented and streamlined this process and will continue to do so in this and all other areas so that we can be more efficient, more effective, and save money! If you or your group has any questions about the NJAIS office, please, contact any one of the Board members whose email address is included at the bottom of this letter.

If you or your group has A-Anon-related news that you'd like to share, please contact us! You can visit our new, modern website! Send an email to the NJAIS office and we will post news, updates, and important information on our new website. We are updating content, news, meeting lists, etc., almost daily! Our web address is still the same (www.northjerseyal-anon.org). We are continuing to purge update our email/ mailing list. If you are a DR, GR, or ISR, and you or your group are not receiving emails from us – please contact our office immediately! We need current contact information so we can reach and serve you! We want to make sure that GR's and ISR's attend upcoming meetings – and in order to attend – you have to know about them!

We will be having a "North Jersey" meeting for DR's, GR's, ISR's, and others in November. More details will be posted on our website and of course we will be sending out notices via email. That is just one reason to make sure your group's contact information, GR and ISR email addresses, etc., are on file with our Montclair office!

What hasn't changed is that... WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! There are many groups that used to give that no longer do. Please consider starting again! We need your help! While many groups are meeting online, there are live meetings as well – and while the “pass the basket” may have changed since the pandemic – we still need your help! During and post-pandemic we survived when donations sank to an all-time low. It's been over five years since the pandemic began, and today we are still at a small fraction of what the former donation levels. Our efforts, our mission, everything we do is 100% reliant upon donations. It's important to remember that when someone buys books from NJAIS, they are directly supporting WSO as the proceeds from literature sales continues to be a primary vital source of sustaining WSO's mission. NJAIS itself does not make money from book sales, yet we embrace this role as a means both of supporting WSO and of meeting the needs of AI-Anon community. Please donate what you can to NJAIS. Help us help you and the AI-Anon community!

Please give, and please prompt your groups, whatever meetings you attend, to support the NJAIS and donate! There are a number of ways to donate!

Individuals and groups can donate here:

1. [PayPal](#)
2. Zelle donations to NJIS to: northjerseyais@yahoo.com or
3. Mail a check. 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 to support NJAIS and send a check! Or use Zelle, PayPal, or Venmo! 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 one of the Board members listed below to help in whatever way you can — come to the office, help with Literature packaging/mailing, or help with responding to incoming 12th Step calls. So please contact us if you want to help.

If you have questions about NJAIS, what we're doing for the AI-Anon community, or need help, call or email us! The office email address is northjerseyais@gmail.com – and below are the email addresses for our officers and committee members. Please, email any of us at any time if you have any questions or concerns! We are very grateful for the great responses 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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