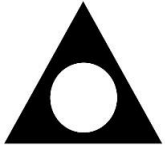


Al-Anon Suffolk Information Service (A.S.I.S) Quarterly Meeting Highlights For ISRs



This document serves as a timely summary of material presented at the meeting and discussion that took place. It does not replace the official minutes that are reviewed and approved at the following meeting.

Date: July 21, 2021

Location: Zoom

Open Positions:

- Al-Anews Coordinator
- Choices Coordinator

* ISRs and members are to direct all correspondence to these board email addresses. Please note that your response may come from a different email address. The "Subject" of the original correspondence will be the same.

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Al-Anews Coordinator (VACANT)

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Board Member Report Highlights

Family Relationship Workshop Coordinator (Hugs, Hope, and Healing)/ Vice Chairperson/Zoom Tech Support (Diana S.) HugsHopeandHealing@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- Our first Hugs, Hope and Healing Committee meeting on June 23. St. Matthew Church is available for a live Hugs this year. We will explore the idea of going live or staying on Zoom.
- Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom ID 837 5487 0510 Passcode 2021. Please attend if you would like to join the planning Committee.
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION –**
If you or anyone from your group would like to join the planning committee or volunteer at the Workshop, please contact me at my email address above or hugshopeandhealing@gmail.com. I would also like to get feedback about in-person or a Zoom event this year.

Corresponding Secretary (Monica W.) Correspondingsec@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- ASIS continues to email any announcements, including anniversaries and workshops, to AFGs. 30 AFGs have ISRs and/or a contact for emails.
- 19 AFGs have no contact with ASIS. ASIS will continue to reach out to establish a line of communications (see below).
- We are proposing a Quarterly Meeting Highlights Report to be distributed to ISR attendees within a week of the meeting.
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION –**
If you attend any of the following meetings, please encourage them to send the Corresponding Secretary their AFG email address and, if possible, identify an ISR who will represent the AFG:

Day	Location	Name
M	Deer Park	Listen and Learn AFG
M	Greenlawn	Noontime Awakening AFG
M	East Hampton	Monday Lunch AFG
M	Hampton Bays	Hampton AC AFG
T	Bluepoint	Bluepoint Tuesday AM AFG
T	Lindenhurst	Just for Today AFG

T	Southampton	Southampton AFG
W	Bay Shore	
W	Westhampton Beach	Westhampton Beach AFG
TH	Center Moriches	Center Moriches Parent Power AFG
TH	East Hampton	Thurs Lunch
TH	Huntington Station	Hearts and Healing AFG
TH	Medford	Thursday Morning AFG
TH	Nesconset	Nesconset Thursday AFG
TH	Riverhead	Riverhead Thursday Night AFG
TH	Southold	Serene Shores AFG
F	Bay Shore	T.G.I.F. AFG
F	Hampton Bays	Friday Night AFG
	Phone Only	
F	Bay Shore	T.G.I.F. AFG

Meeting List Coordinator (Maureen P.) meetinglist@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- We now have 44 Zoom meetings, 6 of which are beginners, 18 In-person meetings, 7 of which are beginners and 5 are hybrid (with zoom participation) and 7 Alateen.
- The additions since last Board meeting are;
 - IN-PERSON
 - Tue. Henrietta Acampora Center, Blue Point 9:00am (b) 10:00am(r)
 - Tue. St. Boniface Church, Lindenhurst 10:00 am
 - Fri. Henrietta Acampora Center, Blue Point 10:00 am
 - Zoom (alateen)
 - Change to Mt. Kisco meeting: id# 83310354500 p/c 431517
- One issue we have is some meetings have made a temporary time change from the original meeting. This change has not been made with the WSO and people looking at that website for meetings are getting incorrect times. Can we temporarily change the time on the WSO website or will it create a problem. Do we need to have meetings change their time back to original times?
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** – Any meetings thinking of setting up a hybrid (in-person w/ zoom participation) meeting and have any questions or looking for help can contact me as I worked on setting up the Patchogue meeting.

Public Outreach Coordinator (Karen G.) Outreach@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- We are maintaining our public service announcements in Dan's papers, *Creations* magazine, and the Mount Sinai local paper. We are working on getting us into the *Awakenings* magazine.
- *Suffolk intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous sponsored a workshop on June 18 and 19th. At True North Church on Lakeland Avenue. I participated with an Al-Anon table for public out reach
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** –
 - Please ask your group to order the free outreach bookmarks and distribute them throughout your area.
 - Also please ask your group to order the free new JPEG and PDF posters from WS so print them at home and distribute them throughout your area.

Public & Institutional Speaking Coordinator (Laurie B.) publicinstitutionalspeakers@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- On June 5th, the zoom workshop on grief, loss and acceptance was attended by 48 people. It was deep, poignant, moving, sorrowful, joyful and spiritually healing. It reflected the many shades of life, ranging from the warm sunny joyful days to the trying days of storms.
- On June 13, I spoke at Siefield recovery center on building bridges in relationships -reestablishing old relationships as well as new ones. I also spoke on step eleven, the foundation of the house.

- There were two workshops. One included 25 women, and the second 80 men. The participants loved it. They left with the understanding of the benefit, strength and healing power of meditation - the ability to center. I distributed 24 "How Alanon Works", as well as pamphlets free of charge to them.
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** –
 - Please ask your groups for volunteers to speak at Seaford (Westhampton). Call Laurie 631-624-2892
 - Please ask your groups to donate one copy of *How Alanon Works* by mailing it to the ASIS Farmingville P.O. Box. I have stock on hand but will run out by October.
 - Again, let your groups know how beneficial their participation at the workshop was and that their generous contributions are extremely helpful for the purchase of the Al-Anon workbook (*How Alanon Works*) and pamphlets.

Speaker's Exchange Coordinator (Mary A.) speakersexchange@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- The May Speaker's Exchange was a great success with 20 participating AFGs and 91 volunteer speakers.
- The November Speaker's Exchange will be held in person at the Wellness Center in Ronkonkoma as previously done before Covid 19. Both In-Person and Zoom meetings will be represented, same procedure will be followed for both.
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** –
All home groups are encouraged to have a group Speaker's Exchange Coordinator and be on the lookout for details as November nears.

Telephone Service Coordinator (Barbara S.) phoneservicecoord@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- Most of the phone calls are for questions on face-to-face meetings.
- There are 25 open slots for volunteers to serve the phone service during the calendar month.
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** –
Volunteers are needed for the Phone Answering Service, especially on weekends. Please have members call Barbara S. at 516 238 3565 if they wish to volunteer.

Treasurer (Leon R.) treasurer@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *: THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

- Contributions ±20% less than 3 year average. Composition: Mail 44% / Online 66% since May.
- Large available cash balance (9161.00) unique to not having person-to-person meetings or transactions.
- Should person-to-person meetings resume, balance would rapidly diminish to break-even.
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** –
Please distribute and discuss the online 2021 ASIS Appeal. Post and email distribution to begin shortly.

Website Coordinator (Karen H.) website@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- The website landing page has lots of info for newcomers: links to meetings; links to social media resources; links to newcomer brochures downloadable for free. <http://www.al-anon-suffolk-ny.org/>
- CONTRIBUTION page now includes an overview of where the money goes (the services provided by ASIS.)
- New RESOURCES page has links to:
 - Al-Anon social media
 - Worldwide Al-Anon contacts
 - Conference Approved Literature to order
 - Meeting guidelines & service manuals
 - Link to subscribe to The Forum monthly magazine
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** –
Share website address and resource summary above.

Liaison to AA (Steve W.) AAliaison@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *:

- As AA Liaison I continue to attend monthly AA SIA and General Service meetings.
- These monthly meetings give me a better understanding of how AA functions and I am always welcomed.
- **REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION** –
Encourage Al-Anon members to attend open AA meetings. Open meetings are a great resource for Al-Anon members to better understand and empathize with alcoholics. Meeting finder is on suffolkny-aa.org

Liaison to NY South Area (NYSA) (Philip V.) NYSALiaison@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *

- Al-Anon World Service is conducting a membership survey, located at: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6314094/member-survey>
- Also, there is a “Participate” link/button on the world service website.
- NY South is still meeting virtually. Some activities, such as the “Discovery” conference, are still on hold because of the pandemic. Discussions taking place regarding the possible resumption of face-to-face and or a hybrid approach. Some activities are expected to remain virtual (primarily on Zoom.) No firm decision or plan yet.
- NY South is drafting its 2022 budget. During 2020 and 2021, overall contributions are down because of the pandemic; expenses are also down because of the suspension of many activities or due to the move to less expense virtual setups. 2022 budget expenses for programs are being considered in that economic light.
- The NY South website is located at <https://www.al-anonny.org/>
- There is a button/link to handle contributions online at: <https://www.al-anonny.org/contribute-or-donate-now.html>
- *REQUEST FOR ISR ACTION –*
Encourage members to complete the WSO’s membership survey at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6314094/member-survey>

Alateen Coordinator (AMIAS) (Christine M.) alateenchair@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org *

- Alateen continues the zoom platform. We are waiting on updates for reopening our in person meetings. Alateen looks forward to participating in Hugs, Hope and Healing.
- We currently have 2 meetings in Suffolk County Monday and Tuesday nights. There are seven zoom meetings in the NY South Area. Meeting IDs and Passwords can be found on the ASIS website.
- In-Service work communication has been ongoing with the AA groups and I’ve been in discussion with the meeting chair for Mastic, as well as their group representatives, who have many mothers looking to open an in-person Alateen meeting alongside their Mastic meeting.
- We thank the Bayshore Group for their support and generous donation.

Summary of Requests for ISR Action (Listed Separately Above)

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- Discuss quarterly contributions to other arms of service.

- Encourage members to visit our website: <http://www.al-anon-suffolk-ny.org/> .The website landing page has lots of info for newcomers, including: links to meetings; links to social media resources; links to newcomer brochures downloadable for free.
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Important Additional Highlights Raised by ISRs

Announcements:

- District 4 and 5 are planning a picnic on Sunday August 29, 2021 at 12:00 at Heckscher State Park field 4. Bring your own beverage, snack and lawn chair. Flyer to be coming out shortly.

Meeting List Changes:

- The Wednesday Parent group in East Northport is now meeting in person. 7:00 beginners, 7:30 regular meeting. 1018 Pulaski Road. Mask required in the meeting.

Groups needing support:

- The Tuesday 10:00 AM meeting in St. Boniface Church in Lindenhurst needs support.

Next Quarterly:

- October 20, 2021