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Reaching Al-Anon People **FEBRUARY 2024**

*A newsletter of the **AI-Anon Information Service of the Delaware Valley (AISDV)**.
Serving parts of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties.*

AISDV, 4021 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104

215-222-5244, aisdv.org

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF AISDV: To help families and friends of alcoholics in our service area by sharing experience, strength and hope. We are a service arm of the Al-Anon World Wide Fellowship and the Pennsylvania Area Al-Anon Assembly.

AISDV Service Area includes PA Area Assembly Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 19, 20, 31, and 32.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS: Find an Al-Anon or Alateen meeting at aisdv.org.
Spanish meetings too. Try at least 6 meetings to see if Al-Anon is for you.

WELCOME NEW ISRs: Have questions? Call our office 215-222-5244

WELCOME NEW GRs - Vital first link between group and world fellowship!

Thank You for Your Service - Telephone Volunteers

Our telephone volunteers respond to caller messages within 24 hours. We thank Telephone Coordinator Janet C and helpers Erin, Kathy, Madeline, and Marcie for their dedication. They are standing by, ready to answer questions or put you in touch with someone who can if they can't. Madeline takes calls in Spanish. Volunteers are Al-Anon members from Districts within the AISDV service area. Current volunteers are from Districts 1, 2, and 5.

"Timely Topics" 2023

Group Representatives (GRs) who attended the 2023 Assembly submitted questions to the Delegate Lori F and the Alternate Delegate Ralph H on topics of interest. Topics included: Al-Anon members who are also members of AA, closing prayers, chants, jargon and literature from other programs, dominance, checking accounts, use of Al-Anon logo, and more. Members in your Al-Anon and Alateen groups may be interested in these.

Use this electronic link to read or download "Timely Topics" questions and answers:
[Summary of Timely Topics - PA Area Assembly 2023](#).

AISDV SERVICE WORKSHOP "WHEN I GOT BUSY I GOT BETTER" - COMING!
Want to help plan this? Call AISDV office: 215-222-5244

Help is Needed

Can you help by volunteering for a few hours a month? Can you help with:

- administrative positions like secretary for AISDV zoom meetings?
- office hours at 4021 Walnut St. in Philadelphia?
- public outreach?
- bringing an Al-Anon meeting to a hospital, rehab facility, or prison?

Please call AISDV office at 215-222-5244 if you can spend a few hours, weeks, or more helping families and friends of alcoholics in our service area.

New Faces at AISDV

With rotation of service taking place at AISDV, the new faces as of 1/18/24 are:

Carla F - Assistant Chair, Mary G - Directory Coordinator, Claudia W - Literature Coordinator, Shelia K - Public Outreach Coordinator. Two others will be standing for Institutions and Area Liaison; their names will be in March RAP.

Coming Up

Feb 9-11: PA Area World Service Committee (PA AWSC) meeting. For District Representatives (DRs), Delegate & Alternate Delegate, and Area Officers and Coordinators.

Feb 15: AISDV Steering Meeting. For DRs or Alternates, and AISDV Officers and Coordinators.

Jun 7-9: Save dates. PA State Convention, Susquehanna University, Sellinsgrove, PA.

Find details for Coming Up events on AISDV calendar: <http://aisdv.org/calendar.html>.

Guidance for Al-Anon Members

- *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual:* <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/>
- Guidelines on every topic you can think of: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/>
- AISDV Office: 215-222-5244
- Websites: aisdv.org; pa-al-anon.org; al-anon.org
- Contact your GR or DR. Don't know your District? Call the AISDV office 215-222-5244.

This Month's Step, Tradition, and Concept

Step 2 Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2 For our group purpose there is but one authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants—they do not govern.

Concept 2 The Al-Anon Family Groups have delegated complete administrative and operational authority to their Conference and its service arms.

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