

Rochester AIS started out the New Year with a new slate of officers and chair people. Positions filled were Chair, George S. Vice Chair, Nancy O., Secretary, Marge P., Treasurer, Kathy S., Book Depot, Mike H., Newsletter, Wendy L. and Intergroup Rep., Carolyn H. This last position, Intergroup Rep has not been filled in several years. The duties of this person will be to represent Rochester AIS at AWSC and at the NYN Spring and Fall assemblies and to encourage districts in the area to participate at the AIS level.

A committee has been formed to review the Charter and By-Laws of the organization and to make amendments where necessary. This has been an opportunity to see how our organization is set up and to better define the functions of our standing committees. One area that has been added is that of Web master. With the increased use of the internet it is important to keep up with the current technology which will only foster better communication.

Our website has been revamped and in addition to being able to view a meeting list for the area and finding the location and office hours of the AIS office, the site also includes an Alateen Corner, Al-Anon information, Activities and Resources . Under Recourses you will find a section entitled For Members and Groups. This section has a series of pod casts that include information about the structure of the Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship, how to become a Group Rep., the need for Gr's and GR duties and how my group functions as a community. There is a new area on the website devoted to District news where DR's have the opportunity to share what is going on in their District. The monthly newsletter is also available on line as well as the Treasurers Corner and meeting minutes. Literature requests can also be done on line. Check us out at aisrochester.org

Finally, AIS Rochester is now incorporated and the process for tax exempt status can proceed. If all goes well, the process will be finished by about June of this year.

Gratefully,

Carolyn H.