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We welcomed new officers in January. We updated our website, including suggestions from members. Features include a chronological listing of events and links to the event. We encourage our members to send meeting notices to the website and we post asap on our activities tab. We have links to insurance. Our Book ordering is streamlined, including the webpage and ordering form and descriptions of literature. Our book depot encourages our members to order from AIS and will deliver to members, mail or pick up at the office. We have 5 day a week coverage in our AIS office

Rochester AIS sent an appeals letter early in 2019 after our treasurer noted we were behind in donations from groups. This is getting results and funds are being donated. This exercise resulted in looking at WSO official contacts for our groups and encouraging groups to update records at AIS and WSO. Our successful Tureen Supper fundraiser was held in March.

Outreach is essential to teach the experience, strength, and hope of our program. We speak at rehab centers, halfway houses and at post sentencing forums. Our volunteers have presented at local conferences, panels and speakers at Al-Anon and AA. Conferences in March and April. We have literature for members at community health fairs and forums for professionals and the community. We seek several members who can cover community events to spread outreach service opportunities.

Outreach at a group level is done by visiting groups that we do not see at AIS meetings, and offering new literature, information on the website and tools for growing the group. We thank the groups for their service and commitment to recovery and offer help from AIS if needed.

We are presently re-writing our bylaws to reflect WSO and local practice. This was done by a subcommittee of interested members, contacting experts if needed. We have a terrific group of members and plan to attract more to this dynamic group!

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