Rochester AIS Report for September 2019 Assembly

Rochester AIS continues to operate from a great office, and meet monthly in spacious church. This is a great improvement from cramped meeting quarters. We can welcome many members to our meetings. We thank our dedicated volunteers for making this and all our Al-Anon office and Outreach work possible.

We support Alateen through donations, group and NYNAC. To transparently receive donations for Alateen, their Al-Anon group established a group bank account. We have another AMIAS to support this group. We distributed Alateen and Al-Anon literature at the Empire State Conference for young people in aa and answered questions about our program to this group.

WSO safety letter has been reviewed by our groups and they are discussing how to implement at the group level. At AIS we are looking at PSA's to attract members, rather than posting meeting locations. This discussion of safety has reminded us of the vulnerability AND courage of members and the importance of anonymity and group autonomy.

Outreach -so important! AlS volunteers were present at a local Recovery Fair Sept. 13th. Senator Robach will have a health fair-we will be there. We speak at halfway houses, rehab centers and court diversion programs. We will be at homeless services convention later this fall. State Fair was wonderful!

To beef up outreach, an outreach committee brainstorms where we have been with outreach and where to go. Our goal is for each group to create an outreach "outpost" to attract the community and offer service on the group level. We will send Al-Anon professional information to local outlets.

As we move toward elections, we reflect on the challenge of filling positions. I will focus on the folks who have stepped up. By speaking at Anniversary Meetings and group meetings about service needs, we have filled positions. The face to face education and one to one ask, will continue.

Thank you to the Al-Anon program for this Service opportunity.

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