

Dear Rhode Island AL-Anon:

I am writing to share the dire situation of RI AL-Anon. This has been an on-going situation, even though it might not have been discussed. The Rhode Island Area World Service Committee currently has 11 open positions. Without these positions being filled, it is very difficult for RI AL-Anon to continue to function the way an Area is intended to function, as laid out in the Service Manual. These openings put a lot of strain on the members that hold positions currently-these openings put gaps in the Service Structure. All service positions are separate, but for the Area to function as a whole, these need to be filled.

Overwhelming response from the Fall Assembly feedback forms was that we should talk about service positions less. Without Area Service positions being filled; RI AL-Anon structure does not exist.

I feel that I should explain why an Assembly is held. An Assembly is a business meeting-not a fellowship meeting. (Page 67 of Service Manual)

An Assembly is held to discuss business topics and to elect new Area members. One of the main functions of an Area Assembly is to discuss service positions. (Page 140 of Service manual)

The following positions are currently open in the Area:

Alternate Delegate	Area Chair
Area Secretary	Alateen Coordinator
District 1 Representative	District 3 Representative
Forum Coordinator	Group records Coordinator
Public Outreach Coordinator	Website Coordinator
Workshop Coordinator	

In Addition to this we do not have volunteers for our RI AL-Anon Office and many groups do not have Group Representatives.

If these service positions are not filled-then the future of RI AL-Anon is in jeopardy. Concept ten teaches us that double headed management should be avoided. This applies to our current AWSC members doing just the service position they volunteered and were elected to do.

Any questions concerning the open service positions and the future of RI AL-Anon please reach out to me at:Delegate.riafg@gmail.com

Love in Service and Fellowship,

RI Area 49 Delegate,

Cindy Brimmer

“The future of RI AL-Anon is in your hands.”

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Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups

Area 49

JUNE 2023

Editor's Corner

Some Assembly Required

The RIAFG Spring Assembly is June 10, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich. **We'd love to see you there.**

What's an assembly for, anyway? Our Delegate Cindy explains it on Page One of this newsletter: **It's a business meeting.** These assemblies are required throughout the WSO. But, they're also a time of joy and happiness for those who attend!

RIAFG is in the business of bringing experience, strength and hope to families and friends of alcoholics. Twice a year, we hold a business assembly. Each group sends a representative, **but . . . everyone can attend!**

At each assembly, there *is* time for fellowship and catching up. You'll have fun! **But the real purpose of an assembly is to make sure RIAFG functions properly.**

RIAFG, as it currently stands, is not functioning properly. **We need more people to volunteer and serve.** The tasks are not difficult or terribly time-consuming, and we're happy to train and support each volunteer as they learn the ropes. **Volunteers come to the assembly to learn more about available service positions and to choose the one that's right for them.**

If you're reading this newsletter, then **you are probably already qualified to serve RIAFG with your time and talents.**

I'm a volunteer just like you. Editing *Lifelines* these past 18 months has helped me work my own program of recovery in wonderfully unexpected ways. **It's an honor to give back to an organization that has given me so much.**

Every RIAFG group in our state will send a representative to the Spring Assembly, but it's open to all. **Come be part of RIAFG's future!** More info on Pg. 4 of this *Lifelines*.

Gratefully in service,
Eden C., Lifelines Editor lifelines.riafg@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

JUNE 10: RIAFG Spring Assembly open to ALL. Please attend and help keep RIAFG operating in the Ocean State. See Page 4 and www.riafg.org for more details.

JUNE 29-JULY 2: Al-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque, NM. More information here: <https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/>

STEP SIX

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

TRADITION SIX

Our Family Groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim. Although a separate entity, we should always co-operate with Alcoholics Anonymous.

CONCEPT SIX

The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility of the Trustees.

RIAFG

2023 SPRING ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY JUNE 10

9AM-1PM (REGISTRATION 8:30AM)

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
99 E. PEIRCE ST.
EAST GREENWICH, RI**

**District and Area Updates
Support and Education
Sharing and Connecting
Group Representative Voting**

**\$5 REGISTRATION PER GROUP
(PAY AT THE DOOR)**

www.riafg.org

RIAFG 2023 Spring Assembly At-A-Glance

8:30 – 9:00 Registration / Check-in

9:00 – 9:30 OPENING/WELCOME

- Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Read Steps/Traditions/Concepts/Warranties
- Roll Call/Introductions
- What Is An Assembly?
- Assembly Etiquette

AREA BUSINESS

- Review and acceptance of December 3, 2022 Assembly Minutes
- Date of Fall 2023 Assembly – Nov 4th or Nov 11th (need volunteers to host)

9:30 – 10:00 **GROUP REPRESENTATIVE ORIENTATION** McKenzie G.

10:00 – 10:45 **DELEGATE'S REPORT** Cindy B.

10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK**

11:00 – 12:00 OPEN AREA POSITIONS AND VOTING

- Area Chair
- Alternate Delegate
- Area Secretary
- Alateen Coordinator
- Forum Coordinator
- Group Records Coordinator
- Public Outreach
- Website Coordinator
- Workshop Coordinator 2023

12:00 – 12:15 **DISTRICT CAUCUS TO ELECT DRs** Districts 1, 2, 3 Breakout Rooms

- District 1 Representative
- District 3 Representative

12:15 – 12:30 **AL-ANON TRIVIA** Beth & Anna

12:30 – 1:00 **Question & Answer** Cindy B.

1:00 CLOSING

- *Motion to adjourn*
- *Closing prayer and Al-Anon Declaration*

NEW MEETINGS!

Full meeting list (in person & online) at riafg.org

Thursdays, 7:00 P.M.

Al-Anon United

Praise Tabernacle

330 Park Ave, Cranston RI

Fridays, 5:00 P.M.

Let It Begin With Me

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Parish Hall (Fireplace Room),
76 Main St., Wickford RI

Are you meeting online?

A message from our Webmaster, Kim:

RIAFG Groups that are remaining "Online Only" need to register as **Electronic Groups** with WSO and can choose Rhode Island as the Location and Local Group. Once the registration is confirmed, the Electronic Group can be posted on the RIAFG website. Register your online group at:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/new-electronic-meeting-registration/new-meeting-form/>

Meeting Space (s) Available!

Did you lose your meeting space during the pandemic?
Need a different spot? Starting a new meeting group?
The **East Greenwich Lutheran Church** on
Division Street has available meeting rooms.
Contact the office at firstlutheraneg1@gmail.com.

Butler Hospital in Providence has reopened **Ray Conference Center**, which means it's available (again) for Al-Anon and for other 12 step meetings. Prior to March 2020 there were active meetings on the Butler campus. If you'd like to create a new RIAFG group at Butler, email alanon.riafg@gmail.com to get started.

RIAFG Literature News!



June 2023 Note from your Literature Coordinator:

Hello—

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Assembly. I will bring literature to have available before we start, and to complete sales at the break. I will have an array of literature for your purchase and order forms, if you need them. **If any group wants to pre-order literature to pick up at the Assembly**, please just email me and we can coordinate that:

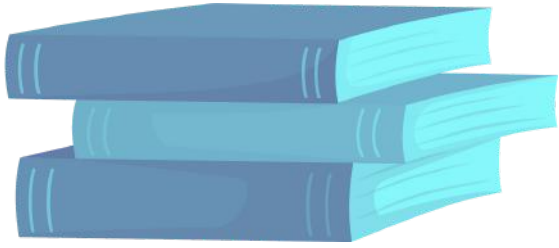
Literature.riafg@gmail.com

The new Daily Reader will be shipping in July, after the International Al-Anon Convention. I will be pre-ordering a supply for purchase through our office, and will let you know, probably in the August Lifelines, when they are in. I may need to limit numbers per group to begin with, depending on supplies from the WSO. The New Reader will cost \$17.00, is just available in the smaller size, and will be available in Spanish, as well.

As a reminder, here is the description of it from the March *Lifelines*:
Al-Anon's next daily reader, "A Little Time for Myself-A Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences" (B-34), will be making its debut at the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from June 29–July 2, 2023! Just as our earlier daily readers reflected the times in which they were written, this book will represent the personal experiences and many voices of the Al-Anon fellowship as it is today."

As always, thank you for supporting the RI Area by buying Literature through the Office!

Yours in Service,
Wendy H
RIAFG Literature Coordinator



Got Literature?

How to order Literature from the RI Literature Distribution Center Office

PLEASE NOTE: *There is a new order form available on the riafg.org website. The charge for shipping has been increased due to the increases from the Post Office. The new charges are: Orders from 0.00 to \$100.00, the charge is \$8.00, orders over \$100, the charge is 10% of the total for the order. Please use the new order form when you mail orders into the office. Include the correct total for shipping and be sure to fill out the contact information.*

To pick up at the office:

Mail in the literature request form (found on our website: riafg.org) along with a check to: RIAFG 106 Rolfe St. Cranston, RI 02910. Be sure to include your name and phone number. You will be called back when the order is ready for pickup. Payment is made at time of pickup.

To have literature mailed to you:

Include a check for the full amount of the order, the name and address for shipping, and your name and phone number. *Please note the increased shipping charges listed above.*

To shop at the office:

Leave a message at 401-781-0044 and someone will let you know when the office will be open.

Please note that if you are requesting only a few items, and you want to do pick up, you may call the office with the info.

Gratefully in service, Elaine H., Office Coordinator

"Let It Begin With Me"



"When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen be there, and LET IT BEGIN WITH ME."

The Al-Anon Slogans

"Unlike some of Al-Anon's practices and principles that take a while to learn and apply, **the Al-Anon slogans are easy to learn and remember.** You may have heard some of these slogans hundreds of times before without ever taking them seriously or trying to put them to work. After all, they are clichés, and easy to disregard. But it is their very simplicity that makes them so powerful."

How Al-Anon Works for Families & Friends of Alcoholics (B-32), pg. 6

"**How I respond** to someone's lack of interest in Al-Anon may convey the message of recovery better than any detailed personal testimony." *Hope For Today (B-27), p. 56*

"**The problem is that those who need it don't always want it.** We can share our experience, strength, and hope with them and be a good example of Al-Anon recovery by practicing its principles in all our affairs." *Paths to Recovery (B-24), p. 227*

Discover new experience, strength, and hope in the **Members Resources** area of [www.al-anon.org](https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/): <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/>

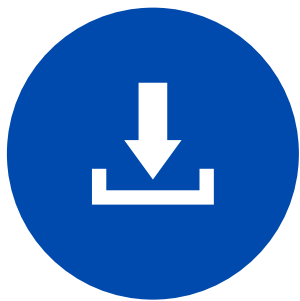


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RIAFG: Current ASWC Officers & Coordinators

Cindy B--Area Delegate

Terry L--Area Treasurer

Wendy H--Literature Coordinator

Eden C--Lifelines Editor

Elizabeth P--Area Alateen Process person

Ann P--Archives Coordinator

Elaine H--Office Coordinator

WELCOME our new coordinators:

Martha R--District 2 Representative

Sarah W--Email Coordinator

Chris E--AA Liaison

THANK YOU for your service!

Phyllis H--Group Records Coordinator

Ann H--Email Coordinator

Jackie W--Public Outreach Coordinator

Kim C--Website Coordinator

We still need help! Open positions:

**Alternate Delegate. Area Chair. Area Secretary
Website Coordinator. Public Outreach Coordinator**

Group Records Coordinator

Forum Coordinator. Alateen Coordinator

District 1 Representative

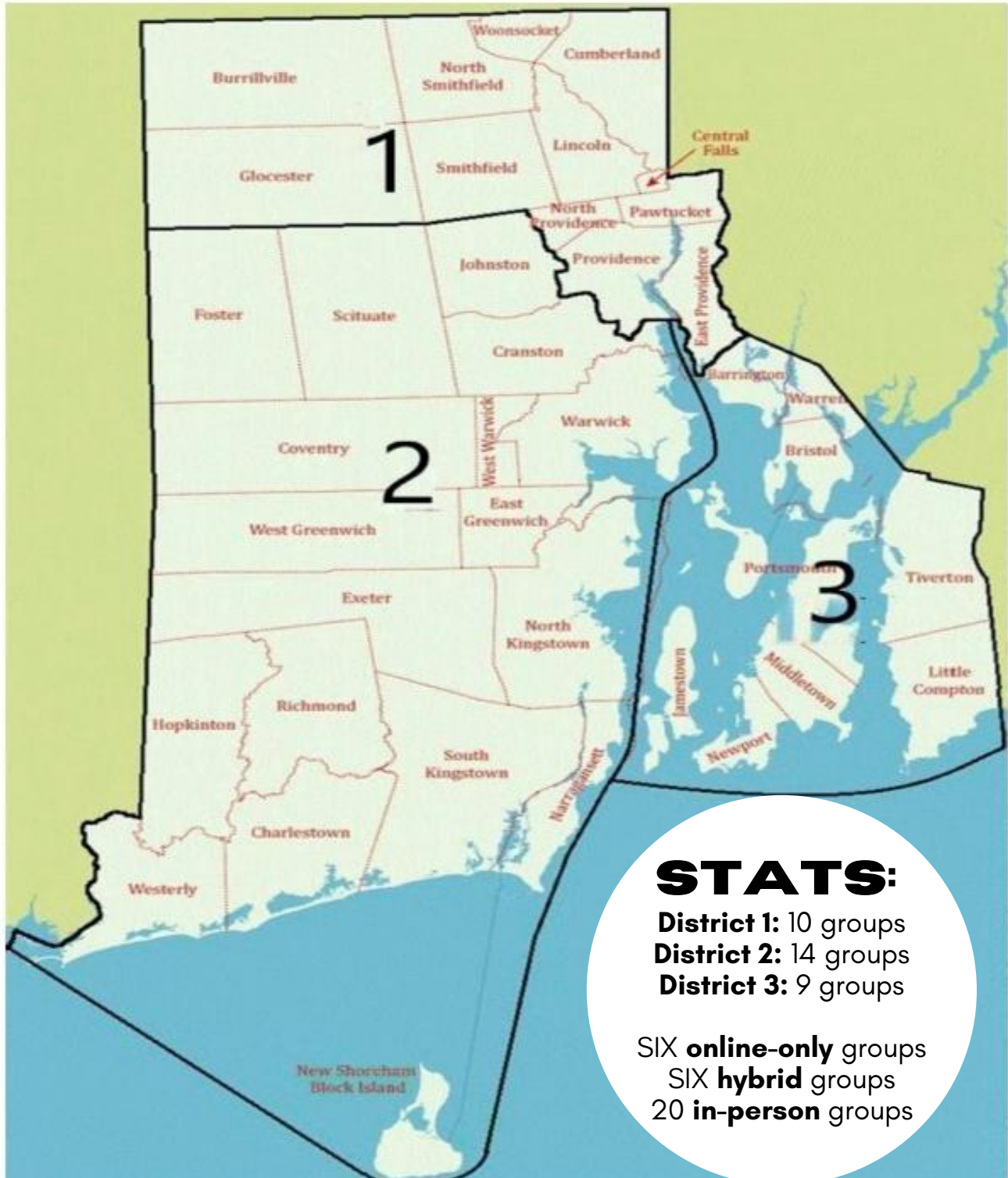
District 3 Representative

Where We Are: The RIAFG District Map

District 1: Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, East Providence, Glocester, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, Smithfield, Woonsocket.

District 2: Charlestown, Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, Exeter, Foster, Hopkinton, Johnston, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond, Scituate, South Kingstown, Warwick, West Greenwich, West Warwick, Westerly.

District 3: Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Warren.



"Where can I find a meeting?"

The current list of meetings is available at www.riafg.org.
The current In-Person/Hybrid and On-line/Phone meetings lists
and coronavirus updates can be found
under the "AL-ANON MEETINGS" tab.
Click on "MEETING LISTS.

*****Please check on line for meetings that fall on holidays***



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RIAFG and WSO Need Your Support

TRADITION SEVEN: EVERY GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY SELF SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Thank You for your continued support! Whenever possible, please send donations to our RIAFG and WSO. It takes all of us to keep the “doors” of Al-Anon open to all who need it. Donate either personally or through your home groups.

Mail your donations to RIAFG:

RIAFG, 106 Rolfe St., Cranston, RI 02910

When you send in donations from your group, include the group number or the group name.

Make a donation to the World Service Office online at

<https://al-anon.org/contributions/>

Mail donates to WSO:

AFG Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

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401-781-0044 Office hours available by calling this number.

Send your Lifelines announcements to lifelines.riafg@gmail.com

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*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can and wisdom to see the difference.*