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SJIS Trustee Correspondence

To all South Jersey Al-Anon Groups:

This letter is formal notice that South Jersey Information Services (SJIS) will be taking a vote to close its facilities and operations at the April ISR meeting.

The primary reason for closure is the lack of adequate volunteers for the board. Per our By-Laws, in order for SJIS to continue to operate, we must have a Chair, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The current trustees serving in these roles have been, with ISR approval, operating past their terms as has our Group Services Representative. The Past Chair is serving as Treasurer which leaves the position of Past Chair empty. Other positions such as a Vice Chair trustee and Public Outreach trustee remain vacant. We have not been able to fill these positions and have not had a full board for quite a few years.

The SJIS Board has been discussing the closing of South Jersey Information Services for the past six months. The subject was discussed at a workshop held last November as well as at the past two ISR meetings.

More information will follow and will be posted on the SJIS website at www.southjerseyal-anon.org. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. We will try to help you, address your concerns, and answer any questions you may have. You may call the office (856-547-0855) or email us (sjis@southjerseyal-anon.org).

Each group has a voice. If you have an ISR Representative please send them to the April ISR meeting. If you do not currently have one, please take a group conscience and vote to send a representative who will act in the capacity of an ISR for this very important meeting.

For now, you need to be aware that the shuttering of SJIS will affect the services we currently provide and may impact your ability to order and receive literature and updated meeting lists. The SJIS web site and phone services will no longer be available. Our Spring Workshop, Fall Luncheon, and coordination with the Area 45 AA convention will end. Our role as your liaison with Assembly will stop. These issues will be addressed and discussed at April's ISR meeting. Please be sure to send a representative.

Yours in service,

South Jersey Information Services Board of Trustees