

## Idaho AWSC Fall 2008

### Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The AWSC of Idaho meeting was held in Boise on August 23, 2008.

### Attendance

Cecilia	Chair	Marje	Literature Center Liaison
Berta	Delegate	Barbara	District 1 Representative
Laura	Alternate Delegate	Heidi	District 4 Representative
Traci	Secretary/Dist 3 Rep	Kelley	District 4 Alt Representative
Ruth	Alateen/AAPP	Kathy B	District 7 Representative
Danielle	Newsletter/Dist 2 Rep	Robbin	Al-Anon Member
Lisa	Group Records	Beverly	Al-Anon Member

### Absent

Toni	Treasurer	Veloy	District 5 Representative
Ladora	Archives	Jody	District 6 Representative
Wanda	Public Outreach		

*NOTE: all those absent sent reports, or someone to fill in*

## Reports

### Secretary's Report

Minutes were read from the Spring 2008 AWSC meeting. The only changes were to spell Cecilia's name correctly. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Ruth reported in Toni's absence.

2008 YTD Profit and Loss (P&L) (attached)

\$4471.85 income, \$3436.46 expenses, net income \$1035.39

Income: Al-Anon Day - \$617.75 (\$381.75 registration, \$236.00 raffle)

Spring Assembly - \$1639.30 (\$595.30 split, \$1044.00 raffle)

Total Donations - \$1862.32

Equalized expense fund – In 2007, the equalized amount was \$1698; we paid the actual amount of \$1959.00. In 2008, the equalized amount is \$1250.00, while the actual amount is \$1890.00. Because the budget had been approved for an expenditure of \$2261.00, the actual amount will be paid without further vote.

**Agenda item:** Vote on Area having a standing policy to pay the full amount from WSO for delegate expenses annually, with input from our Area Treasurer if it's not prudent.

A motion was made to approve the treasurers report; motion carried.

**Delegate's Report**

Berta attended the 2008 International in Pittsburgh over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend with 4,000 other Al-Anons. There were open meetings, workshops, etc. The first night included a family of speakers – AA, Al-Anon, & Alateen. There were international speakers from Australia and India. The WSO website has a blog about the International. It also lists the e-cal contest winners, and has the complete service manual.

**Alternate Delegate's Report**

Laura asks that GRs bring service manuals to the GR Exchange at Assembly.

The Spring Exchange went very well, and the handouts from that exchange will be available on the website by the fall.

Fall Exchange – will cover voting issues, as well as issues and/or questions, topics: GR role/nuts & bolts for GRs/knowledge based decision making/solving group problems.

**Alateen Recertification Process**

- Met July 1 deadline for re-certification
- There are 16 certified – sent lists to DRs, as sponsors should be known in their Districts.
- WSO needs shares from Alateen members and sponsors
- There are 4 training modules in the works: 1-General Overview, 2-Alateen Meeting, 3-Alateen Events, 4-Alateen Challenges
- The Alateen 4<sup>th</sup> Step Inventory booklet has been updated
- The Area Alateen Coordinator Guideline has been updated
- Hot Topic at Assembly – In-school Alateen meetings; Reasons to be an Alateen Sponsor; Sponsor idea exchange (what's worked well for your group)

**Assembly Guidelines Committee**

The committee met last night to continue process. The purpose is to go through the guidelines and compare them to how we're actually doing it. It was mentioned that the committee should check out WSO guideline #G07.

**Fall Assembly Report**

Chairs have met with the hotel twice. Asked if the Area committee has any A/V needs (the answer was no). Discussed changing agenda to have all the business in one day – scheduled the GR and DR exchanges to run concurrently at 8:00 am Saturday.

**Area Coordinator Reports**

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Group Records	See attachment on page 13
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Literature Center	See attachment on page 14
Public Outreach	See attachment on page 14

- The Literature Center is phasing out the PO Box. Please use this address:  
1111 S. Orchard, Ste 172  
Boise, Idaho 83705

Motion: Raffle 2 Forum subscriptions at the Fall 2008 business meeting, paid for by Area, from the Forum budget. Names will be drawn from the sign-in sheets. Motion passed.

Motion: That District participate in the Dear Abby/WSO public outreach project, financially supported by Area (if necessary), up to the \$150 Public Outreach budget. Motion passed.

## **District Rep Reports**

District 1 – Barbara reported; see Attachment on page [15](#)

District 2 – Danielle reported;

District 3 – Traci reported; see Attachment on page [16](#)

District 4 – Heidi reported; see Attachment on page [17](#)

District 5 – Velay sent a report;

District 6 – Jody sent a report; see Attachment on page [18](#)

District 7 – Kathy reported; see Attachment on page [18](#)

## **New Business**

### **2008 Spring Assembly wrap-up**

There was discussion regarding hostess/speaker expenses & reimbursement. There was an issue with the speaker's airline ticket, as well as some other expenses. Ultimately, AA retained \$120.09 from the Al-Anon split, and District 7 paid \$39.38. As assemblies are an Area event, a motion was made that Area reimburse District 7 for the \$39.38. Motion passed.

### **Action Committees/Breakout Sessions – Fall Assembly**

These were voted on by the GRs at Spring 2008:

Fundraising – Danielle & Berta

Keeping Newcomers – Heidi & Joan

Alateen Workshop – Ruth & a local sponsor

### **Al-Anon Assembly Options**

Report attached

- How to present this at Assembly so we don't just rehash previous discussions
- Danielle will present ad hoc information
- Try to clearly separate fact from feeling
- Discussion about costs, primary purpose, & money

## **Dates**

Fall Assembly, October 10-12, 2008, Boise

Spring AWSC, March 21, 2009, Boise

Fall AWSC, August 22, 2009, Boise

## Area Spanish Outreach

- Area Spanish outreach is not the job of the Area Spanish contact
- 3 levels of service – Group, District, Area. Each District has a different demographic – only 2 have Spanish meetings.
- Elsa & Javier came and gave a history of the Esperanza group, the beginning of the cell phone contact, the importance of not only having the phone, but having someone who is bilingual.
- The current contact, Jennifer P., is bilingual, but not a native speaker. She lets calls go to the message, and then calls back. She feels comfortable giving meeting information, etc, but not fielding 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls.
- It is possible that Maria is willing (and suited) to take on this position.
- Discussion about forming an additional District comprised of all the Spanish meetings in the Area; would attend our AWSC meetings & Assemblies. Area would need to continue to support them (hotline) until they can support themselves. Elsa’s opinion is that now is not the time - the groups are still too young.
- Initially, Elsa is asking that DRs, Area Officers, Coordinators, etc. visit the Spanish meetings. There’s a need for the Spanish fellowship to see the Al-Anon “chain of command”. It might be better, because there is no “chain of command” if they attended a district meeting or assembly.
- It would be helpful if members would visit the Spanish meetings, just as members of Al-Anon.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Traci E., Area Secretary

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# Agenda

## Area World Service Committee Meeting “Build Bridges Energize Your Spiritual Quest” Saturday, August 23, 2008

### **Kopper Kitchen Restaurant, Boise, Idaho**

- 10:00** Serenity Prayer, Welcome: Cecilia S., Area Chairperson  
12 Traditions  
12 Concepts of Service  
Forum Reading on Concept 8  
Introductions around the room; first name, Area position & home group
- 10:15** Secretary Report – Traci E.  
**10:25** Treasurer’s Report – Toni R. (absent – Ruth B.)  
**10:40** Delegate’s Report – Berta R.  
**10:50** Alternate Report – Laura F. – G.R. Exchange
- Old Business:**
- 11:00** Area Alateen – Ruth B.  
**11:15** Ad Hoc Committee report on Assembly Guidelines – Berta  
**11:30** **Break (15 minutes)**  
**11:45** Fall Assembly, Boise, ID; Oct 10 – 12, 2008 – Final Agenda
- 12:00** **Coordinators’ Reports** (3 minutes each & submit electronic report to Area Secretary and Area Newsletter Editor)  
Alateen/AAPP – Ruth Area Forum/Literature Coordinator – Heidi  
Archives – Ladora B. (absent) Area Newsletter Editor – Danielle E.  
Area Website - Toni R. (absent) Area Group Records – Lisa C.  
AIS/LDC – Marje K. Area Public Outreach –PI, CPC, Institutions – Wanda  
(absent)
- 12:20** **Districts’ Reports** (3 minutes each & submit electronic report to Area Secretary and Area Newsletter Editor)  
One: Barbara V. Three: Traci E. Five: Velay F. (absent) Seven: Kathy B.  
Two: Danielle E. Four: Heidi W. Six: Jody C.
- New Business:**
- 12:45** Spring Assembly 2009 – Where and What District?  
**12:50** 2009 Al-Anon Day(s) – District 6 – Jody C.  
**1:00** **Break (15 minutes)**  
**1:20** Action Committees/Breakout Sessions for the Fall Assembly  
**1:40** Start Discussion – Al-Anon Assemblies Options  
**2:00** Area Spanish Outreach  
**2:30** Sharing from the Heart – Tradition 8  
**3:00** **Closing – Al-Anon Declaration**

**Voting Issues for GRs at the Spring Assembly:**  
**1. Assembly Guidelines?**  
**Open Discussion (no vote) Al-Anon Assembly Options**  
**Area Spanish Outreach?**

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## Area Chair

Hello Area members:

We had a very productive Area Committee meeting on August 23 in Boise with a lot of great discussion and new ideas for the Fall Assembly.

The Area has two Ad Hoc committees currently working on improving our Area Assemblies. The “Area Assembly Guidelines” committee is working to give assistance and consistency to the host districts holding Area Assemblies. Berta R. is chairing this committee. We also have an Ad Hoc committee looking into our “Area Assembly Options” which is looking into the Area current expenses and future possibilities of hosting our own Area Assemblies. This Ad Hoc Committee is being chaired by Danielle E. We will have updates and reports at the Fall Assembly on both of these committees.

We are asking for all Al-Anon members to sign in before the business meeting. We want to do this for two reasons; 1. For an accurate group representative count for voting issues 2. Two members will receive a free Forum subscription for themselves or someone else! Also, we will share about a district challenge for a “Dear Abbey” Outreach project. Currently, we have one voting issue on the fall agenda which is “to pay the full amount of the Delegates Equalization Expense each year.” This amount changes each year - 2007 Actual \$1,959 2008 only \$1,890.

Our last G.R. Exchange was a smashing success; this session was led by our Alternate Delegate Laura F. who gave out not only informative verbal information, but also a great handout! This handout for G.R.s will be made available on our Idaho Area website <http://www.al-anon-idaho.org> We also had the “D.R. Exchange.” This is for past and present district representatives; so, they can shared their experience, strength and hope with other D.R.s on any current concerns and issues in their districts. Both the G.R. Exchange and the D.R. Exchange has been moved to Saturday morning at 8:00 am. The Area committee wanted all Area members to be able to attend the “Exchanges” even if they can only attend the business meeting on Saturday. But if you arrive on Friday, you don’t want to miss our Al-Anon Kick Off Meeting from 6-7 p.m. or our **Spiritual Awakening Candlelight Meeting from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.**

From the group representatives present during the Spring Assembly, they chose these three breakout sessions for the Fall Assembly.

1. Fundraising – Berta R. and Danielle E.
2. How to Keep Newcomers – Heidi W. and Joan B.
3. Alateen Workshop – Ruth B.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly in Boise on October 10-12. Fall Assembly flyers are on our wonderful Idaho Area website <http://www.al-anon-idaho.org/> then click on “Events” on the left hand side and then click on “flyer.”

Love in Service;  
Cecilia S.

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## Treasurer Report

### 2008 YTD Profit and Loss

January 1 - August 10, 2008

	Details	SubTotal	Total
<b>Income</b>			
	Al-Anon Day	617.75	
	Net Income	381.75	
	Raffle	236.00	
	Spring Assembly	1,639.30	
	Split	595.30	
	Raffle	1,044.00	
	Donations	2,193.02	
	District 2	155.70	
	District 3	175.00	
	Group	1,862.32	
	Interest	21.78	
	<b>Total Income</b>		4,471.85
 <b>Expenses</b>			
	AWSC Meeting Expenses	-1,572.17	
	-		
	Assemblies	1,069.48	
	Committee		
	Meetings	-502.69	
	Coordinators	-416.30	
	Archives	-45.41	
	Newsletter <sup>(1)</sup>	-370.89	
	Officers	-211.70	
	Chair	-19.50	
	Delegate	-125.00	
	Treasurer	-67.20	
	Operating Expenses	-1,236.29	
	Assembly		
	Literature <sup>(2)</sup>	-13.20	
	Background Checks	-107.63	
	Bank Charge <sup>(2)</sup>	43.04	
	Financial Review <sup>(3)</sup>	-100.00	
	NWR Delegate	-	
	Meeting <sup>(4)</sup>	1,058.50	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		3,436.46
 <b>Net Income</b>			1,035.39

#### Footnotes

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\$500.00 was paid in January to the Newsletter Editor's checking account

\$129.11 was received from the prior Newsletter Editor's checking account

2 \$370.89 Net expense for newsletter editor  
 3 Area purchased free literature for the Assembly rack  
 4 Bank charges from 2007 were reversed for double payment of printed checks  
 5 The Financial Review was performed on the prior Treasurer's books  
 Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Past Delegate expenses

### 2008 YTD Group Donations

January 1 - August 10, 2008

	Group	Donation
<b>District 1</b>	31958 Serenity Matters	75.00
	40751 Afternoon Delight AFG	85.00
<b>District 2</b>	3384 Canyon AFG	50.00
	3394 Moscow AFG	10.00
	48023 Wed Night	22.93
<b>District 3</b>	30502369 Tues 11th Meditation	77.50
	3338 Tues/Fri Noon	67.00
	3345 Steps To Serenity	50.00
	5000569 Fri Night Fireside	30.00
	502539 Thu Eagle Noon	100.37
	502795 Friday Noon	64.75
	503737 Tue Night Friendship	35.37
	504118 Wed Collister	39.63
	61227 Mon/Wed Noon	361.65
	62315 Sunday Early Birds	136.70
	65838 Saturday AM Spiritual AFG	30.59
	66020 Garden Valley AFG	20.00
	66999 Wednesday Night Boise	106.83
<b>District 4</b>	24707 Filer Tues Night	70.00
	27614 Beginning Again	30.00
	35113 Fri Buhl Serenity Seekers	30.00
	504115 Live and Let Live	30.00
<b>District 5</b>	30788 Friday Out To Lunch AFG	60.00
	36305 Turn Around AFG	90.00
	44344 Wed Wild Bunch	64.00
<b>District 6</b>	3376 Mon Night Step Study	20.00
	503388 Just For Today	25.00
<b>District 7</b>		

46331 Noon Serenity AFG	70.00
63168 Just For Today Payette	10.00

<b>Total Group Donations</b>	1,862.32
<b>2008 YTD Account Balances</b> January 1 - August 10, 2008	

		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
Checking	4,495.91	
NWRSS Savings <sup>(1)</sup>	700.00	
Savings <sup>(2)</sup>	4,822.43	
TOTAL Bank Accounts		10,018.34
<b>Cash Accounts</b>		
Cash Account	0.00	
TOTAL Cash Accounts		0.00
<b>Asset Accounts</b>		
Seed Money and Deposits <sup>(3)</sup>	2.00	
TOTAL Asset Accounts		2.00
<b>Net Worth</b>		<b>\$10,020.34</b>

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> \$700 was moved from checking on 7/1/08 to this account
- <sup>2</sup> The savings account earns interest. Money sits here until it is needed for the checking account to pay invoices.
- <sup>3</sup> \$2 deposit on Post Office box keys  
These are assets because we eventually get this money back.  
We did have \$152 in this account but we received \$150 on 8/9/08 for the Al-Anon Day seed money

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## Delegate's Report

8/23/08

Delegate Report for A.W.S.C.

I continue to be in awe of all of the activities that happen beyond the group level to create the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups.

On July 4,5, 6 of this year I attended the Al-Anon International in Pittsburgh, PA. This was truly an incredible experience. There were approximately 4000 members in attendance from all over the world. Friday evening included a family of 3 that shared their experience, strength, and hope in all 3 programs; AA, Al-Anon and Alateen. On Saturday evening I heard speakers from other countries. We also had a recovery count down on Saturday night There was a member in attendance with 57 YEARS of Al-Anon recovery.....wow! The winning e-cal entries were played as well. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to attend the Al-Anon International..... Pittsburgh was really great in 2008!

With Love in Service,

Berta R.

Panel 48

Delegate

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## Alternate Delegate's Report

Greetings from your Alternate Delegate! My main function in this position is to chair the GR Exchange at assemblies. The GR Exchange is a one-hour meeting held on Friday night at the start of each assembly. Its purpose is to inform GRs about Area voting issues and to provide a forum for GRs to ask questions, solve problems and share ESH.

Spring 2008 was my first opportunity to chair the exchange. I made up a handout containing information about what GRs could expect at an assembly. We had a strong turnout of GRs and someone requested that the handout be put on our website. The handout needs some revision before it can be put on the website and I plan to work on it and have it ready by the Fall Assembly. [Spiritual principle #243: when there is little to be done it is easy to do nothing.]

I have some ideas for the Fall 2008 GR Exchange and I am always open to suggestions for topics from current GRs and others. The tentative agenda is as follows:

1. Discuss voting issues that come from the AWSC meeting.
2. Make sure any new, first-time GRs are up to speed for the business meeting
3. Address any questions/problems from GRs
4. Topic (one from the following, time permitting). Topic ideas so far:
  - a. GR role in creating/maintaining a healthy group
  - b. Nuts and bolts for GRs – group funds, sharing information, taking a group conscience, group business meetings, group inventories
  - c. KBDM at the group level (remember what this is?)
  - d. Solving group problems – how to use the Traditions to guide the group

My plan for the topics is to do some research ahead of time and open the topic either with a fun quiz, brainstorming, or presentation of some scenarios to stimulate discussion/problem solving.

DRs: ask your GRs to take their service manuals to the assembly.  
Contact me with topic ideas at (208)284-6992 or Rebola@aol.com.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve Al-Anon!

Love in service,

Laura Farrington  
Alternate Delegate

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## Alateen Coordinator/ AAPP Report

### ***Idaho's Alateen Sponsor Re-certification was completed on time!***

*Information was sent from all new & current sponsors in time to meet the July 1, 2008, deadline set by the World Service Office. Hurray! Thank you to everyone who sent in paperwork or responded to my endless questions. ☺*

### **IDAHO ALATEEN STATISTICS:**

*As of 7/1/08, we have 16 certified Al-Anon members involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). They break out district by district as follows:*

*District One: 5 certified AMIAS, with one active Alateen meeting  
District Two: none  
District Three: 8 certified AMIAS, with 6 in-school meetings & 1 reg. Alateen mtg  
District Four: 4 certified AMIAS, with 1 combined Al-Anon/Alateen meeting  
District Five: none  
District Six: none  
District Seven: none*

*Only certified Al-Anon members work with Alateens. They are the only ones that have met our Area's (and WSO's) requirements for Alateen service. They have also passed a fingerprint background check through the Idaho State Police. Keep our kids safe by making sure all AMIAS are certified.*

***THANK YOU, Idaho Alateen Sponsors,*** for your indispensable service! We appreciate you so much. A note to everyone else: Give your Alateen Sponsors a hug or an encouraging word. Alateen sponsorship is inspiring, heart-breaking, fantastic, frustrating, and so much more. Sponsors need the love & support of fellow Al-Anon members.

***Desperate for ALATEEN SHARINGS!*** The WSO is desperate for Alateen OR Alateen Sponsor sharing for "Alateen Talk" and The Forum. You can submit a sharing on the WSO website: <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/forumss.php>

**New PowerPoint Training Modules from WSO:** There are 4 new training modules in the works, the first two were presented at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> International preview: Modules One & Three. Module One is a General Overview of what Alateen is & is not, Area requirements, Alateen Safety requirements, etc. Module Three is about Alateen Events, like Alateen Conferences & Conventions, and Alateen participation at Area Assemblies, focusing on safety & behavioral requirements, and details on logistics, signed paperwork, medical info, etc.

The last two modules are the ones I really want! They will be ready by the end of the year. Module Two is on the Alateen Meeting, what happens, how it works, meeting formats, role of sponsors, etc. Module Four is on Alateen Challenges, lack of sponsors, lack of kids, discipline problems, keeping on topic, etc. I'm really excited about getting all four modules in my hands and customizing them for our Idaho Area. It won't be long now!

**Alateen Fourth Step Inventory booklet (P-64)** has been updated with new graphics. Check it out!

**The Area Alateen Coordinator Guideline (G-24)** has been updated & is available on the WSO website: [www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/index.html](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/index.html)

Enthusiastically yours,

*Ruth Blaha*

Idaho Area Alateen Coordinator/Area Process Person

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## Forum/Literature

*Greetings,*

The Al-Anon Forum Magazine is a wonderful gift. It will prove useful for thought-provoking individual reading as well as inspiring group discussions.

A new book out called "Discovering Our Choices" is an excellent read. I have personally used this book in our group discussions. It shares the experiences of hundreds of members as we explore how Al-Anon principles have helped us to acknowledge, understand, and accept the losses we have experienced as a result of someone else's alcoholism. The book covers a wide range of topics including death, financial ruin, abandoned dreams, and vanished self-esteem.

*With the help of Al-Anon Family Groups we can begin to heal and live life more fully. We begin to discover our choices, freeing our minds from the bondage of alcoholism. You can order the Forum Magazine and other literature online at:*

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/index.html>

*Simply type in your home group name followed by AFG.*

*A thought provoking idea came from the Forum Magazine to increase the subscriptions. At one of the Al-Anon Assemblies a "subscription lottery" was held. The announcement of the lottery was given at the beginning of the meeting, informing all those that made the choice to pay for a year's subscription, four subscriptions would be drawn at random and those four would enjoy a free year subscription paid by their Area World Service Committee.*

*Participation is the Key to Happiness*

*Love in Service, Heidi W.*

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## Group Records

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve Area 13 as Records Coordinator. I've been receiving great communication on updates and changes. Keep them coming!

On a personal note, I have decided to go back to school which has me pretty busy these days. I will respond as quickly as I can to your requests. I know the fellowship will love me through it as I learn to balance my service work and program with my school schedule. Please do not hesitate to let me know if the groups have any concerns about information updates to Area and WSO.

I think the bulk of the new GR and Meeting Contacts have been updated. I'm providing the most current printout of the meetings for each District. The District Reps have been doing an awesome job of taking the information back to their Group Representatives so updates can be made. Please continue to share the process outlined below with your Group Reps which will help us keep information updated with both Area and WSO.

Two ways to update information with Area & WSO:

- 1) You can e-mail me directly ([lisacon2001@yahoo.com](mailto:lisacon2001@yahoo.com)) with any changes and I can file an on-line Group Records Change Form to WSO on behalf of the group.
- 2) Groups can file a Group Records Change Form by mail

If groups choose to file their own information, WSO sends a confirmation to the Area Records Coordinator so the Area Records and Website Schedules can be updated.

Thanks again for the continued opportunities to work my program and give back to something that has been so valuable in my life.

Love in Service  
Lisa C.

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## Website Coordinator Report

### Events

Al-Anon members continue to provide flyers and other information for their events. Each are posted on the website and removed the day after the event is concluded. I can link to another website and multiple documents. I post flyers, directions, agendas, or anything else you provide for your event.

### Newsletter Distribution

There are 82 members signed up to receive the electronic newsletter.

Anyone can request to be added to the distribution list by:

- Emailing [webinquiry@al-anon-idaho.org](mailto:webinquiry@al-anon-idaho.org).

- Clicking on “Send your email address” at this webpage:  
[www.al-anon-idaho.org/Newsletter/index.htm](http://www.al-anon-idaho.org/Newsletter/index.htm).

## Meetings

All district meeting schedules are updated on the website as they are received from the Area Records Coordinator.

I do not change the meeting schedules; I just post them on the website. At the bottom of each district’s meeting page is a link to the Records Coordinator for you to send an email if you have changes to the web meeting schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni R.

Website Coordinator

[www.al-anon-idaho.org](http://www.al-anon-idaho.org)

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## Literature Center Liaison

The Literature Center address is changing. We are now using the street address for all business issues for the center.

The new address is:

Al-Anon Alateen Literature Center  
1111 So. Orchard, Suite 172  
Boise ID 83705

The Board of Directors has reviewed the Literature Center By-Laws and Overview and has incorporated several changes. We are waiting on feedback from groups in the District to finalize the process.

We are currently looking at ways to upgrade and utilize the Outreach display board. If anyone has suggestions we would like to hear from you.

The books "Courage to Change" and "One Day at a Time" will no longer be sold as a set.

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## Public Outreach

Your Al-Anon World Service Office is preparing to respond once again to readers of the “Dear Abby” syndicated newspaper column. We have submitted an item inviting readers to request a free copy of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009, or to view the annual Public Outreach publication in English, Spanish, or French on the Al-Anon Public Outreach Web site at [www.Al-AnonFamilyGroups.net](http://www.Al-AnonFamilyGroups.net).

Staff at “Dear Abby” informed us there is a very good chance the item will appear in an upcoming column. We will receive an official two weeks notice when they determine the exact date it will appear in local newspapers.

If requests arrive from "Dear Abby" readers who live in your Area, we wish they could receive a copy of your local meeting schedule at the same time. One way this can happen is if you would agree to do the mailing. If you are willing to take part in this Public Outreach opportunity, we would be glad to give you the local names and addresses that we receive. Please ask all action committees, districts, AISs, home groups, and members in your Area to inform you, and not the WSO, if they are willing to help you with this Public Outreach effort. If your Area decides to participate, we would like to e-mail one list of names and addresses to you for your Area each week. Please let us know if you decide to participate, or if you have any questions about this project.

Update- The WSO is now accepting orders for the second printing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009 magazine. To preview the AFA 2009 issue, or place orders, visit:

WSO public Outreach website "shopping cart" [www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org) The deadline for orders is Thursday, February 12, 2009, 5pm ET.

Love In Service

Wanda

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## District 1

### DISTRICT 1 FALL 2008 REPORT

We are still having a great turn out at our monthly district meetings. Some of the meetings that don't send GR's send their treasurer or secretary. Some members just attend for fun. We appreciate everyone's interest and comments.

The alateen meeting is going well. We have 4 alateen sponsors to ensure the meeting follows guidelines the teens set themselves.

The group has offered 4 scholarships to teens attending the next fundraiser.

We have an active Community Outreach Committee. We are delivering literature to doctor offices, counseling centers, churches and law enforcement agencies.

We usually have 2 annual fundraisers. This year we had a Spring Non-Bake Bake Sale, making \$464 profit.

This helped us kick off our goal to have Mary Pearl give a 12 Step Workshop. September 19 & 20th are the dates to be in Coeur d' Alene for a program boost. From Friday at 7pm until Saturday at 9pm we will be reveling in step studies. We will break to sleep and eat on our own time and places. Hopefully this will serve as our Fall fundraiser, but at \$10/15 per registration fee we may just cover costs. The committee is doing a wonderful job getting ready to welcome Mary Pearl and possibly 250 guests. Registration is going well. There are still some seats available. Thank you to Lori M. Chairperson, the committee and all the groups and member donations.

We hope you will join us on a serenity walk Sunday at 10am after the step workshop.  
Meet at Tubbs Hill at the back of the parking lot behind The Coeur d' Alene Resort Hotel.

yours in service,  
Barbara V. district representative

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## District 3

August 2008

Greetings from District 3!

We continue to have good turnout and great participation at our District meetings! We decided at our August meeting that it would be helpful to have a short “overview” at the end of each meeting, where we run through the important issues to be taken back to the groups. Some of our newer GRs were feeling a little overwhelmed by the amount of information, and was having a hard time figuring out just what to tell the group. The overview idea was enthusiastically received, and I’m certain it will be helpful to all the GRs.

Alateen just keeps growing in the valley, with 8 meetings being held in area schools! This is a huge increase since the days when I was an Alateen sponsor at our 1 meeting per week! We are spreading the word through the District that such success comes with a price, and the handful of dedicated sponsors we have could surely use some help.

Gem State Round-Up, I hear, was a success again this year. There’s been nothing but great comments about the slate of speakers that were here. Fall Assembly (October 10-12) is just around the corner – be sure to register before September 1 – and our volunteers are working hard to make it great event.

Love in Service,  
Traci Ehlers  
District 3 Rep

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## District 4

*Greetings from District Four,*

*There have been some positive changes in our district. Our Monday night meeting in Kimberly has moved to Twin Falls. It has been growing steadily.*

*We have an Alateen Meeting on Saturday nights. It is slow going, but I have faith that once school is in session it will grow. We have been working very closely with the Youth Court and the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court system.*

*Shar, our outreach coordinator has just been a positive feature to the Al-Anon program. There is a new C.E.O. at the Walker Center and Shar has been working on getting the Family Program back up and running. "You go Girl ☺"*

*District Four has a Spanish Meeting in Haley at St. Charles Parish Rm.# 4 the contact person is Alma (1.208.309.0494)*

*The Women in Recovery Retreat at Camp Perkins is September 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Kelley is on the committee and they are planning some really fun activities. It is going to be a blast!*

*The Second Annual Spaghetti and Speaker Meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Joan B. has agreed to be our Al-Anon Speaker and her husband; Mike B. will be our Guest A.A. Speaker. We learned some lessons last year and there is always room for improvement. I don't have any expectations this year and I am very happy about that. All is welcome. Church of the Ascension on Eastland in Twin Falls, Idaho. "God is Good All the Time"*

*I am so excited to be a Representative for District Four. I have learned so many things. I have learned about myself, who I am, what I am about. Learning about maturity and how to be silly. I have learned so much in these past four years that I am actually looking forward in growing, emotionally, physically and mostly spiritually. I love this program ☺*

*Love in Service, Participation is the Key to Happiness Heidi W.*

District 6 news is as follows: We continue to have the district meeting followed by a speaker brunch on the third Sunday of every month (excluding June and December). We have moved the meeting and brunch to the Shilo Inn on Lindsay Boulevard in Idaho Falls (in the Temple View room down the hall from O'Callahan's restaurant), at least till the end of this year. The meeting is at 10 AM and the speaker brunch begins at 11. How therapeutic and enormously comforting it can be to share our own story or listen to the stories of others! A steady group keeps coming back to the speaker brunch.

As fall arrives we will begin planning our annual Holiday social, which will take place in early December. This will be held in the fellowship hall at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church at 270 N. Placer Avenue in Idaho Falls.

We have made a renewed effort to get some outreach materials distributed in our community. We divided all the materials we had as a district into packets to disperse to the groups. Most of the groups have received their packet. With the packets we included a copy of the Al-Anon Guidelines on Public Outreach Service. We are encouraging individuals within the groups to deliver the materials to institutions and other appropriate places.

Peace to all and best wishes from District 6,  
Jody C.

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## District 7

The Spring Assembly is history and we Survived!!! Amazing! So many in my District working on the Assembly had faith that if we worked together; God would come through for us. He did. I feel very humbled. I want to say a very big Thank You to all of you that helped us with time, information, your attendance, your prayers and good wishes. Cooperation with AA taught us several important lessons. Paramount to these is the idea that we need to present a united, consistent front. Also we need to be present at every meeting. A nagging issue for us was the expenses that the hostess incurred taking care of the speaker. I was unsure what her responsibilities entailed and referred her to others in the program for an overview of her responsibilities but the idea of **expenses** didn't come up. When she submitted her expenses to the committee the AA's felt that "the expenses were a part of the service" and decided to take them out of the Al-Anon split money. District 7 voted to pay expenses such as meals but allowed gas and other expenses to come from the split money. Accordingly District 7 sent a check to the Assembly Committee for the meals. I really feel that the role of the hostess/ host needs to be written up and thus clarified so people will know what they are getting into and a decision made as to what expenses should be covered. Our raffle at the Assembly earned \$1044.00 which is amazing! I do not know what the Al-Anon split was from the Assembly. Right at the end there was some confusion regarding some of the bills and I assume Toni R can tell us more about the final split money.

We are now gathering ourselves to do a Mini Speaker's conference some time this fall and to begin distribution of the outreach pamphlet.

I do have a request for one and all, our Spanish group Esperanza meets in Nampa on Fridays at 7 PM, St. Paul's Catholic Church they would like support from all of us as they carry the message to others who suffer. I know that there is a language barrier but Al-Anon is the language of the heart and I think it will provide you with the message.

Love in Al-Anon Service,  
Kathy B  
District Seven Representative