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# Idaho AWSC 2009 Fall

## Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The AWSC of Idaho meeting was held in Boise on August 23, 2009

### **Attendance**

Cecilia	Chair	Barbara	District 1 Representative
Berta	Delegate	Ros	District 2 Representative
Laura	Alternate Delegate	Robbin	District 3 Alternate Rep
Toni	Treasurer/Web Coord	Kelley	District 4 Representative
Ruth	Alateen/AAPP	Mary	District 5 Alternate Rep
Ladora	Archives	Terrie	District 6 Representative
Marje	Literature Center Liaison	Kathy B	District 7 Representative
Wanda	Public Outreach		

### **Absent**

Traci	Secretary/Dist 3 Rep	Veloy	District 5 Representative
		Heidi	Literature/Forum

### **Reports**

#### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes were read individually from the Spring AWSC 2009 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

Ladora was missing minutes from the previous Secretary's term. There was information in the Secretary's box for 2005, 2006, and 2007; this was turned over to Ladora. Ladora was missing minutes from previous years. 2005, 2006, 2007

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The checking and savings bank statements were passed around for verification.

Details of the report are on page 10.

Treasurer recommended reversing an outstanding \$11.00 check in the financials. The check was written in October 2008 and it was discussed at the Spring 2009 Assembly. Stop payment would not be done on the check and it would be honored if it was ever cashed in the future.

Motion: Reverse an outstanding \$11.00 check in the financials. Motion passed.

#### **Delegate's Report**

How to integrate Alateen in Al-Anon meetings where Alateen does not exist. Charted to brainstorm ideas not do something about it. Is it an issue? "Celebrate! Embrace the group conscience to expand our circle of hope" is the 2010 conference theme. Next conference is the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration of conferences. See page 16 for the report.

NWRDM is in Anchorage this year. It costs \$700 just to fly to anchorage for a weekend. Weighing benefit of AI-Anon as a whole and the cost. 2011 is a crucial year because there will be a new delegate, but this year is not as crucial. It is a practice Conference. Past delegates pay their own way to attend because it is of help individually.

#### Discussion

- Concept 8 regarding Trusted Servant. If you go or not it is okay to make your own decision.
- The first NWRDM is important to meet people. However, there is not as much information about Conference as expected. Got to meet people and practice the 3-minute discussion.
- If old timers don't go to the meetings what good does it do for new members? Active, current delegates have something to offer at a meeting.
- We do need to make sure our Area needs are met and that we meet our prudent reserve.
- Concept 4 talks of participation and doing our part. Maybe there are benefits that come that are indirect. Seeing people use traditions and concepts in a group conscience is a good thing to bring back.
- By not going, does it set a precedent that others are not being prudent if they do go?
- If I don't go, am I missing something that I could bring back?

Berta needs to send information back regarding updates for the Area World Service Committee. She passed around a sheet for us to confirm.

Take back to groups: survey on WSO website "2009 Membership Survey". English link is on the Members page. Spanish and French versions will be later. Only open until October 16, 2009.

#### **Alternate Delegate's Report**

Talked to Traci regarding who attended the Spring Assembly to figure out what to do at the GR Exchange for Fall Assembly. Maybe some GR duties or emotion control. Will talk to some GR's to see if they have ideas of what they would like to see at the exchange. If anyone has ideas tell Laura.

At GR Exchange discuss trust. What is best for AI-Anon? Keep the DR exchange separate from the GR Exchange but the same topic can be discussed.

#### **2009 AI-Anon Day**

Read Terrie's District 6 report on page 23 for details.

The theme was "Opening Our Hearts and Transforming our Losses". 22 people attended.

592.00 Registration & Raffle Receipts

86.25 Decorations & craft supplies

272.00	Food for luncheon
<u>50.00</u>	Donation to St. Luke's for facility
408.25	Total Expenses

183.75	Total after expenses
<u>150.00</u>	Seed money
333.75	Total paid to Area

**Area Spanish Hotline (208-284-5377)**

Laura reported on the Spanish Hotline. Kathy B is willing to serve on the ad hoc committee regarding duties of the hotline. The committee will plan to have something for the Fall Assembly. Lupe's email address is not valid. Laura will get the information on Lupe to the Website Coordinator to update the website and to Traci to update the AWSC members handout.

December 4 needs to purchase some minutes but can be a minimum for a year. Just need to keep the phone active. Need the activation each year or lose the number. 1761 minutes were reported last December. Laura will have a report of the minutes at the Fall Assembly.

**Fall 2009 Assembly Report**

Kelley reported for District 4; she is the Assembly Al-Anon Chair. Doug B from Twin Falls is the Al-Anon luncheon speaker. Business meeting will be classroom style with tables. Urge people to send in registration forms and room reservations. They are starting to sell the mugs early.

Need a District to host the 2-3:3 pm meeting on Saturday.

Raffle is getting organized. Districts are encouraged to bring baskets for the raffle. The theme is "Taking Care of Myself." District 4 is doing a basket for men. If you want to sell raffle tickets for even an hour email Elsa at [elsam104@msn.com](mailto:elsam104@msn.com). The raffle hours are Friday from 2-9 pm and Saturday from 7am-6pm.

See page 17 for more a more detailed report from Kelley.

**Area Coordinator Reports**

Alateen/AAPP	Ruth B reported. See attachment on page 18.
Archives	Ladora reported. See attachment on page 18.
Web Site	Toni R reported. 99 people signed up for the newsletter; Districts are encouraged to send meeting schedules directly to the Website Coordinator. See attachment on page 20.
Literature Center	Marje reported. See attachment on page 20
Forum/Literature	No report.
Newsletter	Position vacant. WSO Guidelines G-21 were passed out
Group Records	Position vacant

Public Outreach	Wanda reported. See attachment on page 19
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## District Rep Reports

- District 1 – Barbara reported; see Attachment on page 21
- District 2 – Ros reported.
- District 3 – Robbin reported; see Attachment on page 22
- District 4 – Kelley reported; see Attachment on page 22
- District 5 – Mary reported.
- District 6 – Terrie reported; see Attachment on page 23
- District 7 – Kathy reported; see Attachment on page 24

## New Business

### 2010 Spring Assembly

Mary reported for District 5. The Assembly will be May 14-16 in Pocatello at the Red Lion Inn. Committees are in place and in the planning phases. Flyers will be at the Fall Assembly. They are checking on Al-Anon and AA speakers from Southern California.

### 2010 Al-Anon Day

This will be in District 7. No dates selected yet.

### Action Committees Sessions – Fall Assembly

Integrate trust in each of the breakout sessions if possible.

- “Why Me? - Rotation of leadership” chair by Terrie O and Ladora B
- “Trust - Let it Begin with Me” chaired by Kathy B and Paula N
- “Anonymity - Are We a Secret Society?” chaired by Barbara V

### Area Twitter

Lori M offered to set up an Area Twitter account. Alateen in District 1 has set this up already. People choose to join the Twitter. Inspirational messages are sent out. For Area she could send out events as well as inspirational.

Discussion:

- There was a suggestion that we contact WSO to see their response. WSO sometimes says it is an Area group conscience for new items.
- Anonymity should be considered. This did not come up in WSC.
- If you follow Area’s Twitter can you respond? The response would go to Lori. Can comments be disallowed so the Twitter only comes from Lori?
- Does it show an address so an Alateen or anyone could be identified? You are identified by whatever name you use to join.

Direction:

Contact WSO for some guidelines. See if it can be a read only Twitter. We would like a presentation at the Assembly

Laura will contact WSO and present something at the Assembly.

### **Area Archives**

Ladora reported that some Areas are splitting the Archive Coordinator position into two positions. See page 18 for some of the details.

1. Non-Rotating and paid to Assembly only by invitation
2. Rotation every 3 years and paid to Assembly

Discussion:

- Archives Committee could be formed. Maybe scan some material that could be passed around the Area.
- Maybe start scanning now to get through the boxes. Would need some one with a computer and a passion.
- Make a CD of scanned materials to sell at an Assembly.
- Some heat sensitive material like tapes need to be moved from the current non temperature controlled environment.
- Put scanned pages in notebooks by year with page protectors.
- Ladora's recommendation: get some space to store the tapes. No benefit to our Area of making two positions. She does not mind going to Assemblies so that is not a consideration for our Area. Some early copies are getting dim. Most things are now in sheet protectors.

Direction:

- Robbin, Laura, and Ruth B are interested in this project. They will get with Ladora to scan in the earlier items. Kathy B and Kelley are interested in being on the Committee.
- The Committee will look into transferring cassette tapes onto CD's.
- Ruth B will get the items that are climate sensitive and store them in her garage.
- Scanned items could be posted on the website in a history corner.

### **Assemblies Options**

The discussion at Assembly was lively because we all care about Al-Anon. AA has an ad hoc committee that is doing discussions. The Chair of the AA Ad-Hoc Committee contacted Cecilia and said the direction they are moving is to change dates. The Spring Assembly in May may be earlier and called a Pre-Con. They are trying to do what other AA Area Assemblies are doing. The Pre conference may be 3-6 weeks earlier and move all convention type activities, i.e., banquet, Al-anon Luncheon, spiritual breakfast. This has not come to a vote. The activities may be at a Fall Assembly only. Even if we don't make any changes, Assemblies will probably change because AA is changing.

What is the group conscience of the Area Committee? Comments:

- New information is always good to have. We are ready for a vote after presentation of new information.
- It is time to put it on the agenda for a vote.

- It is time to vote even though we are still suffering from stress. The District has agreed to not discuss it until after the Assembly because no new information has emerged.
- Has there been any mention in the current Assembly planning about the future? Probably not because it has not been voted on in AA yet.
- My District has people who participated in Al-Anon years ago in the “good old years”. They don’t attend an Assembly but want it to stay the same as the old days. We can talk it to death and never make a decision. If we don’t decide to do it the decision will be made for us. We need to look at the structure of our meetings. The March meeting seems redundant to the Spring Assembly. Maybe we should drop one of the AWSC meetings. Embrace our change.
- We are on the right track with unity on the AWSC committee. Heard the flyer was manipulative. We were not giving a vision of what we wanted to do so people read into it whatever they wanted. Picking at items without that vision. AWSC should present a vision. History of long timers that this would not be brought up again unless there was not enough space.
- It needs to come to a vote. There was obvious feelings and undermining that this group was trying to persuade. Is there anything that I can say to you today to change your mind? It needs to be presented what it will look like. Do we change and create our own. People with great ideas could help input ideas. Our world is going to change one way or the other but we don’t know what it will be because we are waiting for someone else to make the decision. If the vote is no, then keep doing what is being done until the decision is made for us.
- This decision is highly emotional because we do care about Al-Anon. Warranty 3 states “that all decision be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by unanimity”. It appears to be a small minority that wants it preserved. We can’t really say what it would look like. If we could come to a decision then we could create the vision. We don’t have contact with the hotel to make decisions.
- I would like to see this come to a vote at the Spring Assembly and do something different in our discussion at the Fall Assembly. I would like a presentation of the minimum requirements of Area for an assembly. Give the discussion a cooling off period.
- Do not vote at this Assembly; people do not want to talk about it right now. Give it time to chill. We will likely make a decision by reacting to AA’s decisions. We missed the excitement of what an Assembly could be in our flyer. We don’t have much time at the current Assembly because of the banquet, breakfast, and other AA activities. We could have a lot of activities of our own if we had our own Assembly. We only have time to squeeze in our business meeting.
- It is time to put the baby to bed; it has been discussed for eons. We will continue to discuss this until AA makes the decision for us. We go home and let the groups know we are making a decision at this Assembly. If we don’t address it, the anger and fear will fester. From now until Assembly is enough time to vote. We need the vision but we will start with an ad hoc committee after the Assembly to work on particulars. We will never get 100% consensus. Let’s try it. Don’t need to make the whole decision at once. Present it to the groups before Assembly.

- It is time to vote but I like the cooling off period. Those voting yes will vote in the spring as well as the fall. Might give the no's a chance to gather more information and answer their questions.
- Our district will vote no. 91 people were registered in the Spring 2009 but only about 40-45 were in the business meetings. Either put it to a vote or take it off the agenda. Tempers are flaring. There are hurt feelings because some are dealing with alcoholics now and we say you can't be with AA anymore. When AA makes a decision later, we will be ready to make decisions. It is felt that we as a committee are forcing a solution. As a committee we need to think that sometime down the road this may happen. When we hear from AA we can decide what to do.
- If AA is contemplating their vision, are they thinking of the participation of Al-Anon? It is more of communication and love that we know they are moving toward a decision.
- Can we put something together for the next Assembly? Does WSO have guidelines for our Assemblies? Give information about what AA is anticipating.
- If we get too many specifics then it looks controlling.
- We don't look at the facts but the emotions. How many GR's; where do they come from; does that have bearing of where the Assembly should be; what is the impact on the group donations; can we spend less on our own. We are on rabbit trail looking at tone of voice and body language instead of the facts.
- How many GR's should be at an Assembly and how many Area committee members should be at the meeting.
- We could still have participation with AA at the AA Assemblies.
- A motion from the floor could be made from anyone.
- 6 people were missing from District 1 at the Assembly.
- The groups send the GR to the Al-Anon business meeting so there should not be a financial burden on the GR. It would be an individual decision to attend the AA Assembly.
- We can't stop people to from filling in the gap with a lack of vision. Some think we already know what we want but just aren't telling them. It has not been decided but there is thought we are going to whip out a paper showing exactly what the Assembly will look like. We can go ahead with a program now; minimum requirements, breakouts, etc. Plan a full Assembly regardless of what AA is doing. Feed the excitement of our own Assembly.
- What is the next step? If the vote is no, we stay as we are. If the vote is yes, then we show the next step
- We lost some of the communication with the GR's because we no longer have the newsletter.
- We can present facts but it will not matter because there is a presence of ill will among some members.
- District 1 and 2 have been added to Area; this is a fact. Look at the facts of the District 1 and 2 GR's travelling and the number travelling from other Districts. What is good for Al-Anon as a whole.
- Try something new. Maybe plan our Assembly at the same date and town as AA.

- Fear activates all my character defects.

What goes on the agenda for the Fall Assembly  
 Assembly options update regarding the AA direction.  
 What is the purpose of the Assembly?

## **WSO Team Event**

Would Area Al-Anon want to participate in a Team event with Washington? It would be maybe a year from September. Should we tell them we will participate or be an invite? We would like to be invited rather than participate. The first Team event of WSO is October 3, 2009 in Minnesota.

## **Dates**

Fall 2009 Assembly - October 9-11, 2009, Sun Valley  
 Spring 2010 Assembly - May 14-16, 2010, Pocatello  
 March 20, 2010 - AWSC  
 August 21, 2010 - AWSC

## **Attachments**

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Respectfully submitted,  
 Toni R  
 Substitute Secretary for Traci E



**Treasurer Report**  
Area Meeting – August 22, 2009

**Financials**

All financial statements are year-to-date as of August 16, 2009.

**Account Balances** (see report on page 12)

Total net worth is \$9,700.48

The asset account was decreased by \$150.00 because District 6 returned the Al-Anon Day seed money.

**Profit & Loss** (See report on page 13)

**Income \$3,554.06**

Al-Anon Day 2009; District 6 provided a detailed report.

\$592.00 Raffle and Registration

\$408.25 Expenses

\$183.75 Net Income

Spring Assembly

Raffle - \$1,209.00

Split - \$134.27 was received from AA for our split from the 2009 Spring Assembly in Idaho Falls. The calculation was based on 24% Al-Anon attendance. There were 366 total registrations and 91 were Al-Anon registrations for a percent of 24.86%. The check was received within the timeframe of the AA guidelines. Thank you to Terrie O for giving AA the address to mail the check.

District 3 donated \$250 as previously reported.

Groups donated \$1756.81.

Member donations are the same at \$10.81

\$9.42 is interest income from the savings account.

**Expenses \$4,273.71**

\$948.34	Spring Assembly for Committee members and one Fall 2009 registration
\$526.00	The AWSC Meeting on March 21
30.79	Archive Coordinator expense of notebook supplies
\$38.93	Treasurer expenses of postage and copies for the May AWSC meeting and Spring Assembly
\$6.42	Pamphlets for Assembly free literature
\$30.00	A background check for an 2 Alateen sponsors
\$1,834.00	Equalizer expense for the 2010 Conference. I paid the full amount as approved by the Fall 2008 Assembly. This amount was lower than full amount of \$1,890.00 last year so we are under budget for this expense!

\$100.00	Financial review; I'll discuss details of the review at the end of the financial reports.
\$699.28	Sent our delegate to the Northwest Regional Delegate meeting.
\$50.00	The Spanish hotline – minutes on prepaid cell phone
\$9.95	The website domain name

**Net Income of -\$719.65**

This looks like a big loss, but the large equalizer expense has been paid. We continue to operate within the approved budget.

**Group Donations** (See report on page 14)

The Group Donations report is listed by District and then group number. Year to date donations from the groups is \$1,756.81 (this matches the P&L) Please thank your groups for their continued support. The DR's receive their district's group donation receipts. Your group should get a receipt if you donated to Area.

If your group donation is missing or incorrect, please let me know.

**Budget** (See report on page 15)

The budget is included for your information with updated expenses. This does not need approval since it was approved at the Spring 2009 Assembly.

**Riddle**

When do giraffes have 8 feet? Answer: when there are two of them.

**2009 Account Balances**  
**AI-Anon Area 13**  
 August 16, 2009

		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
Checking	2,138.83	
Savings <sup>(1)</sup>	7,559.65	
TOTAL Bank Accounts		9,698.48
 <b>Cash Accounts</b>		
Cash Account	0.00	
TOTAL Cash Accounts		0.00
 <b>Asset Accounts</b>		
Seed Money and Deposits <sup>(2)</sup>	2.00	
TOTAL Asset Accounts		2.00
<b>Net Worth</b>		<b>\$9,700.48</b>

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> The savings account earns interest. Money sits here until it is needed for the checking account to pay invoices. \$700 was moved back to the savings account from the NWRSS Savings by vote at the Spring 2009 Assembly
- <sup>2</sup> \$2 deposit on Post Office box keys  
 These are assets because we eventually get this money back.

**2009 YTD Profit and Loss**  
**AI-Anon Area 13**  
August 16, 2009

	Details	SubTotal	Total
<b>Income</b>			
Al-Anon Day		183.75	
Spring Assembly		1,343.27	
Raffle	1,209.00		
Split <sup>(1)</sup>	134.27		
Donations		2,017.62	
District 3	250.00		
Group	1,756.81		
Member	10.81		
Interest		9.42	
<b>Total Income</b>			3,554.06
<b>Expenses</b>			
AWSC Meeting Expenses		-1,474.34	
Assemblies	-948.34		
Committee Meetings	-526.00		
Coordinators		-30.79	
Archives	-30.79		
Officers		-38.93	
Chair			
Delegate			
Treasurer	-38.93		
Operating Expenses		-2,729.65	
Assembly Literature	-6.42		
Background Checks	-30.00		
Equalizer Expense <sup>(2)</sup>	1,834.00		
Financial Review <sup>(3)</sup>	-100.00		
NWR Delegate Meeting	-699.28		
Spanish Hotline	-50.00		
Website Domain Name	-9.95		
<b>Total Expenses</b>			4,273.71
<b>Net Income</b>			-719.65

**Footnotes**

- (1) Spring Assembly: 366 total registration; 91 AI-Anon; 25%
- (2) The full amount was paid for the 2010 Conference
- (3) The review was for 2008; only done every three years.

**2009 YTD Group Donations**  
**Al-Anon Area 13**  
 August 16, 2009

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Donation</b>
<b>District 1</b>	40751 Afternoon Delight AFG	50.00
	502355 Freedom Group	44.65
	62434 Friday Noon AFG	70.00
	65487 From Insanity To Serenity	10.00
	66383 Northwest Serenity	50.00
<b>District 2</b>	14149 Clarkston Roundtable	45.00
	3384 Kendrick AFG	50.00
	3388 Lewis-Clark AFG	60.00
	48023 Wed Night	26.58
<b>District 3</b>	31241 Adult Children	15.00
	3345 Steps To Serenity	30.00
	500569 Fri Night Fireside	90.00
	502539 Thu Eagle Noon	100.79
	502795 Friday Noon Five Mile	72.29
	504118 Wed Collister	20.00
	61227 Mon/Wed Noon	300.00
	62315 Sunday Early Birds	81.76
	65838 Saturday AM Spiritual AFG	25.84
	66020 Garden Valley AFG	10.00
<b>District 4</b>	24707 Filer Tue Night	70.00
	27614 Beginning Again	39.90
	35113 Fri Buhl Serenity Seekers	70.00
	48100 Experience, Strength, & Hope	25.00
	62173 Get a Life Al-Anon	100.00
<b>District 5</b>	30788 Friday Out To Lunch AFG	45.00
	36305 Turn Around AFG	80.00
	44344 Wed Wild Bunch	15.00
<b>District 6</b>	37923 Wed Noon Munch Bunch	25.00
	503388 Just For Today	75.00
	64378 Westside Al-Anon	25.00
<b>District 7</b>	62297 Safe & Sound	15.00
	63168 Just For Today	20.00
	<b>Total Group Donations</b>	1,756.81

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

## AI-Anon Area 13 – 2009 Budget – Approved at Spring Assembly 5/23/2009

Budget Item	2009	2009	2008	2008	2007	2007	2006	2006	2005
	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Approved	Actual	Approved	Actual
<u>AWSC Meeting Expenses</u>									
Assemblies	948.34	3,000.00	2,158.07	3,080.00	2,461.34	2,640.00	2,138.08	2,640.00	1,487.75
Committee Meetings	526.00	900.00	857.55	1,530.00	544.09	1,100.00	810.25	1,100.00	769.32
<u>Coordinators</u>									
Alateen/AAPP		40.00		40.00	16.79	40.00		40.00	
Archives	30.79	80.00	45.41	80.00	85.35	40.00	63.72	40.00	15.40
Forum/Literature		20.00	22.00	20.00	1.70	80.00	1.84	60.00	
Group Records		20.00		20.00	6.75	40.00	2.04	40.00	5.24
Literature Center									
Liaison		20.00		20.00		20.00			
Newsletter		0.00	370.89	371.00		500.00	250.00	500.00	
Public Outreach		40.00		40.00		120.00		120.00	60.85
Website		20.00		20.00	76.93	40.00			
<u>Officers</u>									
Delegate		600.00	125.00	600.00	735.79	600.00	560.51	400.00	232.51
Alternate Delegate		20.00		20.00		40.00		40.00	
Chair		40.00	19.50	40.00	22.09	80.00	71.75	40.00	6.50
Secretary		40.00		40.00	19.08	40.00	5.99	40.00	17.89
Treasurer	38.93	100.00	96.85	60.00	96.44	60.00	48.38	60.00	213.24
<u>Operating Expenses</u>									
Assembly Literature	6.42	40.00	35.09	25.00	21.52	50.00	24.75	50.00	21.66
Background Checks	30.00	125.00	122.63	250.00	75.00	750.00		750.00	
Bank Charges		20.00	-31.04	40.00	81.33	70.00	14.94	70.00	
Equalizer Expense	1,834.00	1,990.00	1,890.00	2,261.00	1,959.00	1,698.00	1,698.00	1,612.00	1,100.00
Financial Review	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					
NWR Delegate									
Meeting	699.28	800.00	1,078.50	1,200.00	375.81	1,000.00	635.20	1,000.00	668.60
PO Box Rental		42.00	42.00	40.00	40.00				
Public Outreach		150.00		150.00		300.00			
Spanish Hotline	50.00	100.00		200.00	283.59	200.00			
Website Domain Name	9.95	29.85							
Website Hosting		166.80		0.00	166.80	245.00	166.80	175.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,273.71</b>	<b>8,503.65</b>	<b>3,916.83</b>	<b>5,637.00</b>	<b>6,038.83</b>	<b>6,013.00</b>	<b>3,543.92</b>	<b>5,037.00</b>	<b>2,341.89</b>
<u>Seed Money/Deposits</u>									
AI-Anon Day		150.00	150.00	150.00		150.00		150.00	237.50

## Financial Review

The Financial Review was conducted by an accountant on June 25, 2009 at a cost of \$100.00. She would charge \$50 for subsequent reviews because she has information about Area now. The review was for the calendar year 2008. I have three letters: one is from me to the accountant stating what I know and will provide. The second is from the accountant stating terms and objectives of the review. The third is from the accountant stating the finding of the review. We received a clean bill of financial health.

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## Delegate Report

August 22, 2009  
AWSC Delegate's Report

I have been an active participant in a WSC thought force via emails and a conference call. The thought force is How can we integrate Alateens in to Al-Anon where no Alateen exists.

The 2010 WSC will be held April 11 and the theme will be Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand Our Circle of hope.

The Northwest Region Delegate's Meeting will be held in Anchorage, AK March 5, 6, and 7, 2010.

The abundant resources work group received 290 responses from members who participated in the skill survey and were interested in having their information retained in a data base so they could be called upon to participate in future projects. I Also have been contacted by the Washington Area as they are planning a TEAM Event and wanted to know if we wanted to have a role in the event. Their planning committee is thinking somewhere in September 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Berta R.  
Panel 48 Delegate

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## Fall 2009 Assembly

### FALL ASSEMBLY 2009 REPORT

I HAVE BEEN GOING UP TO HAILEY FOR THE ASSEMBLY MEETINGS AND GETTING INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING.

WE HAVE OUR COMMITTEES FORMED AND HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD AT GETTING THINGS ALL SET UP FOR THE ASSEMBLY. AT FIRST WE HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE GETTING VOLUNTEERS, BUT NOW WE ARE STARTING TO GET SOME. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING THE PLANNING MEETINGS IN KETCHUM AFTER THE WEDNESDAY NOON MEETING AND FOUND WE GET MORE MEMBERS TO SHOW UP DOING THAT.

WE HAVE A LUNCHEON SPEAKER, DOUG B., FROM TWIN FALLS AREA. HE HAS BEEN IN THE PROGRAM FOR A MANY YEARS. OUR MENU HAS BEEN CHOSEN AND OUR DECORATION COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON THE CENTER PIECES.

OUR MEETING ROOMS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE OUR BUSINESS MEETING IN THE RAM ROOM. IT WILL SIT 60 PEOPLE CLASSROOM STYLE. I HAVE REQUESTED TABLES FOR ARCHIVES, WATER, AND OUR BUSINESS PAPERWORK, PLUS TABLES AND PODIUM FOR THE HEAD TABLE. I AM WONDERING IF WE WILL NEED MICROPHONES BECAUSE THE CEILING IS REALLY LOW AND THE ROOM ECHOES REALLY WELL. BUT I CAN GET SOME IF WE NEED TO. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER ROOM BUT IT IS UNDECIDED AT THIS TIME. THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE SAWTOOTH ROOM. THAT IS WHERE WE WILL HOLD OUR DR EXCHANGE AND THE 2 OPEN AL-ANON MEETINGS ON SATURDAY.

WE WOULD ALSO URGE EVERYONE TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS BEFORE THE EARLY REGISTRATION DATE. ALSO, CALL AND GET YOUR ROOM RESERVED BEFORE THEY ARE ALL TAKEN.

RAFFLE IS GETTING ORGANIZED ... WE DECIDED TO DO A MENS BASKET FOR THE RAFFLE FROM DISTRICT 4. THE THEME IS "TAKING CARE OF MYSELF". ALL OTHER DISTRICTS CAN DO WHATEVER KIND OF BASKET THEY DECIDE TO DO THAT GOES WITH THE THEME. WE ARE SENDING AROUND A SIGNUP SHEET TO OUR GROUPS IN OUR DISTRICT SO VOLUNTEERS CAN SIGN UP TO HELP SELL RAFFLE TICKETS. IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO HELP, THEY WILL BE SO WELCOMED. JUST GET AHOLD OF ELSA M. AND LET HER KNOW WHAT DAY AND TIME THEY CAN HELP. THEY CAN E-MAIL HER AT [elsam104@msn.com](mailto:elsam104@msn.com). TIMES TO BE COVERED IS FRIDAY 2PM-9PM AND STURDAY 7AM-6PM.

WE ARE ALSO SENDING AROUND SIGNUP SHEETS FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR LITERATURE TABLE, REGISTRATION TABLE, AND HOSPITALITY. OUR SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBERS ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE AA SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS TO INSURE THAT EVERYTHING IS BEING HANDLED SMOOTHLY.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME OF SERVICE,

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## **Alateen Coordinator/ AAPP Report**

### **Area Alateen Coordinator/ AAPP Report**

**August 22, 2009**

*As life continues to happen and I hit bumps in the road, I am so grateful for my service work in Al-Anon. When I'm working on Alateen lists & updates, I'm not thinking about how to fix anyone else's problems! No matter how long I'm here, I still need the strong connection of service to keep me involved and focused on the positive.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve the area. I am enjoying my term as Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP. Here are the updates:*

***Alateen continues to grow!***—A total of 18 Alateen meetings will be active in Idaho this fall. In Boise: 13 in-school meetings, 2 evening meetings; in Coeur d'Alene: one meeting; Idaho Falls: one meeting; Twin Falls, one combined Al-Anon/Alateen meeting. In September 08, we had 9 total meetings in Idaho.

***Alateen Sponsor Training***—Aug 28-30 in Harrison, ID. Washington Area is hosting this event and it sounds like it will be excellent.

***Recertification process for Idaho Alateen sponsors was completed on time.*** WSO also sent out Info to each Alateen meeting's CMA to update meeting information.

***Background Checks***—Do we want to change our guidelines on background checks to once every 3 years. This is being discussed in other areas. So far, I think our process is working well and our sponsors are known in their districts.

***WSO Conference Calls for Alateen Coordinators/AAPP***—There will be a Conference Call on September 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by WSO staff. It's always interesting to hear what's new at the WSO on Alateen, and to hear the sharing from other Area Alateen Coordinators. I will be listening in for our area.

*Enthusiastically yours,  
Ruth Blaha*

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## **Archives**

Report to Area Committee from Ladora B, Area Archives Coordinator

WSO is preparing a new book - 60 years of Al-Anon history with a working title of *Tracing Our Growth*. When completed, the title may be something else.

Area Archives coordinators have been asked to help locate persons to share their experience of involvement in service; milestones that have been witnessed within the area, district, or home group; and what brought you to your first meeting.

I have mailed this information to 24 persons within the Area. There could have been more, but I didn't know last names and addresses.

I received a box of items that had been in the possession of Helen T, our former Manager of the Literature Center. She passed away a few years ago. Her son brought the box to the Literature Center. The box contained only a closed Thursday group books and bank statements. She had been treasure4r of the group. There was nothing about Helen herself in that information and I was disappointed.

WSO also has sent to Archives Coordinators some samples of other areas that are talking of "splitting" their archives into two positions:

1. Non-rotating and paid to the Assembly only by invitation.
2. Rotation every 3 years and paid to the Assembly.

And then duties separated for each position. Feedback is encouraged by WSO. I relayed this to the Chairman and asked that it be placed on an agenda for discussion.

For Area 13 (Idaho) I have been the nly Archives Coordinator, so its been done pretty much according to me without much actual "help". I rely on what is donated or given to the Area for safekeeping. That safekeeping is my garage in boxes. Each box is labeled with contents and an index card file kept separately to "find" the boxes and their contents. I've brought an example today.

The boxes are stacked on storage shelves in the center of the garage. My care hasn't seen the inside of the garage for a good many years.

The garage is not heat controlled – hot in summer – cold in winter.

I'm okay with this arrangement, but Area may have some other views.

Ladora B.

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## Public Outreach

Here we are in the last half of the year..

I have received couple of letters for you to put into your local newspaper.. The columnist recommends safe place for families of problem drinkers. Dear Abby made her comments during a pod cast that is available for free at [www.A1-AnonFamilyGroups.org](http://www.A1-AnonFamilyGroups.org) . She acknowledged that A1-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous are the resources she references most frequently in her column.

I receive letters like these and when I receive them I send them out to the Districts and the Area. I am assuming that we will get letters close to the Holidays.

***Congratulations:*** A1-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009 (second edition) being distributed in April. A total of 143,975, compared to 133,100 AFA (first edition). We want to thank you.

Here is a recap for AFA 2009 first and second printings'

ID First printing 12 copies 950  
Second printing 6 copies 900

Spanish  
First printing 1 50 copies  
Second printing 3 150 copies

WAY TO GO!!!!

When you see or hear a PSA I am encouraging all members to send a thank you note to the station.

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## Website Coordinator Report

Area Meeting, August 22, 2009

### Newsletter Distribution

There are 99 members signed up to receive the electronic newsletter.

### District Meetings

District meeting schedules are posted on the website whenever I receive them. Since we no longer have an Area Records Coordinator, I encourage each District to electronically send me a schedule to post on the website. I can accept any format and I will put your document directly on the website. I will not edit it or make changes.

If you do not have access to an electronic copy, mail me a paper copy and I will scan it and put it on the website.

I now receive emails to the Records Coordinator from the website. This started on August 2. There may have been changes to meetings emailed to this email address before I changed the email to forward to me. If you emailed changes and there has not been a response, please email again.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toni R.  
Website Coordinator  
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[www.al-anon-idaho.org](http://www.al-anon-idaho.org)

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## Literature Center Liaison

### Literature Center Report Greetings from the Literature Center

The Literature Center office manager has resigned and we are currently seeking a replacement. Applications are available at the Literature Center, on line, and through Group Representatives in district 3. There is also a temporary change in office hours. The hours will be from 12 noon to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until further notice.

At this time we are also evaluating our office systems requirements and researching equipment options.

We are also recruiting three new members to serve on the Board of Directors. One of these positions is for treasurer, and book keeping, accounting, and/or financial experience would be very helpful. These are three year terms beginning in January. Anyone wanting to learn more about the Center and what it takes to keep it running would benefit from this service opportunity. The meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at the Literature Center. For more information contact a current board member or check the by-laws on our website.

We are still working on the revisions to the office manual procedures.

I would like to thank all those who have supported and assisted the Literature Center with time and donations in the past. It is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Marje K.

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## District 1

I am looking forward to making it to this next assembly since we missed out in the Spring. I was supposed to co-chair a Break-out session. I still have that presentation on anonymity. Our van-full of members was excited about attending the sessions.

We had a district picnic in July at a park on the Spokane River in Post Falls. We had 21 guests. We are planning a CRUISE on Lake Coeur d' Alene September 26th from 4-6:30 pm. Magdalena from Seattle is the AFG speaker and Gerry M is the AA speaker from Coeur d' Alene. We hope to share in a fabulous sunset as well as, warm fellowship. Seats are still available though they are limited. Please contact Sue O. with any questions or to request a registration form by mail or email (208) 676-1997. Our goal is mainly too offer an event since we had over \$1100 in our activities account. That money has been used to prepay the necessary cruise fees.

Alateen has done several fundraisers. They made fancy recipe cards for a Serenity Fiesta. A dinners worth of cards is \$5. They have made over \$120 so far. The Alateens also sold drinks at the picnic.

Public Outreach is still helping get panels of Al-Anon volunteers into Family Night at NIBH at Kootenai Medical Center every 6 weeks. Barbara K., our district secretary, volunteers for this coordinating effort. We are continuing to get information to counselors, schools, law enforcement and the judicial sector. With new changes in the meeting schedule, we really need to keep up and let these intermediates know of our existence. A personal visit to these professionals was suggested at the last district meeting.

I was able to attend 2 meetings that meet when I'm usually at work. I traveled 73 miles to Tuesday noon Bonners Ferry meeting and then hit Sandpoint's 'Thursday Noon, Happy Solutions meeting. It was great to get new ideas about meeting formats and how to share announcements. Fun, fun. I was even able to sit in on Sandpoint's business meeting.

We are planning to drive to Sun Valley. We hope to see you there!

Barbara V. District 1 Representative

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## District 3

### District 3 Fall AWSC Report

Different meetings continue to volunteer to have people willing to tell their story and answer questions monthly at Family Night at Intermountain Hospital.

There is an open meeting at the Walker Center.

Alateen is in the planning stage for the new school year. They anticipate 13 "in school" meetings per week, plus the Tuesday and Thursday night meetings.

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## District 4

Happy greetings from District 4,

This year has gone by so fast. We have done a few fundraisers: gratitude workshop which didn't go too well, but it was worth a try...only raised \$40.00. Then we did a no-bake bake sale...raised about \$250.00. We have our annual spaghetti and speaker meeting coming up Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. We have an AA and al-anon speaker and have a great spaghetti dinner donated by our groups in the district. It will be held in Jerome this year at the first Presbyterian Church located at 262 East Ave. A. We are going to have a raffle also.

Our public outreach lady has been working hard at getting the information out to Dr. Offices, probation officers, schools, etc. and trying to get Alateen going in the schools.

Walker center has been going great. Our groups take turns going each month to do an Al-Anon meeting on family night. If a group cannot make it, they have been really good about letting me know so I can find another group to go. I am very happy with our district for making this a great experience to the families of the walker center patients.

Our groups are growing and have been more involved...thank you to all who participate!

We have the fall assembly in our district this fall and some of our groups are very willing to step up and help. So far, it is looking like we are on track.

Love in Service,  
Kelley M.  
-District 4 Rep.

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## District 6

It has been a busy past few months for the District, we helped with the Spring Assembly held in Idaho Falls in May. It was a great time for all who participated. We had a great committee and everyone just stepped up and helped where it was needed. The Al-anon Lunch was great and our own Jackie W. gave a great talk. It was well attended.

Our next adventure was Al-Anon Day which we hosted in June. Our theme was Opening Our Hearts Transforming our Losses. It was small, total attendance was 22 but, it seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves. We were grateful that Cecilia and her husband were able to attend. We started off with an Ice Breaker; one of the Pocatello groups hosted a panel discussion. Then we did a craft activity and made Heart Cards. Lunch was served. After lunch we had our own Sheryl W. share part of her story and she did a great job. We closed by blowing bubbles outside and letting some of our losses fly away. THANKS to all who attended. IT was a GREAT DAY.

Another great thing happening for our District is we have a new meeting in Ashton. They are officially a registered meeting and we are excited about having them. They meet every Monday night in the Senior Citizens Center @ 8:00 p.m.

We are still having our District Meeting every third Sunday with a Speaker Meeting following at the Shilo @ 11:00 a.m.

We are planning a Dessert Social in September and looking forward to our annual Holiday Social coming up in December.

Love in Service, Terrie O., District 6 Representative

### Spring Assembly

1,391.00 Raffle Receipts

40.00 Change for cash boxes

50.00 Speaker basket

92.00 Spring Assembly registration for Speaker/Spouse

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182.00 Total Expenses

1,209.00 Amount to area

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## District 7

We have completed our plans for the Fall Potluck and Speaker meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, at First United Methodist Church, 2717 12th Avenue Rd., Nampa. The theme is *Changes of Seasons*. Our speakers are Mike and Dorrie P now of Ontario and Pam A. from Meridian. Our plan is to make this an amazing event. Please mark your calendars and come and fellowship with us!

Finding people willing to accept leadership positions has been a real and pressing problem. As I move to the end of my second year as DR I have begun to look for someone who would be interested in taking my place as DR. So far I've not had any luck. We are having a similar problem finding groups interested in having a GR and people interested in GR positions. Our roaming meetings are successful, at times, in getting attendance but it hasn't translated into action. That's action on my timetable, you understand; patience not being my strong suit. Let's hope my Higher Power has another timetable!

We continue to include our Spanish Speaking groups and this last meeting welcomed a new GR Claudia for group Esperanza.

A couple of weeks ago my husband went to drop me off at my meeting in Ontario and as he was walking back to the car the GR drove up. As she got out of her car she looked for her key to the meeting place and found she had lost it. As we stood there the rest of the group showed up. NO KEY. One of our members was in the hospital and my husband said he was going to visit her as he knew her. The group took a quick inventory and decided to move the meeting to a meeting room at the hospital but to stop briefly to say hi to our stricken member. The end result was we decided to hold our meeting in her hospital room. We shut the door and as a group decided that if she had visitors we would quietly leave. My husband, who had never been to an Al-Anon meeting, asked permission to stay and it was quickly given. We had a great meeting all on the spur of the moment. Higher Power at work!

Kathy B  
District 7 DR