
Idaho AWSC Fall 2010

Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The Idaho AWSC meeting was held at the Kopper Kitchen in Boise on August 21, 2010.

Attendance

Cecilia	Chair	Barbara	District 1 Representative
Laura	Alternate Delegate	Jim	District 2 Representative
Toni	Treasurer/Web Coord	Terrie	District 6 Representative
Traci	Secretary/Dist 3 Rep	Jeanne	Al-Anon Member
Ruth	Alateen/AAPP	Paula	Al-Anon Member
Ladora	Archives	Janet	Al-Anon Member
Nancy Jo	Newsletter		

Absent

Berta	Delegate	Mike P	Literature Center Liaison
Wanda	Public Outreach	Kathy B.	District 2 Representative
Veloy	District 5 Representative	Kelley	District 4 Representative
Kathy B.	District 7 Representative		

Reports

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read from the Spring 2010 AWSC meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

2010 (to date) Profit and Loss (P&L) (see page [11](#))

Net Worth: \$10,009.22

Income: \$3780.82

Al-Anon Day - \$393.95

Spring Assembly - \$831.00 Raffle / \$697.21 Split

Expenses: \$4,458.42

Net Income: -\$677.60

Thank You to your groups for the donations!!

Riddle: Where does a fish keep its money? In a riverbank!

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

Fall Assembly Elections

Please remind your groups about the upcoming Area elections in September. The Area officers will be elected, and then will appoint the Coordinators. Job descriptions and requirements can be found online in the Area policy manual, along with resumes.

Al-Anon Day

Despite some challenges, it was a very successful day, overall.

Registration - \$597.00; Raffle - \$162; Proceeds to Area - \$393.95

Spanish Hotline (208-284-5377)

Laura will have a report on the remaining cell phone minutes at Assembly.

Fall Assembly Report

- October 8-10, 2010, Doubletree Riverside, Boise, Idaho
- Theme is “Practice These Principles In All Our Affairs
- Luncheon speaker is Magdalena E. from Seattle, & hopefully an Alateen speaker
- Friday night - 3-4 20-minute speakers, including Eilene S. from Al-Anon
- Districts are requested to bring baskets for the raffle

Coordinator Reports

Alateen/AAPP	- Have the Districts voted to approve the Sponsors currently working? - Alateen training – Aug. 27-29, Harrison, ID - Area needs to discuss and decide how long back-ground checks are good for. Can check 6 states for \$15, or nationwide for \$29 - Alateen chat room – please inform the GRs that this is available See attachment on page 14
Archives	See attachment on page 15
Website	- July had 867 unique visitors, with 1101 visits - Most viewed is Dist 3/7 meeting schedule - Please encourage groups to put group number on schedules See attachment on page 16
Literature Center	- Adding a 5% surcharge on books beginning August 20. - Average donation 2 years ago - \$500/month; currently \$300/month See attachment on page 15
Forum/Literature	Position vacant
Public Outreach	- Encourages Districts to have a presence at county fairs See attachment on page 16
Group Records	- Is still trying to figure out this position
Newsletter	- Will put out a small, 2-3 page pre-election issue in next couple weeks - Please send personal stories, district news, etc. - Last issue of the year will go out after assembly and include election results.

District Reports

- District 1 – Barbara reported; see Attachment on page [17](#)
District 2 – Jim reported for Kathy B; see Attachment on page [17](#)
District 3 – Traci reported; see Attachment on page [18](#)
District 4 – Traci read Kelley’s report; see Attachment on page [18](#)
District 5 – In Veloy’s absence, Jeane reported that the District is having elections on September 15, and is sending emails to group members to promote participation.
District 6 – Terrie reported
District 7 – Nancy Jo reported for Kathy B.; see Attachment on page [19](#)

2011 Al-Anon Day

Discussion – should the Area Al-Anon Day continue?

- Al-Anon Day has reached the end of its 7 District rotation, and now it's time to decide what to do next – has it served your purpose? Should we continue it?
- Al-Anon Day was begun to see if our Area could support its own assembly
- If we continue by rotation, it would be in District 1 for 2011, which is where Spring Assembly is.
- June 2011 – First TEAM event, in Seabeck, WA
- Should it continue, are the GRs ready to vote, or should we take a one-year hiatus?

Motion – that Area recommend to GRs to postpone Al-Anon Day for 1 year and to reevaluate at the end of that time. Second. Motion passed by majority.

Minority opinion – postponing it goes against motion from 7 years ago

REVOTE – all opposed.

*At Assembly – to GRs – should Al-Anon Day continue?
Present history and previous motion, and get the group conscience.

Hot Topics/Breakout Sessions

Selected leaders:

Topic: Getting Members Excited about Service: Nancy Jo

Topic: Attraction vs. Promotion: Laura

Topic: Conference Approved Literature-CAL: Barbara

2011 Gem State Round Up

- Al-Anon Chair needed, preferably local
- Meetings are held at Eagle & MacMillan, 7pm
- Tuesday/Friday noon has expressed interest in being involved.
- Nancy Jo volunteered to Chair.

2011 Fall Assembly

- Since Fall 2010 is in Boise, and Spring 2011 is in Coeur d'Alene, perhaps Fall 2011 should be somewhere in Districts 4/5/6?
- Logistically, it might be better to rotate 1&2 / 3&7 / 4,5,6 / 3&7 (north, central, east, central), so there aren't 12 hour drives for someone every other assembly.
- We could also rotate by odds and evens: 1, 3, 5, 7, 2, 4, 6
- A benefit to a regional split is letting Districts work together.
- Cecilia will email Kelley (District 4) regarding a bid for Twin Falls, possibly September 17th or 24th.

Delegate's Report

Read by Laura

- WSC – April 11, 2011 in Virginia Beach
- Al-Anon's 60th anniversary banquet will be held the night after Conference ends
- Ten TEAM events have been scheduled so far.

2011 Spring Assembly

- Flyers available at Fall Assembly 2010
- Ric B, Al-Anon's Executive Director, is available for this assembly as luncheon speaker and a concept workshop.
- Discussion – registration, luncheon, raffle
\$25 registration/\$15 lunch; \$30/\$20 after early registration
- Possible Agenda:
 - Business in the morning
 - Luncheon speaker
 - Workshop – Concepts
 - Evening panel – 2-3 local speakers
- Should there be an open meeting available during business? It would be more service-oriented to invite members into the business meeting.
- How do we outline the division of duties?
 - What kind of committee (or ad hoc) members do we need?
 - Will registration go to a registration chair, or?
 - Will each District open an assembly account, or will each Assembly open an account?
- Luncheon menu – Malibu chicken, \$15.95 all inclusive VOTED and APPROVED

Attachments

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Respectfully submitted,
Traci Ehlers, Area Secretary

Area World Service Committee Meeting

“Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand Our Circle of Hope”

Saturday, August 21, 2010

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.
- 10:40** Fall Assembly Elections - Cecilia
- Old Business:**
- 11:00** Al-Anon Day Recap – District 7 – Nancy Jo W.
- 11:10** Area Spanish Outreach – cell phone – Laura F.
- 11:20** **Break (15 minutes)**
- 11:35** Fall Assembly, Boise, ID; October 8-9 – Doubletree Riverside – Traci E.
(Don’t forget to bring raffle items or baskets to the fall assembly)
- 11:45** **Coordinators’ Reports** (3 minutes each & submit electronic report to Area Secretary and Area Newsletter Editor?)
Alateen/AAPP – Ruth Area Forum/Literature Coordinator – Open
Archives – Ladora B. Area Newsletter Editor – Nancy Jo W.
Area Website - Toni R. Area Group Records – Barbara V.
AIS/LDC – Mike P. (absent) Area Public Outreach –Wanda L. – (absent)
- 12:15** **Districts’ Reports** (3 minutes each & submit electronic report to Area Secretary and Area Newsletter Editor)
One: Barbara V. Three: Traci E. Five: Veloy F. (Jeanne)
Two: Kathy B. (Jim P.) Four: Kelly M. Six: Terrie O.
Seven: Kathy B. (Nancy Jo)
- New Business:**
- 12:40** 2011 Al-Anon Day – **Should the Area Al-Anon Day continue? Voting Issue**
- 12:55** **Break (15 minutes)**
- 1:10** Action Committees/Breakout Sessions for the Fall Assembly – Need Chairs
- 1. Topic** Getting Members Excited About Service Nancy Jo W.
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- 2. Topic** Attraction verses Promotion Laura F.
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- 3. Topic** Conference Approved Literature – CAL Barbara V. & ask Mike P
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- 1:25** **2011 Gem State Round Up** – Boise, Doubletree – Riverside – Cecilia S.
- 1:30** **Fall Assembly 2011 - location and date**
- 1:45** Delegate’s Report – Berta R. (absent)

2:00

2011 Spring Assembly

1. Ric B. as AFG speaker and Concept Workshop – 7th Tradition
2. Area Committee – Responsibilities; planning, key roles, etc...
 - a. Assembly Chairs?
 - b. Registration
 - c. Area Assembly money
3. Area Committee – ad hoc committees
 - a. Assembly Policy committee
 - b. Planning committee – menus, host duties, etc...

3:00

Closing – Al-Anon Declaration

Next AWSC Meetings – March 19, 2011 – Kopper Kitchen, Boise

Let it Begin with Me.

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there...and let it begin with me.**

Voting Issues for GRs at the Fall Assembly:

2011 – 2013 Area Officers

Should the Area Al-Anon Day continue?

Aug 27-29, 2010	Alateen Sponsor Training And Recovery Weekend, Coeur d'Alene
Sep 25, 2010	Serenity Speaker Cruise, Coeur d'Alene – AFG Speaker Doug B.
Sep 25, 2010	Spaghetti and Speaker, 6:00 pm, Episcopal Church, Twin Falls
Oct 8-10, 2010	Fall 2010 AA Assembly/Al-Anon Assembly, Doubletree Riverside, Boise
Mar 11-13, 2011?	NW Pockets of Enthusiasm – Mira Beau Park Hotel, Spokane Valley, WA
Mar 19, 2011	AWSC Meeting, 10-3 pm, Kopper Kitchen, Boise – affirmed
May 13-15, 2011	Spring 2011 AA Assembly/Al-Anon Convention, Idaho Falls
May 21, 2011	Spring 2011 Al-Anon Assembly, Best Western - Coeur d'Alene Inn
Jun 17-19, 2011	<u>TEAM</u> 2011, Seabeck, WA – 1 st NW TEAM Event
Jul 30 2011	AWSC Meeting, 10-3 pm, Kopper Kitchen, Boise – affirmed
Sep 24 2011?	Fall 2011 Al-Anon Assembly – voted for Twin Falls
Oct 7-9, 2011?	Fall 2011 AA Assembly – Burley, ID
May 4-6, 2012	Spring 2012 AA Assembly, Doubletree Riverside, Boise

Area Chair

Our first 2011 Spring Al-Anon Assembly (on our own) will be in district one at the Best Western - Coeur d'Alene Inn on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The facility has been officially booked. During the spring 2010 delegate's report, Berta had shared that Ric B. CEO at World Service Office (WSO) had offered to do his Concepts workshop in Idaho. After the assembly, I contacted WSO to see if Ric B. would have the weekend of May 21, available to come to Idaho. Ric B. is available and has also offered to be our Al-Anon luncheon speaker as well. At the 8/21/10 AWSC meeting, it was unanimously passed to have Ric B. do the Concepts workshop instead of the breakout sessions and to have him be our Al-Anon luncheon speaker, and to pay for his expenses. The AWSC also chose the AFG luncheon menu of Malibu Chicken. I will give an update to the Area committee and a spring assembly flyer for review and approval to be ready for the up coming 2010 fall assembly.

I received a bid from Kelley M. (District 4) for the 2011 Fall Assembly to be held at Red Lion hotel in Twin Falls. A motion was made and it passed unanimously to hold our 2011 fall assembly in Twin Falls. We had more discussion on rotation; one of the suggestions was to do a rotation that returns to the Boise and the surrounding districts, because of cost and ease of getting to the assembly. Twin Falls was a perfect compromise, because it is in district 4 and it is smack dab in the middle of the bottom of the state; plus, it was the only bid we had received. ☺ As outgoing Area Chair, I wanted to make sure next year's assemblies are in place for the incoming Chair. The Area committee decided on September 24, 2011 as the 1st choice date and September 17, 2011 as the 2nd choice date for the 2011 Fall Assembly. I hope to get the date confirmed with Red Lion in Twin Falls and request the \$500 seed money to reserve the hotel for the 2011 fall assembly.

Next year's AWSC meetings were tentatively chosen for March 19, 2011 and July 30, 2011 at Kopper Kitchen and the restaurant has been booked.

For our Fall Assembly there will be of course our elections for Area Officers for the next three year term starting on January 1, 2011. If you are interested in running for an Area officer or coordinator position, please fill out "Resume for Area Position" form which can be found on our Idaho Area website under "Reports." You can submit your Area resume to me or any other Area officer; we will have resumes at the Fall Assembly. Laura F. said she will submit to the Area Newsletter editor, Nancy Jo W., her GR Exchange handout about how to serve in Area positions with our Area resume form.

We will also have a discussion and possible vote on whether or not to continue our Area Al-Anon Day rotating throughout the state.

Love in Service;
Cecilia S.

Treasurer Report

Area Committee Meeting– August 21, 2010

Financials

All financial statements are year-to-date as of August 15, 2010.

Account Balances (see report on page 10)

Total net worth is \$10,009.22. \$2,431.53 is in checking and \$7,075.69 is in savings.

The “Seed Money and Deposits” account has \$500 for Assembly seed money and \$2.00 for the post office keys.

Profit & Loss (see report on page 11)

Income **\$3,780.82**

393.95	Al-Anon Day net income \$798.00 Income \$597.00 Registrations \$161.00 Raffle and Donation income \$364.05 Expenses which includes flyers, name tags, food, supplies, and a donation to the church.
831.00	Spring Assembly raffle income
697.21	Spring Assembly split from AA. There was no report or numbers included with the check.
250.00	District 3 donation
25.00	District 7 donation
1,545.15	Group donations
32.00	Member donations
6.51	Interest from the savings account
\$3,780.82	Total Income

Thank you to the districts, groups, and members who donated. Thank you to District 7 for the Al-Anon Day income and the detailed report.

Expenses **\$4,458.42**

-2,406.17	Spring Assembly and \$377.74 Fall Assembly airline fare
-779.19	March AWSC meeting and part of the August meeting
-58.91	Archives - binders and postage
-40.64	Alternative Delegate - copies
-113.92	Delegate - Friday night hotel for World Service Conference
-13.34	Secretary - envelopes and stamps
-54.16	Treasurer - copies, stamps, receipt book
-5.95	Assembly literature to replenish free pamphlets
-19.25	Bank charge to print more checks
-966.89	Delegate expenses to attend the NWR Delegate meeting
(\$4,458.42)	Total

Net Income of -\$677.60

Group Donations (see page 12)

The Group Donations report is listed by District and then group number. Year to date donations from the groups is \$1,545.15 (this matches the P&L) I attached a Group Donations Trends by Quarter for your analysis amusement. Please thank your groups for their continued support. The group donation receipts are in the DR's mail folder. If a group's donation is missing or incorrect, please let me know.

Budget (see page 13 for the budget report)

The budget is included for your information with updated expenses. This does not need approval since it was approved at the Spring 2010 Assembly.

Items that are over budget

Actual	Budgeted	Over	Comments
2,406.17	2,200.00	\$206.17	AWSC Assemblies; The Actual is Spring plus a \$377.74 Fall airline ticket. We can expect to be quite a bit over after Fall Assembly. See comparisons in the <i>Assembly Analysis of AWSC Expenses</i> report below.
19.25	12.00	7.95	Printing of checks increased

Assembly Analysis of AWSC Expenses

	Spring 2010 Pocatello	Fall 2009 Sun Valley	Spring 2009 Idaho Falls	Fall 2008 Boise	Spring 2008 Ontario
Total	2,028.43	1,703.17	1,703.17	745.42	1,412.65
Average	225.38	212.90	212.90	93.18	201.81
Maximum	455.74	421.45	421.45	221.48	518.97
Minimum	130.39	83.00	83.00	15.00	80.58
Count	9	8	5	8	7

2010 Account Balances

AI-Anon Area 13

August 15, 2010

		Totals
Bank Accounts		
Checking	2,431.53	
Savings ⁽¹⁾	7,075.69	
TOTAL Bank Accounts		9,507.22
Cash Accounts		
Cash Account	0.00	
TOTAL Cash Accounts		<u>0.00</u>
Asset Accounts⁽²⁾		
Assembly	500.00	
Newsletter Reserve		
Seed Money and Deposits	2.00	
TOTAL Asset Accounts		<u>502.00</u>
Net Worth		<u><u>\$10,009.22</u></u>

Footnotes

¹ The savings account earns interest. Money sits here until it is needed for the checking account to pay invoices.

These are assets because we eventually get this money back. Assets include:

² Spring 2011 Assembly seed money
Newsletter Reserve gives visibility to the money given to the Newsletter Editor until it is expensed.
\$2 deposit on Post Office box keys

2010 YTD Profit and Loss

AI-Anon Area 13

August 15, 2010

	Details	SubTotal	Total
Income			
AI-Anon Day		393.95	
Spring Assembly		1,528.21	
Raffle	831.00		
Split	697.21		
Donations		1,852.15	
District 3	250.00		
District 7	25.00		
Group	1,545.15		
Member	32.00		
Interest		6.51	
Total Income			<u>3,780.82</u>
Expenses			
AWSC Meeting Expenses		-3,185.36	
Assemblies	-2,406.17		
Committee Meetings	-779.19		
Coordinators		-58.91	
Archives	-58.91		
Officers		-222.06	
Alternate Delegate	-40.64		
Delegate	-113.92		
Secretary	-13.34		
Treasurer	-54.16		
Operating Expenses		-992.09	
Assembly Literature	-5.95		
Bank Charge	-19.25		
NWR Delegate Meeting	-966.89		
Total Expenses			<u>-4,458.42</u>
Net Income			<u><u>-677.60</u></u>

2010 YTD Group Donations

Al-Anon Area 13

August 15, 2010

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Donation</u>
District 1	30528834 Serenity Seekers	16.15
	31958 Serenity Matters	32.20
	40751 Afternoon Delight AFG	50.00
	502355 Freedom Group	19.00
	62434 Friday Noon AFG	64.00
	67210 Bonners Ferry AFG	35.00
District 2	3384 Kendrick AFG	75.00
	3388 Lewis-Clark AFG	36.00
	3394 Moscow AFG	100.00
	48023 Wed Night	41.36
District 3	31241 Adult Children	20.00
	3345 Steps To Serenity	21.98
	500569 Fri Night Fireside	5.00
	502539 Thu Eagle Noon	144.37
	502795 Friday Noon Five Mile	25.41
	504118 Wed Collister	50.00
	61227 Mon/Wed Noon	157.00
	62315 Sunday Early Birds	143.78
	65838 Saturday AM Spiritual AFG	73.90
66020 Garden Valley AFG	10.00	
District 4	24707 Filer Tue Night	70.00
	35113 Fri Buhl Serenity Seekers	45.00
	48100 Experience, Strength, & Hope	50.00
	62173 Get a Life Al-Anon	
District 5	30788 Friday Out To Lunch AFG	37.00
	36305 Turn Around AFG	70.00
	44344 Wed Wild Bunch	15.00
District 6	Dist 6 3376 Mon Night Step Study	20.00
	503388 Just For Today	25.00
District 7	43373 Monday Beginners	18.00
	46331 Noon Serenity AFG	50.00
	62297 Safe & Sound	10.00
	63168 Just For Today	15.00
	Total Group Donations	<u>1,545.15</u>

Thank you for your generous donations!

Al-Anon Area 13 – 2010 Budget – Approved at Spring Assembly 5/15/2010

Budget Item	2010		2009		2008		2007		2006 Actual	2005 Actual
	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Approved		
<u>AWSC Meeting Expenses</u>										
Assemblies	2,406.17	2,200.00	2,558.51	3,000.00	2,158.07	3,080.00	2,461.34	2,640.00	2,138.08	1,487.75
Committee Meetings	779.19	1,300.00	1,293.31	900.00	857.55	1,530.00	544.09	1,100.00	810.25	769.32
<u>Coordinators</u>										
Alateen/AAPP		40.00		40.00		40.00	16.79	40.00		
Archives	58.91	80.00	112.13	80.00	45.41	80.00	85.35	40.00	63.72	15.40
Forum/Literature		20.00	-11.00	20.00	22.00	20.00	1.70	80.00	1.84	
Group Records		20.00		20.00		20.00	6.75	40.00	2.04	5.24
Literature Center										
Liaison		20.00		20.00		20.00		20.00		
Newsletter		75.00	151.24	0.00	370.89	371.00		500.00	250.00	
Public Outreach		40.00		40.00		40.00		120.00		60.85
Website		20.00		20.00		20.00	76.93	40.00		
<u>Officers</u>										
Alternate Delegate	40.64	50.00	20.00	20.00		20.00		40.00		
Delegate	113.92	600.00		600.00	125.00	600.00	735.79	600.00	560.51	232.51
Chair		40.00	11.32	40.00	19.50	40.00	22.09	80.00	71.75	6.50
Secretary	13.34	40.00		40.00		40.00	19.08	40.00	5.99	17.89
Treasurer	54.16	135.00	74.69	100.00	96.85	60.00	96.44	60.00	48.38	213.24
<u>Operating Expenses</u>										
Assembly Literature	5.95	40.00	6.42	40.00	35.09	25.00	21.52	50.00	24.75	21.66
Background Checks		125.00	61.05	125.00	122.63	250.00	75.00	750.00		
Bank Charges	19.25	12.00		20.00	-31.04	40.00	81.33	70.00	14.94	
Equalizer Expense		2,060.00	1,834.00	1,990.00	1,890.00	2,261.00	1,959.00	1,698.00	1,698.00	1,100.00
Financial Review		0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
NWR Delegate										
Meeting	966.89	1,000.00	699.28	800.00	1,078.50	1,200.00	375.81	1,000.00	635.20	668.60
PO Box Rental		68.00	44.00	42.00	42.00	40.00	40.00			
Public Outreach		150.00		150.00		150.00		300.00		
Spanish Hotline		50.00	100.00	100.00		200.00	283.59	200.00		
Website Domain Name		0.00	29.85	29.85						
Website Hosting		0.00	166.80	166.80		0.00	166.80	245.00	166.80	
Totals	4,458.42	8,185.00	7,251.60	8,503.65	6,932.45	10,247.00	9,044.26	9,753.00	6,492.25	4,598.96
<u>Seed Money/Deposits</u>										
Al-Anon Day		150.00		150.00	150.00	150.00		150.00		237.50

Delegate Report

It is with great sadness that I am delivering this via note and not in person.

I want to thank all of you for being an important part of my recovery for the past 3 years. I am very proud to serve our fellowship with each one of you.

As I write this I can visualize each one of you seated around the table, your smiling faces, and your welcoming hugs!

Preparations have begun for the 2011 World Service Conference which will be held the week of April 11th, 2011 in Virginia Beach. The theme will be:

EXPANDING OUR COMMUNITY OF HOPE BY EMBRACING:

YESTERDAY'S FOUNDATIONS

TODAY'S SUCCESSES

TOMORROW'S POSSIBILITIES

I recently spoke with a Trustee to give input regarding a Leadership Workshop at the 2011 conference.

Al-Anon Family Groups will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary in 2011. The World Service office is planning a banquet dinner on Saturday, April 16th, at the Virginia Convention Center. The event is being held the day after conference so those attending the conference may want to include this in their plans.

There have been 10 TEAM events (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) scheduled so far with the World Service Office. I have been told by the New Mexico and Utah delegates (where the last two events were held) that they were a smashing success.

Once Again thanks to all of you on this panel for working together for the good of Al-Anon. And as we practice Step 11, remember to include your next service position in the request..... and if life throws you a curve ball when you are trying to decide your next service opportunity..... Let HP swing the bat! You may have to stand in the outfield a while.... But you will know!

Love to all,

Berta

Oh..... P.S..... Happy Birthday Cecilia!!!

Alateen/AAPP

District Vote to Approve Sponsors—just a reminder for each district to have GRs_vote (at district) to approve or disapprove current Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) based on whether the person is an active member of Al-Anon, is known to the district, and appears to be a good choice to work with children. This is an important fail-safe measure to prevent someone unknown or questionable from becoming certified.

Alateen Sponsor Training 2010—Aug 27-29 in Harrison, ID, on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The Washington Area hosted this event last year. Six Idaho members last year. In 2011, this event will be back in the Seattle area, so take advantage of it being in Idaho. Tell all your Alateen Sponsors, or anyone who wants to know more about Alateen, to register soon. Space is limited.

Follow-up/ How long are background checks valid—need an Area process on how long background checks are valid. Some areas are asking for new background checks each term—every 3 years. Others are not. This may be an issue to discuss in the next term.

Nation-wide background checks—for an additional cost. Should we put the new FBI-type background checks in place. If so, we need to apply to the Idaho State Police as an "Agency." Each person wanting a background check would sign the Waiver Agreement and send a new fingerprint card to the ISP (or be fingerprinted at the ISP in Meridian). The ISP then sends the fingerprints to the FBI and a nationwide criminal record check is done in 5-7 days. Results are sent directly to the agency contact person with any criminal record info listed. This type of background check would cost \$29.25/person, plus \$5.00 for fingerprinting. The ISP requests that no check be

sent by the individual. Instead, they will bill the agency monthly (the FBI bills them monthly). The agency is required to keep individual volunteer Waiver Agreements on file, as long as stated its agreement with the ISP.

Alateen Chat Room—WSO has offered Alateen Chat rooms to each area. We now have an Idaho chat room. Please announce at Alateen meetings that this will be available Sunday nights at 9:00pm MT. We still could use a few more certified AMIAS volunteers to serve as Alateen chat room sponsors, mostly as back-up. Alateens need to register with the WSO in advance before they can access the site. Once registered, the kids can join any Alateen meeting in the U.S. or Canada. Districts without Alateen meetings can offer this meeting to interested teenagers.

Thank you for letting me serve the Alateen groups in Idaho this term. It has been a privilege. I so appreciate everyone involved in Alateen service.

Enthusiastically yours,

Ruth Blaha

Idaho Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP

Archives

Summer has cooled down any Archives organization or re-organization. Our little committee will meet again soon to decide what to do next.

As our Spring Assembly will be in Northern Idaho, I'm asking the District 1 Archives Coordinator to share with a table display what has been saved and organize a show and tell. And, it will save me from having to bring so many boxes.

Literature Center

Board-

- We continue to seek a fourth board member for this year, and two current board members will be finishing their terms at the end of this year. So in total, we're looking for 3 new board members (1 immediately, 2 in CY11.)

Financials-

- The literature center has fallen below our self-established equity of \$10K - through July, we're losing on average ~\$300 / month.

- Key drivers: decreased group donations and increased expenses. More analysis is required to provide a more detailed explanation, but in short, group cup donations have steadily decreased over the last two years, averaging approximately \$500 / mo. two years ago to \$300 / month this year, and operating expenses have increased. Less coming in, more going out. We're not in danger quite yet; we are becoming concerned, though, so considering options.

- First, a 5% surcharge will be added to the price of all books, beginning August 20; we're also planning to send a letter to groups to please consider increasing literature center donations (pending approval). Next, we'll be looking to understand expense drivers.

- Financial reports are provided to district meetings and are also available upon request.

Public Outreach

Here it is at the last of my term as public outreach. How time flies when you are having fun. This will be my last report, makes me sad. I know that all good things have to end. I have enjoyed my term for the last 3 years and can't believe it will end in December. I have enjoyed working with the Districts also. Done a great deal of growing also.

I do want to still encourage all Districts to think about doing the Fair as it is a great opportunity to get the word out to the public, invite AA to help. If not this year hopefully in the near future. Get the neighboring Districts to help you also.

There will be a lot to be announced around the holidays, as their always has been, seems to be the norm. I have been thinking, now that we are on our own, hopefully, that the coordinators can do workshops at the Assemblies in the future, just a thought.

Use your newspaper for meetings, if your paper does daily announcements, in the section that does announcements most of the time it will be free. USE IT. It is a great tool and you can use it for other announcements also.

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Wanda

Website

Website Statistics

I receive website statistics from iPower our website host. Here are some numbers for July:

867 unique visitors

1,101 is the number of visits by the unique visitors

The webpages most viewed are: meeting schedules for District 3 & 7, glossary, hope, events, 12 steps, and District 1 meeting schedules

Meeting Schedules

I continue to update meeting schedules as they are made available from individual districts.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni R.

Website Coordinator

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District 1

We're almost to the end of our term as Area and district committees. It has been quite an adventure in North Idaho. We've learned to ask for help and delegate and accept and be grateful.

We have had some fabulous fundraisers. The latest was a guessing chance that could get you a piece of literature of your choice. The runner-up won a Forum subscription. Sue O. made over 500 pieces of paper with different slogans, put them in a jar then brought it to meetings and had members guess. Each guess cost a dollar. We suggested the meetings use the slogans at the end of the event for meeting topics. We made \$140. Last Spring we had the Sponsorship Conference. It was more a learning event than a fundraiser. It was the best day many of us had, maybe ever. Last Fall was the 1st Serenity Cruise and September 25th will be our next speaker cruise. Please join us on Lake Coeur d'Alene for a sunset cruise with Randy S from Hayden Lake and Doug from Twin Falls.

We did have a preliminary Assembly planning meeting. We are all very excited about having the State Al-Anon Assembly here in Coeur d'Alene next May. Sandpoint had a great showing of 6 of the 12 members there! We will need help with decorations, raffle, registration, greeting, archives and literature. Please plan on attending this and the October Assembly. We will be voting in new Area officers and coordinators October 8-10, 2010. We will car pool at 8am in hopes to make the welcome meeting.

I want to thank Lori M and Barbara K for their outreach efforts to the community and their continued support of the program.

I'm sad to be near the end of my term. I'm sure God will have more wonderful adventures to challenge me, more people to meet, more concepts to learn. I want to thank the officers for making this a great 3 years. Thank you for all your hard work.

Yours in service,

Barbara V

District 2

District 2 is meeting every fourth Thurs at 7 PM. We meet 1/2 hr earlier to study a Concept.

Our district consists of 9 meetings. One in Colfax, 1 in Pullman, 2 in Moscow, 2 in Lewiston, 1 in Clarkston, 1 in Juliaetta, and 1 in Grangeville. Some meetings are very small but still have people stepping up for service.

Our public outreach meets every 3rd Wednesday. Presently, we are looking into a game night fund raiser in September. In May we had a booth at a Health Fair in Grangeville. In June the Lewiston Tribune published an article in their quarterly health magazine *Balance* about Al-anon in our area. The reporter came to a couple of outreach meetings and interviewed members for the article. It was done anonymously and had great reviews.

Berta, our Idaho delegate and district 2 member, went to Nampa in June for *Al-anon Days*. She presented her rap song to "*Hands and Arms for Service*". Thank you for representing us Berta!

We had our annual *Al-anon camp out* in May on the Salmon River. It was well attended by both Al-anon and AA members, and gives many AA members an opportunity to attend their first Al-anon meetings. At the end of July our district put on a '*4th Step; Blueprint for Progress*' workshop at a members cabin in the woods. It was a great success with all day meetings, walks and of course eating.

Gratefully yours in Service,
Kathy

District 3

District-wide, we're gearing up for elections. We'll be electing District officers at the September 16 meeting, and most of the groups are planning to have GR elections early enough to bring incoming GRs to Assembly. It's a great opportunity, since it's in Boise this fall.

We had a Summer Social August 14 at Veterans Memorial park. This was a new event planned and put on by a couple of the groups. It was a very laid-back, family-friendly affair, and all that I've talked to really enjoyed it. It will likely be on the list of things to do again next year. With Fall right around the corner, we're gearing up for the Chili-Feed, which will be held this year in conjunction with the Friday night speaker meeting on October 1st, and Monday-Wednesday noon is already working on a date and location for the annual Lasagna dinner.

A closed meeting for patients in the VA rehab program began in February, but was suspended in mid-July because it was not doing what the VA had hoped. It was suggested that perhaps we could start a regular meeting at the VA that is open to the general public, which might attract families of Veterans, but it's still in the "being talked about" phase.

District 3 held its August meeting last night, and I had the realization that, since we don't meet in November, there are only 3 left in my term! Where did the time go?

Love in Service,
Traci E.

District 4

Happy greetings from District 4,

Our district is doing pretty good still. We have 1 Alateen meeting, 10 English and 1 Spanish meeting going in our district. We have 2 meetings that are really growing big... Wednesday Noon Group in Ketchum and Filer Tuesday Night in Filer. Both have had up to 30-35+ in attendance still.

Walker Center has been going great. A few of our groups take turns going there to host the Family night meeting. I am very happy with our district for making this a great experience to the families of the Walker Center patients.

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. She has a few members helping her...together they are getting the word out about Al-Anon in our district.

We have had our first fund raiser for the summer in July and August. We had a No-Bake Bake Sale. We have raised about \$200. In September, we are going to have our 4th Annual Spaghetti and Speaker fund raiser. Our speakers are Kate S. from AA and Kate C. from Al-Anon. We are also working on having a newcomer and public outreach workshop. Not sure when it will be yet.

Thank you for letting me of service,
Kelley M.
-District 4 Rep.

District 7

We are having our district meeting on Sept 18 to elect a new district rep.

Al-Anon Days was a god deal and we could see him working there. We were able to give the Area Committee the \$393.95

The Ontario noon group is struggling with low attendance. God will work in this group and show them how to proceed.

The Ontario noon group is doing well.

The Nampa 12 x 12 group is growing. Thursday night attendance has grown to 12 to 15, the Tuesday night meeting goes up and down.

The Middleton group is growing and seems to be making changes. Planning on getting registered with WSO. Hope to hear from the Spanish group at the district meeting in September.

Working at having a district family picnic soon, tried for Aug or Sept but too much going on right now.

Kathy B will be returning in October in time for the Fall Assembly.

Gratefully yours in service,

Nancy Jo