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# Idaho AWSC 2010 Spring

## Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The Idaho AWSC meeting was held at the Kopper Kitchen in Boise on March 27, 2010.

### Attendance

Cecilia	Chair	Kelley	District 4 Representative
Berta	Delegate	Veloy	District 5 Representative
Laura	Alternate Delegate	Terrie	District 6 Representative
Toni	Treasurer/Web Coord	Kathy	District 7 Representative
Traci	Secretary/Dist 3 Rep	Debbie	Al-Anon Member
Ruth	Alateen/AAPP	Jeanne	Al-Anon Member
Ladora	Archives	Paula	Al-Anon Member
Marje	Literature Center Liaison	Nancy Jo	Al-Anon Member
Wanda	Public Outreach	Garren	AA Area 18 Chair
Barbara	District 1 Representative	Jo	AA Area 18 Treasurer
Kathy	District 2 Representative	Jeannie	Visitor
		Eddie	Visitor

### Absent

Heidi	Literature/Forum	Mike P	Literature Center Liaison
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### Reports

#### Secretary's Report

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

#### Treasurer's Report

Went through closing balances for 2009.

2009 Profit and Loss (P&L) (see page 13)

\$7018.29 income, \$7251.60 expenses, net income -\$233.31. Toni quickly explained each line item.

*Where can you buy a ruler 3 feet long? At a yard sale!*

2010 P&L (year to date)

\$650.82 income, \$1341.71 expenses, net income -\$680.89.

Net worth: \$9995.93

Budget – proposed 2010 to be approved by Assembly. (See page 21)

AWSC Meeting Expenses – lowered Assemblies to \$2200 because one is in Boise; raised Committee Mtgs to \$1300 to match actual 2009 expenses.

Website Hosting – Line item for \$0; this is paid every other year.

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

## **Area AA & Al-Anon Q & A**

(Idaho Area 18 AA Chair, Garren T.)

Laura read the letter sent from Cecilia to Idaho Area 18 AA.

- Area 18 very much wants our presence at assembly. Spring 2011 assembly chair (Idaho Falls) contacted him with questions about our involvement in assembly.

- Suggested contacting the Al-Anon district in which the assembly will be held.

- It was pointed out that attendance will likely drop since the GRs aren't paid to attend.

- The AA assembly guidelines are "really alcoholic" – sometimes contradictory. There seem to be 2 ways to handle the financial end. 1. AA pays every expense and keeps all proceeds. 2. Al-Anon does its registration separately, pays its own expenses, and is responsible for any losses. Currently, neither way is being followed: AA handles registration, pays all expenses, & gives Al-Anon a % of net profit equal to the % of Al-Anon attendance.

- Raffle – discussion about raffle proceeds & whether it is breaking traditions by taking outside contributions. (Currently, all raffle \$ goes to Al-Anon, and is a sizeable portion of our AWSC budget)

- In District 1, Al-Anon contacts AA (Washington) and attends planning meetings. Last assembly, they just had literature in the lobby; during the previous assembly, they had open Al-Anon meetings.

- In District 2, Al-Anon had a room for open meetings, but people who came (from the District) did not register.

- It's important to remember that whatever happens next doesn't have to be the way it is from here on out. This will be very fluid and changing.

- Part of our issue with separating is to become completely responsible for ourselves and to be fully self-supporting.

- So often we work on tradition – how we did it once is how it is from now on.

- If participation is left up to each District, a clear understanding of financial responsibility is paramount. If the District is 100% responsible for all costs, can the Al-Anon participation cover it?

- In certain locations, two Districts could work together.

- Is it possible for someone in District 6 (Idaho Falls) to be in contact with the AA Assembly Chair, & to keep the communication open? (Fall 2011 – Burley)

- Next AA Area meeting is August 15, 10am, Room 276 of the Taylor Building, College of Southern Idaho.

## **Area Alateen**

Ruth is working to update the Area requirements, to better reflect our actual process. Hopefully it will be on the agenda for a GR vote at Assembly. Sponsors need to be recertified by June 1, 2010.

WSO conference call focused on recertification process. Some topics:

How long are background checks valid?

How long should we hold onto records?

Sponsors not currently active in a meeting can stay on the active certified list.

Who should have a list of certified sponsors? DRs, Literature Center

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

Laura reported that the cell phone has 460 minutes remaining. She has emailed Lupita, but has not yet received a reply.

Ad hoc committee update – the Area policy and procedure manual should be updated to mention the cell phone, so that it's a little more official. Where is the accountability?

## **Area Twitter**

The person in charge of the Twitter account, and sending the tweets, is not an AWSC member, so how does the AWSC get updated? Should this be part of Public Outreach, and overseen by the PO Coordinator? Is this still a good idea, or are there too many potential problems?

## **Spring Assembly Report**

- May 14-16, 2010, Red Lion, Pocatello, Idaho
- 32 AA / 12 Al-Anons registered
- Please tell members to check a meal preference if they register for the banquet
- Putting together a notebook for the next Assembly chair
- AA skit Friday night
- Lunch and dinner – table service; breakfast – buffet
- Requesting baskets for the raffle
- Theme is “Pathways to Unity”

## **Coordinator Reports**

Alateen/AAPP	See page 2, and attachment on page <a href="#">22</a>
Archives	Two inquiries for group history/minutes. Temporary archives committee staying busy. See attachment on page <a href="#">23</a>
Website	Current event flyers, updated schedules, forms, etc. See attachment on page <a href="#">25</a>
Literature Center	Two new board members – Mike P. & Barb. See attachment on page <a href="#">24</a>
Forum/Literature	Absent
Public Outreach	Movie about Lois W. April 25. WSO and AA have worked with Hallmark to ensure authenticity. See attachment on page <a href="#">24</a>
Group Records	Barbara V. volunteered for this position through the end of 2010 <a href="#">ForumLiterature</a>
Newsletter	Nancy Jo volunteered for this position.

\*Both volunteers were appointed by the Area Committee.

## **District Reports**

- District 1 – Barbara reported; see Attachment on page [25](#)
- District 2 – Kathy B. reported; see Attachment on page [26](#)
- District 3 – Traci reported; see Attachment on page [27](#)
- District 4 – Kelly reported; see Attachment on page [27](#)
- District 5 – Veloy reported; see Attachment on page [28](#)
- District 6 – Terrie reported; see Attachment on page [28](#)
- District 7 – Kathy B. reported; see Attachment on page [29](#)

All reports will be sent to the Newsletter Coordinator for publication.

## **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
- Friday night speaker is Eilene S. (15 minute talk)
- Volunteers from other districts probably would be awesome, especially for registration, but we’re not quite ready to put out an APB!
- District are requested to bring baskets for the raffle

### **Al-Anon Day**

June 26, 2010, 8:30-3:30, United Methodist Church, Nampa  
 Kathy handed out flyers to the DRs. The theme is “Build a Perfect Al-Anon”. Each District was given a “body part” to represent at the event with a skit, panel, readings, etc. Pre-register before May 15.

### **Action Committees**

Selected leaders:

Topic: Crosstalk	Leader: Paula N.
Topic: Outreach	Leader: Wanda S.
Topic: Alateen	Leader: Ruth B.

### **Gem State Round Up**

August 6-8, 2010, Doubletree Riverside, Boise, Idaho  
 Cecilia S. is the Al-Anon Chair  
 Anyone who is willing to help, please let her know.

### **Al-Anon Assemblies “On Our Own”**

How do we present this to the GRs?

- Rotation of hosting duties – divide state into 3 regions instead of 7 districts.
- Set dates for 2011 and have those as a trial.
- Do we need 2 per year?
- District 1 volunteers to host Spring 2011, as a one-day event.
- Monetarily, is District 1 the best option for the first time?
- Not every group may be able to afford it, but if enough time is given, arrangements can be made – ride sharing, room sharing, etc.
- Districts 1 and 2 have never hosted an assembly.
- Al-Anon Day - have we decided to do away with it? It will be on the Assembly agenda as a discussion item.
- Is another District willing to host the first one?
- Al-Anon Day was originated as a test to see if we could do an assembly on our own.
- Some states meet every year in the same location – where IS central Idaho? Riggins? McCall?
- Three regions – Districts 1 & 2 / District 3, 4 & 7 / District 5 & 6
- Salmon, Idaho – in central part of state & has space to accommodate it.
- Since a District has volunteered, we need to remember that it doesn’t mean we do it there from now on.

- We need to start somewhere.

Motion: To hold the Spring 2011 Assembly in District 1. Passed unanimously.

- Policy & procedure manual needs to be updated.
- Some sort of minimum requirements documents needs to be created for hosting Districts.
- Define, again, Assembly & Convention
- Have copies of the Idaho map with the Districts outlined.
- Tentative dates: April 29-May 1, or May 20-22, 2011, dependent on facility availability. District 1 will work to have a date set by Assembly in May 2010
- Remind the GRs that while District 1 is hosting, the AWSC is planning
- District 1 will put together a couple of options for the AWSC to vote on
- Getting feedback from GRs towards future planning is important – more breakouts, ask it basket, skits?
- AWSC is the planning body
- Page 64 of the service manual: *Assembly: The Area Assembly, composed of all the GRs in the Area, convenes at least every three years to elect a Delegate and other Assembly officers. Other Area business is conducted at regular Assembly meetings called by the Area Chairperson.*

To be presented at Assembly in Pocatello:

Dates and Location

3 Regions in state for “rotation”

Proposals for Fall 2011 accepted.

Likely, any decision about Al-Anon Day will be pushed out to Fall Assembly 2010. Kathy will have an accounting from 2010 and will present how it went.

### **Alternate Delegate Report**

Laura is putting together the GR exchange, and will present information about the decisions made by the AWSC and its role.

### **Delegate’s Report**

WSC – April 11-14 in Virginia Beach.

Love gifts can be sent to: (The hotel will not accept any packages before April 7)

Berta Ruark (Hold for WSC 4/11 -4/15, 2010)

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront

5700 Atlantic Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

## **Dates**

Spring Assembly - May 14-16, 2010, Pocatello  
Al-Anon Day - June 26, 2010, Nampa  
Gem State Roundup - August 8-10, 2010, Boise  
AWSC Meeting - August 21, 2010, Boise  
Fall Assembly - October 8-10, 2010, Boise

## **Attachments**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Traci E.  
Secretary

## Area World Service Committee Meeting

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

**Saturday, March 27, 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 3

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** Area AA & Al-Anon Question & Answer Session – AA Area Chair Garren T.

### Old Business:

**11:00** Area Alateen – Ruth B.

**11:10** Area Spanish Outreach – cell phone – Laura F.

**11:20** **Break (15 minutes)**

**11:35** Spring Assembly, Pocatello, ID; May 14 - 16 – Red Lion – Veloy F.

**11:45** Coordinators’ Reports (3 minutes each & submit electronic report to Area Secretary and Area Newsletter Editor?)

Alateen/AAPP – Ruth                      Area Forum/Literature Coordinator – Heidi W. (absent)

Archives – Ladora B.                      Area Newsletter Editor – New Nancy Jo W.

Area Website - Toni R.                      Area Group Records – New Barbara V.

AIS/LDC – Mike P. (Marje K.)                      Area Public Outreach –PI, CPC, Institutions – Wanda

**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. Seven: Kathy B.

Two: Kathy B.                      Four: Kelly M.                      Six: Terrie O.

### New Business:

**12:40** Fall Assembly 2010 – Boise – Oct 9-11 - District 3 – Traci E.

**12:55** 2010 Al-Anon Day – 6-12-10 - District 7 – Kathy B.

**1:05** **Break (15 minutes)**

**1:20** Action Committees/Breakout Sessions for the Spring Assembly

**1. Topic** Crosstalk

**2. Topic** Outreach

**3. Topic** Alateen

**1:30** **Gem State Round Up** – Boise, Doubletree – Riverside 8/6 – 8/8 – Cecilia S., Chair

**1:40** “On our own” Al-Anon Assemblies – How to present

**2:10** Alternate Delegate Report – Laura F. – G.R. Exchange

**2:20** Delegate’s Report – Berta R.

**3:00** **Closing – Al-Anon Declaration**

**Next AWSC Meetings – August 21, 2010 – Kopper Kitchen, Boise**

**Voting Issues for GRs at the Spring Assembly:  
Al-Anon Assembly Options**

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## Area Chairperson

Greetings Area Members:

Our BIG news is of course our 2009 Fall Assembly - Sun Valley vote; our group representatives made a motion and voted with substantial unanimity (2/3 vote) to remove the Idaho Area Al-Anon Business Meeting from the A.A. Area assemblies. We felt strongly as an Area, we have a commitment to be present for the 2010 Spring and Fall A.A. Assemblies and plan to hold our first Idaho Area Al-Anon Spring Assembly separate from A.A. in 2011. The Area World Service Committee (AWSC) has been in close contact with AA; and for the first time, we had AA Area Committee members who attended our Al-Anon AWSC meeting in Boise on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2010. AA's presence was well-received and enlightening to hear their perspective on their finances and their AA guidelines on cooperation with Al-Anon.

At this same Area Committee meeting, the Area Committee Members discussed and chose the dates and the location of our first Al-Anon Assembly on our own. So I'm pleased to announce our first Al-Anon Assembly will be in district one at the Best Western - Coeur d'Alene Inn on Saturday, May 21, 2011. When the Area Committee finished with the discussion and their final vote, I had an "ah - ha" moment; we, as an Al-Anon Area, had for the first time planned our own Area Assembly. ☺

We also had two open positions on the Area Committee which was Area Newsletter Coordinator and Area Group Records. We received two members who were willing to serve in these positions. Our new Area Newsletter Coordinator is Nancy Jo W. from Nampa and our new Area Group Records Coordinator is Barbara V. from Coeur d'Alene.

We will have three breakout sessions during the Spring Assembly in Pocatello;

1. "Crosstalk" chaired by Paula N.
2. "Outreach" chaired by Wanda L.
3. "Alateen" chaired by Ruth B.

Each breakout session leader(s) will be giving a written report for the Area Newsletter on the highlights of what was discussed in their groups.

Our Spring Assembly will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Pocatello on May 14 - 16, 2010 and our Fall Assembly will be at the Doubletree - Riverside in Boise on October 8 - 10, 2010. Spring and 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."

Next Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting will be on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at Kopper Kitchen in Boise.

Also on a closing note, I'm looking for volunteers who are going to the Gem State Round Up on August 6 - 8 in Boise at the Doubletree - Riverside Hotel who are willing to lead a meeting or workshop. You can reach me at 208-762-8763.

Love in Service;  
Cecilia S.

## Financials

There are two sets of financial statements. One is for 2009 through December 31, 2009 and the other is for year-to-date as of March 21, 2010.

## 2009 Financials

The 2009 statements are provided for you to have information for year to year comparisons. I will go over the income and expenses since the Fall Assembly through December 31. You can see some of this detail on the back of the Profit and Loss statement in the form of footnotes.

See page 12 for *2009 Account Balances*, page 13 for *2009 Profit and Loss*, and page 15 for *2009 Group Donations*.

### Income October 10 through December 31

1,250.00	Raffle net income
	1,500.00 gross income
	-9.53 for raffle tickets
	-235.65 for raffle chair assembly expenses
	127.65 Hotel for raffle chair
	40.00 gas for raffle chair; planning meetings and assembly
	68.00 meals for raffle chair
	-4.82 partial expense of duffle bag donated by District 4
1,300.62	Our split received from AA for the 2009 Fall Assembly. The calculation was based on 18% Al-Anon attendance. There were 387 total registrations and 70 were Al-Anon registrations for a percent of 18%. 181 paid for the Al-Anon luncheon. The check was received within the timeframe of the AA guidelines. Thank you to Kelley for giving AA the address to mail the check. AA provided a detailed income and expense report
48.00	District 1 Donation
616.31	Group donations
32.00	Member donation
4.77	Interest from savings account
3,251.70	Total income for the time period

### Expenses October 10 through December 31

\$1,397.34	AWSC Assembly expenses
32.98	Archive Coordinator binders
20.00	Alternate Delegate copies for Assembly
11.32	Chairperson paper for Assembly and mailings to AA
28.13	Treasurer copies for Assembly and stamps
31.05	Background checks
44.00	PO box rental for Nov 2009 through October 2010

50.00	Spanish hotline prepaid minutes through 12/14/2010
19.90	Website domain name for 2009 and 2011
<u>166.80</u>	Website hosting for 2009 and 2011
1,801.52	Total expenses for the time period

### **Net Income**

The net income for 2009 was minus 233.31.

### **Budget**

The budget is included for your information with updated expenses on page 17. This does not need approval since it was approved at the Spring 2009 Assembly. The items over budget include the Committee Meetings, the newsletter, and the PO Box rental.

The Committee meeting budget was based on prior year's expenses. A coordinator traveled from northern Idaho which caused the biggest variance.

The newsletter expense was reconciling the \$370.89 given to the Editor in 2008 and what was returned in 2009. In the future this expense will not show until the editor incurs an actual expense. Any seed money will show on the account balances as an asset until it is expensed.

The PO Box rental was \$44 instead of the \$42 budgeted

### **Group Donation Trend**

See page 16 to see the giving trend of group donations by quarter for the years 2007, 2008, and 2009. We have had pretty consistent donations for the three years.

### **Riddle**

Where can you buy a ruler that is 3 feet long? At a yard sale!

## **2010 Financials**

### **Account Balances**

See page 18 for the *2010 Account Balances* report.

Total net worth is \$9,995.93. \$2,424.75 is in checking and \$7,569.18 is in savings.

The "Seed Money and Deposits" account has \$2.00 for the post office keys. No Al-Anon Day seed money has been paid for 2010.

### **Profit & Loss**

See page 19 for the *2010 YTD Profit and Loss* statement.

### **Income \$650.82**

District 3 donated \$250

District 7 donated \$25

Groups donated \$375.82.

**Expenses \$-1,341.71**

-112.00	Spring Assembly registrations for 2 Committee members
-374.00	Airfare for 2 people for March AWSC meeting
-855.51	Airfare and early registration for our delegate to attend the NWR Delegate meeting

**Net Income of -\$690.89**

**Group Donations**

The Group Donations report on page 20 is listed by District and then group number.

Year to date donations from the groups is \$375.82 (this matches the P&L)

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**

The proposed 2010 Budget is on page 21.

**Items of Note**

I belong to a Yahoo online group for Area Treasurers. The chats include:

Should an Area be a non-profit organization or not. Other Areas are pursuing this and creating Articles of Incorporation to submit to the IRS. This might be something in our future, especially since we will be handling more money from the Assemblies.

How money is handled for Assemblies. Some Areas have the District handle the money and just return the seed money and proceeds. All financial information is provided by the District. Others run money through the Area Treasurer. This needs to be discussed in our Area.

As a heads up; I will not be at the Fall Assembly in October for the elections. I will work with the new treasurer to turn over all information at the first of 2011.

**2009 Account Balances**  
**AI-Anon Area 13**  
December 31, 2009

		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
Checking	3,115.64	
Savings <sup>(1)</sup>	7,569.18	
TOTAL Bank Accounts		10,684.82
 <b>Cash Accounts</b>		
Cash Account	0.00	
TOTAL Cash Accounts		0.00
 <b>Asset Accounts<sup>(2)</sup></b>		
Newsletter Reserve	0.00	
Seed Money and Deposits	2.00	
TOTAL Asset Accounts		2.00
 <b>Net Worth</b>		<b>\$10,686.82</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> These are assets because we eventually get this money back. Newsletter Reserve gives visibility to the money given to the Newsletter Editor until it is expensed. \$2 deposit on Post Office box keys

## 2009 YTD Profit and Loss

### AI-Anon Area 13

December 31, 2009

	Details	SubTotal	Total
<b>Income</b>			
Al-Anon Day		183.75	
Spring Assembly		1,343.27	
Raffle	1,351.00		
Split <sup>(1)</sup> (25%)	-7.73		
Fall Assembly		2,550.62	
Raffle <sup>(2)</sup>	1,250.00		
Split (18%)	1,300.62		
Donations		2,921.70	
District 1	48.00		
District 3	250.00		
Group	2,577.12		
Member	46.58		
Interest		18.95	
<b>Total Income</b>			<u>7,018.29</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
AWSC Meeting Expenses		-3,851.82	
Assemblies	-2,558.51		
Committee Meetings	-1,293.31		
Coordinators		-252.37	
Archives	-112.13		
Forum/Literature <sup>(3)</sup>	11.00		
Newsletter	-151.24		
Officers		-106.01	
Alternate Delegate	-20.00		
Chairperson	-11.32		
Treasurer	-74.69		
Operating Expenses		-3,041.40	
Assembly Literature	-6.42		
Background Checks	-61.05		
Equalizer Expense <sup>(4)</sup>	-1,834.00		
Financial Review <sup>(5)</sup>	-100.00		
NWR Delegate Meeting	-699.28		
Post Office <sup>(6)</sup>	-44.00		
Spanish Hotline <sup>(7)</sup>	-100.00		
Website Domain Name <sup>(8)</sup>	-29.85		
Website Hosting <sup>(9)</sup>	-166.80		
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<u>-7,251.60</u>
<b>Net Income</b>			<u><u>-233.31</u></u>

## Footnotes

- (1) Spring Assembly: 366 total registration; 91 Al-Anon; 25%; \$134.27  
    Minus \$50.00 for Speaker Basket  
    Minus \$92.00 registration for Al-Anon speaker and spouse
- (2) Fall Assembly Raffle - Net proceeds of \$1,500  
    \$1,500 Gross income ticket sales  
    Minus \$9.53 for raffle tickets  
    Minus \$235.65 for raffle chair assembly expense  
    Minus \$4.82 for raffle item from District 4
- (3) An uncashed check was reversed
- (4) The full amount was paid for the 2010 Conference
- (5) The review was for 2008; only done every three years.
- (6) PO box rental Nov 2009 through Oct 2010
- (7) Spanish hotline minutes: \$50 prepaid until 12/4/09; \$50 until 12/14/10
- (8) The website domain has been paid through 2011
- (9) The website hosting is paid through 2011

## 2009 YTD Group Donations

### Al-Anon Area 13

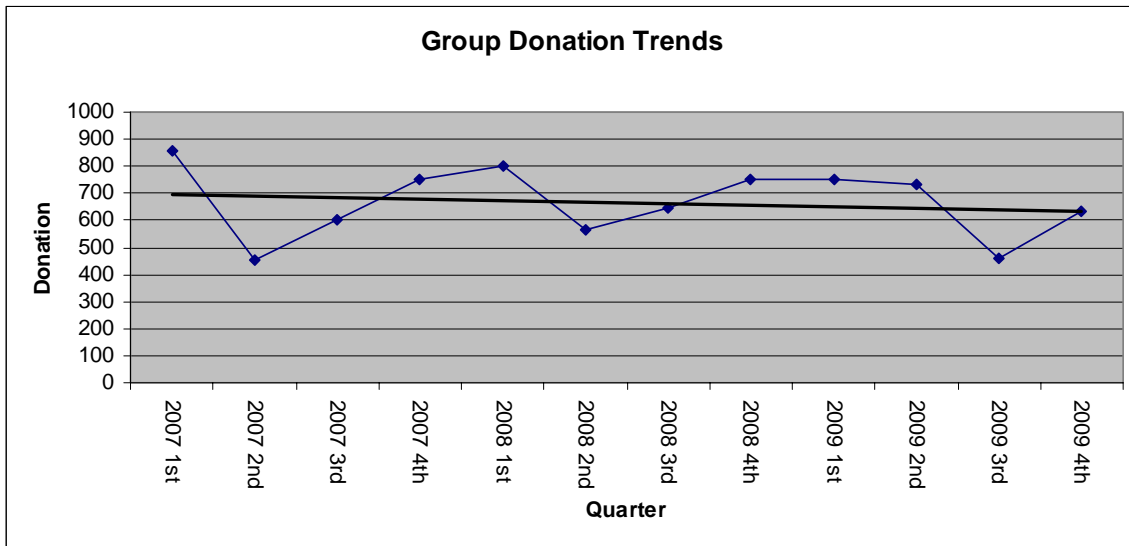
December 31, 2009

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Donation</b>
<b>District 1</b>	31958 Serenity Matters	17.50
	40751 Afternoon Delight AFG	80.00
	502355 Freedom Group	63.02
	62434 Friday Noon AFG	89.00
	65487 From Insanity To Serenity	30.00
	66383 Northwest Serenity	168.00
	Sat Sunshine Men's AFG	7.50
<b>District 2</b>	14149 Clarkston Roundtable	45.00
	3384 Kendrick AFG	100
	3388 Lewis-Clark AFG	60.00
	48023 Wed Night	26.58
<b>District 3</b>	31241 Adult Children	15.00
	3345 Steps To Serenity	55.00
	500569 Fri Night Fireside	90.00
	502539 Thu Eagle Noon	100.79
	502795 Friday Noon Five Mile	140.56
	504118 Wed Collister	30.00
	61227 Mon/Wed Noon	369.00
	62315 Sunday Early Birds	125.58
	65838 Saturday AM Spiritual AFG	25.84
66020 Garden Valley AFG	20.00	
<b>District 4</b>	24705 Monday Morning Ketchum	33.85
	24707 Filer Tue Night	140.00
	27614 Beginning Again	39.90
	35113 Fri Buhl Serenity Seekers	85.00
	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	120.00
	44344 Wed Wild Bunch	30.00
<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>	43373 Monday Beginners	70.00
	46331 Noon Serenity AFG	25.00
	62297 Safe & Sound	15.00
	63168 Just For Today	45.00
	999914 Courage For Today	20.00
	<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<u>2,577.12</u>

## Group Donation Trends by Quarter

As of December 31, 2009

	Date	Quarter	Donation	Year Total
<b>2007</b>	1/1/2007 - 3/31/2007	2007 1st	858.09	
	4/1/2007 - 6/30/2007	2007 2nd	455.05	
	7/1/2007 - 9/30/2007	2007 3rd	603.31	
	10/1/2007 - 12/31/2007	2007 4th	751.54	
	<b>Year Total</b>			2,667.99
<b>2008</b>	1/1/2008 - 3/31/2008	2008 1st	800.57	
	4/1/2008 - 6/30/2008	2008 2nd	563.29	
	7/1/2008 - 9/30/2008	2008 3rd	646.46	
	10/1/2008 - 12/31/2008	2008 4th	749.32	
	<b>Year Total</b>			2,759.64
<b>2009</b>	1/1/2009 - 3/31/2009	2009 1st	753.18	
	4/1/2009 - 5/17/2009	2009 2nd	731.82	
	7/1/2009 - 9/30/2009	2009 3rd	460.81	
	10/1/2009 - 12/31/2009	2009 4th	631.31	
	<b>Year Total</b>			2,577.12



**Al-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	2,558.51	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	1,293.31	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	112.13	80.00	45.41	80.00	85.35	40.00	63.72	40.00	15.40
Forum/Literature	-11.00	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	151.24	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		20.00		40.00		40.00	
Chair	11.32	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	74.69	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	61.05	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	44.00	42.00	42.00	40.00	40.00				
Public Outreach		150.00		150.00		300.00			
Spanish Hotline	100.00	100.00		200.00	283.59	200.00			
Website Domain Name	29.85	29.85							
Website Hosting	166.80	166.80		0.00	166.80	245.00	166.80	175.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,251.60</b>	<b>8,503.65</b>	<b>6,932.45</b>	<b>10,247.00</b>	<b>9,044.26</b>	<b>9,753.00</b>	<b>6,492.25</b>	<b>8,777.00</b>	<b>4,598.96</b>
<u>Seed Money/Deposits</u>									
Al-Anon Day		150.00	150.00	150.00		150.00		150.00	237.50

**2010 Account Balances**  
**AI-Anon Area 13**  
 March 21, 2010

		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
Checking	2,424.75	
Savings <sup>(1)</sup>	7,569.18	
TOTAL Bank Accounts		9,993.93
 <b>Cash Accounts</b>		
Cash Account	0.00	
TOTAL Cash Accounts		0.00
 <b>Asset Accounts<sup>(2)</sup></b>		
Newsletter Reserve	0.00	
Seed Money and Deposits	2.00	
TOTAL Asset Accounts		2.00
 <b>Net Worth</b>		<b>\$9,995.93</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> These are assets because we eventually get this money back. 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**  
 March 21, 2010

	<b>Details</b>	<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations		650.82	
District 3	250.00		
District 7	25.00		
Group	375.82		
<b>Total Income</b>			650.82
<b>Expenses</b>			
AWSC Meeting Expenses		-486.20	
Assemblies	-112.00		
Committee Meetings	-374.20		
Operating Expenses		-855.51	
NWR Delegate Meeting	-855.51		
<b>Total Expenses</b>			-1,341.71
<b>Net Income</b>			-690.89

## 2010 YTD Group Donations

### Al-Anon Area 13

March 21, 2010

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Donation</b>
<b>District 1</b>	30528834 Serenity Seekers	16.15
	31958 Serenity Matters	23.74
	62434 Friday Noon AFG	24.00
<b>District 2</b>	3384 Kendrick AFG	25.00
	48023 Wed Night	20.36
<b>District 3</b>	502539 Thu Eagle Noon	23.43
	504118 Wed Collister	15.00
	62315 Sunday Early Birds	83.14
<b>District 4</b>	24707 Filer Tue Night	35.00
	35113 Fri Buhl Serenity Seekers	15.00
<b>District 5</b>	30788 Friday Out To Lunch AFG	17.00
	36305 Turn Around AFG	20.00
<b>District 7</b>	43373 Monday Beginners	18.00
	46331 Noon Serenity AFG	25.00
	63168 Just For Today	15.00
	<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<u>375.82</u>

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

## 2010 Budget - Approval needed at Spring Assembly 5/15/2010

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Public Outreach		150.00		150.00		150.00		300.00		
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Website Domain Name		0.00	29.85	29.85						
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# Delegate Report

Thank you once again for allowing me to be of service to you and this wonderful fellowship or recovery. The thought force I have been active on this past year will complete it task this year as we present our findings to the conference. This thought force was how to integrate Alateen with AI-Anon where Alateen does not exist. On March 5, 6, & 7th I attended the Northwest Regional Delegates Meeting in Anchorage, AK. All 9 of the areas in our region were represented. The new delegates this year were from Oregon, Montana, and Washington. 18 past, present, or alternate delegates attended along with 8 visitors from the Alaska area. We heard the 3 minute talks from each of the outgoing delegates this year as well as sharing from each new delegate. The information regarding rotation of the NWRD meeting from the thought force was discussed and a motion was made and passed to continue the current rotation. A task force was created to present the guideline options at the next NWRD meeting in 2011. The next meeting will be held the 4th, 5th and 6th of March 2011 in Minot, North Dakota. Idaho will host in 2012. I facilitated a discussion on technology/communication and how that could best be used regarding the NWRD meeting. I will be leaving for the 50th Annual World Service Conference on April 9th in Virginia Beach. The Hotel will not accept any packages before April 7. Any Love gifts can be sent to:  
Berta Ruark (Hold for WSC 4/11 -4/15, 2010)  
Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront  
5700 Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Respectfully submitted,  
Berta Ruark  
Panel 48, Idaho

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## Alateen/AAPP

### **Area Alateen Coordinator/ AAPP Report** **March 27, 2010**

#### ***New issues:***

- 1. GRs will vote on updated Idaho Requirements for AMIAS*
- 2. New Alateen Table Tents available for AI-Anon meetings*
- 3. Alateen Posters for school counselors or Alateen meeting places*
- 4. Suggest that each district considers a "vote of approval" for current Alateen sponsors to follow current guidelines.*
- 5. Idaho Area needs to adopt a formalized Recertification process*
- 6. Check out Nat'l Child Protection Act background check (same as FBI check for \$25) with the Idaho State Police for next step in background checks.*

***Ad hoc Committee to update our Idaho Area Requirements for AMIAS***—I've put together a final draft of this guideline with the help of others. I will distribute it to all District Reps. Please share with Group Reps. GRs will be asked to vote on the updates.

***Alateen is still growing***—A new meeting is starting in Post Falls-District One! We now have 3 certified AMIAS in District 5 (two from Utah) with hopes of starting an Alateen meeting in the Preston H.S.! Our total number of Alateen meetings is currently 17 in Idaho. In Boise: we have 12 in-school meetings, 1 regular meeting; in Coeur d'Alene: 2 meetings; Idaho Falls: one meeting; Twin Falls, one combined AI-Anon/Alateen meeting.

**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.

**WSO Conference Calls for Alateen Coordinators/AAPP**—I participated in a Conference Call on March 20th hosted by WSO staff. The focus was on the recertification process. There were several things mentioned that we may adopt, i.e., linking AMIAS to Alateen groups so a group is not left without a sponsor; need an Area process on how long background checks are valid & how long to hang on to records. We were reminded that someone can step down as an active sponsor and still remain on the active certified list—this gives the district access to substitute sponsors. There was also discussion about who needs the current list of certified sponsors: District Reps need it. The AIS/LDC needs it. They talked about the importance of protecting personal information, only giving it out to those who need it.

**Recertifiy by June 1st**—I'll be sending out paperwork to DRs, along with a list of all certified AMIAS in your district. Please have each AMIAS fill out the forms and return to me no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Without you, none of the great things happening with Alateen would be possible. Thank you to all our Alateen volunteers! We appreciate you.

Enthusiastically yours,

*Ruth Blaha*

Idaho Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP

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## Archives

There were 2 inquiries for Area minutes since we last met. 1) The Bantello group is planning a group celebration and wanted copies of their group history if there was a history in the Archives. I do have it – sent a copy and I hope to get a flyer of their celebration. 2) Cecilia S. was checking on a couple motions from 2002-2004. I sent what the minutes reflected.

The Temporary Archives Committee has been inventorying and cataloging various CDs, videos & other media of that type, labeling the boxes for ownership & identification and are stored at Ruth B.'s house in a better climate control than what my garage provides. 1973 and 1974 newsletters, which were mimeographed will be scanned and printed on today's type of paper and a copy stored along with the original. This is the extent of our original mission as a temporary committee. There may be other things we should do, but have not explored that until after the AWSC meeting today.

Featured Al-Anon group from Archives obtained from WSO: Elk City – Alpine AFG. Debbie L. was the letter writer to WSO asking for information on starting a group – January 1991. We have a Group Registration and a listing in WSO records. Number of members was 5; with 2 contact persons Debbie L. and Pam S. They were meeting at Elk City Community Church.

Letters were sent to District Representatives encouraging them to be involved in developing a District Archives.

Letters were sent to each Area Archives Coordinator offering extra issues of Area Highlights, Inside Al-Anon, Institutions Newsletters and Forums to help fill in gaps in their own collections.

Our own Archives are overflowing with extra issues that should be shared, thus cutting down on a few boxes in storage (I hope).

Already I've received a few answers –

1 – directed the letter to a current coordinator

1 – stated they didn't keep those things as they aren't an Area publication

1 – an acceptance of the offer with specific issues needed.

Ladora B.  
Archives Coordinator

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## Literature Center

Board: we have two new board members, including myself (Mike Penny) and treasurer (Barb Day). We are extremely grateful to Toni R for all she's done as treasurer and more (including getting the updated pc, software, budget planning, monthly, quarterly, and annual reports, taxes, etc.) and for sticking on until new treasurer identified and transitioned. We are still looking for third board member (co-chair).

Office manager: hired last year (Jenny Horton) who is working out very well.

Business: sustainable with prudent reserve established and maintained. We sold the mountain of chairs. As a reminder of new order policy: payment must be received before fulfilling orders, so please send payments with your orders. Also, at assemblies and other events, we will only bring a limited supply of literature and cannot take pre-orders; can buy from the supply brought to the event or we can take orders at the event which will be taken back to the office and fulfilled that week.

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## Public Outreach

I have forward reports of: Dinner and a Movie. I participated on a Conference Call, that was about the up coming movie of Lois Wilson. This movie will be aired on April 24 on the Hallmark channel. This movie ***is not*** Conference approved. WSO has worked very closely with the movie producers to make sure it is as closely to the story of Lois W.. They also have worked with AA on this as Bill W. is also in the movie. This is an opportunity to get together with AA and have a fund raiser/movie night. I encourage you to invite those that are new to the program also.

Please E-mail me any idea's you may have to work this in your Districts and the Area. I know that there are other creative brains out there. If you have any idea's please let me know I am always open for suggestions, as I am not the only creative brain out there.. ☺

This would be a great tool to create awareness into the community. I have sent out an E-mail that was regarding using the book Al-anon Faces Alcoholism, to get out as many of the publication as possible. This publication is not just for the professionals, you can place in offices or any where there is a waiting area. **GET CREATIVE.**

Ok I sent out an e-mail at the end of the year about getting together with AA. What I titled LETS GO THE FAIR. This an opportunity to work with your neighboring Districts, & AA, with getting a booth, work it like a health fair. We also have 3 neighboring cities that border Washington state, Lewiston, Clarkson, Moscow, Pullman, CDA, and Spokane, that you can also work with, if anonymity is a issue.

I have been sending out information as I receive it from WSO. I will be on another conference call after I get back from AWSC.

LOVE IN SERVICE  
WANDA

## Newsletter Distribution List

There is a limit of 100 emails that can be included on one distribution list. I found this out when member 101 asked to be added. So I created a second newsletter distribution list to handle the overflow. 102 people are now signed up to receive the newsletter.

## District Meetings

Each District is emailing their meeting schedules to me to post on the website. This method is working well for me and the Districts can have an updated schedule whenever it works for them.

## Events

There was a flurry of activity to post events from several Districts. The events webpage is full and contains fun activities from different parts of the Area.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni R.

Website Coordinator

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

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

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## District 1

Greetings from beautiful North Idaho!

We added 3 new meetings to our schedule, 2 in Osburn and another alateen meeting.

I am thrilled to say we have **22** Al-Anon meetings! Our district is active with about 9 members attending district meetings, including Sandpoint representation. We have a set day, time, and place for district meetings in Post Falls the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:30-7pm. I really appreciate all the support we have been given with representation, committee involvement, member's time, knowledge and financial support.

I want to thank George E. for being a great archive coordinator. A big thank you to Sue S. for getting the schedule updated, and available on-line.

Barbara K. is continuing to bring a panel of Al-Anon members to North Idaho Behavioral Health family night every 6 weeks, along with literature and open hearts.

Lori M. is setting up 2 members to talk to the families of a boys home in town once every 12 weeks. We are fortunate to have Wanda, our Area Public Outreach Coordinator here with us.

Sue O. has been chairing the committee for both our 2nd Serenity Speaker Cruise, coming-up in September and the Sponsorship Conference in May. We haven't done any fund raising this year because the groups are donating and we still had the balance from the Mary Pearl workshop. Individuals and the groups are being asked to donate to the hospitality fund or pledge edibles to bring the day of the conference. We have a panel of the male members from Seattle area speaking on Sponsorship in Al-

Anon. We are also thrilled to have 3 other speakers talking on Recovery Through Sponsorship, Sponsorship in AA, and Detachment. Yes, we are cooperating with AA on this event. There will also be an Ask-It-Basket for questions regarding sponsorship. There will be a pitch for Alateen sponsors and alateens selling drinks at this event.

The Alateen meeting has been going well since we moved to where a simultaneous Al-Anon meeting was. We are doing this again with the new meeting. The teens thought it was a good idea to have a second meeting a week to attend. They sure bring some nitty grit to my program. I would encourage anyone even remotely considering being an Alateen sponsor to give it a try. With more volunteers we are able to rotate commitments. I attend Alateen once a month as a sponsor. Tara, thank God, is available for the teens more often, and they do love her. One local Al-Anon meeting passes a can for alateen and has been helping them buy literature and paying rent.

We would love to have representation from each group. Please let me know if I can help answer any questions regarding group or district representation. We hope to see someone from each group at the Spring Assembly in Pocatello May 14-16th. Area questions I may have to forward ([www.al-anon-idaho.org](http://www.al-anon-idaho.org)). Thank you to a great Area Committee.

yours in service,  
Barbara V (208)651-4543, [idahodistrict1@yahoo.com](mailto:idahodistrict1@yahoo.com)

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## District 2

District II had an election of new officers in October 2009. We meet every 4th Thursday of the month preceded by a Concept study meeting. Our district consists of 9 active meetings and 1 meeting in Orofino Idaho that has become inactive.

We held our annual Christmas pot luck fund raiser, which was a huge success.

We have an active Public Outreach committee group that meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month. They have distributed 200 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism pamphlets throughout our communities. The Outreach committee recently met with our local newspaper in preparation for an article during the month of April, which is Alcohol Awareness Month. They are also looking into the expense of getting information regarding Al-Anon on benches, public transportation, and billboards. Our Public Outreach committee is also busy planning a fund raiser potluck speaker meeting with AA participation this spring.

Our district is planning a 4th step workshop using the Blueprint for Progress workbook. It will be held at a cabin in the woods owned by one of our members this summer.

Colleen has designed and printed book labels for Berta to take as love gifts from District II to Virginia Beach in April.

We also will be hosting our annual Salmon River camp out at Pine Bar south of Cottonwood May 21st and 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy B

Hello from District 3!

As I head into my last year as District 3 Rep, I'm just so grateful for the GRs. They continue to step up and do the things that need to be done to make ours a successful District. They show up at District meetings and they participate. They decided to keep the 5-minute "education" portion of the meeting, only this year they're bringing in their own topics. Last month Robbin talked about the difference between WSO and WSC, and highlighted the Conference Summary.

Public Outreach is alive and well. Volunteers continue to go to Intermountain Hospital every month and share at Family Night. At our January planning meeting I stepped out of the room for a few minutes and when I returned almost all the months were covered. We'll be visible at the ICADD (Idaho Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency) conference in May, and a closed meeting for inpatients at the VA Hospital began on February 22.

Event planning is in full swing. A "Service – Gratitude in Action" Mini-Conference was held in early February, and the Spiritual Breakfast is scheduled for April 24. Some groups are talking about coming together and planning a new Summer Social BBQ. And I know Diana and her committee is hard at work planning the Fall 2010 Assembly.

Love in Service,  
Traci Ehlers  
District 3 Rep

Happy greetings from District 4,

Our district is doing pretty good. We still have 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. Our New Life AFG Group is a combined Al-Anon and Alateen meeting. When we have more than 1 Alateen, we separate Alateen from Al-Anon so that the parent can speak freely and the Alateen can get some things off their chest too. We only have 2 Alateen right now, but I am amazed how much they are growing in the program.

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. Thank you to all who participate!

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 another lady that just started helping her with public outreach too. Together they are getting the word out about Al-Anon in our district.

Our district started a CD collection. We have CD's of talks from Lois W., Bob S. Jr., and many more. So Far we have 56 CD's. We have it available for groups to checkout and use for a meeting or Fund Raiser. I listened to a few of them and they are very good. It is awesome to listen to the stories of the ones who started it all.

We had our Annual Al-Anon luncheon on Feb. 27, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. We had a potluck, raffle, and listened to a CD of Lois W. We raised \$52.00. There was good food

and cool raffle items. Not to mention a great story from Lois W. We learned that we had a low attendance due to a 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop at the same time as our Luncheon but in this program you live and learn and move on to the next moment.

We are planning a couple events for this summer...one is a Fun Day which we are talking about renting a dunk tank, playing games, and having a potluck or BBQ. Also, at our last district meeting we talked about having a workshop on newcomers and sponsorship. More will be revealed on these events. I want to thank all of you that help with the ideas and efforts it takes to put these on.

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

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## District 5

We have had very good attendance at our district meetings. Thank you everyone for your loving support.

The Blackfoot Down Under hosted the Chili feed and bake sale held on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. This was a fundraiser for district and a great success as well as a lot of fun.

We hosted the Holiday Bash, which was also big success. This fundraiser for district included a raffle and speakers, Al-Anon's, Marilyn B. and District 1 AA's DCM Andrew G. This was a wonderful event as well as a good moneymaker.

Our Policies and Procedures Committee worked to adopt a new set of Policies and Procedures for District 5.

We have started some new fundraisers for the groups as well as district. Thank you Deb C., for getting these off the ground.

We enjoyed working on the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Spring Dinner and Raffle. We plan to make this an annual fundraiser event for district. It was wonderful event as well as a good moneymaker.

Our Monday Steps to Serenity group hosted a Soup supper speaker meeting in January that had an excellent turnout. We would like to thank everyone for the excellent job of planning and pulling this together. This fundraiser was for the group.

There will be other group fund raisers held thru out the year. We hope they also enjoy some good turnouts.

We have a member that calls the paper to post events for us. This has really helped boost attendance. Thank you, Cristina.

We are very excited to be a part of the 2010 Spring Assembly. Al-Anon has been asked to be in charge of lunch, dinner and breakfast as well as the decorations. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Love in service  
District 5 Rep., VeLoy Fullmer

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## District 6

Happy Spring to everyone, we finished up 2009 with our annual fund raiser and Christmas party in December. A great time was had by all.

As we get into 2010 we are looking forward to some fun times, we are planning a Spring Fling fund raiser to be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We will be having a chili/soup pot luck, an auction with baked goods, spring yard decorations and flowers, we will also be having a panel given by our District Officers on the Top Ten Reasons We/I do Service.

I am also planning on trying to get to each meeting again this year. As of now we have 6 meeting in Idaho Falls, 1 Al-ateen, 1 meeting in Salmon, 1 in Ashton, 2 in Blackfoot, and we just learned of a meeting being held in Driggs twice a month. It will be fun to see if I can make it to them all.

We are still having our District Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls, with our Speaker Lunch following, we have a great amount of experience, strength and hope that is shared each month at this function. We would invite anyone who could stop by to do so. It is held at 11:00 am.

We will be doing some other fun things throughout the year so stayed tuned for coming attractions.

Respectfully Submitted  
Terrie O.  
District 6 Representative

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## District 7

Wow, put your higher power to work and miracles happen. I had been wasting my time worrying what would happen when this year drew to a close because it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of my DR term and I had decided it was time to try something different. But who would take my place? How could I leave them without someone? Somewhere in my agonizing I determined it would be an issue I could turn over to my Higher Power. There's a certain peace I achieve when something is the right thing to do and there it was. I stopped the hopeless worrying. I started the peaceful inner certainty; the knowing it would be taken care of and now I have **two** people who have shown some interest. Miracles!....in everyday, ordinary life. Our latest project has been Al-Anon Day and I have flyers and assignments for all of you. This is possibly the last of them and we want it to be one to remember! For me personally it has been a careful reminder of Tradition two: Our leaders are but trusted servants- they do not govern. We have been working one step at a time and the plan emerges as fun and thoughtful and energizing. Come and see for yourself.

Even our Delegate gifts, achieved through careful deliberations in two languages, but just one of the heart, are a triumph. One of our newest Spanish speaking members told us through an interpreter that the paragraph about fear from our *Just For Today, (Solo Por Hoy)* pamphlet, helped her in her recovery. We have a new group in Cambridge, ID; Just for Today AFG. We meet Thursdays at 8PM at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, on Hwy 95 just south of town. We have 3 of us with some Al-Anon experience and 4 newcomers. We have been focusing on the first step; both the powerlessness and the insanity of life with the effects of alcoholism. It has been very good for all of us. What a journey these three years have been! Thank you all for your help and support.

Kathy Bosler  
District Representative for District 7

October 12, 2009

Greetings Idaho Area 18;

On behalf of the Idaho Area Al-Anon, I am pleased to inform the Idaho Area A.A. of our recent vote at our 2009 Fall Assembly in Sun Valley, Idaho. Our group representatives made a motion and voted with substantial unanimity to remove the Idaho Area Al-Anon Business Meeting from the A.A. assemblies. We feel strongly as an Area, we have a commitment to be present for the 2010 Spring and Fall A.A. Assemblies and plan to hold our first Idaho Area Al-Anon Spring Assembly separate from A.A. in 2011. We hope we will still have an Al-Anon presence at your A.A. assemblies; our Al-Anon districts want to continue to provide Al-Anon literature, open meetings and speakers.

The fellowships of Al-Anon and A.A. have a unique relationship. We were closely allied in our origins and are naturally drawn together by our family ties. Al-Anon acknowledges with gratitude the spiritual contribution of A.A. and there can continue to be cooperation between Al-Anon and A.A. This decision has come about for our Area through much discussion, ad hoc committee meetings, and comparative studies of other Al-Anon Areas, prayer and tears. When our Idaho Area Al-Anon was not strong enough to stand on its own, the Idaho Area A.A. was there to support us and for this we will always be grateful.

Today, Idaho Al-Anon has grown sufficiently to be fully self-supporting. We feel it is important for our growth and recovery to plan our own assemblies. This will better align our Idaho Area Al-Anon with traditions 1, 4 and 6 and allow us to better serve all of our Al-Anon members throughout the state of Idaho, and the Ontario, Oregon and Clarkston, Washington areas.

Thank you for all you do for the families and friends of alcoholics; if I can provide any further clarity please feel free to contact me by phone 208-762-8763 (home) or email [CSweet@thecreek.com](mailto:CSweet@thecreek.com).

Sincerely,

Cecilia M. Sweet  
Idaho Area Al-Anon Chair

*Tradition 1 – Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest numbers depends on unity.*

*Tradition 6 – Our Al-Anon Family Groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim. Although a separate entity, we should always cooperate with Alcoholics Anonymous.*

*Tradition 7 – Every group ought to be fully self-supporting declining outside contributions.*

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## Response from AA Area 18

Dear Cecilia,

This email is to acknowledge that I am in receipt of your October 19, 2009, correspondence. Thank you for taking the time to inform us of the Idaho Area AI-Anon/Alateen's decision to separate from the Idaho Area 18 Assembly/Convention, effective the Spring of 2011.

It has been our pleasure and privilege to have included AI-Anon and Alateen in our Assemblies/Conventions, for the presence of your membership has added immeasurably to our spiritual sojourn. While the absence of your business meeting will be heartfelt to us, we support your decision with gratitude and the utmost confidence in your group conscience.

Since I am nearing the end of my rotation as Idaho Area 18 Chairman, I suggest that you direct future correspondence of any type to our incoming Chairman, Garren Taylor should future communication be necessary. Garren's contact information is as follows:

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On a personal note, I wish you and your organization the very best and hope that through our mutual cooperation we continue to help others find what was so freely given to us.

Warmest regards,

Brian