



## **Idaho Area Al-Anon/Alateen**

*Hope and help for families & friends of  
alcoholics*

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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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