
Idaho Area Assembly - Fall 2009

AI-Anon Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2009 Fall Assembly was held at the Sun Valley Inn, Sun Valley, Idaho on October 10, 2009. Cecilia S. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The steps, traditions, concepts, voting guidelines and a Forum piece on Concept 10 were read, followed by introductions.

Agenda

See attachment on page 5.

Reports

DR Reports

Each District Representative was asked to report the number of voting GRs from their Districts: District One – 5; District Two – 5; District Three – 9; District Four – 3; District Five – 7; District Six – 5; District Seven – 3, for a total of 37. For reports, see attachments beginning page 19.

Delegate's Report

- AI-Anon – Anyone, Anywhere
- In 130 countries worldwide
- October 2008 – 14th AI-Anon International was held in Finland; 15 countries were represented.
- Non-member staff at WSO to participate in press conferences
- NWRDM – March 2010, Anchorage, Alaska
- WSC - April 11, 2010 in Virginia Beach (50th Anniversary) Theme: "Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand our Circle of Hope"
- Presented the AWSC with conference summaries.

See attachment on page 7 for full report.

Discussion – AI-Anon Assembly Options

This agenda item was introduced by Cecilia. She spoke of knowledge-based decision making, and reminded us that this is an emotional and passionate issue because we all love AI-Anon, and that we would be best served to presume good will. She also gave a brief overview for the new GRs. She was informed at the banquet at Spring 2008 that AA is also having discussions about changing the way they structure their Assemblies. They are talking about moving Spring Assembly much earlier in the year (Pre-Con) and removing all "convention" activities from one or both Assemblies.

As it works now, the planning of our "Area" assemblies falls to AA and the host district. Planning our own would give us freedom to plan all of our time for us, and to open up our agenda.

Floor was opened for comments

- There was a question about AI-Anon and AA Areas, and their boundaries. AI-Anon Area 13 is comprised of all of Idaho, Ontario, OR, and Clarkston, WA. AA Area 18 is all of Idaho south of Riggins.
- For Spring Assembly, 2010, the host AA committee would not approve bringing in the AI-Anon speaker from CA for budget reasons.
- From the perspective of a new GR, "why am I attending an AA convention?"

Motion & second: to limit sharing on this topic to 3 minutes. Motion passed.

- Groups need more education than we've had.
- Groups can't afford to send people to 4 things; do not want to lose contact with AA. Support for doing our own thing at the same time, but separately.

- Detachment with love (read from Detachment
- Feels pressured from one group who wants this change, and wants to hear from the other side.
- Are we participating with AA in our own Districts with whatever is going on?
- This group is what I'm here for – the business part – and I'm going to come whether AA is in the building or not.
- When emotion is high, reasoning is low.
- There is no coercion here; this info has been researched and well presented.
- Flyer was one-sided, but is there an option C? Can't we be more involved with AA? Should north Idaho Al-Anon participate with north Idaho AA?
- Thinking outside the box – possibly combine AWSC with the Assembly – it would eliminate going over the same material
- Groups in east Idaho do not want it to change, and are comfortable with the way things are. They DO travel with AA spouses.
- Whether we stay or go, it would be great to change our time together, to add more things – service manual study, panels, etc.

Motion & second: to split our Assembly from AA and go our own way.

Request for written ballot instead of a show of hands. Votes were tallied by Toni and Traci.

Motion passed: 24 Yes / 12 No / 1 Abstention

Request from GRs that AA be informed by direct contact. Cecilia will draft a letter.

As we are committed to Spring and Fall 2010, GRs are asked to talk to their groups about ideas for Spring Assembly 2011. Planning will begin at Spring Assembly 2010.

Secretary's Report

Due to most GRs not having seen the minutes, there was a motion and second to table the secretary's report until next Assembly. *Passed unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report

All reports are attached, see page 9

\$1670.23 checking + \$7564.41 savings = \$9234.64

Motion to accept the financial report. Passed unanimously.

Hot Topics

Discussion to choose 3 topics for next assembly

- Cooperating with AA
- Trusted Servants – We Do Not Govern
- Tradition 6
- Encouraging Group Member to Service
- Understanding the Service Manual
- **Crosstalk**
- Phone Service/Hotlines
- **Outreach**
- Solution Based Thinking – Staying in Solution
- Warranties
- **Alateen – How To**

All 11 ideas were put into a hat and 3 were drawn (shown in bold red). These will be the topics for Spring 2010.

Hot Topic Highlights

Why Me? Rotation of Leadership

- ✓ Service can rejuvenate
- ✓ People don't step up for fear of commitment
- ✓ When I got busy, I got better
- ✓ All kinds of service roles; aren't all "up front"
- ✓ Sharing experience, strength and hope IS service
- ✓ Concept 4 – Participation is the key to harmony
- ✓ Serenity through service

Trust – Let it Begin With Me

- ✓ Trust can be a journey
- ✓ Anonymity – keeping a meeting a safe place
- ✓ Tools to learn trust include sponsorship (both as sponsor and sponsee)
- ✓ Break down old construct and move on
- ✓ Identify area where trust exists, then build on them

Anonymity – Are We a Secret Society?

- ✓ How can groups let people know about its existence? Schedules, literature distribution, phone # in books, word of mouth
- ✓ How can individuals let people know about a group's existence?
- ✓ What's the value of my anonymity?
- ✓ Can I carry the message & still retain anonymity at public level?
- ✓ What's the relationship between confidentiality & anonymity?
- ✓ Is Al-Anon a secret society in my society?

Coordinator Reports (all attached)

Alateen/AAPP – updating AMIAS; should have it at Spring 2010. Seventeen meetings in the state (up from 9 in Sept. 2008). Sponsor training in CDA was great, and will be held again in 2010.

AAISC/LDC – New office manager – Jenny H. New printer, computer and software were donated. There is a new order form on the Idaho website that groups can download to send with a check to order from the Literature Center. Thanks to all for support!

Archives - New book from WSO on history and recovery; requesting submissions by 10/31/09

Group Records – **OPEN**

Literature/Forum - **OPEN**

Newsletter – **OPEN**

Public Outreach – Podcasts at www.alanon.alateen.org.

Website – District schedules are posted when received. All minutes (from AWSC meetings and Assemblies) are available on the website (from the home page, click on AREA/MEMBERS, then REPORTS). Events – can post the dates before the flyers and other information is available.

2010 Spring Assembly

District 5 – May 14-16, 2010 Red Lion, Pocatello.
Rooms are \$89.00/night

2010 Al-Anon Day

District 7 – There is a planning meeting scheduled for November 7.

Area Twitter

Spoke with WSO - there are no current guidelines, but will be discussed in the future.
Each Twitter account can confirm/ignore follower requests
See full report on page 23

Motion: To go forward with creating an Area Twitter account. Motion passed.

Attachments

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Respectfully submitted,
Traci Ehlers
Area Secretary

Agenda

Area Assembly Business Meeting Agenda (GRs Attend)

Saturday, 10/10/09 – Sun Valley Inn, Sun Valley, Idaho

“Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future”

Meeting Room – Ram Room

8:00 am GR Exchange – Hosted by Laura F. – Ram Room

8:00 am DR Exchange – Hosted by Cecilia S. – Lobby Lounge

All members sign in before the business meeting

9:00 am Opening, Welcome, Serenity Prayer and Voting Guidelines for business meeting; Cecilia S., Area Chair

Traditions, Concepts, Reading from the Forum – Concept 10

Introductions; Name, Position and Home Group

9:15 am District Reports: (please give number of voting GRs from your District to Area Secretary). District Reports – 3 minute limit.

9:35 am Delegate’s Report – Berta R.

10:00 am “Al-Anon Assembly Options” Discussion –An AA Update

11:00 am Secretary Report: Traci E.

11:05 am Treasurer Report – Toni R.

11:20 am LUNCH BREAK

Al-Anon Luncheon Speaker – Doug B. from Twin Falls, ID

1:30 pm Choose next Spring’s Breakout Sessions

SPRING’S HOT TOPIC – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. “Why Me? – Rotation of Leadership” chaired by Terrie O. and Ladora B.

2. “Trust – Let It Begin With Me” chaired by Kathy B. and Paula N.

3. “Anonymity – Are We a Secret Society?” chaired by Barbara V.

2:30 pm BREAK (15 minutes)

OLD BUSINESS

2:45 pm Coordinator Reports – 3 minute limit

Alateen/AAPP: Ruth B.

AIS/LDC: Marje K.

Group Records: OPEN

Literature/Forum: OPEN

Institutions/Public Outreach: Wanda L.

Archives: Ladora B.

Newsletter: OPEN

Website: Toni R.

NEW BUSINESS

3:30 pm 2010 Spring Assembly; Pocatello, May 14-16 District 5 – Veloy F.

3:40 pm 2010 Al-Anon Day – District 7 – Kathy B.

3:50 pm Area Twitter – Laura F.

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.

Al-Anon Assembly Weekend Schedule

“Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future”

Friday, October 9, 2009

- 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** **Registration – *Sun Valley Inn Promenade***
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Kick Off Meeting - Topic Gratitude” Hosted by Doug B.
– Ram Room**
- 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm** **Candlelight Meeting – Hosted by Chris – Ram Room**

Moved to Sat 8 a.m.

G.R. Exchange (GRs Attend)

- Hosted by Laura F. – Alternate Delegate

Moved to Sat 8 a.m.

D.R. Exchange (Past & Present D.R.s)

- Hosted by Cecilia S. - Area Chair

Saturday, October 10, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** **Registration – *Sun Valley Inn Promenade***
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **G.R. Exchange (GRs Attend) – Ram Room**
○ Hosted by Laura F. – Alternate Delegate
- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** **D.R. Exchange (Past & Present D.R.s) – Lobby Lounge**
○ Hosted by Cecilia S. - Area Chair
- 9:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.** **Al-Anon Business Meeting (GRs Attend) – Ram Room**
○ District Reports
○ Delegate Report
○ Al-Anon Assembly Options
○ Secretary Report
○ Treasurer Report
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.** **Al-Anon Luncheon & Speaker – Limelight B**
○ Luncheon Speaker: Doug B. from Twin Falls, Idaho
- 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** **Al-Anon Business Meeting (GRs Attend) – Ram Room**
○ Hot Topic Breakout Sessions
○ Coordinator Reports
○ Old Business
○ New Business
- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** **Banquet and Speaker’s Meeting – Limelight B**
○ Banquet Speaker: **Lizz H. from New York, NY**
- 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.** **Contemporary Vaudeville, Live Music and Dancing –
Limelight B & C**
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- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **Open Al-Anon Meeting – Barbara B. – Lobby Lounge**
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Open Al-Anon Meeting – District 4 – Lobby Lounge**

Sunday, October 11, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Breakfast & Spiritual Speaker – Limelight B

- Spiritual Speaker: **Jerry C. from Los Angeles, CA**

Delegate's Report

Any One Any Where.....

Today I want to share with you about OUR World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups.... Did you know.....? That Al-Anon is in over 130 countries....and that people from our World Service Office.... Trustees, Executive Director, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, an Information Analyst travel to other countries to share Al-Anon recovery In Oct. 2008 the 14th Annual International Al-Anon General Services Meeting was held in Espoo, Finland which is just outside Helsinki. This meeting included participation from 15 countries. The purpose of this meeting was to share the experience of Al-Anon national services around the world. This meeting is not a decision making body. This meeting encourages growth of sound service structures while maintaining worldwide unity through the application of the traditions. This past year a Trustee, the Executive Director and an Information Analyst went to India. The purpose was to attend the 3rd triennial national structure meeting of India. This year's team used this trip to carry the message of what of Al-Anon is by using a nonmember who could speak and be photographed at media events. She participated in four press conferences. During one of the press conference a staff member of a treatment center shared about Al-Anon members assisting in sobriety. According to him, at his center; the success rate of recovery is 80% if the family is involved in recovery and only 30% when the family is not involved. The members also held public awareness meetings where professionals could see how Al-Anon meetings work. The executive director shared the most powerful part of those meetings was the members getting up and sharing five minutes of their stories.

Another trip was taken by the Director of Member Services, The Translation Services Manager, and a Trustee to Central and South America. They visited the General Service offices in Costa Rica, Columbia, Peru, and Uruguay. They also met with representatives from Guatemala, Honduras, Bolivia, Ecuador and Argentina. The goal of this trip was to support the WSO commitment of open communication with all of the structures and to strengthen our relationships. Both the host GSO and the attending GSO representatives created agendas for the two day business meetings. Questions for the WSO office were submitted in advance so they could be translated. They had questions about Al-Anon Literature, reprint permission, how to get trusted servants to do their job, developing a strategic plan, starting an Al-Anon Information Service and WSO operations and budgets.

Another trip that was taken in the last year was a trip to Switzerland. The World Service Office was one of 23 international non-government organizations invited to a two day World Health Organization meeting in Geneva Switzerland.

The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Director of member services went to Turkey in January of this year. The WSO was invited there by the Program Director of the new Oya Bahadir Treatment Center for young street boys. The goal of this trip was to introduce the Al-Anon program to the staff at the treatment center and to the family of the boys. While in Turkey they had an opportunity to meet some members from an Al-Anon group in Istanbul. The WSO had lost contact with all Turkish-speaking groups when the English-speaking member of an Al-Anon group in Izmir, Turkey moved out of the country. They discovered there are 15 Turkish speaking groups. The members took them to the facility where the Al-Anon and AA meetings were held. As a result of this trip WSO is translating these pamphlets; Guide for the Family of the Alcoholic, Purpose and Suggestions, This is Al-Anon and Groups at Work. The WSO provides these pamphlets to support evolving structures.

A few years ago when representatives from our WSO went to Turkey they were told by a lady AA came here and I prayed and prayed for you to come....It took you two years.

***Ultimately all of this leads to the primary purpose of Al-Anon as a whole: to seek the best way to carry the Al-Anon message of recovery to families and friends of alcoholics amidst any cultural and language differences.

The next Al-Anon International Convention is in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 5-7 2013..... get your passport.....Alaskan Cruise after..... the convention
The AA International Convention is in San Antonio Texas July 1-4 2010. Each group probably received information on this and there will be daily Al-Anon meetings.

I will be attending the Northwest Regional Delegates meeting in Anchorage, Alaska the first weekend in March and I will be attending the 50th annual Delegates Meeting at Virginia Beach, April 11 – 15 2010. The 2010 theme is Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand our Circle of Hope.

Please expand our circle of hope with me by saying the Al-Anon Declaration....

Treasurer's Report

Financials

All financial statements are year-to-date as of October 10, 2009.

Account Balances (see report on page 12)

Total net worth is \$9,236.64. \$1,670.23 is in checking and \$7,564.41 is in savings.

A new account "Newsletter Reserve" has been added to give visibility to the money held by the Newsletter Editor. Right now the balance is zero because money has been returned from the Editor. I set up this account so you could see when money was given to a separate checking account and when it is returned. The difference is accounted for by the Newsletter Editor and is reported as an expense. Odd that you had visibility to the \$2.00 post office key deposit but not \$500!

The "Seed Money and Deposits" account was decreased by \$150.00 because District 6 returned the Al-Anon Day seed money on July 20th.

Profit & Loss (See report on page 13)

Income \$3,554.06

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

\$592.00 Raffle and Registration

\$408.25 Expenses

\$183.75 Net Income

Spring Assembly

\$1,351 Raffle

-7.73 \$134.27 was our split received from AA for the 2009 Spring Assembly in Idaho Falls. The calculation was based on 24% Al-Anon attendance. There were 366 total registrations and 91 were Al-Anon registrations for a percent of 24.86%. The check was received within the timeframe of the AA guidelines. Thank you to Terrie O for giving AA the address to mail the check.

Minus \$50 for a speaker basket

Minus \$92 for registration of the speaker and spouse

District 3 donated \$250 as previously reported.

Groups donated \$1,960.81.

Member donations \$14.58; the additional \$3.77 was received since the AWSC Committee Meeting in August.

\$14.18 is interest income from the savings account; \$4.76 in the quarter ending September 30.

Expenses \$4,273.71

-1,161.17	Spring Assembly for Committee members and some Fall 2009 registration
-1,293.31	The AWSC Meeting on August 23
-79.15	Archive Coordinator expense of notebook supplies, postage, and storage boxes
11.00	I reported at the Spring 2009 AWSC meeting and the Spring 2009 Assembly that a check for the Forum had not been cashed by an individual. That check dated 10/11/2008 for \$11.00 is still outstanding. A motion was passed at the August AWSC meeting to reverse the \$11.00 in the financial statements with the assumption the check is lost. The \$11 shows as a positive expense for the Forum/Literature Coordinator because of this reversal.
-151.24	A \$500 check was written to the Newsletter Editor on 2/20/2008; (check number 1533) A MoneyGram for \$348.76 received from the Editor on 9/19/2009 \$151.24 is the difference as an expense. Any future money given to an Editor will be placed in the Newsletter Reserve account so it will be visible to you. That account will be reduced when money is received back from the editor and an expense is recorded in this account.
-46.56	Treasurer expenses of postage and copies for the May and August AWSC meetings and Spring Assembly
-6.42	Pamphlets for Assembly free literature; no change in this amount since Spring Assembly.
-30.00	A background check for an 2 Alateen sponsors.
-1,834.00	Equalizer expense for the 2010 Conference. I paid the full amount as approved by the Fall 2008 Assembly. This amount was lower than full amount of \$1,890.00 last year so we are under budget for this expense!
-100.00	A Financial Review was conducted by an accountant on June 25, 2009 at a cost of \$100.00. She would charge \$50 for subsequent reviews because she has information about Area now. The review was for the calendar year 2008. I have three letters: one is from me to the accountant stating what I know and will provide. The second is from the accountant stating terms and objectives of the review. The third is from the accountant stating the finding of the review. We received a clean bill of financial health.
-699.28	Cost to send our delegate to the Northwest Regional Delegate meeting.
-50.00	The Spanish hotline – minutes on prepaid cell phone
-9.95	The website domain name that was paid in January.

Net Income of -\$1,683.49

This is loss, but the large equalizer expense has been paid. Group donations are down from last year, there was a loss for the Spring Assembly split, but the Spring Assembly raffle was higher than last year.

Group Donations (See report on page 14)

The Group Donations report is listed by District and then group number. Year to date donations from the groups is \$1,960.81 (this matches the P&L) Please thank your groups for their continued support. The DR's receive their district's group donation receipts. Your group should get a receipt if you donated to Area.

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

Budget (See report on page 15)

The budget is included for your information with updated expenses. This does not need approval since it was approved at the Spring 2009 Assembly. The items over budget include the Committee Meetings and the newsletter. Remember the Committee meeting budget was based on prior years' expenses. The expenses depend on who attends the meetings and how far they travel.

2009 Account Balances
AI-Anon Area 13
 October 10, 2009

		Totals
Bank Accounts		
Checking	1,670.23	
Savings ⁽¹⁾	7,564.41	
TOTAL Bank Accounts		9,234.64
 Cash Accounts		
Cash Account	0.00	
TOTAL Cash Accounts		0.00
 Asset Accounts⁽²⁾		
Newsletter Reserve	0.00	
Seed Money and Deposits	2.00	
TOTAL Asset Accounts		2.00
Net Worth		\$9,236.64

Footnotes

- ¹ 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

- ² These are assets because we eventually get this money back. Newsletter Reserve is new to give 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
August 16, 2009

	Details	SubTotal	Total
Income			
AI-Anon Day		183.75	
Spring Assembly		1,343.27	
Raffle	1,351.00		
Split ⁽¹⁾	-7.73		
Donations		2,225.39	
District 3	250.00		
Group	1,960.81		
Member	14.58		
Interest		14.18	
Total Income			3,766.59
Expenses			
AWSC Meeting Expenses		-2,454.48	
Assemblies	-1,161.17		
Committee Meetings	-1,293.31		
Coordinators		-219.39	
Archives	-79.15		
Forum/Literature ⁽²⁾	11.00		
Newsletter	-151.24		
Officers		-46.56	
Treasurer	-46.56		
Operating Expenses		-2,729.65	
Assembly Literature	-6.42		
Background Checks	-30.00		
Equalizer Expense ⁽³⁾	-1,834.00		
Financial Review ⁽⁴⁾	-100.00		
NWR Delegate Meeting	-699.28		
Spanish Hotline	-50.00		
Website Domain Name	-9.95		
Total Expenses			-5,450.08
Net Income			-1,683.49

Footnotes

- ⁽¹⁾ Spring Assembly: 366 total registration; 91 AI-Anon; 25%; \$134.27
 Minus \$50.00 for Speaker Basket
 Minus \$92.00 registration for AI-Anon speaker and spouse
- ⁽²⁾ An uncashed check was reversed
- ⁽³⁾ The full amount was paid for the 2010 Conference
- ⁽⁴⁾ The review was for 2008; only done every three years.

2009 YTD Group Donations

Al-Anon Area 13

October 10, 2009

	Group	Donation
District 1	40751 Afternoon Delight AFG	80.00
	502355 Freedom Group	44.65
	62434 Friday Noon AFG	70.00
	65487 From Insanity To Serenity	10.00
	66383 Northwest Serenity	50.00
District 2	14149 Clarkston Roundtable	45.00
	3384 Kendrick AFG	50.00
	3388 Lewis-Clark AFG	60.00
	48023 Wed Night	26.58
District 3	31241 Adult Children	15.00
	3345 Steps To Serenity	30.00
	500569 Fri Night Fireside	90.00
	502539 Thu Eagle Noon	100.79
	502795 Friday Noon Five Mile	72.29
	504118 Wed Collister	20.00
	61227 Mon/Wed Noon	369.00
	62315 Sunday Early Birds	81.76
	65838 Saturday AM Spiritual AFG	25.84
66020 Garden Valley AFG	10.00	
District 4	24707 Filer Tue Night	105.00
	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
District 5	30788 Friday Out To Lunch AFG	45.00
	36305 Turn Around AFG	90.00
	44344 Wed Wild Bunch	15.00
District 6	37923 Wed Noon Munch Bunch	25.00
	503388 Just For Today	75.00
	64378 Westside Al-Anon	25.00
District 7	46331 Noon Serenity AFG	25.00
	62297 Safe & Sound	15.00
	63168 Just For Today	20.00
	999914 Courage For Today	20.00

Total Group Donations

1,960.81

Thank you for your generous donations!

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

Budget Item	2009 Actual	2009 Proposed	2008 Actual	2008 Proposed	2007 Actual	2007 Approved	2006 Actual	2006 Approved	2005 Actual
<u>AWSC Meeting Expenses</u>									
Assemblies	1,161.17	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	79.15	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		40.00		40.00	
Chair		40.00	19.50	40.00	22.09	80.00	71.75	40.00	6.50
Secretary		40.00		40.00	19.08	40.00	5.99	40.00	17.89
Treasurer	46.56	100.00	96.85	60.00	96.44	60.00	48.38	60.00	213.24
<u>Operating Expenses</u>									
Assembly Literature	6.42	40.00	35.09	25.00	21.52	50.00	24.75	50.00	21.66
Background Checks	30.00	125.00	122.63	250.00	75.00	750.00		750.00	
Bank Charges		20.00	-31.04	40.00	81.33	70.00	14.94	70.00	
Equalizer Expense	1,834.00	1,990.00	1,890.00	2,261.00	1,959.00	1,698.00	1,698.00	1,612.00	1,100.00
Financial Review	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					
NWR Delegate Meeting	699.28	800.00	1,078.50	1,200.00	375.81	1,000.00	635.20	1,000.00	668.60
PO Box Rental		42.00	42.00	40.00	40.00				
Public Outreach		150.00		150.00		300.00			
Spanish Hotline	50.00	100.00		200.00	283.59	200.00			
Website Domain Name	9.95	29.85							
Website Hosting		166.80		0.00	166.80	245.00	166.80	175.00	
Totals	5,450.08	8,503.65	6,932.45	10,247.00	9,044.26	9,753.00	6,492.25	8,777.00	4,598.96
<u>Seed Money/Deposits</u>									
AI-Anon Day		150.00	150.00	150.00		150.00		150.00	237.50

Alateen Coordinator

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

Ad hoc Committee to update our Alateen Process/ Guidelines—*We need to update to reflect what our actual process is today. I've put together a draft document and have asked a few people to review it with me. We will distribute it to all District Reps for your review when completed. (John E., Cecilia S.)*

Alateen continues to grow!—*A total of 17 Alateen meetings will be active in Idaho this fall. In Boise: 12 in-school meetings, 2 regular meetings; in Coeur d'Alene: one meeting; Idaho Falls: one meeting; Twin Falls, one combined Al-Anon/Alateen meeting. In September 08, we had 9 total meetings in Idaho.*

Request for Alateen in Bruneau—*Rimrock Jr High & H.S. are requesting an Alateen meeting. We need a certified Alateen Sponsor to start this meeting. Contact me for more information. They would like a weekly meeting on Wed.*

Alateen Sponsor Training—*Aug 28-30 in Harrison, ID. The Washington Area hosted this event and there were 6 of us from Idaho that attended. It was a wonderful event, with great information shared. There was a lot of interest in John E.'s discussion about starting In-School meetings. It was nice that we could contribute new information to the Washington training.*

WSO Conference Calls for Alateen Coordinators/AAPP—*I participated in a Conference Call on September 26th hosted by WSO staff. The focus was on the process area's use to certify sponsors, remove sponsors if needed, verify that sponsors are certified when they attend an event with Alateens, recertify sponsors annually—including criminal record reports annually in some areas. It was interesting to see how other areas take Alateen Safety to a higher level. I'm hoping to include a few ideas in our new updated guidelines.*

I feel honored to be part of the growth in Alateen here. Be sure to thank all your Alateen sponsors for the service work they do. Sponsors need Hugs, too. It's a tremendously rewarding service opportunity and sometimes a frustrating one too. It's great to have the support of Al-Anon meetings in the district.

*Enthusiastically yours,
Ruth Blaha
Idaho Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP*

Literature Center Liaison

Greetings from the Literature Center.

We have been experiencing many changes at the center these past few months. One very important item is the new office manager. Please welcome Jenny H. I am sure she will do a great job for the center.

We have new equipment; a HP office jet 6210 printer has been donated; a computer and software have been donated; we have updated software including Windows XP, Office 2007, and Free Pdf xp. We are excited about these changes and our service commitment and we thank those who donated this equipment.

The office procedures we have been working on are now in place.

Some issues involving book orders:

When orders are placed with the Literature Center, payment must be sent with that order. No orders will be shipped without payment.

There is a new order form on the website. It is just two pages instead of four. There are also some available at the literature sales table.

For off-premise sales such as assemblies, etc. we cannot take pre-orders. If you call or e-mail before the event we will make every effort to include what you need in the literature sold at the event. Come early and buy from the inventory supplies. We will take pre-paid orders at these events and the items will ship the following Monday.

Again I would like to thank all those who support the Literature Center with orders, donations and time. We value your contributions.

Respectfully submitted, Marje K.

Public Outreach

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

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

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

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

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

ID First printing 12 copies 950

Second printing 6 copies 900

Spanish

First printing 1 50 copies

Second printing 3 150 copies

WAY TO GO!!!!

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

District Meetings

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

Reports

Area Committee minutes and Assembly minutes are posted on the website under Area/Members then Reports.

Spanish Contact Email

I created a new mailbox on our website called webspanish. Emails will automatically forward to whoever is linked to this mailbox. Currently the Spanish Contact is listed. This can be found on the first page of our website.

Events

Events are posted on the website as soon as I have the information. Sometimes Districts add flyers, agendas, or directions after the event is first posted. I appreciate those hosting the event to send updated information as you acquire it.

Glossary

One place to look to find the meaning of acronyms such as WSO, DR, GR, etc. is the glossary on our website. If you are looking for something that is not in the glossary, just click on the bottom of any website page and send an email.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni R.

Website Coordinator

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District 1

We have 5 group representatives attending this Fall assembly in beautiful Sun Valley.

We have been having good attendance at our district meetings. Last month we had 11 members and 8 votes.

I was able to visit a Bonner's Ferry meeting and a Sandpoint meeting during a week off when I vacationed at Priest Lake. I was able to sit in on a business meeting there and enjoyed seeing how other groups "do it!"

Alateen has been selling sets of recipes cards for a fundraiser. They have made about \$200 at \$5 a piece! We have a few more alateen sponsors. The Alateens and the public outreach co-coordinators are working on making posters for the schools. We realize we need to get permission to print the posters from W.S.O.

Our picnic on the Spokane River went well. Only 24 attended but we had fun.

The Serenity Cruise on Lake Coeur d' Alene was a success. We had AA and Al-Anon speakers and were able to see the sunset on the way back. It was a wonderful evening. We used our fund that we had recieved from members, groups and the registrations from the Mary Pearl workshop. We had to sell 80 seats to break even. We sold 82. After all expenses were paid we had over \$70 profit. The activities fund is back over \$1000. I put a copy the the CD of the speakers in the backpack we brought for the raffle here today.

We were invited to have an Al-Anon literature table at the North Idaho AA Assembly next weekend. 6 Years ago when it was here we were able to offer outreach to many AA members and their family and friends.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

sincerely,
Barbara V. (District 1 representative)

District 3

Greetings from District 3!

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

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

Gem State Round-Up, I hear, was a success again this year. There's been nothing but great comments about the slate of speakers that were here.

Love in Service,
Traci Ehlers
District 3 Rep

District 4

Happy greetings from District 4,

This year has gone by so fast. We have done a few fundraisers: gratitude workshop which didn't go too well, but it was worth a try...only raised \$40.00. Then we did a no-bake bake sale...raised about \$261.50. We had our annual Spaghetti and Speaker Meeting on Sept. 19th. We had an AA and Al-Anon speaker and had a great spaghetti dinner donated by our groups in the district. It was held in Jerome this year at the first Presbyterian Church located at 262 East Ave. A. We also had a raffle. There were 48 in attendance and went very well! We raised about \$336.00.

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

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

We did a travel meeting to Burley to show our support...it was really fun and went really well. The Burley Tuesday night group usually gets pretty small attendance, but the night we 2 of us went to the meeting; it had an attendance of about 12. 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.

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

District 6

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

Our next adventure was Al-anon Day which was held June 27th. Our theme was Opening Our Hearts Transforming Our Losses. It was small, total attendance was 22 but, it seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves. We were grateful that Cecilia and her husband were able to attend. We started off with an Ice breaker, one of the Pocatello groups hosted a panel discussion. Then we did a craft activity and made heart cards, lunch was served. After lunch we had our own Sheryl W. share part of her story and she did a great job. We closed by blowing bubbles outside and letting some of our losses fly away. THANKS to all who attended. IT was a GREAT DAY.

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

For Public Outreach we were recently invited to speak at a Recovery Family Therapy Group we were able to share our personal experience strength and hope and also get important information out about Al-anon and Alateen meetings in our District.

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

Planning has begun and we are looking forward to our Holiday Social in December. It will be held at St. Luke's church on Saturday Dec. 5th @ 11:00 am.

Love in Service

Terrie Olsen

District 6 Representative

Submitted 10/10/09, Fall Assembly, Sun Valley, ID

District 7

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

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

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

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

Fall Assembly update: Our Fall fund-raiser netted the District \$167.75. We had an attendance of 25 fine people, wonderful food, great raffle items, inspiring speakers and a great time was had by all!

Kathy B
District 7 DR

Twitter report to Fall 2009 Assembly

At the August AWSC meeting I volunteered to check into whether WSO has guidelines regarding the use of Twitter by AI-Anon areas. I emailed WSO and received a response from Bob, Communications Director. He says that there are no current guidelines specific to Twitter but that the Policy Committee will probably discuss this issue again in the future. He directed me to page 84 in the service manual which covers anonymity in electronic communication outside of AI-Anon. The Internet is considered to be a form of media, so members should not break their anonymity by using last names or business email addresses.

I signed up for a Twitter account and checked out how it works. North Idaho has an Alateen Twitter account and I signed up to follow them. There are some features that should make it safe enough for AI-Anon to use. For example:

- When I tried to sign up to follow the north Idaho Alateen group, they had to give permission first
- Each Twitter account has the ability to block anyone else from following them
- Privacy settings allow each account to control all postings

It could be a useful tool for a group, district or area to use to send out short (up to 140 characters) messages and reminders. It is a free service, but someone would have to administer the account and post the tweets. Twitter.com has a tutorial video and help section with more information.

Submitted to the Area Assembly by Laura Farrington, 10/10/09