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# Idaho Area Assembly - Spring 2009

## AI-Anon Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2009 Spring Assembly was held at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on May 23, 2009. Cecilia S. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The steps, traditions, concepts, and a Forum piece on Concept 5 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 – 0 (were unable to attend due to car trouble); District Two – 4; District Three – 9; District Four – 4; District Five – 7; District Six – 4; District Seven – 5, for a total of 33. For reports, see attachments beginning page [19](#).

#### Delegate's Report

- WSC theme – Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future.
- Shared 2 things from Area 13 at Conference: the success of Boise Alateen, and our discussion about changing the way we do assemblies.
- WSO has decided to end the Regional Service Seminars, opting instead for TEAM: Together Empowering AI-Anon Members. This will be an opportunity for WSO to send someone to smaller memberships to speak, do workshops/panels.
- Charter revision to protect Alateen traditions.
- Working on online chat meetings for Alateen.
- The trial period for e-cal ended, and will not be continued due to lack of submissions.
- In 2010, the WSO office will be paid for, the 15-year trial will be over, and discussion will begin re: ending trial, starting another trial, or selling the property.
- WSC – April 11-15, 2010; NWRDM – Anchorage Alaska

See attachment on page [7](#) for full report.

### Discussion – AI-Anon Assembly Options

Passed out the WSO guideline “Cooperating with AA”. Each ad hoc committee member was asked to share about the process:

- Berta – was originally asked to research what other Areas do for their assemblies, what are their guidelines? Found that there are only a few Areas that still coordinate their business meeting with AA.
- Toni – shared experience, strength and hope as past GR, Assembly Chair, Area Treasurer.
- Ruth – as Delegate, AA talked about not inviting us due to the increasing size of assemblies, especially since the Area geography has changed (added Districts 1 and 2). Areas with more time do more education, workshops, skits, and have more flexibility.
- Cecilia – came from an area with the AI-Anon assembly independent of AA. Have we grown sufficiently to consider this? We have no control over dates, location, etc., so we have no options. Are we being financially self-supporting?
- Traci – shared discussion history from past minutes: Fall 2007 – Pros & Cons; Spring 2008 – more Pros & Cons; Fall 2008 – more discussion; motion for financial study passed.

Floor was opened for discussion – 2 minute time limit/1 turn at the mic

- Concern about Area supporting Districts as they participate with AA assemblies (support = help, advertising, etc.)
- There's a lot of energy focused on what this will look like in the future.
- This is incredibly unfair – a one-sided presentation; one-sided, biased, manipulative hand-out; no consultation with AA or general AI-Anon population; the fact that the committee had to rename itself is telling.
- Read Concept 5 – well-heard minority; hand-out was biased; AWSC planning assemblies equals governance; confusion about the definitions of business meeting and assemblies; District 6 has been treated well by AA, included in discussions, feel welcomed
- The ad hoc committee was supposed to report the financial information at this assembly, so the GRs could take it back to the groups.
- Excited about having our own assembly (business meeting); where in this facility could we have a 6-hour WSO workshop? The pros and cons have been discussed for 3 assemblies; we're grown-ups; let's not be reactionary to AA.
- What I'm hearing in this room is that we're not ready to vote. We're missing an entire district. Groups are confused. Traveling to extra things will put a financial burden on people. We should listen, and there's too much of a fracture in this.
- We're not required to be at the AA assembly, we're required to be at our business meeting. It's a growth thing.
- Group is evenly divided. Under the impression that we were going to vote on this issue today.
- Question – what are the cons? (New GR at 1<sup>st</sup> assembly)
- Would miss seeing all the sober alcoholics and listening to the speakers.
- Was convinced (2 years ago) that we should stay, has since changed her mind. Feels like the info has not gotten down to the group members & there's too much confusion. Believes we should not vote.
- If you look at the Steps, one of them is "made a decision". We could decide to begin the process and start to define what it will look like. It's been made clear that we participate, and AA will accommodate us up to the point of it interfering with AA.
- Conflict is hard and emotional. There is no motion on the floor; this is still just a discussion. But what do we do next? What's the healthy way to handle this conflict?
- It seems like, after everyone's had their say, we should take a vote.
- It would be nice to unite North and South Idaho as far as assembly goes. This is not the only opportunity for AI-Anon to visit AA.
- Maybe we should focus on logistics. Have we grown (or have they) to the point of us getting pushed out? It's gotten so complicated. We've been given the steps/traditions etc. to support the change. While we're all so passionate, we have to remember that we're all just learning.
- Considerable advantages to piggy-backing; AI-Anon/AA couples can travel together and share expenses.
- Rural groups do have a financial issue with lots of travel. Doesn't feel like they've gotten enough info. Can we get a better picture of what future AI-Anon assemblies will look like before voting?
- Lots of different opinions. How do we structure this so we feel like we have a clear picture of what the groups are feeling? Can we get a written report/summary/etc. from the group members?
- Couldn't we do it on the same weekend, same town, etc. as the AA assembly, and answer the need?
- Control issues corrupt unity.
- This is just a one-year trial, right?

As per the motion from Fall 2008, each District was to provide some financial information about having the assembly (business meeting).

District 1: Coeur d'Alene Inn – with luncheon, the meeting room rental is waived, \$19.95 complete  
District 2: Red Lion – spend \$500 on food, room rental is waived  
Church – great parking, large meeting room, coffee for \$5.00/pot

District 3: Doubletree – free meeting room with luncheon (\$10.95/person and up); without lunch the meeting room is \$300/day. Hotel rooms vary \$69-\$109, depending on dates. There are many churches that would have sufficient room.

District 4: Red Lion Twin Falls - \$265 room charge, \$10-15 per plate for luncheon, \$55 per urn of Coffee

District 5: Church in Pocatello, \$300 for building, church ladies will cater

District 6:

District 7: Cultural Center - \$260/day, room holds approx. 80, Nancy's Sandwich buffet \$9.95 per person, Holiday Inn Express gives discounts to groups using the Cultural Center.

***Motion and second to table discussion until next assembly.***

Discussion: what information do we need in the interim? Is it the GR's responsibility to research?

Ask yourself 4 questions: What do we want to have happen? What needs to happen to get what we want? Can we do that? Will we do that?

***Vote: 20 to table/13 to not table.***

***Motion and second to vote at next assembly.***

Discussion:

- Cannot bind next Assembly to a specific vote.
- Should form 2 committees – Pro and Con
- If we take back financial information, won't that be enough to ask the groups for a vote?
- This is such an emotional issue that unanimity is necessary.
- Is this new plan going to cost Area money, or will we make money?
- Is there a forum for members (on the website) to get the facts?

***Motion withdrawn***

- This is the essence of knowledge based decision making.
- There is a lack of communication with AA
- Easy does it – this stuff takes time.

**Secretary's Report**

*Motion to accept minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report**

All reports are attached, see page [9](#).

Income - \$1473.52

Expense - \$1484.81  
-11.29

YTD donations = \$1208.00 Net worth = \$10,408.84

*What did zero say to eight? Nice Belt!*

Budget:

***Motion and second to accept the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.***

***Motion and second to remove NWRSS line item in budget. Passed unanimously.***

***Motion and second to accept amended budget. Passed unanimously.***

## **Coordinator Reports**

**Alateen/AAPP** – 14 meetings in the state; requests from 3 more schools in Boise; recertification due by July 1; Idaho Alateen sponsors have been invited by the Washington Area to attend sponsor training in Coeur d’Alene in August.

### **Literature Center**

**Group Records** – Lisa must step down from this position, but will spend the summer making sure things are organized for the next person

**Website** – 98 people receive the newsletter electronically. There is now a link on the Idaho website for WSO podcasts, electronic and telephone meetings.

**Literature/Forum** – absent

### **Public Outreach**

### **Archives**

**Newsletter** – This position is open

See attachments beginning on page [15](#).

### *Assembly Attendance:*

*33 voting GRs, including 5 attending their first Assembly.*

## **Attachments**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Traci Ehlers  
Area Secretary



Al-Anon Assembly Weekend Schedule

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

Friday, May 22, 2009

12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration – Lobby

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting - Pocatello Room

8:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm Alateen Meeting – Room TBA – Topic: “Powerlessness”

Saturday, May 23, 2009

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration – Lobby

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. G.R. Exchange (GRs Attend) – Idaho Falls Room

- Hosted by Berta R. - Delegate

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. D.R. Exchange (Past & Present D.R.s) – Pocatello Room

- Hosted by Cecilia S. - Area Chair

9:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Al-Anon Business Meeting (GRs Attend)

- 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 – Yellowstone Room

- Luncheon Speaker: Jackie W. from Idaho Falls, Idaho

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Al-Anon Business Meeting (GRs Attend) – Idaho Falls 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 – Grand Teton Room

- Jim W. from Seattle, Washington

9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. DANCE – Band “2a.m. Logic” – Grand Teton Room

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9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Alateen Meeting – Room TBA – Topic: “Insanity, and a Power Greater than Ourselves”

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Step 12 Meeting – District 5 – Boise Room

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Room TBA – Topic: “Turning it Over”

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Newcomers & Gratitude Meeting – District 4 – Boise Room

8:00 p.m. (after banquet) Alateen Meeting – Room TBA – Meeting before Dance

Sunday, May 24, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Breakfast & Spiritual Speaker – Grand Teton Room

- Steve B. from Ashton, Idaho

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## Delegate's Report

Dear Idaho Area Al-Anon/Alateen members,

Thank you for allowing me to be the Idaho Area representative to the World Service Conference. This years conference allowed me to become reacquainted with members of the conference that I met last year and make friends with those that were new this year. It was another wonderful time for sharing experience, strength, and hope with members from around the globe that have walked the same walk with the disease of alcoholism.

THANK YOU, to all of you individuals and groups who sent cards and love gifts to me while I was at the conference. I appreciate every one of you. It is so exciting to get mail from home.

This year's theme is "EMBRACE THE LEGACIES: OUR SPIRITUAL BRIDGES TO EXPAND THE FUTURE".

Prior to going to the conference the Delegates were asked to contribute any thoughts on where we might have used the legacies as barriers to progress. Many submissions were sent in. Copies of these barriers were placed on each wall surrounding the conference room and early on in the conference the "barriers" were torn down from the walls as all Conference members shared their experience, strength, and hope for the common good of Al-Anon and sought harmony, clarity and understanding on each issue.

**What.... NO RSS (Regional Service Seminar)...HOLD ON..... The "TEAM" is here!**

**Together Empowering Al-Anon Members.** This is a new service event. It is designed as an opportunity to target smaller membership and is no longer limited to a three year rotation. There will be more input from the host for a program that targets the interest of the local membership. This will be a better use of our resources and opportunity to share responsibilities. The TEAM event can be tied to an existing Area event such as the Assembly, a day of Service, or Area Convention or it can be a stand alone event. It can be hosted by one area or two or more areas. A region could host. Members could be invited from anywhere. The event must meet a 6 hour time requirement for WSO attendance and could be spread out over more than one day. Each District Representative will receive a packet at the Spring Assembly that will explain in detailed process and time line necessary to hold a TEAM event!

The 2009 Conference members were able to agree on a Charter revision that protects the Alateen Traditions. This process took 2 years of research, careful documentation of our history relating to the WSC Charter, two different Task Forces, and a LOT of conversation.

### **Let's Talk Alateen Chat!**

The WSO is currently working on an Online Chat meeting for Alateen. We observed a simulated chat meeting conducted by WSO staff. Testing of this sight will take place. Delegates and Alateen Coordinators will be notified when the testing is complete and it is available for use. More will be revealed as the process evolves in to a reality.

During the 2008 and 2009 Conferences, the Division or Consolidation of an area has been one of the "Big Question" discussion items. We agreed to continue this conversation for another year or more. We will use Thought and Task Forces to gather facts and ideas. By using the KBDM process any solution will be based on an informed group conscience.

The 2008 Conference made a change in the policy regarding bequest. The 2009 conference members voted to approve a process for managing any excess bequest fund.

A copy of the process is included in your district packet. As the age of our membership gets older, many have contacted the WSO inquiring how to leave bequests to the Al-Anon WSO. This prompted an opportunity for the KBDM process to be put in to action.

The trial period for E-Cal on our website has come to an end. Due to lack of submissions and interest, the conference, upon the recommendations of the committees and work groups voted to discontinue this service. The Group Services Committee and the Admissions Handbook committee were also disbanded. It was very apparent that the work of these two committees could be done by a thought or task force.

We had two discussion items during the week that were chosen by the delegates prior to conference. Those two items were; 1. Al-Anon's Public Relations Policy – Is it becoming more like Promotion rather than Attraction? Are we embracing Tradition Six and Eleven in all Al-Anon Affairs? And 2. How can Areas, Districts, and Groups approach unhealthy meetings in a positive and productive way?

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism out reach project – in 2008 the membership distributed 262,125 copies. The sketches PSA generated more airplays than any PSA since WSO began tracking them in 1996-1997. The year 2000 was previously our most successful and 2008 was 12 percent ahead of that campaign. Our total monthly airplays were above the 3000 mark. Radio PSA: in 2008 we produced our first radio only PSA in English, Spanish & French. (In previous years we had produced an audio of the TV PSA) By January 2009 the English – language audio PSA had been aired more than 7900 times, reaching an audience of more than 23.4 million listeners.

On Tuesday of Conference week I had the awesome opportunity to tour the World Service Office. Meeting the staff, seeing the archives, and most of all for me personally just seeing the large warehouse of Al-Anon literature was beyond what I could have imagined. Seeing volumes of information in several languages and volunteers putting together newcomer packets along with boxes already labeled for mailing made this trip worth more than I can tell you. Next year in 2010 our WSO will be paid for. At that time, the 15 year trial period will be over. Paragraph 2 of the 1994 original motion reads:

The conference authorizes the purchase or property for a trial period of 15 years. At the end of the trial period; it can end the trial period; extend the trial period; or order the sale of the property. The Board of Trustees agrees not to override the action of the Conference on the ownership of property, if the Conference directs that the property be sold. The conversation regarding this motion will begin at the 2010 conference.

At our Fall Assembly I will recap the international information from Conference week. Through out the next several months I will be participating by email and conference call on a thought force, gathering information about integrating Alateen into Al-Anon where no Alateen meetings exist.

The 2010 Northwest Regional Delegates meeting is being held in Anchorage, AK on March 5, 6,7th and the 2010 World Service Conference will be held April 11-15 in Virginia.

Once again, thank you to my Higher Power and the Idaho area members for allowing me to be your voice and vote at the WSC. Each day began with a “quote of the day”... I would like to leave you with Friday's. “I cannot contribute to the group purpose unless I continue to practice the Steps with humility and faith. This practice, I believe is the basis for being a trusted servant. To the best of my ability, I take the tools of the Twelve Steps with me when carrying the Al-Anon message. If I don't take care to bring my recovery with me, I cannot share it with others.” (When I Got Busy, I Got Better. Pg 44)

With Love in Service,

Berta Ruark  
Panel 48  
Idaho

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## Treasurer Report

### Financials

All financial statements are year-to-date as of May 20, 2009.

**Account Balances** (see report on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)

Total net worth is \$10,408.84

**Profit & Loss** (see report on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)

Income \$1,468.81

Thank you to District 3 for your donation of \$250.

Groups donated \$1,208.22

Members donated \$10.81

Expenses \$1,484.81

|          |                                                                         |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$166.00 | Assembly expenses are pre-registration of Committee members and airfare |
| \$526.00 | The AWSC Meeting on March 21                                            |
| \$18.58  | Treasurer expenses of postage and copies for the March AWSC meeting     |
| \$15.00  | A background check for an Alateen sponsor                               |
| \$699.28 | Sent our delegate to the Northwest Regional Delegate meeting.           |
| \$50.00  | The Spanish hotline – minutes on prepaid cell phone                     |
| • \$9.95 | The website domain name                                                 |

Net Income of -\$11.29

**Group Donations** (see report on page 12)

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

Year to date donations from the groups is \$1,208.00 (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.

**Riddle**

What did the zero say to the eight? "Nice belt".

**2009 Budget** (see report on page 13)

The NNWRSS line item was removed after a vote at the Assembly.

**Assembly Analysis** (see report on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)

This report was requested at the Assembly so was updated and included in this report.

**2009 Account Balances**

Al-Anon Area 13

May 23, 2009

|                                        |          | <b>Totals</b>      |
|----------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| <b>Bank Accounts</b>                   |          |                    |
| Checking                               | 2,701.90 |                    |
| Savings <sup>(1)</sup>                 | 7,554.94 |                    |
| TOTAL Bank Accounts                    |          | 10,256.84          |
| <b>Cash Accounts</b>                   |          |                    |
| Cash Account                           | 0.00     |                    |
| TOTAL Cash Accounts                    |          | 0.00               |
| <b>Asset Accounts</b>                  |          |                    |
| Seed Money and Deposits <sup>(2)</sup> | 152.00   |                    |
| TOTAL Asset Accounts                   |          | 152.00             |
| <b>Net Worth</b>                       |          | <b>\$10,408.84</b> |

**Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> The savings account earns interest. Money sits here until it is needed for the checking account to pay invoices. \$700 was moved back to the savings account from the NWRSS Savings by vote at the Spring 2009 Assembly

<sup>2</sup> \$2 deposit on Post Office box keys  
On 10/11/08 \$150 was sent to District 6 for 2009 Al-Anon Day  
These are assets because we eventually get this money back.

**2009 YTD Profit and Loss**  
**AI-Anon Area 13**  
 May 23, 2009

|                       | Details  | SubTotal | Total    |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Income</b>         |          |          |          |
| Donations             |          | 1,468.81 |          |
| District 3            | 250.00   |          |          |
| Member                | 10.81    |          |          |
| Group                 | 1,208.00 |          |          |
| Interest              |          | 4.71     |          |
| <b>Total Income</b>   |          |          | 1,473.52 |
| <b>Expenses</b>       |          |          |          |
| AWSC Meeting Expenses |          | -692.00  |          |
| Assemblies            | -166.00  |          |          |
| Committee Meetings    | -526.00  |          |          |
| Officers              |          | -18.58   |          |
| Treasurer             | -18.58   |          |          |
| Operating Expenses    |          | -774.23  |          |
| Background Checks     | -15.00   |          |          |
| NWR Delegate Meeting  | -699.28  |          |          |
| Spanish Hotline       | -50.00   |          |          |
| Website Domain Name   | -9.95    |          |          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |          |          | -        |
|                       |          |          | 1,484.81 |
| <b>Net Income</b>     |          |          | -11.29   |

**2009 YTD Group Donations**  
**Al-Anon Area 13**  
 May 23, 2009

|                         | <b>Group</b>                       | <b>Donation</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>District 1</b>       | 40751 Afternoon Delight AFG        | 50.00           |
|                         | 502355 Freedom Group               | 23.65           |
|                         | 62434 Friday Noon AFG              | 52.00           |
|                         | 65487 From Insanity To Serenity    | 10.00           |
|                         | 66383 Northwest Serenity           | 50.00           |
| <b>District 2</b>       | 14149 Clarkston Roundtable         | 45.00           |
|                         | 3384 Kendrick AFG                  | 25.00           |
|                         | 3388 Lewis-Clark AFG               | 60.00           |
|                         | 48023 Wed Night                    | 8.88            |
| <b>District 3</b>       | 3345 Steps To Serenity             | 30.00           |
|                         | 500569 Fri Night Fireside          | 60.00           |
|                         | 502539 Thu Eagle Noon              | 63.93           |
|                         | 502795 Friday Noon Five Mile       | 72.29           |
|                         | 504118 Wed Collister               | 10.00           |
|                         | 61227 Mon/Wed Noon                 | 188.00          |
|                         | 62315 Sunday Early Birds           | 81.76           |
|                         | 65838 Saturday AM Spiritual AFG    | 25.84           |
| 66020 Garden Valley AFG | 10.00                              |                 |
| <b>District 4</b>       | 24707 Filer Tue Night              | 35.00           |
|                         | 27614 Beginning Again              | 26.65           |
|                         | 35113 Fri Buhl Serenity Seekers    | 25.00           |
|                         | 48100 Experience, Strength, & Hope | 25.00           |
|                         | 62173 Get a Life Al-Anon           | 100.00          |
| <b>District 5</b>       | 30788 Friday Out To Lunch AFG      | 15.00           |
|                         | 36305 Turn Around AFG              | 50.00           |
|                         | 44344 Wed Wild Bunch               | 15.00           |
| <b>District 6</b>       | 64378 Westside Al-Anon             | 25.00           |
| <b>District 7</b>       | 62297 Safe & Sound                 | 5.00            |
|                         | 63168 Just For Today               | 20.00           |
|                         | <b>Total Group Donations</b>       | 1,208.00        |

**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>Coordinators</u>          | -               |                 | -               |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Alateen/AAPP                 |                 | 40.00           |                 | 40.00            | 16.79           | 40.00           |                 | 40.00           |                 |
| Archives                     |                 | 80.00           | 45.41           | 80.00            | 85.35           | 40.00           | 63.72           | 40.00           | 15.40           |
| Forum/Literature             |                 | 20.00           | 22.00           | 20.00            | 1.70            | 80.00           | 1.84            | 60.00           |                 |
| Group Records                |                 | 20.00           |                 | 20.00            | 6.75            | 40.00           | 2.04            | 40.00           | 5.24            |
| Literature Center            |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Liaison                      |                 | 20.00           |                 | 20.00            |                 | 20.00           |                 |                 |                 |
| Newsletter                   |                 | 0.00            | 370.89          | 371.00           |                 | 500.00          | 250.00          | 500.00          |                 |
| Public Outreach              |                 | 40.00           |                 | 40.00            |                 | 120.00          |                 | 120.00          | 60.85           |
| Website                      |                 | 20.00           |                 | 20.00            | 76.93           | 40.00           |                 |                 |                 |
| <u>Officers</u>              | -               |                 | -               |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Delegate                     |                 | 600.00          | 125.00          | 600.00           | 735.79          | 600.00          | 560.51          | 400.00          | 232.51          |
| Alternate Delegate           |                 | 20.00           |                 | 20.00            |                 | 40.00           |                 | 40.00           |                 |
| Chair                        |                 | 40.00           | 19.50           | 40.00            | 22.09           | 80.00           | 71.75           | 40.00           | 6.50            |
| Secretary                    |                 | 40.00           |                 | 40.00            | 19.08           | 40.00           | 5.99            | 40.00           | 17.89           |
| Treasurer                    | 18.58           | 100.00          | 96.85           | 60.00            | 96.44           | 60.00           | 48.38           | 60.00           | 213.24          |
| <u>AWSC Meeting Expenses</u> | -               |                 | -               |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Assemblies                   | 166.00          | 3,000.00        | 2,158.07        | 3,080.00         | 2,461.34        | 2,640.00        | 2,138.08        | 2,640.00        | 1,487.75        |
| Committee Meetings           | 526.00          | 900.00          | 857.55          | 1,530.00         | 544.09          | 1,100.00        | 810.25          | 1,100.00        | 769.32          |
| <u>Operating Expenses</u>    | -               |                 | -               |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Assembly Literature          |                 | 40.00           | 35.09           | 25.00            | 21.52           | 50.00           | 24.75           | 50.00           | 21.66           |
| Background Checks            | 15.00           | 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           |                 |
| Equalized Expense            |                 | 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           |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| NWR Delegate                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Meeting                      | 699.28          | 800.00          | 1,078.50        | 1,200.00         | 375.81          | 1,000.00        | 635.20          | 1,000.00        | 668.60          |
| PO Box Rental                |                 | 42.00           | 42.00           | 40.00            | 40.00           |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Public Outreach              |                 | 150.00          |                 | 150.00           |                 | 300.00          |                 |                 |                 |
| Spanish Hotline              | 50.00           | 100.00          |                 | 200.00           | 283.59          | 200.00          |                 |                 |                 |
| Website Domain Name          | 9.95            | 29.85           |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Website Hosting              |                 | 166.80          |                 | 0.00             | 166.80          | 245.00          | 166.80          | 175.00          |                 |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>1,484.81</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          |

**AI-Anon Area 13  
Assembly Financial Analysis**

| Income Item                 | 2008            | 2007            | 2006            | 2005            | 2004            | 2003            |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Assemblies <sup>1</sup>     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <u>Raffle</u>               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Spring                      | 1,044.00        | 1,417.00        | 774.71          | 1,028.00        | 966.55          | 388             |
| Fall                        | 898.00          | 1,266.00        | 645.50          | 957.31          | 2,185.00        |                 |
| <b>Total Raffle</b>         | 1,942.00        | 2,683.00        | 1,420.21        | 1,985.31        | 3,151.55        | 388.00          |
| <u>Split</u>                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Spring                      | 555.92          | 837.11          | 795.65          | 1,571.01        | 596.72          | 636.74          |
| Fall                        | 2,097.04        | 1,247.58        | 128.89          | 724.91          | 963.23          |                 |
| <b>Total Split</b>          | 2,652.96        | 2,084.69        | 924.54          | 2,295.92        | 1,559.95        | 636.74          |
| Donations                   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| District                    | 330.70          | 50.00           |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Groups <sup>2</sup>         | 2,759.64        | 2,667.99        | 1,894.12        | 2,235.14        | 2,294.05        |                 |
| Member                      | 15.00           |                 |                 | 125.00          |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Donations</b>      | 3,105.34        | 2,717.99        | 1,894.12        | 2,360.14        | 2,294.05        |                 |
| Al-Anon Day                 | 617.75          | 356.49          | 356.49          | 382.60          | 821.33          | 899.07          |
| Gem State Roundup           | 0.00            | 125.00          | 0.00            |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>         | <b>8,318.05</b> | <b>7,967.17</b> | <b>4,595.36</b> | <b>7,023.97</b> | <b>7,826.88</b> | <b>1,923.81</b> |
| % of Income from Raffle     | 23.35%          | 33.68%          | 30.91%          | 28.26%          | 40.27%          |                 |
| % of Income from Split      | 31.89%          | 26.17%          | 20.12%          | 32.69%          | 19.93%          |                 |
| <b>Expenses<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>2,158.07</b> | <b>2,461.34</b> | <b>2,138.08</b> | <b>1,487.75</b> | <b>1,980.00</b> |                 |

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Assemblies - I put the amounts in the year the Assembly occurred rather than the year the money was received

<sup>2</sup> Groups

    Only years 2007 and 2008 are broken out from District versus Group donations  
    So district donations are lumped with Group

<sup>3</sup> Expenses - Cost of sending AWSC officers and coordinators to Assemblies

## Other Information

### Debit Card

With approval from the officers I applied for a debit card for the checking account. I needed it to pay website expenses.

### Financial Review

I have found someone to conduct a Financial Review. It should be completed before the next AWSC meeting in August.

### 2008 Treasurer Notebook

I created the 2008 treasurer's notebook for Ladora for the archives. I will give it to Ladora after the financial review since I can use the same notebook for the review.

Number Crunchingly Yours,  
Toni R, Area Treasurer

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## Alateen Coordinator

***We need to get our Alateen Sponsors Re-certification & Meeting Updates completed by June 15!***

***Here's what I need:***

- 1. Background Checks:*** New Alateen sponsors MUST have finger-printed background checks completed to be certified. If you have not done this, go to our Idaho Al-Anon website at [www.idaho-al-anon.org](http://www.idaho-al-anon.org), and click on "Area/ Members," then on "Alateen Sponsorship" to get full instructions on our Idaho Area background check instructions.
- 2. Updated information on all Alateen Sponsors:*** I need up-to-date contact info for all Alateen sponsors, including address, phone numbers, email addresses.
- 3. Updated Alateen meeting information:*** WSO sent an update sheet to all Current Mailing Addresses (CMAs) for Idaho Alateen meetings. These need to be completed & sent back with updated info, including location, time, day, contact names & numbers. WSO needs all records no later than July 1st. Please send me corrections by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Alateen Sponsor Training Weekend***

Washington State is hosting a Sponsor Training Weekend (adults only) at a camp near Coeur d'Alene on August 28-30—Camp N-Sid-Sen in Harrison, ID, on the lake. I sent Registration forms & information to all District Alateen Coordinators and District Reps.

### ***School meetings are still doing well in District 3***

If your district has news to share about Alateen, please send it to me. I'd love to hear about your Alateen meetings & share ideas across the state.

Love in Service,  
Ruth Blaha  
Idaho Area Alateen Coordinator/Area Process Person

This year my reports will consist of Area Archival history of Idaho groups.

1984 information sent to WSO:

Group name: Tranquility AI-Anon

Meeting place: Bingham Memorial Cafeteria, Blackfoot, Id.

Contact Person: Viola W.

Group Representative: Viola W.

Secretary: Marva H.

Treasurer: Judy K.

Number of Members: 07

No dated information of when the group started.

Group name: Thursday No Smoke Discussion AFG

Meeting place: 1524 Vista Ave., Rm #7, Boise, Id.

(address of the Literature Center)

Contact Person: Deanah L.

Group Representative: Deanah L.

Secretary: Kim

Treasurer: Nila M.

Number of Members: 05

Group started in 1984

A 1995 information sheet lists a new address as All Saints Episcopal Church, 704 S. Latah, Boise. At this time there were 12 members.

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## Literature Center Liaison

Greetings from the Literature Center.

First I would like to thank all those who have supported and assisted the center this past year. We greatly appreciate your contributions.

The Officer positions for the year are as follows:

Chair, Toni RN

Co-Chair, Carla H

Treasurer, Toni R

Secretary, Karla D (new Board member)

Literature Center Liaison, Marje K

We are currently revising the Operating Manual for the Service Center. There have been changes in policies, duties, and procedure and the revision will reflect these changes.

Thank you again for your support.

Respectfully submitted, Marje K

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## Group Records

Greetings to all my fellow Al-Anon members. It is with a heavy heart that I find myself needing to make the choice of stepping down from the Area Records Coordinator position. With the recent opportunity to return to school and my involvement in service at the District Level, it has become apparent that I must make a choice in the interest of self care.

Having said this, I would like to point out that I did not decide to step down because this service position was too hard. In fact, it is a relatively simple process of gathering information from the Idaho Area groups, documenting the requested changes and communicating the changes to WSO. I have also enjoyed attending the Area meetings, where I have witnessed how the principles and concept of the program work.

My service involvement has been extremely rewarding. I would like to invite all GRs to share this opening with your groups. I'm confident that there is a member out there looking for a service position that will allow them to serve and grow beyond the District level. This position is a great way to learn where the group meetings and group representatives are located through the state. I've met a lot of great people.

While I intend to continue my involvement in service, I need to get back to working my program. I'm really looking forward to reconnecting with my higher power.

Love in service,

Lisa C  
Area Records Coordinator

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## Public Outreach

I am sending out information as I receive it from WSO. Currently I have sent out information of a newsletter to be put into your papers and a letter as how to do it.. I also sent out a White Buffalo memo to Veloy, as it is in Fort Hall ( District 5). I attended a conference call recently and had a few idea's for you to try.. Putting your Al-Anon contact phone number in the Churches directory and their news bulletin. You could do this also in the schools on their bulletin board, or any where there is a bulletin board.

If the Districts would e-mail me their PO person, and their contact information I could work with them and the DR..

Another thought is having Action meetings in your District. Workshops are good also and District projects..

We have 600 Spanish meetings reregistered in WSO.

Love in Service

Wanda

### Events

Districts continue to submit their events to be posted on the website. Visit this webpage to find directions, review agendas, and print event flyers.

### Newsletter Distribution

There are 98 members signed up to receive the electronic newsletter.

### District Meetings

District meeting schedules are posted on the website whenever I receive them. I get the schedules directly from a District or through the Area Records Coordinator.

### Electronic Meetings

#### Podcasts

WSO podcasts are now linked from the meetings webpage.

#### Electronic and Phone Meetings

Telephone meetings and other electronic meetings are now [linked](#) from the website. The meeting list is maintained by WSO and all meetings are registered. I obtained permission to use the link to these meetings from Sharon at WSO on 4/2/2009.

#### Hard Copy

There is a link to WSO where you can enter your email address to receive a [hard copy](#) of all electronic meetings. Enter your email address and click on Submit to Al-Anon.

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

We were looking forward to a great weekend in Idaho Falls.

We had 6 Group Representatives, 1 District Representative and 2 Area members that tried to traveled from North Idaho, District 1. 2 made it. We are all safe, no one was hurt, and we had a relaxing weekend.

We are busy trying to plan some fun events. We may have a picnic this Summer. I am looking at July 25 at Quemlin Park in Post Falls. We are discussing a possible *speaker cruise on Lake Coeur d' Alene* at the end of September. We can always use help, so join us with your 2 cents. Contact Sue O for more information (208)676-1997.

We usually take at least one very fun, bike ride down the Hiawatha Trail. also. Contact me, Barbara V and I will forward info on.

We still bring outreach to the North Idaho Behavioral Health Center every 6 weeks. Barbara K, one of our Outreach coordinators organizes groups of about 4 volunteers to host a panel for the families of recovering adults. Call to be on the next panel (208)457-1811. Barbara Y. is contacting school counselors and getting alateen literature to schools in the area. Kater B. is bringing literature to Dr's and counseling offices.

Alateen is still looking for a few good members to do service as alateen sponsors. The only alateen meeting in North Idaho needs Al-Anon members with 2 years of regular attendance at Al-Anon meetings who are willing to go through a background check.

We are hoping to get 6-12 volunteers to rotate on Tuesday nights. There is a simultaneous Al-Anon meeting at the same church at 7pm. Contact Lori M (208)676-8802

Sandpoint is hosting a Potluck/Speaker meeting Saturday May 30th at their regular meeting place, First Presbyterian Church, 417 N 4th, Sandpoint, Idaho at 6:30pm

Speakers are Rick (AA) from Sandpoint, and Ralph (AFG) from Moscow. Call Gayle H if you want to know what to bring (208)610-0610.

Our next district meeting is Thursday June 18th at 5:30pm at St George's Church, 2004 N Lucas St in Post Falls. A great regular Al-Anon Meeting to follow at 7pm. We will not meet in July.

I want to thank the officers and all the Group Representatives and members who support the district. A special thanks to Kris for helping take minutes. Cudo's to Sandy B. for printing the schedules. To Sue O and Barbara K... without all of your effort there would not be a district 1.

yours in service,  
Barbara V.

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## District 2

Greetings from District 2:

We currently have 15 meetings with 7 elected GRs. At this assembly, 4 voting members are present. District meetings travel to each meeting throughout the year.

Our annual fundraiser was held in December followed with a potluck dinner and gift exchange. For literature, we voted to have the groups order them quarterly. This is to help defray shipping and handling charges.

Public outreach has chosen to continue last years outreach project. They continue by sending out 45 mailing to counselors, and etc. A seconded mailing will go out with Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism and a return response card.

We have received 2 responses for the Dear Abby project mailed out.

Roz Henry, DR

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## District 3

Hello from District 3!

We continue to be blessed with great attendance and participation at our District meetings. This year we've added a short, 5-minute "education" segment, based on the Guidelines available from WSO, lead by the GRs. We felt that the guidelines are somewhat overlooked, and this would be a good way to make the GRs aware of them. The topic for May was "Cooperating with AA", which was very timely!

Lisa C., our public outreach coordinator is doing an outstanding job, and I see it growing by leaps and bounds. Groups have stepped up and signed up to go to Intermountain Hospital once a month to share at Family Night. I've yet to hear a bad word about it from those who've shared about their experience. There's also an outpatient recovery center that has approached us to do the same, and that is in the works.

Our District's meeting schedule keeps getting more and more crowded. I know, because the print is getting smaller! A new meeting started in February at the Boise Walker Center – Al-Anon with a corresponding Alateen meeting, Tuesday nights at 7:00. There's also a new noon meeting on Tuesdays.

The Gem State Round-Up is in full planning, and will be July 31 – Aug. 2, at the Doubletree Riverside. The Al-Anon program theme is "A Vision for Healthy Relationships" and the speakers and panels look to be great again this year, so we hope to see you there!

Love in Service,  
Traci Ehlers  
District 3 Rep

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## District 4

I would like to thank you for letting me serve as District 4 representative. I have only been in for a short time, but I have learned that service helps me grow.

District 4 foregoes their annual luncheon in order for the Wednesday night to have a fundraiser.

Burley registered their meeting...it is Tuesday night at 7 p.m. located at 1836 Elba. Contact for this meeting is Ann (208-678-9518). Spanish Meeting located in Hailey at St. Charles Parish. Contact person is Alma (1-208-309-0494). We also added the area Spanish hotline on our schedules.

We are in the works of planning several different summer fundraisers: Yard Sale, no-bake bake sale, a Gratitude Workshop, family BBQ, and looking for ideas.

The Walker Center Family Meeting is back on track. All the groups are taking turn on chairing this important 12 step family meeting.

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

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## District 6

We started off the year with new officers in the District, so we are still trying to find our place, we meet once a month and following our district meeting is our Speaker Lunch. It is a great way to spend a Sunday morning.

We have 5 meetings in Idaho Falls, 1 in Blackfoot, 1 in Salmon, 1 in Rexburg, 1 Alateen meeting and a new group in Ashton.

Our new officers are getting things rolling with the Assembly being held in Idaho Falls this year we are helping Dist. 7 AA with the planning and are looking forward to having a great time.

We will also be hosting Al-anon Day in June, besides getting to our own personal meetings we keep busy with planning meetings and preparations. We are all looking forward to this new adventure and hope to find new experience, strength and hope in the coming year. Stay tuned to see how it goes.

### AL-ANON DAY

We are planning the Al-anon Day for June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 3:00. It will be held at the St. Luke's Fellowship Hall, we have chosen the theme of Opening our Hearts- Transforming our Losses. The day will be filled with fun and companionship. We will have a panel discussion, lunch, a speaker and crafts. We are planning a raffle so if you have something fun to donate please bring it. We are looking to have a GREAT day so please get your registrations in and come and join us.

Love in Service  
Terrie O.  
Dist. 6

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## District 7

Wow, as a District we are making head way. We have been moving our District meeting around the District with meetings in Caldwell, Nampa, and Ontario. We have had as many as 21 people at a district meeting. Our next meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at the First Methodist Church in Nampa. We are including our Spanish speaking members in our readings by going around the room and reading the Traditions, Steps and slogans in either Spanish or English as the reader chooses.

We are planning a Fall Potluck and Speaker meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, at First United Methodist Church, 2717 12th Avenue Rd., Nampa. The theme is Changes of Seasons. So far we know that we will have two speakers, a potluck luncheon and a raffle. More will be decided. Please mark your calendars and come and fellowship with us!

We have completed our Love Gift for the Delegate, and are working on contributions for our Raffle basket for the Spring Assembly. It's been fun with new, fresh ideas and lots of laughter. Our theme for our basket is: Pamper your car and yourself! I can't tell you exactly how we got to that but I can say we had a good time getting there.

We are trying to find Alateen sponsors and start Alateen meetings. To this goal we have been educating ourselves about the requirements for Alateen sponsorship, and reviewing what has been successful elsewhere. At this time we are still looking for sponsors.

As a personal note I really appreciate the love and support the Area Chair, committee members and individuals in my District give. I have been reduced to asking for help and advice and it is always there and lovingly given. It may be the lesson I was intended to learn! I feel I have grown in the program with this term as DR more than I imagined I could.

Kathy B  
District 7 DR