

Idaho Area Assembly – Spring 2011

AI-Anon Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area AI-Anon 2011 Spring Assembly was held at the Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on May 21, 2011. Berta R. opened the meeting at 9:00am with the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions, Concepts, and a *Forum* piece on Concept 5 were read, followed by introductions.

Reports

DR Reports

Each District Representative was asked to report the number of voting GRs from their Districts:

District One –	7
District Two –	5
District Three –	10
District Four –	1
District Five –	5
District Six –	2
<u>District Seven –</u>	<u>4</u>
Total of voting GRs	34

A summary of district reports appears here. See full reports attached. [If you are reading the minutes online, click on any blue text to link to a full report.]

District 1	<p>Barbara K. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 new meetings – Newcomers on Wed and District speakers meeting 2nd Sunday of each month at the Alano Club in CDA • Lori M. is new District newsletter coordinator • Outreach – panel discussion at the Kootenai County medical center every 6 wks at their family night presentations at the chemical dependency unit • Working on starting a Spanish-language meeting • New LDC in CDA – thanks to Sue O. • Serenity Speaker Cruise – Sept. 17 on Lake CDA tour boat with speakers Dottie and Jim D., both with >40 yrs of recovery. All are invited!
District 2	<p>Kathy Ba. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New meeting in Orofino = 10 active meetings now • Outreach – members asked to take lit around the community in memory of Lois W. • Events – 4th step workshop at A Cabin in the Woods; game day with speakers; holiday progressive dinner; movie night celebrating 60th anniversary

District 3	<p>Terry A. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb sponsorship workshop – over 100 attendees • Spiritual breakfast in April • Alateen – 17 weekly meetings mostly in schools; thanks to John E. and many sponsors; new meeting in Mtn. Home • Outreach – share each month at Intermountain Hospital • 2012 AA Spring Assembly will be in Boise; Al-Anon will be participating. Nancy Jo will be the Al-Anon luncheon speaker
District 4	open position– no report
District 5	<p>Jeanne H. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have district liaison position with District 1 AA; will be helping with 2012 AA Assembly • 2 fundraisers to make sure GRs could get to CDA Assembly; got 5 out of 7 GRs to this Assembly • 60 years of Al-Anon picnic in June • Outreach – ordered “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” and carry lit to hospitals, churches, jails incl Pocatello Womens Correctional Facility • Region 6 recovery support services pamphlet has included Al-Anon contact info
District 6	<p>Maureen R. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New outreach/literature district coordinator; outreach is growing leaps and bounds • Alateen groups increased from 1 in Jan to 11 groups in April • Just had AA Spring Assembly with Al-Anon participation last weekend in IF; Maureen was the Al-Anon luncheon speaker; assembly was a fabulous success; spiritual connection between Al-Anon and AA still exists!
District 7	<p>Nancy Jo W. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 out of 7 groups represented at this assembly • Doing some H & I work as a district • Ideas for the district: workshop on building healthier groups, picnic to include the whole family • Working on the Gem State Roundup coming up in August

Delegate's Report

Kathy Bo. prepared our first-ever Powerpoint presentation. See her full report attached.

World Service Conference	The conference looks just like our Assembly, only with more tables, and more languages! At the conference, they decide who has a voice and who has a vote. There were 96 voting members at the 2011 WSC.
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Finance Update	<p>Literature – 11% increase in sales this year over last year <i>Forum</i> – 2.7% increase in sales over last year. Plug for the <i>Forum</i>: they need articles; need people to write in. Has a lot of purposes from your own recovery to group recovery to outreach. Expenses at WSO - \$1,253,000 this year; includes a new roof for the building</p>
New Literature	<p>WSC motion: Conceptual approval given for new pamphlet on intimacy including sexual intimacy in alcoholic relationships; replaces old pamphlet “Sexual Intimacy and the Alcoholic Relationship” which is no longer available. Need members to share on this topic; to write the articles that are hard to write for the benefit of us all.</p>
Ownership of Real Property – World Service Headquarters	<p>WSC motion: to authorize ownership of real property. Al-Anon was renting an office in NYC; cost of renting kept going up; moved office to Virginia Beach, VA and purchased 5 acres and built an Al-Anon home. The WSC approved a 15-year trial, at the end of which would be a vote to a) keep the property, b) sell the property, or c) continue the trial. Mortgage was paid off this year, so we own the property outright. WSC voted overwhelmingly to retain the property and end the trial.</p>
Dual members policy	<p>WSC Discussion item. See p. 78 in the Service Manual. Clarify policy on how dual members who are also members of AA can serve in Al-Anon. Ongoing discussion.</p>
Al-Anon International Convention	<p>WSC Discussion item. Next international in 2013 in Vancouver. Then, next international after that will be July 6-8, 2018. Planning for 6000 to 10000 people. Kathy has forms for bids for the 2018 international.</p>
Cultural diversity	<p>WSC Discussion item. Kathy serves on the cultural diversity task force, which is involved in an ongoing discussion about expanding outreach to diverse populations. Based discussion on last membership survey which said the average Al-Anon member is a 56-year-old white woman. All members are urged to fill out and participate in the next membership survey! Ideas: a) some Areas have purchased translation equipment so all members can attend and understand at assemblies; b) at meetings members all have a book and are asked to read Steps/Traditions in their own language</p>
Do Not Refer policy	<p>WSC Discussion at 2010 WSC; task force will make recommendations for groups that violate Al-Anon’s Traditions as determined by Areas. Do not refer = when people call the WSO 800 number to find a meeting, a group on the do not refer list would not be given out to callers. Areas need to work on a policy for listing/delisting/relisting groups balancing the idea that there are no Al-Anon police with the problem of groups violating Traditions to the point that they are harming Al-Anon as a whole.</p>

Alateen Chat rooms	There are 7 weekly chat meetings in English, 1 in French, and 1 in German. Plan to place a link on the members website. Teens must register. Sponsors screen all sharings. No individual member can send a private message to another member. Areas set up these chat rooms.
WSO Public Outreach website	Website went live with a new look during WSC. Much easier to find what you are looking for! www.al-anon.org
Books – Conference Approved Literature	<i>How Al-Anon Works</i> – out in paperback format for \$5 (WSO price). It was released in paperback as a way for groups to have an inexpensive book for newcomers that contains the essence of the Al-Anon program. <i>Many Voices, One Journey</i> – new book of Al-Anon’s history told through many voices, including Lois and Bill W.

Secretary’s Report

Minutes from the Fall 2010 Assembly were presented. One correction was made to the first page under the discussion about 2011 Spring Assembly and 2011 Fall Assembly. The discussion about Coeur d’Alene needs to move from the Fall heading to the Spring heading. A second correction was made on page 7, a minor date change.

Motion: to approve the Fall 2010 Assembly minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Announcements

New address to send Area donations: PO Box 4681
Pocatello, ID 83205

Please include group # (assigned by WSO) on all donation checks.

Group Donations

Year-to-date as of May 15, 2011 groups have generously donated \$1,373.09 to Area.

2011 Account Balances

GRs received a sheet of account balances at the Assembly which is not attached to the minutes. It had Area account balances as of March 2011 when books were closed out and turned over to the new treasurer. As of March 2011, total bank accounts = \$9,894.45; cash accounts = \$0; asset accounts = \$1,004; Net Worth = \$10,898.45. Asset accounts are for things like assembly seed money and PO box rental deposits, funds that are eventually returned to us.

2011 YTD Profit and Loss

Figures are as of May 15, 2011.

Income = \$2,888.09

Expenses = \$3,186.06

Net Income = -\$297.97

Area uses the calendar year as its fiscal year.

2011 Area 13 Proposed Budget

The budget as approved is attached to these minutes. The chart below includes explanations of budget items that were presented at Assembly. Total proposed budget for 2011 is \$9,742.

Line item	Explanation
AWSC Meeting Expenses - Assemblies	For AWSC committee members to come to assemblies to give their reports. Amount increased because we're now having assemblies separate from AA; not sure what costs will be. \$200 spent YTD
AWSC Meeting Expenses – Committee meetings	For AWSC committee members to attend the meetings before the assemblies. \$921.18 spent YTD on March committee meeting.
Coordinators	For copies and things that coordinators need to do their jobs. Alateen - \$28.23 spent YTD for copies; Archives - \$48.85 spent YTD for binders, sheet protectors; Website \$94.89 spent YTD on software.
Officers - Delegate	\$600 budget for delegate to go to districts to give a report if invited; or for extra hotel or travel associated with the position
Officers - Treasurer	Includes cost of software update.
Background checks	For all Alateen sponsors in the Area.
Bank charges	Includes cost of new checks for the new treasurer
Equalizer expense	An average cost for each delegate to attend the WSC. Some years it is held in Virginia, others near NYC. WSO determines an equalized cost for all areas. We have a choice about whether to pay this equalized expense or to pay the full cost of sending our Delegate to the WSC.
NWR Delegate meeting	Once/yr for 3 years the delegate attends; once per term the alternate and past delegates attend. Sent current and past delegates this year to the meeting in Minot, ND.
PO Box rental	Includes 2 boxes added for Assembly registrations and new treasurer. Annual fee of \$44 per PO box.
Website domain	Paid every 2 years. Next due Jan 2012
Website hosting	Paid every 2 years. Next due 2012
Al-Anon Day seed money	Seed money is \$0 because the Al-Anon Day event has been discontinued
Assembly seed money	Added \$500 per assembly for Al-Anon Assemblies

Motion: To approve the 2011 Area Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2011 Area Budget. Motion passed.

Coordinator Reports

<p>Alateen/AAPP</p>	<p>Barbara V. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 positions – Alateen Coordinator and Alateen Area Process Person (AAPP). If anyone wants to take on one of these, let Barbara know. • Currently have 31 AMIAS (Al-Anon member involved in Alateen service) in Idaho, most in Boise area with 12 meetings currently in the schools. • All Alateen group records changes must go through the Area. Please send Alateen changes to Barbara. Changes sent to WSO directly will be returned. • All current AMIAS must recertify by June 1 • Researching a multi-state or national background check for AMIAS. Estimate of \$30 each or \$1240 for all, which is about 3x the current cost. • Area needs to decide how long background checks will be valid. Currently they do not expire.
<p>Archives</p>	<p>Ladora B. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of today’s archives are provided by Districts 1 and 2 • There are forms for GRs to take and use to obtain a group history and to interview long-time members. Please send completed forms to the Archives Coordinator. Help us update our archives!
<p>Group Records</p>	<p>Traci E. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing returned mail at WSO is an enormous financial expense for the fellowship. To help improve this situation, all groups please send your group records changes to Traci. • GR1 = Group Records change form. Use this form for all group records changes. Must include last name of GR; the same GR cannot be listed for more than one group.
<p>Literature/Forum</p>	<p>Robbin B. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newest book, <i>Many Voices, One Journey</i>, is much more than just a history of when things happened. It’s about why things happened and how we can use it in our recovery. • New paperback version of <i>How Al-Anon Works</i> • On the WSO members website there is a blog that is open for comments which will be made into a workbook on our legacies
<p>Literature Center (AAISC)</p>	<p>Nancy C. reported for Mike P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking for a 5th board member

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory software has been updated • Net loss \$2500 in 2010; net worth \$7300. Target bottom line = \$10,000 so we ended year 30% down. • 2011 projected net loss of \$3600 due mostly to reduction in donations. If losses continue, could result in the Literature Center closing by mid-2012 • Plan of action: to increase awareness of the center at events and to cut expenses.
Newsletter	<p>Cecilia S. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit articles, anything that is going on in your groups that you think the Area would be interested in • Deadline for submissions – one week before the end of each quarter. Ex. June 25 deadline for the July 1 issue • Mail submissions to PO Box 3392, Hayden, ID 83835 or email to Cecilia S.
Public Outreach	<p>Jeff M. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting an email group to connect outreach coordinators. All are welcome to add your names and email addresses to this email list • Al-Anon is being mentioned in the Dear Abby column in newspapers in June as well as on an episode of the TV show “General Hospital”
Website	<p>Karen D. reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased and installed software for the website • Document owners please edit your own documents and count on Karen for posting • Feel free to email Karen or click on the webmaster link on the Area website to reach her with ideas

New Business

Assembly Updates

2011 Fall Assembly

- September 24, 2011, Red Lion Hotel, Twin Falls, Idaho
- Fliers will be out soon
- Registration will stay consistent with Cecilia being our registration person for all Al-Anon assemblies this term

Future Assembly Locations

Spring 2012 – Nampa-Ontario/District 7
 Fall 2012 – Idaho Falls/District 6
 Spring 2013 – Lewiston/District 2
 Fall 2013 – Pocatello/District 5

Guidelines for Assemblies

Question from the floor regarding whether we have a set of guidelines for putting on Area Assemblies.

The Area World Service committee has guidelines and each member of the committee is rewriting those as we go through the term. The job of the Area committee is to plan assemblies. The committee is using the assembly appraisal forms as a means of getting input from the assembly about how to plan future assemblies. The committee decided to hold the Concepts workshop today. Future assemblies will look different than this one. Everyone is encouraged to fill out the appraisal form and give feedback.

Results of the Recovery Countdown, No-Raffle Raffle and book giveaway

During the luncheon a recovery countdown was taken. We have 766 years and 5 months of recovery at this assembly today!

A no-affle raffle was held during the assembly. A no-affle raffle means that people may donate money they would have spent purchasing raffle tickets and individuals/groups/districts may donate money that they would have spent on a raffle basket. Today's no-affle raffle proceeds totaled \$881

Al-Anon's new book, *Many Voices, One Journey*, was given to the member present with the most time in recovery – 44 years, and with the shortest time in recovery – 5 months.

From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. there was a workshop on the Twelve Concepts of Service presented by Ric B., Executive Director of AFG, Inc. The workshop is not summarized in these minutes, however Ric directed everyone to the Concepts blog in the members section of the [WSO website](#) which has been reopened for comments and will eventually be published as a workbook on the Legacies.

The meeting closed at approximately 5:10 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Attachments

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Respectfully submitted,
Laura Farrington, Area Secretary

Area Assembly Business Meeting Agenda

Saturday, May 21, 2011 – Best Western – Coeur d’ Alene Inn, Coeur d’ Alene, ID

Hayden Room

***“Expanding Our Community of Hope by Embracing Yesterday’s Foundation,
Today’s Successes and Tomorrow’s Possibilities”***

- 8:00-8:45** **GR Exchange** – Hosted by Wanda S. – **Hayden Room**
- 8:00-8:45** **DR Exchange** – Hosted by Berta R. – **Sherman Room**
- 9:00 am** Opening, Welcome, Serenity Prayer – Berta R. Area Chair
Traditions, Concepts, Reading from the Forum – Concept 5
Introductions; Name, Position, and Home Group
- 9:20 am** District Reports: (please give number of voting GRs from your district
to Laura F. Area Secretary). District Reports – **3 minute limit.** #1 – Barbara K,
#2- Kathy B., #3- Terry A., #4 - , #5- Jeanne H., #6 – Maureen, #7 Nancy Jo
- 9:45 am** Assembly updates – Berta R
- 9:50 am** **Break**
- 10:05 am** Delegate’s Report – Kathy B
11:00 am Secretary’s Report - Laura F.
11:10 am Treasurer’s Report – Paula N.
- 11:30 am** **Break**
- 11:45 am** No Raffle Raffle/door prizes/Lunch break/recovery count down- **Sherman Rm.**
12:00 pm Lunch with Al-Anon Luncheon Speaker Ric B. from WSO, Virginia Beach, VA
1:30 pm Coordinator reports – **3 minutes,** Public Outreach – Jeff M.,
Alateen – Barbara V., Literature – Robbin B., Group Records- Traci E.,
Newsletter – Cecilia S., LDC/AIS – Mike P. ,Archives – Ladora B.
- 2:00 pm** Concepts Workshop – Ric B. from WSO, Virginia Beach, VA
3:30 pm **Break**
3:45 pm Concepts Workshop
5:00 pm Closing

***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.***

Delegate Report



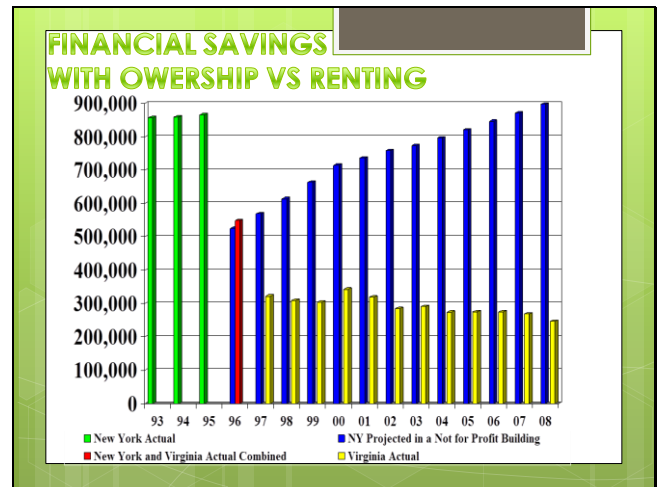
Motion to authorize ownership of real property.

- 2011 marked the culmination of the 15 year trial in property ownership.
- This Conference had 3 voting options:
 - To continue the trial
 - To sell the property
 - To end the trial and retain the property

The conference voted overwhelmingly to retain the property and end the trial.

Motions Approved

- General business motions: seating, approval of audited financial report, and the annual report.
- Finance Update:** May 2011
 - Income:**
 - Literature sales were \$1,070,300 this year compared to \$957,000 last year, an increase of 11%. Gross profits on literature sales were \$864,600 (80.8% of sales) compared to \$758,100 (79.2% of sales) last year. Forum subscription income was \$69,400 this year compared to \$67,600 last year a 2.7% increase.
 - Expenses:**
 - Operating expenses were \$1,253,000 this year compared to \$1,210,000 last year; variables included cost of printing Spanish and French service manuals, repairs to the HVAC system, and depreciation on the new roof.



Motions Approved

- That the 2011 WSC give conceptual approval for a new piece of literature on intimacy in general, including sexual intimacy, in alcoholic relationships. This is to replace the pamphlet; Sexual Intimacy and the Alcoholic Relationship.
- Now it is imperative that we find members willing to share on this sensitive and important topic.





Areas of Discussion:

- Dual Member Policy: (see page 78 service manual)
There is no intent to change the policy but discussion to emphasize how dual members can serve and to clarify the spiritual underpinnings of the original policy
- International Convention:
Bids will be accepted by the International Convention Site Committee for Al-Anon's 6th International convention. The dates are July 6-8, 2018. We are planning for 6,000 to 10,000 attendees. I have the forms for submitting a bid.



Cultural Diversity:
Out Reach to Expand our Inclusiveness

- The conference welcomed Dr. Vivian Jackson who led us through an exercise that asked us to evaluate our values and the cultural factors that influence diversity among individuals and groups.
- Continued the discussion on expanding our outreach to diverse populations. A lot of emphasis was placed on the last membership survey results of which I've included on the next slide.

Al-Anon Member Demographics

- ❖ Membership 84% female and 16% male
- ❖ Average age of members is 56 (56 for U.S. and 58 for Canada)
- ❖ Less than 5% are under 35 and almost 60% are over 54
- ❖ 93 % white, 3% Latino or Hispanic, 4% other
- ❖ 99% of members graduated from high school
- ❖ 56% have at least a college degree
- ❖ 40% of members are not employed (retired, homemakers, unemployed)
- ❖ Household income is \$71,542 with 17% under \$30,000
- ❖ Fall 2009 Membership Survey

Alateen Chat Rooms:

- Seven weekly chat meetings in English, one in French and another in German
- Plan to place a link on the members web site
- Teens must register
- Sponsors screen all sharings before they are published to the chat room
- No individual can send a private message to another member

○ DO NOT REFER Policy:

- Based on the discussion at the 2010 WSC a task force will be appointed to make recommendations on a "do not refer" policy for those groups that violate Al-Anon's traditions, as determined by their Area.
- The recommendations will define criteria for designation groups as 'do not refer' in the database used by the WSO's toll-free telephone line operators who respond to newcomers and other members in search of a meeting.
- Remember: there are no 'Al-Anon Police', we presume good will and groups are autonomous in except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole.

○ Public Outreach: Web Site Revised:

- New look went live when it was introduced at the 2011 Conference, April 12
- Please explore the Public Outreach Web site : <http://www.al-anon.org>
- Literature:
 - New books available

○ DO NOT REFER Policy:

- Our Area needs to develop a policy regarding delisting' and then relisting groups.
- What Al-Anon principles, traditions and concepts apply?
- What guidelines /help can we develop for Districts to help DR's cope with this problem

Welcome Banquet:

Conference Sponsor Christine Pinning for first time delegates



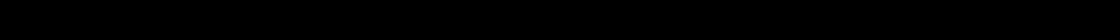


Treasurer Report

2011 YTD Group Donations Al-Anon Area 13 01/01/2011 through 5/15/2011

NAME	DISTRICT	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Friday Al-Anon Family	1	62434	52.00
Tues Night St Marie's	1	66089	10.69
Happy Solution Sandpoint	1	3422	30.00
Monday Beginners	1		25.00
Afternoon Delight	1	40751	50.00
Insanity to Serenity	1	65487	20.00
Saturday Sunshine	1	30566441	7.50
DISTRICT TOTAL	1		\$195.19
Moscow Friday Night	2	3394	50.00
Lewis Clark	2	3388	48.81
Canyon AFG	2	3384	25.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	2		\$123.81
Sunday Early Birds	3	62315	75.62
Garden Valley Group	3	66020	10.00
Friday Night Fireside	3	500569	30.00
Tues Night Womens	3	501877	25.00
Tue-Fri Noon Five Mile	3	502795	116.09
Wed. Night Collister	3	504118	35.48
Thursday Mens	3	503412	13.20
Thurs. Eagle Noon	3	502539	40.00
Sat. Eagle Step Study	3	30561909	142.20
Mon-Wed Noon	3	61227	156.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	3		\$643.59
Filer Tuesday Nite Group	4	24707	35.00
Buhl Friday Night Serenity Seekers	4	35113	30.00
Hailey Mon Nite	4	48100	50.00
Beginning Again	4	27614	42.50
DISTRICT TOTAL	4		\$157.50
Friday Out to Lunch	5	30788	30.00
Pocatello Turnaround	5	36305	28.00
Wed Wild Bunch	5	44344	5.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	5		\$63.00
Monday Nite Al-Anon	6	3376	20.00
West Side Family Group	6	64378	20.00
Just for Today	6	503388	50.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	6		\$90.00

Safe & Sound	7	62297	20.00	
Monday Beginners	7	43373	25.00	
Just for Doday	7	63168	35.00	
12X12 Nampa	7	30541795	10.00	
DISTRICT TOTAL	7			\$90.00



Barbara S			10.00	
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\$1,373.09

**2011 YTD Profit and Loss
 AI-Anon Area 13
 January 1 - May 15, 2011**

		Details	SubTotal	Total
Income				
	Donations Group & Member	1,373.09		
	Spring Assembly Registrations	1,515.00		
	Total Income			2,888.09
Expenses				
	AWSC Member Expenses		-1,121.18	
	Assemblies	-200.00		
	Committee Meetings	-921.18		
	OFFICERS		-52.37	
	Alternate Delegate			
	Chair			
	Delegate			
	Secretary			
	Treasurer	-52.37		
	Coordinators		-171.97	
	Alateen	-28.23		
	Archives	-48.85		
	Forum/Literature			
	Group Records			
	Literature Center Liaison			
	Newsletter			
	Public Outreach			
	Website	-94.89		
	Operating Expenses		-1,840.54	
	Assembly Literaturre			
	Assembly Expenses	-38.46		
	Background Checks	-51.36		
	Bank Charges(Treasurer)	-17.40		
	Equalizer Expense			
	Financial Review			
		-		
	NWR Delegate Meeting	1,645.32		
	Post Office	-88.00		
	Public Outreach			
	Spanish Hotline			
	Total Expenses			3,186.06
	Net Income			-297.97

Al-Anon Area 13
Spring Assembly May 21, 2011
2011 Budget Approved as Amended

Budget Item	2011 Actual	2011 Proposed	2010 Actual	2010 Approved	2009 Actual	2009 Approved
<u>AWSC Meeting Expenses</u>						
Assemblies	200.00	3,000.00	2,901.23	2,200.00	2,558.51	3,000.00
Committee Meetings	921.18	1,300.00	823.61	1,300.00	1,293.31	900.00
<u>Coordinators</u>						
Alateen/AAPP	28.23	40.00		40.00		40.00
Archives	48.85	80.00	58.91	80.00	112.13	80.00
Forum/Literature		20.00		20.00	-11.00	20.00
Group Records		20.00		20.00		20.00
Liaison		20.00		20.00		20.00
Newsletter		75.00		75.00	151.24	0.00
Public Outreach		40.00		40.00		40.00
Website	94.89	115.00		20.00		20.00
<u>Officers</u>						
Alternate Delegate		50.00	40.64	50.00	20.00	20.00
Delegate		600.00	113.92	600.00		600.00
Chair		40.00		40.00	11.32	40.00
Secretary		40.00	13.34	40.00		40.00
Treasurer	52.37	135.00	70.35	135.00	74.69	100.00
<u>Operating Expenses</u>						
Assembly Literature		40.00	17.25	40.00	6.42	40.00
Background Checks	51.36	125.00	15.00	125.00	61.05	125.00
Bank Charges		20.00	19.25	12.00		20.00
Equalizer Expense		1,850.00	1,966.00	2,060.00	1,834.00	1,990.00
Financial Review		0.00		0.00	100.00	100.00
NWR Delegate						
Meeting	1,645.32	1,800.00	966.89	1,000.00	699.28	800.00
NWRSS Expense		0.00		0.00		0.00
PO Box Rental	88.00	132.00	22.00	68.00	44.00	42.00
Public Outreach		150.00		150.00		150.00
Spanish Hotline		50.00		50.00	100.00	100.00
Website Domain Name		0.00		0.00	29.85	29.85
Website Hosting		0.00		0.00	166.80	166.80
Totals	3,130.20	9,742.00	7,028.39	8,185.00	7,251.60	8,503.65
Al-Anon Day		0.00		150.00		150.00
Assembly Seed Money		1,000.00				

Alateen Coordinator/AAPP

Welcome to North Idaho! We are so glad to have you here at the 1st Idaho Al-Anon Assembly on our own. I am Barbara Vidinha the Area Alateen Coordinator and the Area Alateen Process Person. If anyone would like either position please see me afterwards.

Thank you to Ruth B. who held the past term of these positions, John E. district 3 Alateen Coordinator, and Kim E. from District 6 for your help and encouragement and dedication.

We have 31 AMIAS, those are (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) in Idaho. The majority are in the Greater Boise area that has 12 meetings in schools! Thank you to all the volunteers. We always need Al-Anon members to help as each Alateen group needs 2 certified AMIAS to proceed according to the WSO recommendations. Idaho allows the Alateens to meet with only 1 AMIAS but 2 would be safer.

4 new AMIAS have been added since my position started in January. Congratulations Ruth, Max, Barbara & Maureen! Would all the present and past Alateen Sponsors in the room please stand. Let's give them a round of applause.

We have had some return mail from WSO, as all the changes in Alateen records must go through me! Traci, our Area Records Coordinator and myself have been playing a mail tug-of-war across the country. There are new forms for updates for the meetings and WSO wants 2 main sponsors listed, different than any other groups. These are different from the Al-Anon group record change forms. I brought some today or you can download them from WSO's literature site. Please mail them to me.

All of the AMIAS **must** recertify by completing the forms and getting them to me by June 1st! The brand new volunteers I listed earlier do not have to complete these. I have enough here if the DR's can take them back to their districts. If you are not in touch with the AMIAS in your district please leave the forms and let me know today that I need to contact these members.

I am continuing to research the possibility of having background checks cover more States or are National. The estimate was about \$30 per person. If correct, that would be \$930 + the cost of refingerprinting and mailing, \$155 to \$310 or a \$1240 total estimate. We trust in our higher power that each willing Al-Anon will support the standards they have agreed on. I do not recommend we enlarge the background checks at this time.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I would love to see Alateen represented at these Assemblies. We have guidelines in place for them to attend. Please call, email or write with any questions. Your district Alateen Coordinator may be able to help, or you could help them!

Alateens are Al-Anon members. We need to welcome them into our Al-Anon groups when there are no Alateen meetings. Please remember what it was like for you as a beginner.

Yours in service,

Barbara Vidinha

Archives Coordinator

Spring Assembly
May 21, 2011
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Report of Archives Coordinator Ladora B.

For the Archives display today please take the time to review Northern Idaho Districts' display. The only thing I brought up for the Districts 1 and 2 to review are the files that were sent to us from WSO after everything had been scanned into another technology and files either destroyed or returned to Area for the expense of postage. No more paper records of groups at WSO.

In the file folders are letters from various people wanting information on how to form a group in their city – copies of registrations and just interesting stuff.

There is a stack of forms available for GRs to take to their group to compile a group history and history from long time members. Keep it in your own District archives and please send a copy to me for Area Archives.

Mail to: Ms. Ladora Butler
6416 Tahoe Dr.
Boise, ID 83709-1069

Group Records Coordinator

My job is to help WSO have current information for all of the groups in Area 13. I've participated in 2 conference calls with WSO, and they have emphasized that processing the returned mail is an enormous financial expense for the fellowship. My goal is to establish an Area policy that all group changes go through the Area, instead of through WSO. The reason is because, as a volunteer, I'm FREE. So please use me.

A couple of things:

On the change form, please fill out all of the sections. WSO would very much like to know the *number of members* in each group, so please include that.

GRs - Please include your last name, it's required in the database. One cannot be the GR for two groups at once, so if you're moving from one group to another let me know the old group so I can remove you as GR from that group and add you to the new one.

Changes - any change qualifies as an update, not just the GR info. Contacts, times, etc.

should be sent to me. If there's a change to your meeting schedule, I should probably know about it. Karen, the web coordinator, has been great about sending me the schedule changes; however, if there's not a note about what's changing, I will never figure it out. So, I would like to ask that you also send me the schedule change, indicating the change.

When I started this job, I was all about the change form. Since then I've decided that I'll take the information any way I can get it.

I am more than happy to answer any question you might have about the change form, because I know it's a little daunting, esp. if you're new, so you can call me at 208-841-8001, or email me at tlehlers63@gmail.com

Love in Service,
Traci Ehlers
Area GRC

Literature/Forum Coordinator

Spring 2011 Literature/Forum Report

As it states in the *Literature Coordinator Guideline*, “the Literature Coordinator becomes a ‘link of service’ between the members, groups, and districts in their area and the WSO.” Please pass on information at Assemblies and via e-mail to District Representatives, Information Services/Inter groups, Literature Distribution Centers, and Newsletter Editors. Establishing an e-mail list of these members makes it easy to forward this information.

- **2011 World Service Conference:** Last month, the World Service Conference approved a motion from the Literature Committee for conceptual approval of a piece on intimacy, including sexual intimacy, in alcoholic relationships. We plan to post a sharing sheet for this project in the near future.
- **Al-Anon’s Newest Book:** A Web page about the book is now available: www.al-anon.org/b31.html. Please share your comments about the book with us, and help spread awareness of it among members.
- **How Al-Anon Works in Paperback:** A new paperback edition of *How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics* (B-32) was introduced at the Conference as well. At \$5.00 US, this edition is ideal for sharing widely with newcomers or to have multiple copies available for group study. Please note the publication number (B-32) is different from the hardcover edition (B-22) to prevent confusion.
- **Legacy Blog:** The Blogs on Traditions and Concepts are still open for submissions. Submissions for all three legacies will be compiled into a workbook. You can also subscribe to the feed.

Q: Has WSO considered developing e-books of any of the Al-Anon literature? With the popularity of i-pads, nooks, kindles, etc., some members are wondering.

A: The WSO is currently studying all options for publishing electronic literature. Factors to consider in addition to staff resources and financial considerations include whether this could severely curtail sales of Literature Distribution Centers, copyright issues, and keeping within our Traditions of self-support and non-affiliation. (For example, some providers of e-book readers require 70 percent of all profits as a condition.) Nevertheless, we are receiving an increased number of requests for e-books, and are interested in finding an appropriate solution.

I'm handing out Catalogs and "Why CAL pamphlets". It'll be fun to watch the CAL process with the new publication on intimacy.

I'm also handing out a Forum Sharing sheet and a CAL Group Inventory page.

Submitted by Robbin B.

Literature Center (AAISC)

District 3 AAISC / Literature Center report – Spring 2011

Board of Trustees: We have two new board members this year – Nancy C. and Vee F. – and Barbara B. has become the "official" Treasurer, replacing Toni R. since Fall assembly. We are still seeking a fifth board member.

Operations: this year, thanks to Toni R. and Barbara B, the AAISC has upgraded software so that inventory can be managed real-time, providing more accurate financial reporting and inventory mgmt.

2010 Financial results: net loss (\$2500), "bottom line" (net worth of cash + assets - liabilities): \$7300. This may sound good, but the target bottom line until now has been \$10,000, and we ended the year almost 30% below where we started. The primary driver has been significant decrease in group donations coupled with rising operating costs.

2011 Budget: At present, we're projecting a net loss of (\$3600), bringing the bottom line to \$3700, which is insufficient to support on-going operation of the literature center in its present state (physical office location, ample inventory and regular hours supported by a part-time employee). At this point, closure of the literature center office sometime in the first half of next year is probable unless steps are taken to reduce the budget deficit through increased donations, fund-raising activities and expense control.

Board of Trustees Action Plan:

1. Most importantly, increasing awareness at the group and individual level that the literature center requires on-going, regular support of the groups to continue operating. The literature center has historically covered 55% of its expenses each year through voluntary contributions. 2010 – present, that has fallen to 30%, resulting in an approximately \$300 / month deficit. The board of trustees has sent letters to all district 3 groups requesting support, and are visiting as many groups as possible in dist 3 & 7 to request more regular and substantial support. Outside

of district 3 & 7, any contributions are greatly appreciated, especially to the extent that the group utilizes the literature center.

2. Increased involvement of the literature center at fundraising events: the board of trustees is trying to attend as many fundraisers and events (like gem-state roundup, chili feed, lasagna dinner, spiritual breakfast, etc.) to increase the literature center presence and availability of CAL, as well as to source additional donation support. For example, recently at a few events, bottled water was sold and proceeds donated to the literature center, resulting in \$40 - \$60 each month (if we are able to do this once per month). That reduces the monthly deficit by \$50 / month. It's not nearly as helpful as the group donations, but we have other ideas, and every dollar helps.
3. Cutting expenses: we are cutting everywhere possible, though the literature center's brick and mortar expenses are largely fixed. One area we will be considering in June is reducing hours of operation. Since the literature center is only open 4 hours, 3 days per week (12 hours per week), we'd like to avoid this, but as results from options 1 and 2 have not cut the monthly financial gap, it appears that this will be necessary unless/until revenue/donations recover.

Public Outreach Coordinator

Public Outreach Coordinator's Report
Idaho Area Al-Anon Spring Assembly
May 21, 2011 Coeur d'Alene, ID

My name is Jeff, and I am the Area Public Outreach Coordinator. I am excited about the opportunity this position provides, even though I feel like I have stumbled out of the blocks.

One of my primary tasks has been to put together an email group to help keep everyone connected. Currently the group consists of DR's and district outreach coordinators – a total of nine people. I'd like to add to that number so I have provided a sign-up sheet. If you are interested in receiving updates on outreach, feel free to add your email address to the list.

Recently, I sent out some information from WSO about Al-Anon in the media. The column Dear Abby will refer readers to Al-Anon on Monday May, 23 and again on June 5. Oprah magazine also references Al-Anon, and one of the emails I sent out had a link to a PSA which aired after an episode of General Hospital. With all of this going on, the deadline to order Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2012 is July 3, so talk to the groups in your district and see if you can put together a bulk order to save on shipping.

It has been a busy spring! Thank you for letting me be of service.

Website Coordinator Report

Spring Assembly – May 21, 2011

With Toni R's help, I have purchased and installed cuteFTP and Notetab Pro on my home PC. I have since successfully made a few changes to schedules, added some events with flyers and deleted some outdated ones.

I am following existing working procedures for requesting document owners to edit their own documents and count on me for posting. At the same time, I am very willing to help as time permits with modifications while we are all getting used to our new responsibilities and learning so much at one time.

My goal for the near future will be to read about, understand and respect the existing responsibilities of the Website Coordinator as well as to provide good service-according to the principles of our program- to all requesting my help.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen D.
Area Website Coordinator
webinquiry@al-anon-idaho.org
www.al-anon-idaho.org

District 1

I'm Barbara K the new District Representative for District 1.

What an exciting time for us! We are deeply honored and thrilled to be the Host District for the Spring Assembly. We have been working hard in hopes that the Spring Assembly in District 1 is memorable.

Since the beginning of the year we have added two new meetings, thanks to the efforts of Lori M and George E. We now have a Newcomers meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm at St Pius Church, Coeur d'Alene and a District Speaker's Meeting on the second Sunday of each month at the Alano Club in Coeur d'Alene at 7:00pm. The Speaker's meeting also celebrates the Al-Anon birthdays of everyone celebrating in that month with cakes and treats supplied on a potluck basis. Both of these meetings have had consistent attendance.

Also new for us, Lori M, is our new Newsletter coordinator. The newsletter contains member shares and info on what is happening in our District. I'm so grateful to have someone as enthusiastic and willing to be involved as Lori to initiate new programs.

For our spring fund raiser this year we raffled off a handmade quilt which has been donated by a member. The tickets were \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing was held on Mother's Day, May 8th, at the Districts Speakers Meeting. We raised \$319.00

We are still looking for coordinators for Alateen and Public Outreach. We have had a sharp drop off in Alateen attendance and are continually looking for new sponsors.

For Outreach we have continued our Al-Anon panel discussions at the Kootenai County Medical center once every 6 weeks at their family night's presentation for the Chemical Dependency Unit. This service is well received and very rewarding. Gratefully we have attracted many new family members to attend AFG. We are working on establishing a Spanish language meeting with someone new to the District.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Sue O, we now have a Literature Distribution Center in Coeur d'Alene. At the recent "Pockets of Enthusiasm" roundup in Spokane Valley Sue organized a literature table which was very well received and successful. We sold \$375.85 worth of books and pamphlets.

We will once again sponsor a Speaker Cruise on September 17, 2011. The cruise on one of the Coeur d'Alene resort tour boats will feature AA and Al-Anon speakers Dottie and Jim D who both have more than 40 years in recovery. This is always a super event with great speakers, great views and great fellowship. You are all invited to come.

For myself I am grateful to be entrusted with the position of DR. I am looking forward to growing more in the program and appreciate the help and support of those who have gone before me.

Yours in service:

Barbara K

District 2

May 20, 2011

With a new meeting from Orofino added to District 2, we have 10 active meetings. Out of the ten meetings 50% have a voting group representative.

We had our annual holiday fundraiser in December. This years plans include, health fairs, a 4th step workshop at a cabin in the woods, a game day with speakers for a fundraiser, and ending the year with our annual holiday progressive dinner, basket raffle and gift exchange.

Our outreach coordinator is very hard at work researching different ways of getting the word out to carry our message of hope.

This year we are encouraging members in our district to leave Alanon literature throughout our communities in memory of Lois W. We also had a movie night celebrating Lois W's 60 year anniversary.

With Love in Alanon
Kathy B
District 2

District 3

AREA ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING

DISTRICT THREE REPORT

May 21, 2011

I have five meetings under my belt – boy does time fly.

District 3 had great attendance at our Planning Meeting in January – many new, enthusiastic GRs and a few returning GRs who have much experience to share.

In February we had a Sponsorship workshop which thanks to Ruth B and her many helpers was a great success – over 100 attendees.

We had our annual Spiritual Breakfast planned April and a number of other events scheduled for throughout the year.

Alateen – thanks to John E and his many Alateen sponsors -has 17 weekly meetings – mostly in the schools. There is new Alateen meeting in the works for Mtn Home.

Lisa C – Public Outreach – has a different group scheduled for each month of the year to bring information and to share a bit of their story to Intermountain Hospital. We are working on bringing Al-anon info to other recovery groups in Boise.

District 3 has been invited to participate in the 2012 AA Spring Assembly which will be in Boise. We know there will be Al-anon participation. We are not sure exactly what that will look like. Nancy Jo, District 7 Rep will be the Al-anon luncheon speaker.

We are happy to be a part of the 2011 Spring Assembly in Coeur d'Alene.

Lovingly in Service,
Terry A
District 3 Rep

District 5

JEANNE HOBSON
DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE
P O Box 4300
POCATELLO, ID 83205-4300
MARCH 1, 2011
AFG IDAHO AREA 13
SPRING ASSEMBLY

GREETING AL-ANON FAMILY,

HERE IN DISTRICT 5 WE HIT THE FLOOR RUNNING! WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM ASSEMBLED FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

WE ARE NOT QUITE FULLY STAFFED, BUT WE HAVE OUR DR, ALTERNATE DR, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND INFORMATION LINE COVERED. OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE IN THE OTHER COMMITTEES THAT REMAIN UNFILLED. WE ARE STILL COOPERATING WITH OUR LOCAL AA DISTRICT AS OUR TRADITION 6 STATES. WE SHARE OUR EVENTS WITH ONE ANOTHER AND OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE WHEN APPROPRIATE.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT BEING "ON OUR OWN" AND ENJOY BEING AT THE SPRING ASSEMBLY IN COUER D'ALENE. WE HAD A COUPLE OF FIRST FUNDRAISERS IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR GR'S TO COME. WE NETTED APPROXIMATELY \$500 AND WE HAVE 5 OUT OF 7 VOTING GR'S IN ATTENDANCE.

WE HAVE ORDERED THE YEARLY "AL-ANON FACES ALCOHOLISM" AND WILL HAVE A GET TOGETHER TO PUT A PACKET/MAILER OUT TO OUR LOCAL PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY. EACH OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAS TAKEN A PART IN GATHERING NAMES AND ADDRESSES TO DELIVER THESE PACKETS TO. THERE ARE SOME UPCOMING HEALTH FAIRS THAT WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO ATTENDING. THE REGION 6 RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES HAS PRINTED OUR INFORMATION LINE NUMBER IN THEIR NEW PAMPHLET.

WE WILL BE HOLDING A 60TH BIRTHDAY PICNIC FOR AL-ANON ON JUNE 26 AND ONE OF OUR GROUPS IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR 2ND ANNUAL CAMPOUT.

IN GRATEFUL SERVICE,

JEANNE HOBSON
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District 6

I am Maureen Robinson, the new District Representative for District 6.

I moved to Idaho Falls in 2008 and found my first meeting within the first week, and a home group shortly after. I'm not sure why I attended my first District meeting; I didn't know anyone, nor Idaho AFG business or even where the Shiloh was! But I found myself there and after the 2009 election the Board was left without a Secretary...so I volunteered. I knew it would keep me coming back and help me become better acquainted with more folks. Working with Terrie O. and the committee was a great experience in comrade, grace and all else AFG comes to mean to all of us.

Now here we are 2 years later already! Our District has grown somewhat and we are delighted about that. We have 12 meetings listed as well as maintain our active phone line.

Our District committee consists of myself, Kim E. as alternate, Sheryl W. as treasurer, Ellen S. as secretary, Rosie N. as luncheon chair and welcomes three new GR's. Monday night step study, Wendy B., Wednesday noon lunch bunch, Joyce L., & Thursday night fresh start, Leslie H., Thankfully, Pam L. returns, Tony F. continues for Salmon Alanon, Sharon M., & Renny T. represent 3 groups in Blackfoot, & Karen N. represents Ashton AFG. We are especially happy to have Kim E. continue with our Alateen program and welcome a new Alateen sponsor Max V.

Janice B. has volunteered to chair the Public Outreach Committee; Kim E. is chairing the AA Assembly Planning Committee with help from Liaison Pam L. Many GR's stepped forward to volunteer their groups to adopt local agencies for each group to monitor and keep supplied with AFG literature. I remain hopeful that someone will fill the Literature and Institution Chairs soon.

We are looking into making Al-Anon pocket calendars as a fundraiser project, having an Al-Anon birthday party in April, and are planning our usual participation in the AA Assembly with a luncheon, speaker, and raffle. We also anticipate our first Al-Anon assembly in Coeur d Alene.

Our group is excited to be doing service. I am so grateful to have been nominated and elected to such an important service position and to be working with such an enthusiastic group. We all know about the steps and how they saved our lives at a time when they had become unmanageable. Now we are focusing on the traditions and concepts that keep this beautiful and crucial program working for all those that may not have found us...yet!

District 7

May 21, 2011

District 7 is looking at H & I meetings in our area. We are planning a workshop called "Building Healthy Groups".

We are also planning a "Family Recovery Picnic" (includes the whole family), sometime this summer. We are also looking at how to attract new members to Al-Anon.

Our district will be hosting the Spring 2012 Assembly.

Our district, along with volunteers from around the local area will be working with the Gem State Round-up. We will be asking for volunteers to be "Greeters, and Registration" We are very proud to be having our own AWSC secretary, Laura F as our Friday night speaker.

We are very pleased to have our own Kathy B as the Delegate to the WSO. Kathy did an awesome display at the IDF, AA Assembly. Kathy gave a beautiful slide show presentation at the Coeur D'Alene Assembly this last week-end. Thank you Kathy for all you are doing for Al-Anon as a whole.

Our district had 5 voting GR's from our 8 active groups @ the assembly. Great job ladies!!!

Gratefully yours in service,
Nancy Jo