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# Idaho Spring Assembly 2014

## AI-Anon Spring Assembly Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area AI-Anon 2014 Spring Assembly was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Boise, Idaho on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Danielle E. Area Chairperson opened the meeting at 9 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Twelve Traditions read by Rick – GR from District 4 and the Twelve Concepts of Service read by Janet – DR from District 7.

### Attendance

Voting Group Representatives were present from each district as follows:

District One -	2
District Two -	2
District Three -	14
District Four -	2
District Five -	2
District Six -	0
<u>District Seven -</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Total of Voting GRs</b>	<b>27</b>

50 members registered for the Assembly, an additional 20 registered for lunch only (volunteers and those who came to listen to luncheon speaker), of the 70 attendees we had 8 register at the door.

Each attendee introduced themselves and shared what service position they held and which district and home group they attended.

### Committee updates

Danielle asked the attendees to complete the evaluation form.

Danielle also shared that a thought force had been created to gather information regarding having the A.W.S.C. meeting the same weekend as the Assembly.

### Reports

#### **Secretary's Report**

Berta R. (acting Secretary) presented. Susan L. from Pocatello motioned to approve the Fall 2013 Assembly minutes and Kris S. second. Motion Passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Danielle E., Area Chairperson gave the Treasurer's report. (Kathy B. Treasurer was unable to attend.)

#### **Treasurer Contact Information**

There is a new address for sending donations to Area:

Idaho Area AFG  
PO Box 1819  
Lewiston, ID 83501

### 2014 Account Balances

As of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the checking account balance is \$2489.08, savings account balance is \$11259.44; net worth \$14752.52

### 2014 Group Donations

Total donations received through May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014: \$2306.10.

### Delegate's Report

Nancy Jo W. reported. See her full report attached.

### Coordinator Reports

<a href="#">Alateen/AAPP</a>	Barbara V. reported. Full report attached.
<a href="#">Archives</a>	Ladora B. reported. Full report attached.
<a href="#">Forum/Literature</a>	Berta R. reported. Full report attached.
<a href="#">Group Records</a>	Paula N. reported. New address to send group records information: Group Records Coordinator, PO Box 4051, Pocatello, ID 83205.
<a href="#">Newsletter</a>	Kathy Bo. Absent – She has created 2 newsletters since Jan 1, 2014
<a href="#">Public Outreach</a>	Karen D. Full report attached.
<a href="#">Website</a>	Jamie C. reported. Full report attached.

<a href="#">AAISC</a>	Terry A. reported. Full report attached.
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### DR Reports

<a href="#">District 1</a>	Kris S. reported. See report attached.
<a href="#">District 2</a>	Carol G. reported. See report attached.
<a href="#">District 3</a>	Linda A. reported. See report attached.
<a href="#">District 4</a>	Vickie B. reported. See report attached.
<a href="#">District 5</a>	Cass F. reported. See report attached.
District 6	DR not present – no report given.
<a href="#">District 7</a>	Janet D. reported. See report attached.

## **Business**

### Election

Virginia S. from District 3 informed the members she was available to be the Secretary for this term and was voted in unanimously. She will begin at the A.W.S.C. meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### Idaho Area 13 Policy and Procedures Manual update

Danielle presented the updated Policy and Procedures manual for affirmation by the Group Representatives. Motion to affirm passed unanimously.

### No Raffle Raffle

The no raffle raffle donation total was \$580.00.

### **Fall Assembly 2014 Host committee update – September 27, 2014**

Barbara V. reported. The Fall Assembly “ AS WE UNDERSTOOD” will be held at the Best Western Coeur d’Alene Inn, Coeur d’Alene, ID. The Friday night spiritual meeting will be hosted by the Friday Night AFG at the Kootenai Medical Center at 6 pm.

They are working on getting volunteers to assist members from out of town to the meeting. The rooms at the Coeur d’Alene Inn are \$119.00 per night however there are several hotels very close that may be less. They will provide a list of them in case you want to check other costs. District 1 is also planning the Serenity Cruise for the evening after the assembly. The cruise will have an Al-Anon Speaker and an A.A speaker. These are two separate events and there will be separate registrations for each. Both will be found on our website soon. The Speaker will be Penny R. Trustee. We need to sell 50 meal tickets to get the meeting room free.

### **Archives Extravaganza Presentation**

Ladora B., Laura F., Ruth B., Nancy C. and Brett R. worked together to create a wonderful presentation of the Idaho Archives. Ladora shared the purpose of archives and the ongoing commitment to preserving them. She and Laura shared about the scanning of early documents and presented early letters from Idaho members to the World Service Office as well as letters from the WSO. During this time the membership was given time to peruse through the most fabulous display ever presented at an assembly. A question and answer time followed. The presentation included How You Can Help to preserve our history. Please see the hand out attached.

### **Workshop “NEW”**

Jamie C. brought “NEW” insight to assembly. As this is the beginning of a new term and many of us are “new” in our service position, or “new” to service and maybe “new” to Al-Anon this exercise served our assembly well as the interaction between members happened as we broke out in to four groups. The following questions were presented to each group and a recorder presented the answers from each group. Please see attachment.

### **Future Dates**

July 26, 2014 Fall AWSC at the Kopper Kitchen, Boise

September 27, 2014 Fall Assembly in Coeur d’Alene

May 16, 2015 Spring Assembly hosted by District 4 possibly in Twin Falls

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Berta R.  
Acting Area Secretary

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# Agenda

Idaho Area 13 Assembly Meeting Agenda

## **Our Spiritual Principles in Action**

May 17, 2014

### **Friday, May 16, 2014**

Hilton Garden Inn, Boise, ID

6:00 pm      Registration – Hilton Garden Inn – Garden Ballroom

8:00 pm      Spiritual Meeting – Hilton Garden Inn, Boise – Garden Ballroom

### **Saturday, May 17, 2014**

7:30 am      Registration – Hilton Garden Inn – Garden Ballroom

8:00 am      GR Exchange – Laurie B. – Garden Ballroom

DR Exchange – Danielle E. – Executive Boardroom

#### **8:45 am      Break**

9:00 am      Opening, Welcome, Serenity Prayer – Danielle E. Area Chair Traditions, Concepts, Introductions

9:20 am      Election - Secretary

9:30 am      Secretary Report – Berta R.

9:40 am      Treasurer Report – Kathy B.

9:55 am      Affirming Area Policies and Procedures

#### **10:00 am      Break**

10:15 am      Archives Workshop - Ladora

11:15 am      Delegate Report – Nancy Jo

12:00 pm      Count Down, Lunch and Luncheon Speaker – Dixie L. of Federal Way

- 1:15 pm      Coordinator Reports
- 1:45 pm      District Reports
- 2:15 pm      Break**
- 2:30 pm      Workshop #2 – “New” – Jamie, Laurie and Kris
- 3:30 pm      Closing Comments – Questions – Concerns
- 4:00 pm      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

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# Treasurer's Report

## 2014 ACCOUNT BALANCES

### AL-ANON AREA 13

May 14, 2014

#### Bank Accounts

Checking	2489.08
Savings	11259.44
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>13748.52</b>

#### Cash Accounts

Cash Account	\$0.00
<b>Total Cash Accounts</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

#### Asset Account <sup>1</sup>

Seed Money for Assemblies	\$1,000.00
Newsletter Reserve	
PO Box Deposits for Keys	\$4.00
<b>TOTAL Asset Accounts</b>	<b>\$1,004.00</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>\$14,752.52</b>

- <sup>1</sup> These are assets because we eventually get this money back.  
Assembly seed money  
Spring Assembly seed money (\$500.00)  
Fall Assembly seed money (\$500.00)  
Newsletter Reserve gives visibility to the money given to the Newsletter Editor until it is expensed.  
\$4 deposit on Post Office box keys (Coeur d' Alene and Pocatello)

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## 2014 YTD Group Donations

### Al-Anon Area 13

01/01/2014-05/15/2014

GROUP NAME	DISTRICT	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Northwest Serenity	1	66383	\$100.00
FRIDAY Noon Steps & Traditions	1	62434	\$110.00
Tues Night St Maries	1	66089	
Happy Solution Sandpoint	1	3422	
Monday Beginners	1		
Afternoon Delight	1	40751	
Courage to Change	1	502711	\$150.00
Insanity to Serenity	1	65487	
Saturday Sunshine	1	30566441	\$25.00
Serenity Matters(Tues Night AFG)	1	31958	\$50.00
AFG Freedom Group	1	502355	\$76.00
Serenity Seekers	1	30528834	
Bonnors Ferry	1	67210	
Thursday AFG	1	61569	
Living Fully	1	30610148	
District 1	1		
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>\$511.00</b>
Moscow Friday NightAFG	2	3394	\$75.00
Monday Night Book Study	2	503120	\$65.00
Lewis Clark	2	3388	
Wednesday Night AFG	2	48023	\$12.24
Canyon AFG	2	3384	\$50.00
Clarkston Roundtable	2	14149	
Thurs Noon AFG	2	61569	\$100.00
Thursday Pullman	2		
District 2	2		\$80.00
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>\$382.24</b>
Steps to Serenity	3	3345	48.00
Sunday Early Birds	3	62315	
Garden Valley Grp	3	66020	15.00
Friday Night Fireside	3	500569	135.00
Tues Night Womens	3	501877	18.88
Tues-Fri Noon Five Mile	3	502795	30.69
Tues Night Adult Childrens Al-Anon	3	31241	
Wed Night Collister	3	504118	45.00
Thurday Mens	3	503412	

Mon-Thursday Eagle Noon	3	502539	114.61
Sat Eagle Step Study	3	30561909	366.88
Thurs Noon Literature Study	3	503789	
Midtown Al-Anon	3	30540266	
Mon-Wed Noon	3	61227	
Saturday Serenity	3	30564985	94.50
Adult Children of Alcoholics	3	31241	
Just for Today	3	30555931	
Tues-Fri Noon AFG	3	3338	61.07
Thurs Night Friends	3	30514823	
Sat Morning Spritual AFG	3	65838	135.00
District 3	3		
<b>District Total</b>			<b>\$1,064.63</b>
Filer Tuesday Night Grp	4	24707	50.00
Get a Life AFG	4	62173	
Buhl Fri Night Serenity Seekers	4	35113	15.00
Hailey MondayNight	4	48100	
Beginning Again	4	26714	73.23
Burley Al-Anon	4	30528366	
District 4	4		
<b>District Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>\$138.23</b>
Friday Out to Lunch	5	30788	
Pocatello Turnaround	5	36305	30.00
Wednesday Wild Bunch	5	44344	
District 5	5		
<b>District Total</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>\$30.00</b>
Monday Night Al-Anon	6	3376	
West Side Family Grp	6	64378	
Just For Today	6	503388	
District 6	6		
<b>District Total</b>	<b>6</b>		
Safe & Sound	7	62297	
Monday Beginners	7	43373	
Wed Just for Today	7	63168	
Noon Serenity	7	46331	50.00
Nampa 12X12	7	30541795	30.00
Just for Today AFG	7	30555931	80.00
District 7	7		20.00
<b>District Total</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>\$180.00</b>

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# WSC

## Panel 54 Our Motto

### “Watch Us Soar”

First world service conference was 54 years ago, we are continuing the conversation started all those many years ago.

WSO consists of Board Members, Staff, Trustees, Delegates, and E-Communities  
Delegates represent the organization to the Dr's who share with the GR's, who then share with their members

All issues are discussed at WSC then voted on and at that time carried back to the AWSC  
Delegates bring this information to the Area then the Dr's share with the GR's, who then share with their members. This is how we maintain communications, get different perspectives, ideas, and suggestions which make up the structure of Al-Anon  
Everyone has a role in making decisions that effect our whole Organization for the future of Al-Anon. BOT are for the administrative procedures

Staff do the day to day operations, Trustees define and protect our legal rights, Delegates bring the voices of their area and members to the WSC

WSC is asking that all groups send a group email contact for sending the Forum, E-Forms, News and other information to the individual groups. Get your info to our Group Records Coordinator to send into WSO for our modern world of technology

Do you have a “Home Group” ?

Make a meeting topic on “Home Group”. There we belong, feel connected, participate in group decisions and service

“Home Group” Where you attend as your main group and become involved with service work for that group. Visiting other groups can be helpful, however you are voting at your home group only.

Being in a home group brings us Pride, be a part of, attend group conscience meetings, one that has an attending GR and joins the District to assist in decisions

We have financial worksheets if your group would like to verify their financial stability.

A new Daily Reader reflecting diversity of our members. It was agreed that this new reader would have sharing's from all members who are affected by someone's drinking and also have issues including drugs, abuse, prison, rape, molestation, sex addiction, pornography, singles, siblings, and grandparents raising their grand children.

When a Trusted Servant can not full fill their responsibilities use conflict resolution described in Concept 9. When necessary go to your DR and then to the area.

Step Twelve Survey concluded that 53% of members are involved in service, 35.4% of groups are involved in service to their group, district or area.

Actions we service leaders can create are: attracting younger people who become members, being enthusiastic, outreach, sponsorship, and ensure the necessary resources are available for the group

We are pleased to announce that *One Day At a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6) is now available as an audio book is now on sale at Audible.com, for \$19.99 and it will be available on

Amazon.com, and the Apple iTunes Store within the next few days. A sample chapter is available at those Web sites. Listening length is 7 hours and 48 minutes.  
Members Website is now available as cell phone compatible

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## Alateen/AAPP

### ALATEEN COORDINATOR 5-17-2014

I became involved in Alateen when I was at ISU in Pocatello 15 years ago. I became one of 12 rotating Alateen Sponsors for the meeting. We had a turn every 6 weeks. When I moved back up to Coeur d'Alene I was the only adult showing up every week whether there was a teen needing a meeting or not. There were more sponsors available after some time and I did step down. Now there have been 2 dedicated Al-Anon members willing to be there, with concurrent Al-Anon, AA & GA meetings at the same church. If there are no teens the sponsors can attend the Al-Anon meeting.

All the districts need willing Al-Anon members who have 2 or more years of active membership to become sponsors. You can apply on-line on the Area website or see me and we'll get you the paperwork. You are needed even if there is not a current meeting. There needs to be certified sponsors available for service in order to start a meeting and continue it.

If you are an Alateen Sponsor or want to become one please note that some of the addresses on the forms & website are not correct. There is a forwarding order but I have not received any mail yet. **I have** received the group update forms for Alateen meetings that WSO sends with a self addressed envelope. The correct address is 1969 W. Norman Ave, Coeur d' Alene, ID 83815.

Every Alateen Sponsor or AMIAS, needs to re-certify every year. The forms are on our Area website at <http://al-anon.org/Reports/IdahoAMIASRecertification> . I need these by June 1st and I can accept them today! You can also email me the recertification if you prefer. There are some forms here today, so come see me. I'm glad to answer any questions or connect you with other AMIAS that may be from your hometown. If you have a name change, please contact me.

If anyone is interested in holding this position of Area Alateen Coordinator, please let me know. I would love to see someone from Boise mainly because of the number of AMIAS is so high here. Ruth B & John E have had some successful training sessions here. The feedback was wonderful.

I am very thankful to be here, be a part of Al-Anon & Alateen and am grateful for your support and suggestions.

Sincerely,  
Barbara V. Idaho Area Alateen Coordinator

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**LITERATURE LIAISON REPORT**

Spring Assembly 2014

Welcome to Boise. With 7 Districts in the State, this is Boise's first opportunity to host an Assembly.

Congrats to Ruth B and her Host Committee – Great Job!!!

Financially, 1 to 1 ½ years ago the AAISC/LDC better known as the Literature Center was in jeopardy of closing.

We were able to renegotiate our lease thus lowering our monthly payments.

We no longer have a paid employee, which also reduces our monthly expenses.

We have a full Board and have a Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, which meets at 5:30 on the second Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

We have a Literature Workshop from 5:30 to 6:30 on the first Wednesday of each month, featuring one book per month for review and discussion.

Our shelves are full. We also have a lending library of books and a few CDs.

The new Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manuals for 2014-2017 are in. I have brought some with me.

Our Center is totally run by a fantastic group of 30 willing and enthusiastic Volunteers.

Our hours are from 11 AM to 5 PM on Monday thru Friday. Sometimes life gets in the way and we are unable to open as planned. If you are in town, please stop by and say "Hi".

As the Literature Liaison, I will be available to bring Literature to each Assembly if requested by the Assembly Host Committee. The Center has already been asked to staff a Literature Table at the AA Spring Assembly in Boise at the end of May and also the Round-up which is held in Boise in August.

We do have a table set up today with a selections of some of our Literature.

The Center also takes and fills mail orders. There are order forms on the Literature table.

Thank you for letting me be or service.

Terry A

Literature Liaison AAISC/LDC District 3

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**Archives**

Spring Assembly

May 17, 2014

Report of Archives Coordinator

The display of Archives Extravaganza outdoes anything we have ever done. You will see collections of various newsletters of W.S.O. origin that are no longer in print, but perhaps online in some manner. Those items are not directly an Idaho matter yet they have us ideas and directives!

I thank our little group that meets every few months to talk it over and enjoy conversation in general. They helped transport all the boxes from my garage. First time I've actually seen other possibilities for my garage.

Ruth B., Nancy, and Laura F., and myself are the self appointed committee.

Area Archives Guideline No. 30 include a wide variety of ideas of how you might want the position of Coordinator to be changed at some time.

Ladora B.

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## Group Records

### REPORT OF AREA GROUP RECORD COORDINATOR SPRING ASSEMBLY 2014 BOISE, ID

As your new Area Group Records Coordinator, I have been getting familiar with the website where the changes are made to the groups. I have been able to get all of the changes made to the WSO website that have been sent to me. I hope!!

I have printed out a report for each of the active groups that are register with the WSO and have given them to the District Reps. I would like to have the GR's present and the DR's for those not present, go over the report and make any changes that need to be corrected and get them back to me by the end of this Assembly so that I can make any changes to the WSO data base.

In March I had the privilege of being on a conference call with WSO and several new Group Records Coordinators from around the world. One of the questions that came up was that of what to do when a District wants to close a meeting that may not be following Al-Anon guidelines. The representative from WSO stated that we as District or Areas may not close a meeting just because we are not happy with it. A meeting will be placed as inactive at the WSO level if members are no longer attending that meeting. However, if there is a meeting in a District that may not be following Al-Anon guidelines, it was suggested that those at the meeting be broached with the concerns and asked to remedy the matter. If the concerns are not remedied, then the District, with a group conscience, may take that meeting off their meeting schedule and not send new comers to it. It was also suggested that the District have a set of guidelines that they follow in each case when deciding to take a meeting off their schedule so that there is uniformity. This helps make sure we are following Tradition One: 'help for the greatest number depends on unity, Tradition Two: 'we are trusted servants, we do not govern' and Tradition Twelve: 'placing principles above personalities.'

Another concern is that of attracting and KEEPING new comers. There was some discussion and answers on the internet on the WSO Coordinators site. I believe the replies were emailed to all the District Reps. It might be something for the groups to look at for help in keeping new comers.

Thanks for letting me continue to be of service,

Paula N.

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## Literature/Forum

Spring Assembly  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Boise, Idaho

Forum Literature Coordinator

Thank you for the service opportunity to serve our fellowship as the Forum Literature Coordinator during this term.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, I participated in a Conference call facilitated by Tom C. the Associate Director of Communications from the World Service Office.

Highlights from the World Service Office: Did you know????

Al-Anon has a Facebook page and uses Twitter... search for "Al-Anon WSO"  
The latest printing of "The Concepts Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret" p57 includes minor revisions to the descriptive text under Concept 5.

The Forum is available in electronic form on the Web from Nook, the Barnes & Noble electronic bookstore. You can purchase a yearly subscription or purchase individual copies.

The E book version of Having Had a Spiritual Awakening has sold 2,269 downloads since March 2013. The Audio version of How Al-Anon Works has sold 731 downloads since September 2013 and the E-book version of How Al-Anon Works has sold 380 English, 5 Spanish, & 3 French downloads since November 2013.

Since July of 2013, we have sold 37,104 copies of our newest book "Reaching for Personal Freedom". 25,181 were sold in the first 3 months and 2,511 were sold in the first 3 months of this year.

To honor Lois' birthday in March, several areas, districts & groups continue to honor her by focusing on literature distributions... remember we can honor her any time during the year.

Order blanks are available to order the 2015 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism. The order must be received by Wednesday, JULY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. (no exceptions). And the orders will ship before September 1, 2014. Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism is designed as a tool to share with our community to give insight about what Al-Anon is or has done for members. The Forum is designed for members to share with each other... hence the "meeting" in my pocket.

World Service Office continues to seek sharings on "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships. They are encouraging members especially those from minorities within Al-Anon to submit sharings. You all will have a form in your information today to share at your meetings on how to participate in writing for Cal-Corner.

The ODAT is now available in an audio version through your electronic media provider. It is 7 hours and 48 minutes long.

World Service also reported in March they had only 33 members respond with sharings from parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers. The World Service Conference last year voted to create a pamphlet on this topic, so please encourage members to submit their personal experience strength and hope on this topic.

If you have a literature person in your district I would like to have their contact information.

Yours in Service,  
Berta R.  
Forum/Literature Coordinator

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## Newsletter

No Newsletter Report – 2 newsletters have been created so far this year.

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## Public Outreach

Idaho Area 13 Public Outreach Coordinator Report May 2014

Thank you for letting me serve in this capacity. I've joined the PO community online and shared the online documents with District 3's Outreach person. At assembly, I made contact with District 1's Outreach person and will do the same there. To my knowledge, these are the only two active District level Outreach Coordinators at this time. Please let me know if you know of others and feel free to contact me for questions or suggestions around the topic of Outreach.

I have read our service manual and shared the highlights during my report at the assembly. I will continue to learn what I can about the position.

I have established a friendly relationship with the folks at BSU's Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource and have been keeping them abreast of the campus Al-Anon meeting (inactive status through the summer) as well as keeping them supplied with a few Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism since the end of last year.

Love in Service,

Karen D

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## Website

Website Coordinator's Report

I met with Karen D, the outgoing coordinator the end of December and then again in mid January and we went over the basics of how to be the website coordinator. To get started I had to download Notetab Pro, CuteFTP and become familiar with IPOWER.

Notetab Pro allows me edit the html on the website, CuteFTP is the program I use to upload files to the website and IPOWER hosts our website and manages the email lists. I'm slowly getting the hang of everything and learning how to do things more efficiently. I'm still hitting bumps here and there as I learn where everything is located on the website, but I am getting more confident.

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## District 1 Report

District 1 in beautiful northern Idaho is very active. We have 19 meetings in 8 different cities. Sally G remembers in 1996 there only being 3 meetings, where as now there are 2-3 meetings on any given day. We have 1 Alateen meeting and possibly a new meeting in the Silver Valley in the near future.

We have a monthly Speaker Meeting which is well attended that includes a desert potluck to celebrate Al-Anon birthdays.

Our Public Outreach includes meeting notices in the local paper; a host panel at the Recovery Unit at Kootenai Medical Center every 6 weeks and they want another one; and recently we have been asked to provide information to the Rathdrum Counseling Center, looking toward occasionally sharing about Al-Anon there.

Our busy Literature Center is now 3 years old.

The DR and friends continue to make meeting visits and hope to cover all 19 each year. Two AA Conventions in our area now include Al-Anon Speakers.

Our District Newsletter is growing and as of this year we have an updated meeting schedule each month as an attachment, as well as special events flyers as attachments.

We held our first ever GR Training Meeting in January which was very well attended.

We've had so many new GR's this year. Part of this I think is due to District Board members attending meetings and actively searching out people willing to try a new level of service work. Most people seem to want to be asked so that's what we do. We are very clear they never walk alone. We suggest they try it 6 months to 3 years and will provide a service sponsor if they want one. Our DR has 3 Service Sponsors as the learning curve was so great.

Our Fourth Annual Coeur d'Alene Cruise is Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

And **FALL ASSEMBLY 2014 is in beautiful Coeur d'Alene Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. YOU ALL COME!!!!**

Kris S.  
District 1 DR

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## District 2 Report

May 17, 2014

After starting the new year with a well attended planning meeting for events of the district and groups in January and ending the month with a great Bunco Party to fund our Outreach program for needed items. It was a lot of fun for a good cause. Our District meetings are well attended and the Outreach meetings proceed the district meeting, and this has been working well. A rap up and planning for this years speaker/gratitude potluck in November was discussed by members.

A summer picnic with an auction are two of our fun fellowship events along with several

speaker meetings by different groups and other fundraisers by groups in the district to help with funds. Some workshops may be held. Several groups do not have group representatives but are constantly encouraging members to step in to service. Members who have had experience in these areas and sponsors are helping other members to step up to be of service.

Yours in Service,

Carol G.  
District 2 Representative

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## District 3 Report

Idaho Area 13 Assembly Meeting  
Our Spiritual Principles In Action  
May 17th, 2014  
Hilton Garden Inn, Boise Idaho

District 3 Report Linda A.

Since our Fall Assembly we have had three fundraising events for our District:

- 1) Chili Feed - held in October-well attended and raised over \$400
- 2) Lasagna Dinner-held in December-well attended-raised \$530, speakers from AA, Al-Anon and Alateen
- 3) Spiritual Breakfast-held in May-also very well attended and raised \$640.

Future events:

AA Assembly with Al-Anon participation-Boise May 30th-June 1st-there will be an Al-Anon luncheon and also various Al-Anon panels; also, AA is allowing us to do a raffle baskets and all the proceeds will go to District 3.

We currently have 21 Al-Anon meetings in our district. One of these meetings is relatively new and located on the campus of Boise State University. Another meeting, Saturday Serenity now provides child care. This meeting is located at the 5 mile church of the Nazarene. Their group meets a need for child care. The group accomplished this by going through the appropriate Channel's-hiring a child care provider, doing all the necessary background checks, and also by working with the Pastor and the church staff.

We have a new member serving as our Public Outreach Coordinator. Lisa C. retired from this position after 6 yrs of service. The new coordinator, John N., has formed a committee of four members and they are very active. Intermountain Hospital, Ashwood Recovery, ICAD (Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency) (May 13-14) and radio and TV public service announcements. He is also talking with the Veterans Administration. He has also met with the Ada County Sheriff's Community Outreach

Coordinator, and caseworkers. John will provide Al-Anon literature and schedules to families of alcohol and drug offenders at these various locations.

The AAISC office continues to grow and serve not only our members, but the community as well.

The office is still staffed entirely by volunteers.

I am humbled and very grateful to serve as Representative for District 3

Yours in Service

Linda A.

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## District 4 Report

There has been little activity in my area. I held one meeting there were three of us in attendance. I have high hopes for District 4 for the coming year and will try to visit as many meetings as possible There is talk of a new meeting starting in Kimberly but is still in the talking stage.

Vickie B.

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## District 5 Report

Cass F., District Representative,  
May 17, 2014

I am the new district rep for District 5 in Southeast Idaho. This is the first time, that I am aware of, that we held a district planning meeting. We held ours on November 23, before the new term started but after elections, and planned our fundraisers and fellowship events for the coming year. During that time we decided to limit our activities because of the few numbers of people available to carry them out. We also decided to hold four district meetings during the year, rather than monthly meetings, and to keep in touch during off times through email. Most of the district positions are filled but not all of the groups have group representatives.

One of the new projects we decided to undertake this year was a ‘Welcoming’ initiative. District officers and members volunteered to rotate through three meetings, not their home groups, and talk briefly about the Al-Anon structure, what the district could do for the groups and give ideas about what groups can do to encourage newcomers to continue to attend.

One of our groups, Monday night Steps to Serenity, has managed to get meeting schedules and information about Al-Anon published in the local newspaper.

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## District 7 Report

Spring Assembly Report  
From Janet D., District 7 Rep.  
May 17, 2014

We have been busy in District 7. I was elected last February to be the new DR for District 7. We had a fun rewarding watercolor painting party in March to create over 100 bookmarkers to send to our Delegate to distribute at the WSO Conference. I facilitate my first District meeting in April in Ontario, with several groups attending. Made a District visit to the Serenity Group in Middleton on the first Monday of May, they were very receptive to me.

I have contacted the groups by email, telephone and in person from February through early May. I send out a introduction letter/donation letter to all the groups. A new group is starting in Ontario. It will be holding meetings on Saturdays at 1 p.m., the time may change later. They will be studying the steps, traditions and concepts. The new Alateen group in Nampa that meets on Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. is doing well. They have three teens attending now. I made contact with a counselor from the Middleton School District by email. She had email Ruth B saying that the Middleton schools would be interest in having a Alateen meeting in the schools.

Future plans includes:

- \*Electing a District Secretary
- \*Visit the Monday night Beginners Group in Nampa in May.
- \*A watercolor painting party scheduled for Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to create over 300 bookmarkers for the Gem State Roundup Conference in early August.
- \*Scheduled another District meeting in August
- \*Schedule more district visits for June and July.

I look forward to serving in this capacity.

Truly Blessed by Service,  
Janet D  
District 7 Rep

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# Archives presentation attachment

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## Digging into IDAHO AREA 13 ARCHIVES

### GROUP HISTORY

Answer the following questions about your group and update annually:

- What is the name and registration date of your group?
- Who started the group?
- How many members were there at the beginning?
- Has the group ever moved?
- How has your membership increased?
- Was your group one of the first in your area?
- Did the group split from another meeting that was too large?
- Did you have beginners' meetings?
- Area you able to provide a list of your Group Representatives (GRs)?
- Do you have anniversaries? Birthdays?
- Do you have a lending library?
- Does your group sponsor Alateen?
- Does your group volunteer at the Al-Anon Alateen Information Service Center?
- How are you finding ways to keep longtime members active?
- Is your group active in the district?

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*Are you ready to “Let Go” of materials and donate them to Area Archives... contact us soon and find out if your items would enhance the Area’s collection!*

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### ARCHIVES MINI-QUIZ (answers below)

1. What year did Al-Anon start?
  2. When did Alateen start?
  3. What is the Archives question groups most frequently ask the WSO?
  4. Who was Annie S.?
  5. Why is it more important than ever to preserve and protect our past?
  6. What items are suggested for retention in area archives?
  7. Discuss what “Look to the Past to Protect the Future” means to you.
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## **LOIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ARCHIVES**

*(the following memo was found in WSO Archives)*

We have an archives in part to provide a record of our development for future historians...but also because, as time passes and our fellowship continues to grow and expand, we find ourselves further and further away from the events of our past...we must be assured that the facts will always be available to guard against a misunderstanding of what has taken place.

*--Lois W., October 12, 1986*

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ANSWERS in reverse:

7. Any answer to this will be correct, but you might consider the following: That we must preserve the past to have anything to pass on to future members.
6. Minutes, flyers, posters for assemblies, newsletters and audiotapes of longtimers.
5. We are losing our pioneers. Area must record their memories and wisdom in some manner before it's too late. And because the World Service Office (WSO) no longer keeps area holdings, the areas must protect their own histories.
4. She was Dr. Bob's wife. She died in 1948 prior to Al-Anon's beginnings. However, she was always a comfort to the families and friends of alcoholics who came to her in despair.
3. When did my group start?
2. The AA Grapevine printed an article in 1957 concerning a teenager in California who was urged by his parents to try the principles of their program in his own home.
1. In 1951 when Bill suggested that Lois write to the 87 groups who had contacted AA's Central Office wanting to be registered. This is when she asked Anne B. to help her. They worked out of the upstairs room at Stepping Stones, Lois and Bill's home in Bedford

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# **“New” Workshop Hand Out New Workshop**

## **1. Being New to your Position**

- Why did you decide to get into service work?
- Why did you decide to try this specific position?
- What are/were some of your fears regarding service work?
- Is it easier or harder than you expected?

## **2. Too Many Newcomers**

- If your meeting continually attracts newcomers how do you avoid repeating Step 1 each week?
- How do we welcome newcomers while serving the existing group members?
- What does our Conference Approved Literature say about it?
- How does this relate to the Concepts of Service, 12 Steps, or 12 Traditions?

## **3. How do we Retain Newcomers**

- What can we do to encourage newcomers to “keep coming back”?
- How does this relate to public outreach?
- What does our Conference approved Literature say about it?
- How does this relate to the Concepts of Service, 12 Steps, or 12 Traditions?

## **4. How can we Encourage New People into Service Work?**

- What convinced you to start doing service work?
- What might make service work more fun?
- What’s keeping people from doing service work?
- Is there something we could be doing differently?

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