# AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS) - Area #04 AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, CA

**AGENDA** 

Host Districts: 6, 27, 36, 51, 63, 64, 66, 69, 72, and 75

# 10:00 a.m. - Starting time- Please be Prompt

Chairperson - David B

Serenity Prayer and Welcome

District # **Traditions** read by:

Treasurer's Report - Suzanne P

Updates from the WSO Delegate's Report – Mary M

Alternate Delegate's Report – Sandie E

SOS (Sharing of Service) January 20 2007

Start passing the Ask it Basket

Past Delegate's Report - Miriam M

Minutes Secretary - Marge V

Minutes from May 2006 Assembly Meeting

# Records Secretary's Report & Roll Call - Jayme P

# Old Business:

1. Update on Liability-Insurance research

2. PRAASA – Recommended standing policy (Please review page 9 of the Aug 2006 Bulletin for information on this)

Observe 7th Tradition (Continue the meeting while baskets are being passed)

# **Lunch Break**

Served by SCAC Committee - Lunch will be available at a nominal cost

Reconvene at 1:00 p.m. - Please be Prompt

Concepts read by

District #

Hospitality Report: MaryLou V

# **New Business**

- 1. Agenda for the November 19th Assembly Meeting
- Mileage Reimbursement
- International Convention 2013 Ö.

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- Board participation in other Regional Service Seminars
- Conference (WSC) Approval for Alateen Traditions ن ن ف
  - Expansion of Assembly

AFG Convention 2007 - Don B Convention Chairpersons' Reports

So-Cal. AA Conv. 2006 - Al-Anon - Sandie E

So-Cal. Alateen Conf. (SCAC) - Shanna G

2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break-out Sessions - Please be Prompt **Action Committees:** 

Group Services - Meeting Hall

Membership Communications - Craft Room Public Outreach - Hospitality Room Coordinators' Reports in respective Action Committees

3:15 p.m. - Reconvene Full Assembly - Please Be Prompt Action Committees Chairpersons' Reports:

**Group Services – Kathi Launius** 

Membership Communications – Cindy Rudder Public Outreach – Robin Jaruszewski

Intergroup Liaisons' Reports

Inland Empire: J.R. D

Intergrupal Hispaña (L.A. County) - Patrick B

Los Angeles County: Jennifer B

Orange County: Kathy R

San Diego County: Bernadette P

Ventura County: Rosanne S

- Ask It Basket Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate
- Al-Anon related Announcements (only if time permits)

Please be of service - clean up after yourselves by stacking the chairs against the back wall and folding white chairs in Craft Room. Closing time - 4:00 p.m. - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

submit e-mailed report to the Minutes Secretary and to Bulletin Coordinator. PLEASE LIMIT REPORTS to 2-3 minutes (does not apply to Officers) –

opinion has already been shared, please sit down to avoid repetition. Discussion on a motion - please keep to 2-3 minutes at the mic; if your

Cell Phones: please turn them off or set to silent mode

THANK YOU!

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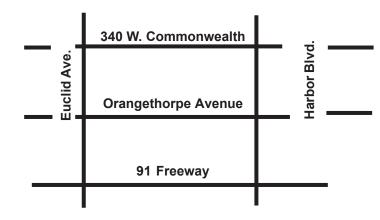
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### Southern California World Service Area (SCWS) Events

SCWS Web-site: http://scws-al-anon.org

All SCWS Meetings are held at the Fullerton Senior Service Center (See map - page 3)

Please plan on attending for the duration of the meeting – if you are unable to do so, invite the Alternate to attend.

2006

October 14 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. SCWS Alateen Sponsor Workshop - All Al-Anon members are welcome.

**November 18** 9:00 a.m. Group Representative (GR) Orientation NEW orientation!!!

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SCWS Area ASSEMBLY Meeting

2007

February 17 and August 18 – 9:00 a.m. District Representative (GR) Orientation

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SCWS Area COMMITTEE Meeting

April xx and October xx – SCWS Area ALATEEN SPONSOR WORKSHOP (dates to be anounced)

May 19 and November 17 9:00 a.m. Group Representative (GR) Orientation

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SCWS Area ASSEMBLY Meeting

Other Al-Anon Events - Please visit our website for additional events (e.g., district events, other conventions, etc.)

**2006** – September 22-24 – Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, San Diego

Town & Country Hotel

**2007** – January 20 – SOS (Sharing of Service) Fullerton Senior Center

March 2-4 – PRAASA (Pacific Regional A.A. Service Assembly) – Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR (praasa.org)

March 11-13 - SWRDM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting) - Utah

March 30,31, April 1 – Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG) Convention – Hilton Hotel & Convention Ctr., Burbank

July 6-8 SCAC (Southern California Alateen Conference), University of Redlands (scac@ipbfree.org)

September 21-23 - Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, Anaheim

**2008** – July 4 - 6 - Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation - Pittsburgh, PA

2010 - July 1 - 4 - AA International Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation - San Antonio, TX

**2013** – July xxx - Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA??? (shall we bid?)

<u>FLYERS</u> - Districts often have special events – flyers announcing such events may be placed in the meeting hall also any conventions' (that are a part of the SCWS Committee) registration forms and/or flyers may be placed there. Any other Al-Anon/Alateen related conventions and/or events, *without limited attendance*, may place its forms and/or flyers on the counter in the main entrance lobby.

The Al-Anon and Alateen Southern California World Service (SCWS) BULLETIN is published four times annually to provide information and announcements regarding Al-Anon/Alateen to its members in Southern California. All groups with a registered GR (Group Representative) receive one free copy.

An annual, individual, subscription of the BULLETIN is \$4.00.

For previous issues of the BULLETIN, online, please go to the SCWS website (given at the top of this page).

**NOTE**: For **contributions and Bulletin subscriptions**, please see page 25.

For Group Representative (GR) changes and/or address updates please see page 24.



### **Delegate**

I would like to thank District 17, the San Diego Intergroup, Pasadena Sunday Night Meeting and the Saturday Silver Lake Meeting for asking me to come and share with them. I am especially glad to see the cooperation between Intergroup and World Service, we are all the same fellowship and all have the same goal, to help families of alcoholics. The Intergroup is an important link. Bringing us all together is what service is about. We are all Al-Anon Service and we need to cooperate so we can disseminate information and let people know about Al-Anon. Please contact any of us on the Service Board if you would like us to share at your District or meeting.

In answer to some of the questions that have come up, I would refer everyone to the Concepts. The theme throughout the Concepts is trust. Trust in our Higher Power, trust in our trusted servants and trust in our fellowship. There has been some question as to removal of our Trustees and the purchase of our property. At the Conference I was so impressed with the dedication of our current Trustees and the time and willingness that they put into this voluntary job. These Trustees are serving our fellowship in an exemplary manner and they are to be commended. These are not the same Trustees that were on the Board when our property was purchased. Once again, please refer to Motion 12 in the 1994 Conference Summary regarding the voting on purchasing property, the vote was: 79 yes, 19 no. That 1994 Conference (WSC) empowered the Board of Trustees to purchase property on a 15-year trial basis once we occupied the building. We moved to the new facility in 1996 and the 15 year trial will be over in 2010. Most realize that this is not about saving money but it has enabled us to use our funds for other areas of Al-Anon (Public Outreach, Institutions, etc.). According to current figures we are saving thousands of dollars by owning our building. Saving on taxes, repairs, increase in lease costs, etc. Warranty Four states that we take no punitive action (are we complying with this Warranty?).

We need to begin discussion in our Area on the **Alateen Traditions** and whether we feel we should change them or keep them. One of the questions to be considered is "Do we need separate Al-Anon and Alateen Traditions since we are one fellowship?" Another is, "If we decide to keep the Alateen Traditions, which version do we want to adopt?"

I have a copy of the timeline on the Alateen Traditions for informational use. The 2007 Conference will be making the decision on this and your input would be valuable to me to bring to the Conference. I have some background info on the history of Alateen Traditions, 4 pgs. Please take a copy for your Districts and Intergroups.

The WSO is offering space for **Area Web Sites**. This would eliminate outside advertisements or other pop up messages on our site. The cost is \$60/yr for 100 mg of space. We will be able to coordinate templates with WSO if we wish, not required, but it would achieve consistency and clarity in our Al-Anon messages. If we decide to purchase a space the domain name will be www.location.al-anon.alateen.org (the location would

be our Area name), this is something to think about. Our Webmaster would still setup and maintain our site. WSO will send us a registration form if we are interested.

The Conference decided to have **e-CAL** and is now accepting resumés for the e-CAL At-Large Committee. The term is for one year and you cannot be in any other Area service position. If you are interested I do have copies of the resumé. We will be producing new material for e-Cal on a three-year trial basis. Stay tuned for this new phase of Conference Approved Literature.

The new version of **other resumés** is now available. These are for Trustee and ECRPM (Executive Committee for Real Property Management). If you would like to submit a resumé please contact me. The new deadlines for these resumés are August 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Today we are presenting a new **PowerPoint presentation called "Trustee Search."** It is very informative and hopefully will help some of you make the decision to serve at this level.

Currently a sample chapter from *Paths to Recovery* is on our **website**. Go to <u>www.al-anon.alateen.org/members</u> to expand your awareness of CAL. In September another chapter from a different book will be available. It is also available in Spanish and French.

The WSO is looking for **freelance writers**. If you or someone you know is interested, consider submitting a resumé and work samples to the attention of Fellowship Communication Department.

WSO would like to hear from us regarding any **Literature** projects that we are working on for Area Highlights. They especially are in need of members' stories on "Our Recovery in Relationships" and "Facing Grief and Loss."

The **quarterly appeal letter** for August has been mailed; your groups should have received them by now. If not, contact WSO and make sure they have the correct contact information. With our help we can get the message out to everyone, everywhere.

The WSO has the Process for Inviting WSO Staff or Volunteers (Trustees/ Executive Committee) to Area Events. To obtain a copy of this please contact me and I will see that you receive one.

Be sure to order the **Conference Summary** for 2006. It will be available soon. The publication is free, we just pay for shipping and handling (\$3.00). The forms are available in The Forum.

By now all groups should be receiving their free copy of The **Forum.** If your group is not, be sure to check that your CMA (current mailing address person) is updated. Let WSO know if there is an address update.

The Delegate from NC/Bermuda has been requesting info from all Delegates as to **how our Assemblies conduct business** (i.e., one day vs. weekend, how expenses are paid, etc.) and also how we participate in our Area's AFG convention. There have been many replies and I have noted the differences as well as the similarities in how other Areas conduct their business. It is quite interesting, especially the fact that several Areas have a two-day Assembly once each year and their other Assembly is one day. This might be an option for our Assembly in May each year.

The WSO has established a new email exchange for all Delegates so that information is obtained more readily rather than through U.S. Mail. The new group is called "File

**Exchange**" and seems to be working great. The Delegates at the Conference (WSC) had asked for a new method of receiving information quicker and so far it has been reliable and the information is to us within a day or so.

I have a few flyers with me for the Canada West Regional Service Seminar (CWRSS) in Moose Jaw, SK. The dates of the RSS are November 10-12, 2006. Also, the next RSS is for the **Northwest Region** and will be in the fall of 2007 in Minot, North Dakota. We do not have the specific date yet but it should be announced soon. I do have information sheets from WSO as to cost and it does seem very reasonable. Help yourself to information copies on both these RSS'.

Dolores T, Associate Director-Group Services, Bilingual Spanish has resigned her position as of August 11th. The job description for this position is being revised and will be sent out to Conference members to find the best possible candidate for the job. If you are interested in this position, see me. As soon as information becomes available as to qualifications and job description I will pass it on to those of you interested. Dolores' decision was based on returning to her family in New

The Conference theme for 2007 is: "New Thinking - New Energy - Abundant Outlook". The Conference is closer than we think. We need to brainstorm the question: "What are the most important issues facing Al-Anon in the future?" Please discuss at your District meetings over the next couple of months and decide on your two main issues and bring to the November Assembly; or if you would like, submit them to me before the Assembly and I will compile a report and then the Assembly can decide on what two issues are most important from our discussions. We can then choose the two topics that would be the most important issues, in our opinion, to discuss at the Conference, keeping in mind the following:

Does the question merit a discussion on the Conference floor?

Is it phrased in the form of a question?

Have opinions and comments been avoided?

Are you clear about what is being asked in the question? Is it legible?

One last item of information... Bids for the Al-Anon International (Join the Dream in 2013) have to be in by December 31, 2006. A great deal of information needs to be obtained before submitting a bid and our Area can only submit one. Let me know if you are interested and I can give you a copy of what is needed to begin the process, keeping in mind that all info has to be submitted by year end to WSO.

I cannot tell you what great pleasure it gives me to be your **Delegate.** My year thus far has been full and I have had many personal challenges. As my friend, Bob L, tells me the reason I was chosen to be Delegate is because I wouldn't have time to get into personal challenges but would be able to share and give back to this program. Let me tell you, it is working!

Thanks for the privilege to be of service.

Mary M, Delegate, Panel 46, CA (S)

### Alternate Delegate

Welcome to all at this, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting of the 2006-2008 service term. It is such a privilege to be a part of this panel and to serve as Alternate Delegate.

DR Orientation: At 9am prior to the Committee meeting, an orientation for new and current DRs will be held in the Craft Room. We use this time to bring new DRs up to speed, share experience, strength and hope of the experienced DRs; hear from the Records Secretary on group registration procedure, the Treasurer on contributions and financial information, and the Bulletin Coordinator regarding that fine resource. This is a time for questions and help.

Ask it Basket: We will circulate a basket containing forms for questions that you have. We will do our best to answer them and cite the answer's reference. If you are asked to answer a question, please answer it in writing and referring to your source in Al-Anon literature and return it to me so they can be published in our Bulletin. Last month we had around 30 questions, which were answered in the Bulletin. Many questions posed common questions and requested comments on issues and problems groups were having. This is an excellent way to get the answers or direction you need and is an extremely useful tool for discussion and problem solving. Thanks to everyone who participates. EVERY question is important!

The Forum: This wonderful publication from World Service is truly "a meeting in your pocket" and more. It contains stories and sharings from Al-Anon members from all over. In the center is "Inside Al-Anon", a look into new ideas and new things coming from the World Service Office. The DRs and GRs are the main promoters (attractors?) of this publication. Encourage subscriptions, share your thoughts with your meetings. We will pass around a can in order to hold a drawing for a personal subscription to the Forum for every \$11 collected. You could be a winner!

This month's *Forum* contains some things you should know: They are looking for sharings from men, specifically for the two new books which are in progress—Facing Grief & Loss with Al-Anon, and Our Recovery in Relationships.

Periodically, there is a readership survey to get a feel of what our fellowship wants in The Forum. Pages 30 and 31 of the August 2006 issue cover this. One of the responses was a request to feature articles on "touchier" subjects such as sex and money. The Forum's response was a request for ask for sharings about more "tough personal issues: abuse, divorce, suicide, intimacy, sexuality, money troubles, healing from violence, leaving the alcoholic...." These are timely and relevant topics for many of us.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Sandie E, Alternate Delegate

### Past Delegate

At the May 2006 Assembly the Group Representative (GRs) voted to begin a second 3-year trial for Restructuring of our Southern California World Service (SCWS) into an ACTION Committee format. The Service Manual says that the initial purpose of the Assembly is to elect and send a Delegate to the World Service Conference (WSC) as our voice, taking information there, voting on issues, and bringing information back. Now, with our Restructure, SCWS ACTION Committees can support the Delegate and help spread the information. The following are the initial purposes determined by each of the ACTION Committees: (note that I capitalize ACTION because it is my understanding that the Restructure is to get the Assembly involved in more ACTION)

Membership Communication ACTION Committee Mission Statement: To encourage participation and enthusiasm by carrying the message of Al-Anon/Alateen recovery, unity, and service to the membership in a timely and informative way.

Public Outreach ACTION Committee Mission Statement: To increase public awareness of Al-Anon/Alateen and coordinate this effort by carrying the message through public information, cooperation with the professional community, institutions and the media.

Group Services ACTION Committee Mission Statement: To facilitate the flow of group services communication and create interaction between the groups, Southern California World Service (SCWS), and the World Service Office (WSO).

The ACTION Committees meet only twice each year during the Assemblies (not today at our biannual Committee meetings). However, you, our SCWS Committee, are here as leaders and I'm asking for your input for improving our Restructure format during this trial period. The following is an informal survey by a show of hands (if you weren't at the Committee, you can contact me with your thoughts too).

Have you taken an idea from the ACTION Committee and followed it up with an ACTION/project in your District, Convention or Intergroup?

Which of the following would you prefer?

To use the individual ACTION Committee times for the Coordinators to give in-depth reports

Or, to have GR participation with specific ACTION projects from each ACTION Committee

Do you feel that you are missing information by not hearing all Coordinator reports at Assemblies?

Do you want to have a brief report back at the Assembly from each of the 3 ACTION Committees?

Do you have Group Reps (GRs) who attend the various ACTION Committees give reports about each one of them in your District?

Do you use the Bulletin to read the information from each of the Coordinators?

Would you go to the SCWS website to find the Coordinator's report/information posted there?

Would you use the SCWS website as a way to chat with other districts to keep momentum going on specific ACTION projects? (SCWS is testing a "blog" site)

Who would like to serve on an ad hoc committee to work out our ACTION Committee restructure during this 3-year term?

What suggestions do you have for making effective use of the ACTION Committee format?

Thank you for being of service and filling the shoes of our Al-Anon pioneers to continue to spread the Al-Anon/Alateen message of hope with families and friends of alcoholics everywhere.

Miriam M, Immediate Past Delegate

### **Group Records Secretary**

It is a privilege to be your Records Secretary for the fellowship of SCWS. It is such an awesome commitment and challenge, I look at it as a very humbling experience managing all of the Al-Anon meetings in Southern California.

I am excited that soon we will be unveiling a new updated Area 04 Map. It is almost completed. This map will be much easier for traveling. Our old map was very large and without a utility vehicle it was very difficult and cumbersome to transport. Our new map will be as large as the other map, but will also have a hinge in the middle for folding.

I continue to request that all DRs encourage and assist the GRs to send in their change forms in regularly and quickly. In addition, if the GRs would fill out the forms clearly and completely it would help make my job much easier. Incomplete information slows down the process and many times I have to either call the GR or the DR to obtain additional information.

I am available to answer any questions anytime. My goal is to continue to improve our database information.

Love in service, Jayme

### **Chairperson**

No report submitted.



Minutes of Southern California World Service Committee Meeting, **Saturday, August 19, 2006** 

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, California

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman David B with the Serenity Prayer. Pam, D. 40 read the Traditions.

<u>Reports</u>: See the Bulletin for complete Committee member reports. The minutes contain only new or unreported information.

**Liability Insurance:** 

Lee reported on proposed liability insurance. He presented background information, coverage, and requirements. Premium for both liability and sexual misconduct liability would be approximately \$4055.00 annually compared with our current coverage of \$1258.26 which does not include sexual misconduct liability insurance. Background checks for certification of Alateen sponsors and board officers would be required under the terms of the insurance. Background checks cost \$9.95 per person through the insurance company.

[Editor's Note: Following the lunch break, David stated for clarification that the Alateen Safety Requirements would not have to be rewritten if we purchase the proposed liability insurance.]

Alateen:

Coordinator, Daniel, reported that any problems that occurred at SCAC were handled swiftly and well by the SCAC Committee. SCAC Chair 2007, Shanna, announced that a Continuity Committee will be active in continuing the communication between the SCAC Committee and SCWS.

SCAC 2007 sponsor, Dan, announced that there will be a sponsor workshop for SCAC sponsors. Also another option will be available for participants not wishing to attend the talent show.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Suzanne said that contributions were below our projected income for 2006. See Bulletin for full report.

<u>Delegate</u>: Mary announced that Barbara Older was just appointed new WSO Director of Member's Services. There is a new history page on the WSO web site. Complete report in Bulletin.

<u>Past Delegate</u>: Miriam reported on SCWS restructure. <u>Records Secretary</u>:

Jayme asked about printing labels. Most DRs are using email. DRs should contact Jayme if you need a set of labels for mailing. We are using the 6-digit WSO number for all groups. Jayme called the roll.

One DR report: Garry, D 66, presented information collected by Chris C., D 66 regarding Financial Structure of WSO.

A.F.G. Convention 2007: Don, Chair 2007, announced the first committee meeting is tomorrow, Aug. 20, 2006.

### Old Business:

Liability Insurance was discussed. Consensus was to bring the proposal to Assembly. Lee will make the proposal. It was suggested that written packets also be available.

### Lunch break 12:35

Meeting resumed at 1:25. The Twelve Concepts were read by Cathy W., D 45.

David stated for clarification that the Alateen Safety Requirements would not have to be rewritten if we purchase the proposed liability insurance.

<u>PRAASA Ad Hoc Committee</u>: Mary read the following proposal:

- 1. That the SCWS Area send four Officers (Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chairman and Immediate Past Delegate) and 1/3 of the remaining Board members to other service functions rather than PRAASA each year,
- 2. That those remaining Board members will then be chosen by lot each year and once their position has accepted this choice, they would only attend one of the yearly functions during their three year term.
- **3.** It is further recommended that each year, during their 3-year term, the ones chosen by lot attend one of the following events:
- **a.** an RSS (Regional Service Seminar), outside of our Southwest Region or,
- **b.** an Area Assembly Meeting in another World Service Area in our SW Region or,
- **c.** PRAASA or another Al-Anon service function deemed appropriate by the Board.

During the three-year term of serving the SCWS Area, the Board will make the decision as to which function to attend each year - taking into consideration the financial feasibility of attending said functions.

The covered expenses to be paid by the SCWS Area will include: airfare or mileage (whichever is less), two nights stay at a hotel (per two Board members sharing a room or \_ rate if not feasible to share, or \_ rate if one chooses not to share a room and pay other half at one's own expense), and two days' reimbursement for expense of meals (must submit receipts).

<u>Hospitality</u>: MaryLou thanked all the host districts for the wonderful and generous selection of breakfast foods. <u>November Assembly the following Districts were asked to bring breakfast foods: 6, 27, 36, 51, 63, 64, 66, 67, 72, and 75</u>. Volunteers are still needed to help set up and clean up. See Report in Bulletin for further details.

### New Business:

Agenda Items:

- 1. Mileage reimbursement proposal. Consensus to use the IRS guidelines each year which then would not require a new motion.
- 2. International Convention 2013. Proposals must be in to WSO by Dec. 31, 2006. Willie will be making a proposal. Any Al-Anon can make a proposal. Check with Mary for the requirements. Consensus to include on agenda for discussion.
- 3. Board participation in another R S. S. during current panel. It has been the SCWS policy to send the SCWS Board to the Southwest Regional Service Seminar . Since the SWRSS will not be held during this panel, the Assembly can consider sending the Board to another RSS. Consensus to place item on the agenda.
- 4. Alateen Traditions. Ad Hoc Committee: Danny, Miriam, Ajit, Anita, Cynthia, J. R., Judith and Mary M. will report to the Assembly. Any Al-Anon or Alateen who has input is encouraged to contact Mary M. or any member of the Alateen Traditions Ad Hoc Committee.
- 5. Two-day Assemblies: Consensus that it be included on the agenda for more discussion and that a committee be formed from members of the Assembly to explore the various possibilities.

### Reports (continued):

Convention Chairs, Coordinators, Action Committee Chairs, Intergroup liaisons, and District Representatives gave reports. See Bulletin for complete reports.

Meeting closed at 4:15 P.M. with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Respectfully submitted, Marge V, Minutes Secretary

### Treasurer

No report submitted.

### **Letter from Delegate to District Representatives**

2487 Gloucester Way, Riverside, CA 92506 April 5, 2006

To all District Representatives:

Enclosed is a copy of the Recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on PRAASA which includes a background and history of SCWS involvement in this function. We would like your District to review the report at your next District Meeting prior to the August Committee meeting.

Please send us your ideas. We would like to hear from your District.

Please review and send your comments in prior to August 10th so that the SCWS Committee can have a discussion on this topic and make a recommendation to the November Assembly for a consensus regarding a motion that reflects the opinion of all GRs in our Area at the next Assembly. Please reply either to the address at the top of this letter or email.

Thank you. Mary Morrison, Ad Hoc Committee on PRAASA Area 4, CA (S)

Email: mary2006-08scws@earthlink.net

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### History and Background of PRAASA

The following document is provided for informational purposes only.

### **DEFINITION**

PRAASA = Pacific Region A. A. Service Assembly. PRAASA is held annually in early March and invites Al-Anon participation (it has a separate Al-Anon committee creating its own program; however, it is not self-supporting). BACKGROUND

- •The November 1972 Assembly sent our Delegate only.
- •In May, 1979 the boundaries for our Area changed and we became part of the Southwest Region. At that time SCWS voted to still attend the 1980 PRAASA as it was in Anaheim and to send our Delegate to the SWRSS in Albuquerque, NM. At that time (1980) we decided that we would not attend PRAASA any longer.
- •In 1982, if invited by AA, we voted to send the Delegate and Chairperson, however the chair could not attend so another board member was pulled from the "hat."
- •The February 1984 Committee voted to contribute \$500 initial funds for Al-Anon portion of the next PRAASA. In the November Assembly of that year we decided not to attend the 1985 PRAASA due to distance.
- •November, 1985 send to PRAASA number of Coordinators as finances permit.
- •August, 1986 send as many as we can afford. November of that year we decided to participate in PRAASA once again.
- •The November 1986 SCWS Area Assembly voted to send some of the SCWS Board members to PRAASA.
- •May, 1987 recommend that next years Officers determine whether to participate or not. In November of that year it was recommended to participate.
- August, 1988 Assembly to decide re PRAASA.
  November, 1988 Committee to decide who goes, same decision reached at the February, 1989 meeting.

- •The May 1989 Assembly voted to, each year, send the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairman and the Immediate Past Delegate as well as 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the other Officers and Coordinators thus enabling all the SCWS Board members to attend PRAASA, at least, once during the current term.
- •In 1992 contributed \$500 to PRAASA once again for start-up fund.
- •Aside from working in cooperation and maintaining Al-Anon's ties with Alcoholics Anonymous, prior SCWS Boards, Committees and Assemblies have considered PRAASA to be a means of training for the SCWS Area's trusted servants by attending Al-Anon workshops (as well as the AA ones).
- •However, in the last  $\pm$  6 years the other Areas in our SW Region ceased sending its Area's trusted servants to PRAASA. Instead those funds are being used to send these members to the SW Region Delegates' Meeting (SWRDM), the SW Region Service Seminar (SWRSS) and to other Region's RSSs aside from the SW Region.

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Note: With this in mind please review the Recommendation made by the AD Hoc Committee which follows this page.

### PRAASA AdHoc Committee Recommendation For Motion

The PRAASA Ad Hoc Committee requests the SCWS Area Assembly to consider the following:

### We recommend the following motion:

That the SCWS Area send one-third (chosen by lot) of all the Board members to other service functions rather than PRAASA each year.

- --The Board members will be chosen by lot each year and once their position has accepted this choice, they will onlyattend one function during their three-year term.
- --It is further recommended that each year, those that have been chosen by lot attend one of the following events during their three-year term:
- 1. an RSS (Regional Service Seminar), outside of our Southwest Region
- 2. an Area Assembly Meeting in another World Service Area in our SW Region
- $\underline{\mathbf{3.}}$  PRAASA or another Al-Anon service function deemed appropriate by the Board

During the three-year term of serving the SCWS Area, the Board will make the decision as to which function to attend each year taking into consideration the financial feasibility of attending said functions.

The covered expenses to be paid by the SCWS Area will include: **1.** airfare or mileage (whichever is less),

- 2. registration, event package price (room and meals) or, two nights stay at a hotel (with two Board members sharing a room whenever feasible, or ½ rate only if one chooses not to share a room and pay other ½ at one's own expense),
- <u>3.</u> two days' reimbursement for expense of meals (must submit receipts).

(FYI – The SCWS Area sends the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, immediate Past Delegate and Chairperson to SWRDM [Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting] each year during their 3-year term.)

### ALATEEN TRADITIONS - BACKGROUND

### **Changes for Alateens:**

1957 - Trad. 3.. The teen age relatives of alcoholics, when gathered together for mutual aid, may call themselves an Alateen Group.

Trad. 4.. Other Alateen Groups, Al-Anon Family Groups, or AA as a whole.

Trad. 5.. Each Alateen Group has but one purpose: to help other teen agers of alcoholics.

Trad. 6.. Our Alateen Groups ought never to endorse,

Trad. 8.. Alateen Twelfth Step work ----

Trad 10. The Alateen Groups

The above changes were in a letter from William R. M. in California on July 1, 1957.

In a letter on July 12, 1957 from La Puente, CA, it references the Pasadena Alateen Group as the "Mother" group and the largest.

In a letter dated August 19, 1957, Lois answered the July 12<sup>th</sup> letter replying that she and Bill were pleased that the Alateens changed their Steps and Traditions to conform more closely to those of AA and Al-Anon, stating that the substitutions in the Traditions seemed natural and appropriate.

At the WSO Board of Directors meeting on September 10, 1957, a motion was made to send a copy of the Alateen Traditions to all Alateen groups in California.

At the 1962 Conference a motion was made and carried unanimously to call literature CAL and that all present literature be stamped "Conference Approved."

In 1967 the Conference Charter was adopted referencing the process necessary to change Steps or Traditions. Alateen is not specifically mentioned. (Note: Alateen is part of Al-Anon)

In the 1968 Conference the Alateens requested that their 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition be changed inasmuch as it implied that the entire family was welcome at their meetings. It now reads: Each Alateen Group has but one purpose: to help other teenagers of Alcoholics. We do this by practicing the 12 Steps of AA ourselves and by encouraging and understanding the members of our immediate family. (Previous

was "by encouraging and understanding our alcoholic relatives, and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics. As in the 1960 issue of "Operation Alateen" pamphlet).

In 1972 the Conference Charter includes Alateen and applies to all registered groups.

At the April, 1994 WSC, there were some comments on Alateen Traditions from the Alateen Advisory Committee (see "A" attached).

In July, 1994 the Policy Committee discussed the minutes from the above.

In April 1995 the Policy Committee discussed the Alateen Traditions and the process to change them.

(see "B" attached re discussion, conclusion was to study further.)

What would you like to see happen? Please let our Delegate know so that she can have a consensus to take back to the Conference as this will be one of the agenda items in April, 2007. Do we need separate Traditions?

What are the ethical implications to be considered when discussing Alateen Traditions? Which version do we want if we decide to keep the Alateen Traditions (1957, 1968 or ??) Do we spell teenagers or teenagers, teen ager (two words) is not a correct spelling?

[Editor's note: parts A and B will be available at the Nov Assembly, or possibly from your DR prior to then.]

# Group Services

Board members assigned to this Action Committee are Treasurer (Suzanne P.), Group Records Secretary (Jayme P.), Minutes Secretary (Marge V.), AC Chair (Kathi L.), Alateen Coordinator (Daniel K.), Alateen Sponsor Coordinator (Ajit S.), and Archives Coordinator (Martha M.). A report from each coordinator follows the Action Committee Chair's report.

### Group Services Action Committee Chair No report

### **Alateen Coordinator**

hello all. daniel alateen coordinator. and here's my report. i would just like to thank the Alateens on SO-CAL committee (Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen

participation) for hosting today's lunch. SCAC has passed and i just wanted to let you all know that the events at SCAC major and minor have been taken care of efficiently and quickly by the SCAC committee and anything you heard or may hear is to stay with you. I'd just like to remind you the best way to avoid any complications at any events for any convention or conference is for everyone to attend, especially sponsors. the SCWS committee and SCAC committee will hopefully be working more closely to ensure the Alateenss safety in recovery. there are many more Alateen events and AA/Al-Anon conventions coming up and i hope to see you all there, and i would just like to thank you for allowing the alateens in the sponsors workshop group, thank you all.

your alateen coordinator, with love in service, daniel

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**Southern California World Service** 

Bulletin

### Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

We had our very first teleconference a few weeks ago. There were a number of Alateen sponsor coordinators participating in the conference. What struck me the most is the lack of uniformity on the certification process for Alateen sponsors.

For example, Texas has a much more stringent requirement when compared to California. They spend the money to have the police do a thorough background search. Some other areas (I cannot recall the location), have very lax requirements. The only certification these areas require is that someone, such as an Alateen liaison, personally vouch for the potential sponsor. I suggested that Mary Morrison consider addressing this issue on her next visit to the WSO.

The other topics/issues were petty much in line with how to get more Alateens and Alateen sponsors, etc.

Take care, Ajit

### **Archives Coordinator**

Hello and good day to all. I would like to report that I have an inventory of our Traveling Archives. If anyone is interested in using them, I can send you and inventory list of what they contain. I found many interesting items like first edition literature-some signed by Lois Wilson herself-, pictures of Lois and Bill, letters from Lois W., etc. Many wonderful and fascinating items.

My committee and I have begun inventorying the Area Archives. There is a treasure of things we have found. Cassette tapes of Speakers, many letters, documents, pictures and articles. It is so exciting to look through these wonderful articles and listen to Speakers, many of whom are deceased now, as we go through the Archives. Soon I will have a fairly complete record of bulletins all the way back to the beginning of Al-Anon in California! I feel like a child in a candy store with my eyes popping out of my head and my heart beating in anticipation of what I will find next.

I am also communicating with other Archivists in other areas and states. We share our experiences and learn how things are done in other areas with the archives. It is called "reasoning things out" to find better solutions in caring for our archives. World Service Office in Virginia beach is setting up a communication by e-mail for all area archivists. I never imagined that being of service could be so much fun.

I will keep you informed as we go along through the archives. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Your trusted servant, Martha Membreno.

### **Hospitality Coordinator**

Welcome I am your hospitality coordinator. The next districts that are asked to provide the breakfast and to hostess on November 18, are districts 6, 27, 36, 51, 63, 64, 66, 69, 72, and 75. Foods to bring are fruits, bagels, cream cheese, muffins, and doughnuts, only as examples. We are asking you to please bring any breakfast food of your choice.

Please also bring a volunteer from that district to help in the hospitality room for at least an hour.

We really could use help after the meeting for clean up and putting chairs back. Thank you.

Any questions call me e-mail. Thank you districts 9,10,21,30,40, and 48 for hosting today's breakfast.

Love you all in a special way hospitality coordinator/marylou

**Membership Communications** 

Board members assigned to this Action Committee are Alternate Delegate (Sandie E.), AC Chair (Cindy R.), Bulletin Coordinator (Elizabeth K.), Literature Coordinator (Lucia C.), and Website Coordinator (Alvar G.). A report from each coordinator follows the Action Committee Chair's report.

May MCAC Chair report: First of all - my gratitude to the Assembly for voting in favor of the Action Committees proceeding for another 3-year period. Our 1st breakout session for our term was led by our newly appointed "webmaster" Alvar G. We had such overwhelming feedback from all with mostly questions concerning the effectiveness & timeliness of "The Bulletin". Thanks also to Elizabeth "Bulletin Editor" for all her hard work with Alvar in getting the Bulletin online. For more details see Alvar's report under Website Coordinator. [Editor's note: sorry for re-printing the Feb one in the May volume, Cindy!]

August MCAC Chair report: Greetings to all from your MCAC facilitator. Your voices were heard and The Bulletin is now posting reports as they are received as well as a Bulletin Reduction Blog. We also have our Blog site that our committee seems to be the test group for, although so far there has not been much activity. We want communication to be as open as possible to hear the voices of our DR's & GR's so please take a moment and check out the Websites. For further information see our coordinators reports for Website (Alvar G) and Bulletin (Elizabeth K).

Yours in service, Cindy R. (Membership Communication Action Committee Chair)

### **Bulletin Coordinator**

At the May Assembly, members requested to have the reports posted on the SCWS website as they become available, and to continue having the web version of the completed Bulletin posted on the SCWS website. This was initiated with the May 2006 Bulletin. The complete Bulletin and all individual reports posted on the website have last names & contact info deleted. (Go to the website and click on "Bulletin.")

### General information about the Bulletin:

Each Bulletin is a record of reports that were given and motions that were made at that month's SCWS Area meeting. This August Bulletin is a collection of reports FROM (not for) the August Committee meeting. The November Bulletin is a collection of reports FROM (not for) the November Assembly.

The Agenda for each Committee meeting (Feb and Aug) is printed in the previous Bulletin (Nov and May). The Minutes taken at each Committee meeting are approved at the next Committee meeting. So, for today's Aug Committee meeting, you needed to bring the Feb and May 2006 Bulletins so that you will have the Feb Committee meeting Minutes, and today's Agenda (that appears in the May Bulletin. Likewise, bring your Aug and Nov Bulletins to the Feb Committee meeting.

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Reports for today's Committee meeting were due to me by e-mail by yesterday (i.e., BEFORE today's committee meeting), with a copy also sent to the Minutes Secretary (Marge Van Hemert). The electronic version will speed production and reduce errors since it avoids re-typing.

The Bulletin is a record of the reports that were delivered at the Committee meeting or submitted at the Assembly. These reports are a great way to share experience with everyone in the SCWS Area, so I hope to print a full set of reports online and in each Bulletin.

Thank you for this service opportunity, Elizabeth K, Bulletin Coordinator

### **Literature Coordinator**

Members can now submit their personal recovery stories on-line at www.al-anon.alateen.org/members in the "Publications" section to be considered for publication in Al-Anon/Alateen material! Members can now also e-mail, fax or mail their sharings to the WSO.

"e-CAL": The 2006 World Service Conference approved, for a 3-year trial period, the idea of producing new Conference approved material to be developed, designed and distributed exclusively through electronic means to be referred to as "e-CAL". Stay tuned as the WSO begins work on this exciting new phase of Conference Approved Literature.

WANTED: FREELANCE WRITERS!

As new books, e-CAL and other projects are developed, we may need to hire freelance writers, editors and artists who are also Al-Anon members. If you know members who fit this description, encourage them to consider submitting resumes and samples of their work to the WSO in care of the Fellowship Communication Department.

Member sharings are still needed for OUR RECOVERY IN RELATIONSHIPS (working title) in the areas of intimacy. sexuality, parent-child and grandparent-child relationships, sharings from men and Alateen members.

FACING GRIEF AND LOSS WITH AL-ANON (working title) still needs more member sharings from men, young people, gays, lesbians, parents who have faced grief regarding their non-alcoholic adult children affected by alcoholism and members who contemplated divorce but decided to remain in an alcoholic marriage. Sharings are also requested on the spiritual aspects of grieving.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve, Lucia C., Literature Coordinator

### Website Coordinator

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At the May Assembly we introduced the idea of the Blogs in the Action Committee as a method for richer and more regular communication between the Board and the membership. We were hoping DRs & GRs would find the idea useful.

At that Action Committee it became apparent that the membership desired a way to reduce the Bulletin and get Bulletin information faster. Additionally the Action Committee attendees asked good questions about the web set-up and its future.

We decided to put the Bulletin up on the web site in a new technology that allows for subject search and on-line comments.

Along the way we had a problem with a service provider for the Blogs. We decided to set up a new server for the web site and Blogs. The new commercial hosting service costs about \$100 a year, and includes many technologies including blogs, e-mail lists, and most of all support.

The Bulletin editor put in a Herculean effort and re-posted all the Bulletin reports on the web site, and in PDF!

Starting with the Reports for May 2006 Assembly, all the reports you find in the Bulletin are available individually on-line and are searchable.

You can:

- \* View reports by just district or committee, over several Assemblies
- \* Search the reports by keyword like 'Alathon' or 'SCAC'
- \* Comment and ask questions
- \* Get the reports right away before the Bulletin comes out In the future, DRs will be able to post their own reports on the web site.

The new Blogs area of the site has not had much activity nor comments yet. We want to encourage all to go there and even make comments, or requests so that area of the web site can better serve the needs of the membership. Even give us ideas for new Blog topics.

—Alvar

### Public Outreach

Board members assigned to this Action Committee are AC Chair (Robin J.), Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Coordinator (Sandra W.), Institutions Coordinator (Shirley M.), and Public Information Coordinator (Amanda C.). A report from each coordinator follows or is included in the Action Committee Chair's report.

The Public Information Action Committee is extremely fortunate to have three committed and enthusiastic women as Committee Coordinators. We look forward to sharing our enthusiasm with all who join our Committee Meeting at the November Area Assembly.

Sandra W. heads up our Cooperating with the Professional Community and has insight and information to assist and "jump start" any of those who have service enthusiasm in this area.

Shirley M. is our Institutions Coordinator and will share her feedback from her participation with the Governor's Advisory Committee, provide insight on 12th Step work with Institutions, and answer any questions on this area of service.

Amanda C. has a wonderful enthusiasm for Public Information and as its Coordinator, will give assistance, encouragement and information on the many areas of need for Public Information. For those who are currently involved in any public information affairs, she would appreciate receiving that information a month or so in advance, if and when possible.

As your current Public Outreach Action Committee Chair, I am enthused by your enthusiasm, humbled by your service commitments and grateful - so very grateful - for all Public Outreach past, present and future.

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and - Let It Begin With Me."

With love and gratitude, Robin  $\boldsymbol{J}$ 

Public Outreach Action Committee Chairperson

**CPC Coordinator** – No report submitted.

### **Institutions Coordinator**

Reminder: Survey. I am trying to determine the scope of our Southern California Area's Institutions work. I sent survey forms to the Area Intergroups before the May assembly. I placed survey forms in each District Representative's file and passed one out to each Action Committee attendee in May. I have gotten a few back. This is just a reminder to please return to me. I want to know where we are carrying the message: treatment centers, jails, prisons, shelters, schools, etc. So, if the survey form has disappeared, a self-made list from each Institutions Coordinator will be fine. I plan to put the information report in the Bulletin and also use it in our Action Committee to determine a path for our area during this panel.

Reminder: Action Committee Meeting Project. In our Action Committee small group time, we were asked to come up with a project that every group in Southern California could do if the group chose to do so. Our small group suggested that groups place literature in Women's Shelters. How-to-Idea: I contacted our Domestic Abuse Center and found out the number of shelters. I numbered an envelope for each shelter and passed them out to interested Intergroup Representatives. Every center was taken. The literature is to be returned at our October meeting after which I will take them to the Domestic Abuse Center Central Office.

LIS, Shirley M, Institutions Coordinator

### **Public Information Coordinator**

Welcome back to all you GRs, DRs and other service members. The summer went by quickly and slowly. Groups, Districts and Intergroups are busy working on projects.

I have received SCWS' new table top displays and table covers. At past assembly meeting, the GRs had approved \$2,000 toward purchasing a new display. With the table top displays costing around \$480 each and the table covers about \$120 each, without shipping and tax, we were able to order two. If you are interested in have the display for your next conference or outreach event, please contact me.

I have also been fortunate to travel in the area with our Delegate, Mary M. I have appreciated her enthusiasm for Al-Anon World Service and enjoy seeing her gracefulness in her service commitments. Just a reminder that your group or district can ask any SCWS Board or Committee member to attend your meeting to speak, brainstorm, or share their experience, strength and hope.

In love and service, Amanda



No report from: Los Angeles County

### **Inland Empire**

Hello from the Inland Empire!!

This year has been an eventful one to say the least. We have had the opportunity to hold a very successful Casino Night (which will now hopefully be a tradition) as well as other fund raisers that various districts within the Inland Empire have put on to raise money for our Service Center. Without their support, we could have found ourselves to be in dire straights financially. So a hearty thank you should definitely go out to them!

Coming up on October 20, 21 and 22, we are having our Inland Empire AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen support. It will be held at the San Bernardino Hilton. We hope to see you there!

Also, in November, the Inland Empire Service Board puts on our yearly Gratitude Dinner. Date and venue are to be announced. Keep an eye out for that. It is expected to be a fantastic night as always.

Lastly, we lost a very special member of our Inland Empire Service Board. Bettie L had served on the Service Board for quite some time in different positions and she will be missed. Please keep her family in your thoughts while they go through this hard time.

Respectfully submitted

J. R. Inland Empire Service Board

### Oficina Intergrupal Hispaña

Greetings to all from the Spanish Intergroup in Santa Fe Springs.

We are continuing our efforts to visit each of our groups. It's great to be able to go to the different meetings and witness the recovery. I went to the 7pm meeting in Norwalk on Tuesday and was able to speak to the group about my personal experience and how much of a difference the program and especially service is making in my life. I've had some

We had our bi-monthly Intergroup Rep meeting on 8/12. There was another good turnout as approx. 40 members showed up.

We are already working on plans for our Intergroup Office's 25th anniversary next summer.

We recently had contact with the Orange County Intergroup Office and both offices expressed interest in finding a way to complement each other in our effort. Hopefully, we can work out some kind of combined event to reach out more to the Spanish-speaking community in the OC.

Please call our office at 562-948-2190 or me personally at 626-664-1203 if you know someone that is looking for a Spanish speaking meeting.

Our address is 11627 E. Telegraph Rd #150, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. We are just East of the 605 Freeway off of the Telegraph exit and hope to see you there sometime. Thanks and Let it begin with me.

Patrick B, Spanish Intergroup Liaison

### **Orange County**

Hello to all Al-Anon families in Southern California! My name is Alex R. and I am the new WS liaison for the beautiful OC. Our newly elected Service Board Members took office in July and all positions were filled. Our new Chairman, Sharon S. from Anaheim, is enthusiastic and full of energy, ready to start this new year in service.

Regarding the latest events and happenings I can report the following:

- The Orange County Fair was a great success!! Many members volunteered to man the booth, pass literature and carry the message. This is one of the most important venues that we have to reach Newcomers and open a new door to those who are still afflicted by a relative or friend's drinking.
- We are in the process of recruiting volunteers to help with the OC Information Office Annual Fundraiser that will be held in September 9 at the Crystal Cathedral. We'll have food, fellowship and great speakers like Jayme P., Karen A. and Don B.
- Our new Round Robin Chairperson, Bud R. will be issuing a description of what a Round Robin is and will circulate to as many meetings as possible to increase awareness and interest.
- Our Alateens are as busy as ever planning the SCWS Alateen Sponsor Workshop taking place October 14th. Topics for discussion will involve Alateen safety, behavior guidelines, SCAC Scholarship, trusting trusted servants, Resolving conflicts, service, etc. There will also be sharing by a couple of Alateens themselves.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service, Alex R.

### San Diego County

No report submitted. Bernadette.

### Ventura County

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Since our last report, Ventura County Intergroup (soon to be referred to as Al-Anon Information Service (AIS)) of Ventura County, has begun our monthly meetings to establish our AIS as the information service arm of District 12. We have formed a subcommittee to talk about the WSO trial Action Committees and benefits that might be derived from doing the same in Ventura County. Our goal is to reduce duplication and improve cooperation in the areas of Public Outreach, Institutions, and Cooperating with Professionals (CPC). And if we can have more FUN along the way, that would be great. We are in the middle of studying the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2004-2006, and are pleased to find that our AIS is currently providing all suggested services with the exception of serving as a Literature Distribution Center. We are learning a lot about ourselves and more importantly about how we can increase the vital services we provide to friends and family members of

In July we had a great time at the 14th Annual Santa Paula Pig Roast at Kenny Grove Park in Fillmore. We were honored to hear Cindy & John R as our Relationship speakers, an awesome couple in recovery! We also held our famous Tailgate Al-Anon Pot Luck luncheon, with gads of yummy dishes and desserts. It was a best ever!

Our Ventura County AA Convention (VCAAC) with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation will be held on September 8-10, 2006 in Westlake...Al-Anon Speakers include: Amanda & Mark V-C, Lake Arrowhead; Cathy & Mike C, Portland, OR; Ellen C, Addison, TX; Al-Anon en Espanol, Gabriela L, San Diego; Grace & Manny A, Camarillo; Marathon Meetings, Country Store, two Al-Anon Panels – "Voices From The Past" and "Alateen Sponsorship-The Magic of Miracles." We will welcome VC long-timers: Eileen W, 26 Years, Simi Valley; Shirley M, 27 Years, Camarillo; Pat L, 30 Years, Ventura; Kay D, 30 Years, Ojai; and Linda A, 31 Years, Oxnard.

Cyndy P, CoChair, VC AIS, is already planning our Gratitude Faire - she's so organized. Many of you might know that once a year (this year November 11th, 3:00pm), Ventura County AIS hosts a Gratitude Faire, with Family Speakers, buffet dinner, Country store, Alateen bake sale, and lots more. It's our annual FUNdraiser and serves to support our public outreach efforts throughout the county. This year, our Gratitude Faire will feature very special Family Speakers...we hope to see you there. More will be revealed in my next report.

We'd like to welcome two new AIS Service Board members, yay! Grace F, Alateen Liaison and Rachel S, Archives/ Literature. We are truly blessed to have two great members willing to be of service to Ventura County members. Thank you both.

Our Intergroup Scoop Editor, Tracy L, has given our newsletter a great new look and feel, added a new Help Wanted (opportunities to be of Al-Anon service) section, expanded the District 12 Happenings section, and devoted full-page coverage for our Alateens. The "Scoop" is a key communication tool in Ventura County and Tracy is doing a fantastic job. So far the Intergroup Scoop themes have included First Things First, Live and Let Live, Humor, and Acceptance.

Gabriela A, Spanish Liaison, continues to reach out to our Spanish Al-Anon community and encourages Spanish speaking members to contribute articles to the Scoop newsletter (in Spanish of course). And as if that isn't enough...Gabriela will be speaking at the Spanish convention coming up in November.

Julie H. Round Robin Coordinator, is busy planning two more Round Robin meetings this year in Simi Valley and Camarillo. The Round Robins provide a forum for members all throughout Ventura County to come together to share experience, strength, and hope and dessert!

Shirley M and Judy D are working with local Recovery Centers, Hospitals, and Youth facilities to set up Al-Anon Panels there are three new Panels this year and plans for Khepera House, Ventura; Prototypes, Oxnard; Genesis, Thousand Oaks and Ventura; and recent discussions with New Seasons, Port Hueneme. Shirley and Judy are doing a great job!

Anton C. Web Site Coordinator, is so much more that that with his maintaining the web site and making the content changes on a regular basis. He's truly a web site extraordinaire! His attention to the web site makes it a useful tool for outreach, communication, and information services for Ventura County. Thank you Anton.

Foster G, Treasurer, has diligently created a budget and we now have a prudent reserve for our Intergroup. He pays the

bills on time, makes himself available to Service Board officers who might need an advance for outreach efforts, and offers love and guidance to our Alateens.

Public Information, Rafaella M and Darcy B, have placed CAL in several locations throughout Ventura County. The WSO Public Service Announcement (PSA) has aired on local television three times with plans for much, much more later in the year...in English and Spanish. Yay!

Cooperating with Professional Community (CPC), Kay D, recently voted in unanimously, I might add, is forming a CPC committee and have someone from each of the Ventura County cities represented. Projects (large and small) can be planned throughout the next term – we are excited about CPC and Kay's being our trusted servant in this very important service position.

Alateen Representative, Jake L, has been involved with local Alateen coordination, encourages other Alateens to get involved in Intergroup, local round-ups, and conventions...our Alateens had a great time at SCAC and fourteen local Alateens were able to participate in the fun and fellowship. Our special thanks to Jake who is willing to serve as Ventura County's Alateen Representative.

Mary M, Secretary, WOW! Mary is truly a blessing – her ability to keep us on track at the Intergroup meetings, prepare minutes, agendas, and reminding us to keep our records updated is a real miracle – she is truly amazing and we're grateful for her service to Intergroup.

Whew! Lots going on here in Ventura County and we hope to see you soon - thank you for allowing me to be of service. Rosanne S, Chair, Ventura County AIS Liaison - District 12

# Ask-It Basket

ASK IT BASKET, August 19, 2006

**Q1:** Can dual members speak or do service at a district Alathon?

**A1:** There is no statement in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual that directly answers this question. However, refer to pages 69-70 which states that dual members may participate as long as it does not lead to conference membership. You can also refer to the pamphlet "The Al-Anon Focus", P-45 which is specifically written for Al-Anon members who are also member of Alcoholics Anonymous. In addition, you may also request, from the WSO, the *Dual Members and Al-Anon Service Policy Timeline* which answers questions regarding issues related to dual members.

**Q2:** Please describe what a "Round Robin" is and (specifically for a newcomer) who gets the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition if it's a group "exchange."

**A2:** A Round Robin is usually a panel that has a topic for discussion at an Al-Anon event or fundraiser for supporting a local Central Office or an Al-Anon committee of a Convention. The wording "Round Robin" is being phased out in the Service Manual; the Admissions and Handbook Committee has voted

that this term is outdated. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collection may be shared as the "exchange" decides, per group conscience vote.

Q3: Why isn't our local convention chairman given the same status on the SCWS Committee as the AFG, So. Cal. and SCAC chairmen?

A3: From the Service Manual, p. 72: "Where possible, members planning *Area or Region-wide* conventions work closely with the local Area World Service Committee(s)....In many Areas, the Convention Chairperson is appointed to elected at the Area Assembly. The Chairperson or another convention liaison member has voice and may have a vote on the Area World Service Committee." In short, the "local" conventions restrict committee participation to those residing within a certain geographical area and, therefore, do not qualify as an "Area-wide" Convention.

**Q4:** I am concerned about continued proliferation of our literature. It appears we are trying to be everything to everyone and going away from the basic principles of Al-Anon—are sharings of experience, strength and hope diminishing?

**A4:** Pages 82 and 83 in the Service Manual describe how literature is created for Al-Anon. And the variety of literature is in response to membership requests.

**Q5:** At our local AA Convention with Al-Anon participation planning committee meeting, the AA representative announced that he is going to propose to next year's AA Committee that <u>all funds</u> collected by AA and Al-Anon be put into one account and that they will pay our expenses and consider us their "guests". Isn't this a violation of our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition?

**A5:** This would not follow the intent of our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. On page 72 of the Service Manual, in the section "Distribution of Proceeds," it states, "Surplus funds derived from conventions are usually contributed to the Area treasury and WSO, with a reasonable sum to seed the next convention." This would imply that each committee manages its own funds. Please refer to the WSO Guidelines, G-7, "Al-Anon/Alateen Participation in an AA Area Convention" — may be downloaded from the Al-Anon WSO website. AA has a similar Guideline, one that you may be able to obtain from the AA website or the local AA Central Office - once obtained, it may be shared with the AA Convention's Chairperson and its committee members.

**Q6:** Is there a minimum time requirement (in Al-Anon) for someone to become an Alternate DR?

**A6:** Nothing is listed in the Service Manual to specifically answer this question. However, it is suggested that anyone filling positions *beyond the group level* ought to have knowledge and an understanding of Al-Anon's 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. It is further suggested that the ADR should be qualified to be a DR in the event he/she has to fulfill the commitment of the currently-elected DR. This would include previous service as a Group Representative.

**Q7:** Could we please ask all Committee members to refer to our headquarters as World Service Office, or WSO, rather than "Virginia Beach"?

**A7:** There are some members who still refer to our headquarters as "New York". We can ask that the more appropriate term WSO or World Service HQ be used.

Q8: What policies and/or procedures do other districts employ to back up the DRs signing of the Alateen Sponsor application? A8: (From a DR) There is no information in the Service Manual yet regarding the signing of the Alateen Sponsor forms. It was suggested that each district decide who would have this responsibility. In most districts, the DR, ADR or Alateen Liaison are signatory. By signing, the designee simply states that the applicant is known to them and to the best of their knowledge, the statements made by the applicant are true. (See our Area's "Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements for Alateen Groups, Alateen Sponsors and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service" available on our website.

**Q9:** 1. There is a long-time Al-Anon group that reads in its format at each meeting a statement that says if you are a member of AA, you cannot share in that meeting. Is this OK?? What about Tradition 3? Doesn't this affect Al-Anon as a whole? 2. My friend, on her first day was asking about what if she's a member of OA. As soon as she uttered the name "OA" they shut her up. They would not let her utter one more word. That first day was also her last day in Al-Anon 16

**A9:** This question will be addressed in the next Bulletin.

Q10: A GR called a group conscience meeting to point out to his meeting that making announcements about AA events and about "joint" AA/Al-Anon meetings is not following our Al-Anon Traditions. He brought lots of references in the Service Manual. The meeting voted not to change anything. 1. Can this issue be brought up again? 2. How long do we have to wait? 3. What else can be done?

A10: Please refer to page 100 in the Service Manual in the section "Outside Entities:" "...Further, the Sixth Tradition suggests that there be no promotion or endorsement of any outside therapies. At an Al-Anon/Alateen meeting, in keeping with the Al-Anon/Alateen focus, the groups do not announce or discuss activities of any other anonymous Twelve Step programs....Publicizing other organizations' activities creates an appearance of affiliation." Also, there are no official joint AA/Al-Anon meetings, although some meetings of this focus do exist. They are not to call themselves "AA" nor "Al-Anon." 1. Yes, the issue may be brought up again. 2. You do not have to wait a certain length of time. 3. Take another informed group conscience to discuss it again. You may need to refer to the District Representative or Southern California World Service for assistance. In keeping with the principle of cooperation, Al-Anon participates in many AA conventions with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation.

Q11: How does the Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC) and its fundraisers reconcile unattractive behavior or crude vocabulary with Alateen and & Al-Anon being considered programs of attraction? (Tradition 11.)

A11: SCAC is a stand-alone event held by and for Alateens. They have a set of behavioral guidelines which they ask the participants to adhere to. There isn't a reference in the Service Manual regarding "attraction" in this manner, but the teens are encouraged to conduct themselves in a way that is an attraction to Alateen.

Q12: Given the issue of liability associated with sexual impropriety, why do we continue to have a coed SCAC?

A12: Again, SCAC is a stand-alone conference established for all members of Alateen to attend. There is a need for more adult participants who have fulfilled the SCWS Area's Alateen Sponsor certification process, to attend and supervise. The SCWS Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements are set in place to help avoid or prevent such impropriety from happening. The SCAC Guidelines address the behavior of the Alateens who attend SCAC and the SCWS Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements address the behavior of the adults who attend.

# Convention

### **SCAA 2006**

Southern California A.A. Convention With Al-Anon And Alateen Participation:

The Southern California Convention is ready to happen. All the pieces are in place and we are all set to host our portion of this wonderful event. This is the oldest convention in Southern California, celebrating its 55th year.

Registration forms are available for everyone today.

We receive no registration funds from the convention so it necessary for us to do a little fundraising. Our theme "Freedom Through Action" looks great on our t-shirts and ceramic mugs. which will be available again at the August Committee meeting. We are also having a fundraising event on Saturday, August 26 at the Fullerton Senior Citizens Center from 6 pm until 10 pm, featuring a delicious Italian dinner, dancing, magic and great fellowship on "One Hot August Night". Tickets are \$20. A 50/50 drawing will also be held that night.

Let this be my personal invitation to attend the convention at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego. Our luncheon speaker will be Maria S. from Los Angeles. We will have English and Spanish marathon meetings, Family Meeting, and other speaker meetings. Don't miss it.

See you in San Diego! ... Sept 22,23,24

Sandie E, Al-Anon Chair

### **AFG 2007**

Al-Anon Family Groups Convention of Southern California Hello again from your 2007 AFG Chairperson, Don B Just a short note to update World Service and members of

Al-Anon and Alateen in general regarding our Al-Anon Family Groups 2007 Convention.

Most of the committee positions have been filled. If there are any of you that are interested in being a part of our AFG Committee, please see me.

Our 1st committee meeting will be held tomorrow (August 20th) at this very same location here at the Senior Center! We will be voting on our theme for the 2007 convention, which, if all goes well, will have something to do with 'Miracles'!

Our meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month, and we will be meeting in the Strickland Room, which during the World Service Assembly is utilized as the hospitality and refreshment room.

We are looking forward to continuing the excitement and enthusiasm that we have seen for the last few years with our AFG conventions. The dates for our upcoming convention are March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Hope to see you all there!

### District Representatives'

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### District 3

We had a great campout at Lake Lopez in June. This weekend is the AA Convention with Al-Anon participation in SLO.

### **District 6**

We are having our elections in October to decide who will hold the positions of District Representative, Alternate District Representative, Treasurer and Secretary. Our three-year commitment is 2007 thru 2009. It seems to me that our district is having trouble with finding people that are ready to commit to service commitments. If anyone has any suggestions please contact me via my email . Our district voted to buy 400 copies in English and 100 copies in Spanish of the Public Outreach magazine to be distributed during the month of September, since it is National Recovery month. Our Public Information person has also contacted local radio stations and will be sending them a copy of our new Public Service announcement. She has also contacted and sent out schedules to all the libraries in our area that do not have someone already covering them.

Submitted by Anita J, District 6 DR

### **District 8**

Hello from District Eight —

Our main focus now is our upcoming Santa Barbara AA with Al-Anon participation convention this October 20, 21, & 22, 2006. After several years when we did not have much presence we are putting together a program that includes out of town speakers, an Al-Anon information and literature booth, marathon meetings, etc.

Please see our web site at www.alanonsantabarbara.info in the upcoming weeks for more information.

A second emphasis continues to be spreading the word about our single Alateen meeting as well as investigating starting a second one.

Thank you for letting me be of service: Ashe C D-8 D.R.

### **District 9**

Well, since my last report our ADR moved to Tehachapi and we had to replace her. Our new ADR is Ena Q. from Palmdale.

We were able to send 16 Alateens to SCAC this year. Although as of my last report our SCAC donations were way down from last year, we were able to raise almost \$3,000 this year thanks to the generous contributions from our Al-Anon meetings. Our GR's really came through when we asked them to drum up contributions from their groups. We were also able to pay (out of our District treasury) at least one person to drive teens to and from SCAC.

We are still gaining new Alateen sponsors. We now have 26 certified sponsors and two in process. We are looking for sponsors to help at our Santa Clarita Convention in October and we are looking for a new sponsor for our Thursday night Valencia Alateen meeting.

Public Outreach: Several people have asked for monies to purchase literature – one group decided to send Forums to local women's shelters.

The Third Annual Santa Clarita Convention of AA will be held October 20-22, 2006 at the Hyatt Hotel in Valencia. This is the first year we are having Alateen Participation. Please come out and support us! The Antelope Valley (Al-Anon) convention will be held in November.

LIS, Myra K., District 9

### **District 10**

Hi from the Hi Desert. We are making every effort to let the Professionals know about Al-Anon in this area. We will be having an extra meeting on October 25th to inform Al-Anon's up here about the IR [Inter-Group] and how it works. J. R., the chairman of the Inland Empire and Jay who is our Serenity Sheet Editor will be our speakers. If you have a chance to come, it will be at 7:00 pm. We will also have our annual HEART TALK convention on February 24th at the Green Tree Hotel. Mark your calendars. More information to come on both events.

Now I am putting my other hat on... I am the Chair for the IEAAC Serenity Country Store, homemade items will be sold, which will be held October 20, 21, 22, 2006 at the San Bernardino Hotel. [if you have anything to donate please call me Come join us for a week-end of fun. Will have more in my next report.

Love in service, Gail N., District Rep. 10

### District 11

No Report.

### **District 12**

Greetings from District 12- Our main focus this term is exploring through an Ad Hoc committee the relationship between District 12 and the Ventura County Intergroup, soon to be known as the Ventura Al-Anon Information Services. As a group we are studying the Service Manual and related Guidelines and developing recommendations to bring to our meetings. We are cooperating with Ventura Al-Anon Information Services to bring literature and panels into our local institutions and shelters and concentrating on ways to bring our message of hope to our neighbors effected by the family disease of alcoholism.

In October we are having a Workshop for our members interested in participating in outreach but a little unsure of which direction to take.

A word about Alateens: We have four active groups in Ventura County. Al-anon members helped, through financial assistance, 12 Alateens and 3 Sponsors find their way to SCAC. This included renting a van and driving it and a pick up truck filled with luggage to Redlands College. Lots of recovery was shared by all.

Our next District 12 meeting will take place at the Ventura County Alcohol Anonymous Convention in Westlake. Feel free to drop by if you are there!

LIS Judith R.

### District 17

District 17 has been making our presence known to all the meetings in our district. As a group effort, the GRs divided the list of Al-Anon meetings within our district and were able to visit all 35 meetings resulting in an increase in GR participation among the meetings that previously had no GRs. For those meetings that do not currently have a GR, we have requested contact information as a means of keeping those meetings "in

the loop" regarding Al-Anon business. (They are aware that they cannot vote on issues without a registered GR).

We are grateful to have had our Delegate (Mary Morrison) speak at our latest District meeting. She was able to answer many questions and help strengthen our district. Thank You again, Mary!

Regarding projects: We have been distributing information to all members about accessing the Southern California World Service BLOG. Also, we will be passing out Bookmarks in September. Each member will receive two bookmarks - one to use and one to leave in a public place.

Thanks for letting me be of service! Tarisa (Tari) R, District 17 Representative

### **District 21**

Hello from District 21! At our last District meeting we had a wonderful Preteen Sponsor come to share her experience, strength and hope regarding Alateen Sponsorship. Everyone was inspired by her talk and we became fired up about increasing Alateen meetings in our area.

Our District ordered 400 copies of the upcoming special September Outreach Forum. The groups in our area intend to use these Forums as a vehicle to help our members participate in Public Outreach. The Group reps will encourage their groups to participate in September's Recovery Month by taking this special outreach magazine to the professional and spiritual community.

The Sunday Night Sherman Oaks Meeting, held at Church of the Chimes has decided to do something they have never done before. They have invited two Alateen speakers and an Alateen sponsor to speak at their 1-Year Anniversary Meeting on Sunday, October 29, 2006.

Our district is constantly looking for new ways to promote the growth of Alateen in our area.

With Love, Holly H-G, DR for District 21

### **District 24**

Greetings from District 24! We are now entering a slower time for our District, which allows us to catch up on some outstanding service work.

In order to help Alateen grow in our District, we are seeking Alateen members to speak at speaker meetings and looking to start Alateen meetings where an Al-Anon meeting already exists.

Our public outreach efforts have included ordering the Crying House bookmarks to distribute at libraries and bookstores and ordering Prescription Pads to distribute at medical offices.

In addition, we will be direct mailing the medical community with Al-Anon information, a project initiated by one of the Action Committees at Assembly.

Finally, we plan to host a district meeting early next year to include new GRs and past GRs to facilitate a smooth transition since many of us conclude our 3-year term this year.

Thank you to our Group Representatives for all their service! LIS, Cynthia P

### **District 27**

Last Saturday, we had a new GR Orientation with a very enthusiastic group of 5 new GRs. They had lots of good questions! Our District meetings have such full agendas that we need to hold separate orientation meetings to give the new GRs the time needed to absorb the many details about being a GR, the Area structure, etc., and for their questions to flow.

The District 27 Alathon will be held Sat Oct 7 (NEW DATE) 9am-4pm at the church at Wilshire Blvd & Warner Ave in Westwood (same address as our District meetings). Everyone is welcome!! The theme is Taking Care of Ourselves, and was inspired by Chapter Seven of our book B-15, In All Our Affairs, Making Crises Work for You. Hourly topics include Sex and Intimacy - the unspoken topic, Facing Reality through detachment, boundaries & the Serenity Prayer (women's panel), Asking for Help (parents panel), Changing the Things I Can (longtimers panel), Having a Home Group & a Sponsor (Alateen & Sponsor panel), Spiritual Health (men's panel), Living Healthy Lives through Love, Forgiveness & Sharing our good Fortune (Service). Being one week before the SCWS Alateen Sponsor Workshop, the District 27 Alathon is just in time to get everyone primed to find out more about Alateen Sponsorship on Oct 14.

Thank you for this service opportunity, Elizabeth K, DR, District 27

### **District 30**

Greetings to all...District 30 is working on our Alathon to be held on October 28, 2006 at the South Pasadena Library. Please plan to attend. We recently made the decision to use the "Crying House" bookmark for outreach and continue to discuss how we can "carry the message" to those who have been affected by the disease of alcoholism. GRs continue to visit meetings without a GR to encourage service beyond the group level with an emphasis on "sharing" the commitment by having an alternate. "We never have to do anything alone."

Thank you for allowing me to be of service as DR - Maria L.

### District 33

Greetings from District 33. For those of you who enjoy the hot hot sun, well this June and July were all for you!!!! We were glad our meeting room has good air conditioning:-). Personally I had thoughts of Alaska dancing in my head. Far better then any of the thoughts from years past for sure.

We are once again excited and enthused about additions to our District 33 monthly meeting. We did not start with a full group, yet slowly we are putting it all together Our secretary, Marianna. G, the most enthusiastic and fun one among us is moving to Texas. :-) Sad on one hand, but on the other hand we are going to use her new program in Texas in our Newsletter under "Tidbits from Texas", her idea. She is a fabulous example of this fellowship and Texas is lucky to have her. Plus, we had a volunteer on this same night volunteer to be her replacement. It is good to suit up, show up and be of service.

Not all Group Reps. are ready or willing to be of service in the Service Positions as we all know, so for today, we are all regularly passing out literature throughout our communities in books, at stores, libraries, doctors, dentists....the usual and unusual places. Just to get Al-anon out there in our community. It is fun to discuss briefly where we have been and what reactions we have gotten. Outreach can begin in small ways. Our bigger focus these next few months is expanding our newsletter through group reps. Getting members in their meetings to share on particular topics; a few lines or a small story, on a simple large index card. So far, last newsletter we got tons of submissions. Kathleen P. has taken on this terms Editor position with gusto....Our own Bulletin Editor Elizabeth gets the same Kudos from District 33. Thank you

Our final project this next month or two is to visit every meeting with current info regarding meeting changes, group donation forms and all other paperwork necessary for the meeting to communicate with all the various service arms. We are asking the persons taking these out to get a meeting contact, if no Group Rep. is available. Creating a chain of links is our goal, so we can share all the fun and exciting events we will have ongoing through the coming months. Agnes D. put this program in action and our thanks to her.

With that, we look forward to your reports in the Bulletin, your sharings at the Committee and Assembly meetings and will guarantee that if all of you keep coming back, so will we! Love to all of you in service., Kathy G. DR District 33.

### **District 36**

District 36 is busy getting ready for our 4th Step Workshop that will be held September 16, 2006 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. ALL the GR's are busy getting ready for the big event. Sandie E., yes...she is our own SCWS alt-delegate and past District 33 Rep. will be doing the Paths to Recovery, our own GR Gerrie D. will be working from the Blueprint For Progress and Peggy K. will be doing the Four Column and has offered to supply the handouts. Who knows, we might get her to become a GR in our district. District 36 will also have handouts. We have asked people to brown bag a lunch so they don't miss a thing. There will be beverages, dessert and fruit to keep them nourished while they listen and learn how to do the 4th step three different ways.

We meet once a month and read the concept of the month. re: August is the 8th Concept and so on. We sent quite a few Alateens to SCAC this July and continue to pay for the phone bill that help families of alcoholics find a phone number linking them to WSO and other meetings from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm eastern time. It's great that so many of our meetings send money to support the monthly bill.

Just before closing we see if there are any concerns related to Al-Anon at their meetings. Great feedback from other GR's on how it is handled at their meetings. WOW, the team work, and I'm sooooo proud to be a part of the team. We end the meetings with, "Let it begin with me" Al-Anon Declaration. As I drive home after the meeting I feel so much better thinking about how we work together as a group.

Isn't being of service great!!!
Jay, District Rep for 36

### **District 39**

Our district has such fabulous, dedicated, and enthusiastic GRs! Since May Assembly, we met in June and August. Our next District Meeting is Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 8:30 PM at the Service Center. We always meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 to 8 PM. May through September we extend the meeting to plan the day in Al-Anon.

Each month we read and study the Concept of the month from either the pamphlet or the service manual. We discuss the applications in our personal lives as well as in Al-Anon at all group levels.

District 39 encourages its GR's to read the Concept of the month to the groups they represent so that all Al-Anon members become aware of this legacy too. The reading of the concept of course should occur with group conscience. A good time for the reading could be at the third or fourth meeting of

the month. The Concepts are for spiritual development in Al-Anon through service. Refer to articles on the Concept of the month in the Forum. Reading some concepts without the pamphlet, <u>The Forum</u>, or the Service Manual is just legalese without any spiritual connection.

We discussed assisting the Inland Empire Outreach Coordinator (IR) by trying to do our part by having our own **District Outreach Chair** and committee. Any GR or Alternate GR interested in this position please contact me, the DR. In the meantime we encourage all groups to do some kind of outreach project.

We discussed some issues regarding the SCAC (Alateen Conference) held this past July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

We need a registered Alateen Sponsor to serve as our **District Liaison Alateen Coordinator**. It is very important that Al-Anon meetings with Alateen Meetings have a GR or someone attending the monthly district meetings. Our district made a policy that **Alateen Sponsor Applicants attend the district's monthly meeting to have their WSO forms signed**. We invite Alateen sponsors and Alateens to attend our district meetings.

We would like to assist and organize a few meetings a year, of just Alateen Sponsors, to share your experiences and concerns.

We finalized some more of our plans for our up coming Day in Al-Anon. It will be Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 2PM. At the River Church in Redlands. We're having a Mardi Gras! We have planned lots of fun including henna tattooing of Al-Anon slogans. We need donations for the raffles of crafts, art, fun stuff baskets, plus Al-Anon books. Remember, Entertainment, fun, and fellowship is our theme. We want to include our male Al-Anon members, too. A candle and scented bubble bath is not an attractive prize for them. Think about what they might like to win. Example: Sports, car stuff, movies, snacks. Use your imagination.

Carolyn S, DR

### District 40

Hello Everyone, We have been very excited with our new 2006-2007 calendars. It's been a really great way to be of service by asking for participation with sharing a little of our stories and adding them in the calendars. We also included important dates like our fundraisers and upcoming conventions and all the websites for easy access to information needed. Along with the Calendars we are getting ready for our annual Alathon on Oct 14. It's hard to believe another year is getting close to ending very soon. It has been a privilege to work with District 40 as the D.R and I'm grateful I've had the experience to grow in this great way of Service.

Love in Service, Anne C

### **District 42**

No Report.

### **District 45**

Thanks to the generous donations from the groups in District 45, we were once again able to assist with the rental of a large bus, along with another District, to transport Alateens to SCAC. We were also able to fill all the Alateen scholarships we received: six ½ scholarships and one full scholarship.

We will begin the planning meetings for our 2007 Alathon next month. Stay tuned for more news on this event.

As part of our public outreach efforts, we continue to distribute literature to libraries, schools, court houses, thrift stores, etc.

Our Alateen Liaison is in the process of starting another Alateen meeting in our District. More will be reported on this effort in our next report.

Gratefully, Cathy W, District 45 Representative

### **District 48**

The District currently voted for a new treasurer. Our thanks to Francisca R for her upstanding job the pass three years. The District welcomes Andres G as a new treasurer.

The District continues to register new groups in the area. Our purpose is that all home groups get all the information from the Area. Some of the groups who stop sending their GRs to the District are getting involved now. The attendance of GRs and their alternates has increase once a month.

We are preparing for the every other month guess speaker which will be the last Monday of August. The last meeting in June, we had two speakers who talked about sponsorship. The gratification and growth an Al-Anon obtains when she/he sponsors an Alateen group. The other speaker focused on Al-Anon sponsorship. She shared the importance of having a sponsor in the program. Also, she mentioned some specifics like what is a sponsor, who is a sponsor and what does a sponsor say or do.

A local Middle School has asked the District for information about Al-Anon. This presentation is pending for some time in September.

The journey is one day at a time and working the program is one minute at a time.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Julia T

### **District 51**

Not much to report since my last report. On Oct. 7, 2006 we are holding our 8th annual Alathon. We are also working on having a 4th Step Workshop during the month of March. It will be held for four Saturdays, for about 4 hours each session. We have ordered 100 copies of the Sept. Forum to give out. Love in service, Emily L.

### **District 54**

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Greetings From District 54,

There's still a heat wave of activity happening in District 54! Literature and poster outreach projects continue in libraries and schools. Consistent Alateen Sponsors Meeting provides free Alateen literature to take, sharing of experiences and planting new seeds in potential Sponsors. Awareness of the low Alateen membership is a concern. This years SCAC donations made it possible for 20 Alateens to attend the conference with bus transportation provided to them.

Recovery reminds us that good things come from a seemingly negative experience and it was time to take action steps towards finding a new Alathon location. Thanks to the effort of a volunteer committee, the district will be voting at the next meeting to change the Alathon location. It will save our treasury funds at least \$500 in expenses and from what I've heard it's got a fabulous view and a good date is available to us!! We are also in the process of reviewing the Alathon committee budgets and establishing guidelines for the District to vote in an Alathon Co-chairperson annually. We've started discussions how the

SCWS website and the LA office website could possibly help our District's current public Outreach structure.

Our next District Meeting on Sept. 21st, we will vote in a new District Rep to begin a new three year term in January, so this will be my last Committee Meeting as District 54 Representative. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on Saturday and at the Assembly in November!

With much gratitude always, Roxanne S

### **District 57**

Greetings from District 57! Momentum is growing! We have increased our District meetings from 3 to 4 this year. They will be held to coincide with Assembly and Committee meetings. We had eight GRs and Alt GRs attend out last District Meeting held July 29th. We decided to create a District theme centered around service to help our groups encourage members to participate in service. Our theme that was unanimously agreed to at the District meeting is, "Celebrate your Recovery with Service". We will carry the message about service to our groups through a series of quarterly fliers. Our first flier will be created by one of our Alternate GRs, Dianne, who was attending her first District meeting! The topic is Facing our Fears About Service.

As a District, we raised \$1363 for SCAC! We provided scholarships for every District 57 teen that needed support, funded group transportation and had funds left over to donate to the Last Chance Picnic. What an amazing outpouring of love & support for our recovering teens! Thanks to all our GRs for continuing to carry the message.

In love and service, Adrienne K, District 57 DR

### **District 60**

Greetings from District 60! We have good attendance at our district meetings this past year.

I am grateful to all the Group Reps who participate. Our District has had a lot of unity with our frequent public outreach projects and we are planning one more large outreach project for this year.

All of our meetings are open to all Al-Anons and our next meeting will be next Friday, August 25th at the Brea Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m.

Love in Service, Celeste B, DR-60

### District 63

We are focusing on Public Outreach, and working on increasing the GR participation at meetings. We have been handing out literature and carrying the message to police, Fire departments, libraries, and medical professionals in the community, we'll soon be contacting Churches and in September local schools and PTA associations.

Our GR participation has been low at meetings, so I am going to attend all district meetings and update our list and talk about being of service.

I am very grateful and also excited to be serving District 63. Love & Hugs, Chuck B

### District 64 (en español)

Hola como estan todos.

En este distrito estamos muy ocupados trabajando mucho, primero con nosotros mismos y despues llevando el mensaje de Al-Anon a familiares y amigos de alcoholicos.

Estamos muy contentos porque ya tenemos nueva RD Alterna, su nombre es, Ma. Carmen L de Pico Rivera, hemos visitado grupos que no estaban activos en el distrito, nos hestamos presentando y obteniendo informacion de ellos y sus contactos con muy buenos resultados.

El comite de servicio del distrito, tiene planeado reunirnos una vez cada dos meses, para discutir los proyectos en los que estamos trabajando y los que tenemos en perspectiva, y presentarlos a los RGs en la junta de Distrito.

Muchas Gracias por dejarme servir Rosalba R, RD Ditrito 64.

### District 64 (en ingles)

Hello, how is everyone?

We are very busy in this district, first of all with ourselves, and then, carrying the message of Al-Anon to families and friends of alcoholics.

We are very happy because now we have a new Alternate DR. Her name is Ma. Carmen L from Pico Rivera. We have visited groups that were not active in the district. We have presented ourselves and obtained information from them and their contacts, with very good results.

The District Service Committee has plans to get together every two months, to discuss the projects that we are working on and also the ones that we have planned, so we may present them to the GRs at the district meeting.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Rosalba R, DR.

### **District 66**

Greetings from District 66,

Our last meeting was held Saturday Aug 5. We had been exploring the need to split the district, creating a new district in South Orange County. A motion and vote was taken to determine whether or not to continue the exploration and discussion. It was decided to cease the discussions. Currently, our district meetings are held in Newport Beach. We are exploring the possibility of relocating the meeting to a more central location that would better serve our So. County meetings. Our Outreach Committee is diligently working on some ideas for outreach at the district level. Our attendance at district level continues to be good and growing. We are up to 3 Al-anon meetings per week in Rancho Santa Margarita and more coming. Alateen is still a priority.

Respectfully, Garry L. District 66

### **District 69**

Hello from North San Diego County.

We continue to have great GR participation in our District activities and that is always positive. As a result, we have some creative new ideas for our fall event. We are going to start a monthly speaker meeting on alternative months of our district meeting and hope to involve even more participation in service. We are also working with Districts 72 and 75 to provide a sponsorship training for both Al-Anon and Alateen sponsors here in San Diego County, which will hopefully provide potential Alateen sponsors the training and incentive to participate.

Along those lines, we are losing another Alateen meeting here in Carlsbad. The Saturday AM "Meeting at the Park" is disbanding due to poor participation. The Monday night Alateen meeting in Carlsbad has the possibility of being restarted, so we are hoping to have that happen. The Rancho Penasquitos meeting is still going strong, and I thank the sponsors that make that happen!

See you on the 19<sup>th</sup> and thank you for letting be of service. Kitty R, District 69 DR

### District 72

Hello from the "tropical paradise" of San Diego County. Well, at least that is what it felt like these past few weeks. Tahiti has nothing on us. But I am sure you all had to endure this unseasonal June weather, and like it is said, "this too shall pass".

District 72 continues to move forward, and I am excited and motivated as this new group of group reps. Continue to stepup and participate. The results to date as follows:

- **a.** Contributions from the groups for SCAC scholarships exceeded \$1200.00 wow!!
- **b.** District 72 hosted its third annual longtimers tea on July 29th in Chula Vista. Attendance was in excess of 100 members. 25 of these were members with over 25 years in Al-Anon. Appropriate "tea finger-foods" were provided by the groups in attendance outstanding. Mimi from North County was the main speaker (a real longtimer's story). Various questions regarding Al-Anon "yesterday and today" were passed out to other longtimers who shared their experience, strength and hope. Thank you to Marge V. and her volunteers for job well done.
- **c.** Plans for our "fall service forum" in October are coming together and from what I have overheard, makes me want to say, "y'all come, ya hea". October 28, 2006, more details to follow.
- **d.** Group outreach activities seem to be popping up all over the district. GRs will be reporting specifics at our August district meeting. The district has placed an order for 400 of the September outreach magazine "Al-Anon faces alcoholism", which will be distributed to the groups to use in their outreach activities. The district has appointed an outreach coordinator who will monitor activities within the district. That person is Melisa P our district alt. DR. Love to all

With recovery through service, Bernie S, DR, Dist. 72

### District 75

Hi all, District 75 group representation is growing! We have formed a GR outreach committee to visit meetings in our district and attract new GRs. So far we have attracted 4 new GRs since we started in April. You will get to meet some of them at our November Assembly. We are also busy readying a fundraiser for Sept 30. It will be a breakfast with speakers and a raffle and the theme is "Steps and Slogans". Also, the three districts in San Diego, 75, 69 and 72, will be collaborating to host a sponsor workshop, including both Alateen sponsorship and Al-Anon sponsorship. So stay tuned for more details on that. Finally, our district plans to hold elections at our November district meeting.

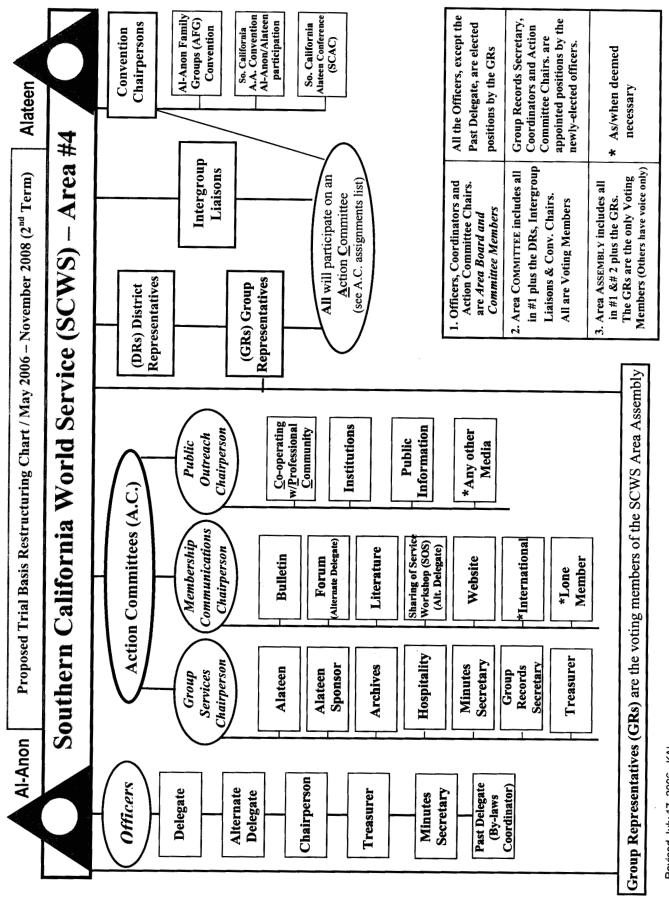
Love in Service, Louise

District 78 No report (no DR).

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Send to: SCWS Group Records Coordinator (01/06 to 12/08) Jayme P, Group Records Secretary, PO Box 350, North Hollywood, CA 91603

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# **SCWS Group Contributions**

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10 Gail N
11 Twiggy G
12 Judith R
17 Tarisa R
21 Holly H
24 Cynthia P
27 Elizabeth K
30 Maria L. G
33 Kathy G
36 Jay P
39 Carolyn S
40 Anne C
42 Jim B
45 Cathy W
48 Julia S. T
51 Emily L
54 Roxanne S
57 Adrienne K
60 Celeste B
63 Chuck B
64 Rosalba R
66 Garry L
69 Kitty R
72 Bernie S
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75 Louise K78 No DR

### **SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRUSTEE**

### Winnie S

### **PAST DELEGATES**

Names of Past Delegates from Panels 1,10,16,22 are not available.  Cecelia B. 55-year member (not available for contact right now)	
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Norris R	7
Elsie Q	13
Pat R	19
Bob L	25
Hester B	28
Joyce K	31
Kary L	34
Rita M	34
Willie W	37
Kay D	40

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# Acronyms used in Al-Anon/Alateen

AFG - Al-Anon Family Group(s)

AIB - Ask It Basket

AIS - Al-Anon Information Service

AWSA - Area World Service Assembly

AWSC - Area World Service Committee

CAL - Conference Approved Literature

CAT - Conference Approved Tapes

CMA - Current Mailing Address

CPC - Cooperating with the Professional Community

DR - District Representative

GR - Group Representative (WS)

GSO - General Service Office

(Countries other than U.S. & Canada)

H & I - Hospitals & Institutions

IAGSM - International Al-Anon General Service Meeting

IR / ISR - Intergroup Representative /Information Service Rep.

LDC - Literature Distribution Center

LRSP - Long Range Study Panel

NPIC - National Public Information Canada

PFA - Publications Francaises Al-Anon (Canada)

PI - Public Information

PO - Public Outreach

PSA - Public Service Announcement

RSS - Regional Service Seminar

RT - Regional Trustee

SCAC - Southern California Alateen Conference

SCWS - Southern California World Service

SOS - Sharing Of Service

SWRDM – Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting

SWRSS - Soutwest Region Service Seminar

SWRT - Southwest Regional Trustee

TAL - Trustee At Large

WS - World Service

WSC - World Service Conference

WSO - World Service Office

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# Voice and/or Vote?

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### **Assembly**

### **VOICE**

Group Representatives
District Representatives
Officers
Coordinators

Past Delegates

(Intergroup Liaisons and AWSC Convention Chairmen give report only – No voice nor vote unless also a Group Repesentative.)

### **VOTE**

**Group Representatives** 

Area World Service

### Committee

### VOICE

District Representatives
 Officers
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 Intergroup Liaisons

AWSC Convention Chairmen
(Conventions: AFG, So-Cal & SCAC)
 Past Delegates

### VOTE

District Representatives
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# ACTION COMMITTEE - ASSIGNMENTS for Trial Area Restructure period 1/06 - 11/08

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Suggestions: Each District assign at least one GR to each Action Committee to have representation \*\*GRs may attend any Action Committee they prefer or the one they are assigned to by their DR. and feedback from all three committees to the District.

Each GR attends their preferred Action Committee for the entire 3-year term.

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