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9:00 a.m. - GR Orientation**10:00 a.m. - Starting time- Please be Prompt**

Chairperson – David B

- Serenity Prayer and Welcome

Traditions read by: _____ District # _____

Treasurer – Suzanne P

Delegate – Mary M

- Updates from the WSO

Alternate Delegate – Sandie E

- SOS (Sharing of Service) January 19 2008
- Start passing the Ask it Basket

Past Delegate – Miriam M**Minutes Secretary** – Cathy W

- Minutes from November 2006 Assembly Meeting
(Please read them prior to the 5/19/07 meeting)

Observe 7th Tradition (Continue the meeting while baskets are being passed)**Preview of Old & New Business** – for discussion throughout day**12:00- Lunch**

Lunch available for nominal cost from Alateens – SCAC Committee fundraiser

1:00 p.m. – Reconvene full Assembly - Please be Prompt

Concepts read by: _____ District # _____

Hospitality Report: MaryLou V – Host Districts for 8/18 Committee meeting**1:15 - 2:30 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**2:40 p.m. - Reconvene Full Assembly – Please Be Prompt**

Action Committees Chairpersons' Reports:

Group Services – ?????? (vacant)

Membership Communications – Cindy R

Public Outreach – Robin J

Records Secretary's Report & Roll Call – Jayme P**Old Business:**

1. Expansion of May Assembly (1 longer day? 2 days?)

2.

New Business

1.

2.

• **Convention Chairpersons' Reports**

AFG Convention 2008 –

So-Cal. AA Conv. 2007 – Al-Anon – Nancy B

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

• **Intergroup Liaisons' Reports**

Inland Empire: Carmie F

Intergrupal Hispana (L.A. County) – Patrick B

Los Angeles County: Arlene R

Orange County: Alexandra 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)• **Closing time - 4:00 p.m.** - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

Please help clean up and stack the grey chairs against the back wall and the folding white chairs in Craft Room.

REMINDERS:

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

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

CELL PHONES: please turn them OFF or set to SILENT mode

THANK YOU!



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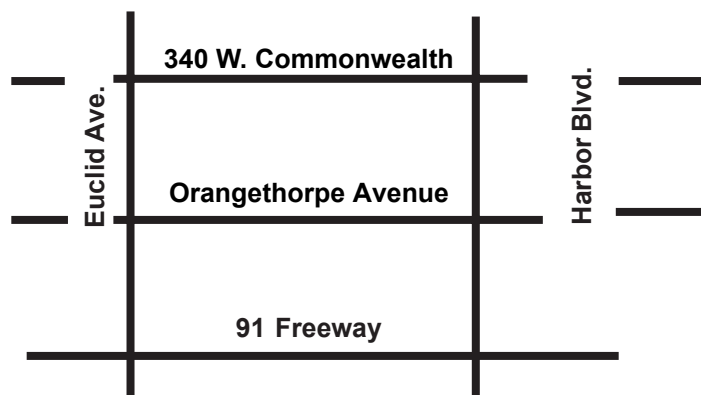
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Fullerton Senior Service Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton
Thomas Guide, Pg. 738. G7
91 Riverside Fwy, Exit Harbor Blvd. North.
Cross Orangethorpe and Valencia,
turn left onto Commonwealth.



Calendar of Events

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.

2007

August 18 – 9:00 a.m. District Representative (DR) Orientation
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SCWS Area **COMMITTEE** Meeting

April 14 – 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. SCWS Area **ALATEEN SPONSOR WORKSHOP** All Al-Anon members welcome
and October xx (date to be announced)

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.)

2007 – 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 – January 19 – SOS (Sharing of Service), Fullerton Senior Center

February 16 - Committee Meeting, Fullerton Senior Center

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 xx - Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation - Anaheim, CA??? (we shall submit a bid)

FLYERS - 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 39.
For **Group Representative (GR) changes and/or address updates** please see page 38.

Officers' Reports

Delegate

Once again I have been privileged to visit some of our So. California Area's districts. I want to thank all of you who have requested me to come and share. Again I would like to encourage all Districts in our Area to invite your So. California World Service Officers and Coordinators to share with your District or at your meeting, sharing the program is the most important service opportunity we have.

The Conference (WSC) theme for this year (2007) is "**New Thinking – New Energy – Abundant Outlook.**" I have submitted two questions (only allowed to submit two) to the Conference for the Agenda; these questions were from those turned in to me at the Assembly in November that fit WSO's requirements... They had to be pertinent to Al-Anon as a whole. Brainstorming the question "**What are the most important issues facing Al-Anon in the future?**"

The questions I submitted were:

1. "How can we encourage participation of Alateen sponsors (new and current) in light of a litigious society and growing number of sexual abuse cases?" 2. The second one was "Since there is so much misinterpretation on the purchase of property, (who decides to keep or sell), could a pamphlet or other piece be created to explain these decisions and what happens after the trial period?"

As most of you know I am on the Admissions and Handbook Committee. I brought up the discussion at last year's Conference regarding a petition to divide an Area. Currently a state or province can only divide once and must have at least 400 groups to do so. We have over 1000 groups as does Northern California. I have been talking to the Delegate from Northern California as well and if we are to pursue this matter, both Areas will have to submit a petition which outlines where the division would be geographically and how many groups would be involved. We will have to contact the districts in the Central part of the state to see if they feel this would be an appropriate division for them. I will be contacting Sandi the No. CA. Delegate when I attend SWRDM next month to see if we can find a workable solution we can present to our respective Areas.

The WSO has two new job openings available. They are **Associate Director Group Services (Alateen and Special Services)** and the other is **Information Analyst**. The Associate Director's deadline for resume is **April 30, 2007** and the deadline for Information Analyst resume is **March 15, 2007**. If you are interested in either of these positions I do have job descriptions available or you can contact WSO directly and either speak to or email Barbara Leach, the Personnel Manager.

I would really like to have our Districts send "Love Gifts" to me at the Conference, the Delegates enjoy receiving different Al-Anon tokens of love from other Areas to take back to their own Areas. Our Area always has such unique and interesting items to be shared at the Conference. The address to send them is: **Mary Morrison, C/O Ramada Plaza Resort Hotel, 5700 Atlantic Av, Virginia Beach, VA 23451-2236**, these should arrive by April 20th and not before April 15th.

I will be discussing our view (So. California Area) on the **Alateen Traditions** at the Conference, our response seems

to be that they should remain the same as currently written. The discussion will continue and I would be surprised if a decision will be made this year but be assured I will let our opinion be known.

Just this past week we had the opportunity to order the **Public Outreach** magazine "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007". What a tremendous Public Outreach tool this has been. Hopefully all of you have taken advantage of this and I am hoping that this is the beginning of a new publication each year. Delivery of your new orders should be completed by April 1st.

I am looking forward to using the **KBDM** (Knowledge Based Decision Making) process once again at the Conference as it has had such a great impact not only on the Conference but here in Southern California at our Assembly and Committee meetings.

Just a reminder, make plans to attend the 2008 International in Pittsburgh, PA. **There will be service related workshops** at the International since there will be no RSS' in 2008. The next **RSS** is for the **US Southeast Region** and will be held at Charleston, West Virginia on March 16-18 2007, the **RSS, Canada Central Region**, will be August 17-19 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and the third one for the **US Northwest Region** will be held on September 14-16, 2007 in Minot, North Dakota. I do have information sheets from WSO as to cost and it does seem very reasonable. .

Another reminder, we will need to nominate a **Regional Trustee from our Area by August 15th, 2007 for submission at the 2008 Conference**, since this will be prior to our August Committee Meeting we will have to nominate someone from our Area at the May Assembly, if you have someone in mind be sure to ask them if they are willing before submitting their name for nomination.

One more item, the **e-CAL** is live and operational on the Al-Anon Members' Web site right now. I would like to invite all Al-Anon members to inform and inspire each other by submitting their original e-CAL sharings. You can share so much with others, your personal story, poetry, even multi-media are welcome. The site is located at www.al-anon.alateen.org/members. Be sure to use the name of your group, or any Al-Anon/Alateen group, followed by the letters AFG to gain entry. Seven at-large members and 11 delegates have been selected as members of the e-CAL committee. WSO has a new server with key security precautions to keep e-CAL separate from other WSO networks.

WSO literature sales were about 10% more the first three quarters of this year than last. Forum income is down about 3%. Operating income was \$143,300 for the nine months ending September 2006 as compared to income of \$32,300 in the prior year. Overall income and expenses were generally in line with budget projections. This year (2006) we have received \$128,000 in contributions through September. Shipping is higher; telephone expense is down due to a change in service providers. Office services is also less due to lower consultant charges this past year.

The WSO goal for the **Web Site** for this year was to see a 100% increase from our members. Be sure to log in to the members website (see above paragraph), the goal thru

February 3 was just over 50%, **log in, and see what WSO has for us!**

Thanks again to all of you for allowing me to be of service to you in this worldwide program of recovery, Al-Anon Family Groups.

Yours in Service, Mary M, Panel 46 Delegate CA (S)

Alternate Delegate

The District Representative Information Session was held before the meeting and it was wonderful meeting with those dedicated DRs who are willing to start their day an hour early to meet with us. We provided some orientation materials to new DRs, but the majority of the time was spent getting to know each other, discussing ideas and challenges happening in their districts, and answering questions. It's my hope that this meeting will evolve into a very important tool for the DRs to connect with each other prior to the Committee meetings.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to represent you at the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA). There will be a report in another area of the newsletter covering this event. (I took copious notes.)

Please remember the Group Representative Information Session, which will be held at 9 a.m. on the morning of the May Assembly. I encourage all new GRs (especially) to attend but also extend an invitation to experienced GRs as well.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sandie E, Alternate Delegate

Past Delegate

We are beginning the second year of the 3-year trial restructure format to use ACTION committees at our Southern California World Service (SCWS) Assembly meetings. An ad hoc committee is discussing how we can best implement and use the ACTION committees. If you have questions or comments, please forward them to me and I'll share them with the committee. We, your trusted servants, want to make SCWS meetings work for you and the Al-Anon groups we serve.

Our 3 ACTION committees and their mission statements are:

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).

Thank you for being of service and spreading the Al-Anon/Alateen message of hope with families and friends of alcoholics everywhere.

Miriam M, Immediate Past Delegate

Chair

Good Morning and welcome to the first Committee Meeting of the second year of this panel. Are there any new DRs here today?

As most of you are aware, the purpose of this meeting is to keep abreast of things going on within the area, and to set the agenda for the May Assembly. As most of you are also probably aware we had a very active and productive Assembly last November, so many of the issues that have been coming up each Assembly have now been decided and need not be brought up any more.

There is only one item that still remains in old business, and that is the proposed expansion of the May Assembly. This item will automatically carry over to the May Assembly, so unless there is some new information, we probably won't need to discuss it at length today.

Also, if there is some business that has not come before the Assembly before, and any of you DRs believe it should be addressed, you should raise that issue under New Business. The Committee will discuss the matter and if there is consensus, it will be placed on the agenda for the Assembly.

Part of the reason that we are set up to consider these things in this way is to make sure that the GRs have some information about issues to be discussed at the Assembly before they actually arrive at the Assembly. I mention this as a reminder to DRs that our hope is that any item that we decide to place on the agenda for the Assembly is something that we hope you will then discuss at your District Meetings. Tell the GRs what happened here. If there were two strong opinions on an issue, see if you can explain impartially what those two sides were, and what points each side made. That way the GRs will have some information on the issues that they will have to vote on in Assembly.

One of the more common complaints I hear at every Assembly is that the GRs had no prior knowledge of the issues at hand, and felt they were rushed to make a decision. The process I have just described may never eliminate those complaints, but it should reduce them substantially.

You should also be aware that any member of the Assembly with Voice and Vote, that is to say any GR, can have any issue considered under New Business at the Assembly simply by making a motion on that issue. But those issues are not exactly what we are here to consider today. We are here today to consider issues that the DRs believe should be considered. The GRs will have their turn in May.

Lastly I think I should mention that it is perhaps fortuitous that we have so little to discuss for this Committee Meeting and Assembly. As you know our Delegate Mary will be attending the World Service Conference in April and so will be presenting her report at the May Assembly. If we have fewer items to address under New Business that should leave us with ample time to have full discussions of the topics that Mary will bring back from the Conference. The Board will be looking at innovative ways to present that information to the Assembly.

We'll try to mix up the presentation a little, so that the members of the Assembly can participate in the discussions, and be more involved in the Knowledge Based Decision Making that happens at Conference, and that we try to mirror here.

I'm looking forward to the May Assembly. Let's get started.
Love In Service, David B, Area Chairman

Minutes

of Area Committee Meeting

Minutes of Area Committee Meeting – 2/17/2007

David, the Chairperson, opened the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m. (allowance for unusually heavy traffic). New District Representatives and Alternates were introduced: Carmie D40; Mary (ADR) D40; Lea D12; Truck D60; Mary Carmen (ADR) D64; Linda D54. Melissa (D72) read the Traditions.

Reports: See the Bulletin for complete committee member reports. The minutes contain only new or unreported information.

Treasurer: Y/E (year-end) reconciliation is complete and books are balanced. See treasurer report for full report. Suzanne requested that an agenda item be added to the May Assembly to reconsider the amount of our reserve and to set aside additional money for "educational purposes" due to higher expenses that may be incurred when sending board members to the various service functions available (in place of the nonexistent 2008 SWRSS). The following questions were asked and answered regarding the prudent reserve:

Q1: Linda D54 - What is the prudent reserve used for?

A1: Prefer "Ample" Reserve, which is like a savings account for the Area Assembly

Q2: Holly D21 - What is the prudent reserve amount?

A2: \$25k Reserve but today it's closer to \$23k

Q3: Mary (Delegate) - asked about certificate #3

A3: Loan officer encouraged Suzanne to change the CD from 2% to 4%. New account is an 11 month liquid CD.

New contribution forms are available which includes a spot for the treasurer's email address. Groups need to use their WSO group ID numbers in order to get recognition for contribution.

New mileage reimbursement forms are available. District reimburses up to 50 miles each way. Area will reimburse mileage after the total of 100 miles.

Suzanne suggested a donation of \$2,000 to WSO based on the following: Currently our checking account has \$9,000, would like to hold \$5,000 for additional "educational purposes", keep \$2,000 as operating funds, which leaves an excess of \$2000 for WSO.

Q: Holly D21 - I understand we have not paid for our new Insurance coverage. Does our budget cover it?

A: David has the bill for the insurance. Budget for Liability insurance for the yr is \$3k and is covered by budget.

Other comments:

Kay – trust that the Board is prudent.

Ron (auditor): The current is really holding only 9 months worth of expenses. An increase to one year of expenses would

make the reserve around \$30k. Sending \$2k to WSO is a good idea and will allow us to get to a 1 yr reserve, eventually, since the groups will see that they do need to keep sending 7th Tradition donations.

The auditor, Ron, read the findings from the audit of our books, which will be included in its entirety in the Bulletin. One recommendation (or plea) that he made was that reimbursement checks to members should be cashed as soon as possible (within a few weeks), as this affects P&L statements. Checks that are held for awhile before depositing make the Treasurer's job (and Auditor's) much more time-consuming than necessary.

Delegate's report: see Bulletin for full report. Request made to let Mary know how Districts and Groups feel about the topic of splitting our Area. One reason for considering a split is because of the number of members/groups in our Area - we have more groups in SoCal than in all of Canada. However, Districts may not want to start their own Assembly.

Comments:

Miriam – split can happen in a number of ways, i.e., Orange County divider, where there is a huge number of groups with enough people to take on commitments.

Santa Barbara feels more connected to SoCal vs. NoCal.

Julie D3 – it's a long drive to Fullerton. Not sure what it takes to put on Assembly. Would like to see rotating locations for Assemblies.

Myra D9 – we rotate district meetings between Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita – find that attendance is low from those that must do the traveling but like the idea of rotating Assembly locations.

Lea D12 – think we may be underserving our groups due to distance.

Mary (Delegate) – at one time we did try to move Assemblies and Committee meetings around to different locations but found it was very expensive.

Amanda (Public Outreach) – No. Calif. has all their districts with the number of meetings listed on their website.

David summarized the discussions by stating that most folks were not interested in splitting the Area but were interested in doing something with the Assembly to draw in more people.

Lea D12 – not sure that it really is about enthusiasm. Starting another Area is scary.

Adrienne D57 – what problems are we trying to solve? We need a specific problem statement.

David – So. Cal. is a huge geographic area to cover. People have to travel great distances, therefore, groups are underserved. Assembly is underserved because we're not hearing from all the Groups in the Districts.

Holly D/21- maybe we should have the Districts state where they are from so that we have an idea of how dispersed we are. We could also "Pen Pal" with those Districts that aren't represented to brief them on the discussions at Assembly.

Mary (Delegate) – outlying Districts can call the Board and request someone to come out and visit.

Cindy – MCAC Chair – If we open this question up to the Assembly we will have a 2 hr discussion with the same things

being brought up over and over. How about putting a survey out on the website? (All agreed that this was a great idea).

David – the idea is to bring the Area together, not to split it up.

Alt Delegate's Report: Sandie put in a plug for the Forum. There was an article recently that discussed introducing ourselves as members of the Al-Anon Family Groups – using whole name not just Al-Anon. Also reiterated that the Board is here to serve you – please call and invite us to your District meetings. “The road to the home of a friend is never long.”

Carry the message of service with joy and enthusiasm. Your thinking will change with your good actions.

DR orientation is turning into conversations between DR's about problems and the sharing of ideas. Want it to be a place where DR's can talk about common issues and solutions.

GR orientation/talking session will be held just before the May Assembly.

SOS – thanks to those who attended and those who were of service. Our goal is to make it informative. Start carrying the message of 2008 SOS, which is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in January (1/19/2008). We will have timely topics.

The Forum magazine basket was passed around for the drawing of a subscription to the magazine.

Minutes Secretary: Cathy asked if anyone had any corrections to the minutes for August 19th. Minutes approved as written.

Records Secretary: Was not aware that I needed to send changes for Area 4 to WSO. I will do so immediately. My sincere apologies to those CMAs who aren't receiving the correspondence from WSO. Roll call was then taken.

Expansion of May Assembly Meetings: Sandie (Alt. Del.) conducted some research on longer Assemblies. The room in Fullerton is available at same cost ~\$55/hr so it is feasible to extend the Assemblies longer into the day. Another idea is to expand only the May Assembly because it is the day that the Delegate gives her report from the World Service Conference.

Myra D9 – keep an open mind for other options. I agree that we should keep the Area together. The cost of rotating the location of the Assembly may be cheaper in outlying areas. I would much prefer a longer Assembly in one day rather than doing an overnight. Could consider modifying start and end time to avoid traffic.

David – there is an ad-hoc committee looking at options to present to the Assembly. Keep in mind that any decision made would not affect us until the May 2008 Assembly.

Linda D54 - does not understand the breakout sessions. Believe that lots of people leave. Confusing...can we explain them a little better?

David – Did not find a drop in attendance in the afternoon at last November's Assembly.

Lea D12 – Break out session I went to was well attended but organization needs improvements.

Sandie – slightly different view of breakout sessions. In morning we get informed on topics we are voting on in afternoon. Gives us time to talk to others during lunch. At the breakout sessions we come up with ideas and solutions for our different

topics/areas. Extending our Assembly just by adding a couple of hours may solve the problem.

Robin – action committees do not solidify things on the agenda.

Holly D21 – break out session is still new. I think it will get better – how exciting. I would like to see more chairs and less repetition.

Myra D9 – break out sessions work out well for us, lots of ideas that we use. One of the complaints, though, is that all the various reports don't need to be read, especially since we get them in writing. We could save a couple of hours by not reading reports at the Assembly.

Julie D3 – easier for me to listen to a report than to read the report.

David – ad-hoc committee will make recommendation – will either pass or fail. People will have time to discuss before vote is taken.

Linda D54 – Our last Assembly was really crowded. Are we outgrowing this place?

7th Tradition basket passed around.

Daniel – SCAC flyers and events on table.

Adjourned for Lunch around 12:30 p.m., after listing various eating establishments in the surrounding Fullerton area.

Assembly reconvened at approximately 1:40 p.m. Concepts read by Julie D3.

Committee Reports – see Bulletin for full reports

Hospitality - MaryLou – Will need helpers at the Assembly.

Please solicit volunteers. Also needs help today with clean up. Host Districts for May Assembly: 3, 8, 11, 12, 24, 39, & 60.

SCAC – Daniel – flyers of events and registration forms available on the website. There is an event today at the Costa Mesa Alano club, 20 minutes away – the Valentines Day potluck.

CPC - Sandra – I have a lot of enthusiasm for this position but am working at minimum right now – basically just sending out information when I get requests from professionals who want to be contacted. There was an Information booth set up in San Diego to give out information during a Catholic convention. Ventura is sending out letters to professionals. I was in awe at our break out session in November at how much is being done.

David – Stated that the request to make a donation of \$2k to WSO must be voted on at the Assembly. DRs need financial

information in order to make this decision but will have the information prior to the Assembly. David requested DRs to give the Board the authority to put this item on the agenda. No objections made.

Amanda – will the financial information be available on the website? Answer: yes, and it will also be available in the February Bulletin so GRs can review before the Assembly.

District Reports – see Bulletin for reports.

Ask It Basket – several questions and answers read. See Bulletin for all Q&As.

Al-Anon Related Announcements:

Mary (Delegate) – reported that Nell, a longtime friend of Al-Anon, has passed away. Will send DRs a copy of the notice regarding Nell W.

The WSO Board has approved another year's subscription of Forum to groups, via the GRs.

The Alateen Conference Guideline (G16) has been revised and is available on the WSO website (<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/main.php>).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted: Cathy W

Treasurer

Reports. The year-end reconciliation is complete. Ron S. will tell you about the audit process, which was started about 7 years ago to keep SCWS fiscally accountable. Our income was \$40,712.06 and our expenses were \$33,971.46 (adjusted after the Committee meeting because of finalization of the audit), leaving us with a net income for the year of \$6740.60 <See attached report> Our bank balance at the close of 2006 was \$8778.85

Contributions. Thanks to all of you and your groups for helping us carry the message. Without your support, our service structure would be impossible. Group contributions for 2006 were \$35,230.86. See attached report, pages 10-15. Reported in the P&L (Profit & Loss report, page 14), you will see \$35,238.27. The difference was part of the audit adjustments necessary to balance the books. Since about 1/3 of last year's contributions could not be attributed to a specific group, please check with your group's Treasurer to make sure they are using the WSO ID# and our SCWS contribution forms. This will help get your contribution correctly posted in the group contribution report. The WSO ID numbers can be found on the Bulletin label (the number with no letters, just numbers), from your Group Reps and District Reps, and, if all else fails, you can check with the WSO directly. New contribution forms are available, with my email address.

Our mailing address is still the same - SCWS, PO Box 350, North Hollywood, CA 91603. Checks and money orders should be made out to "SCWS".

The SCWS Board will review the possibility of sending a portion of our year-end balance to the WSO from the Area. District representatives will be notified before the May Assembly, so the GR's in each District can be informed prior to the May Assembly.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne P, SCWS Treasurer

Notes

Contribution Report

January through December 2006

Jan - Dec 06	Jan - Dec 06
0000387 - Yorba Linda Mon 10AM Step Study 153.00	0001578 - San Juan Capistrano Th AM 142.26
0000652 - Alhambra Fri 1030AM 47.00	0001587 - San Marino San Gabriel AFG 40.00
0000683 - Monday Night AFG 150.00	0001588 - San Gabriel Tues 730P 126.83
0000697 - Al-Anon Stockdale West 65.00	0001639 - Santa Barbara 170.14
0000700 - Bakersfield Thursday AM 20.00	0001657 25.00
0000713 - Bellflower Sunday 130PM 54.69	0001669 - Santa Monica Sun 730PM 30.00
0000733 - Buena Park Fri 8PM 14.30	0001689 - Seal Beach Th 730 20.00
0000738 - Sun Night AFG D24 155.57	0001703 - Solvang Monday 7PM 120.00
0000757 28.50	0001739 - Tarzana Open Discussion Thurs. 104.16
0000769 - Artesia Monday 730PM 192.38	0001741 - Temple City Tuesday 10AM 62.00
0000780 - Hilltop Al-Anon Chula Vista 41.40	0001752 - Torrance Tues Night 20.00
0000821 - Mon 8PM Beginners Covina 30.00	0001754 - Torrance Thurs 730PM 50.00
0000823 - Covina Friday 730PM 27.09	0001756 - Torrance Thurs AM 55.00
0000825 - Covina Upfront Wed 12PM 20.00	0001770 - Tustin Mon 730PM 39.00
0000880 - Encinitas Th 730PM 94.50	0001780 - Chino 20.00
0000912 - Fountain Valley Tues 1230 86.09	0001781 - Claremont Wed Night AFG 40.00
0000920 - TGIF Spring Valley 67.95	0001797 - Ventura Th 10AM 22.50
0000926 - San Juan Capistrano W 7 Fr 730 40.00	0001798 - Ventura Th 730PM 20.70
0000966 - Garden Grove Wed Noon 25.00	0001799 - Ventura Wed 730PM 60.00
0000969 - Glendale Fri Night 58.13	0001824 - West Covina Tues 730P 72.00
0000975 - Glendale Wed 830PM 16.60	0001832 - Whittier Thursday Morning AFG 15.00
0000977 - Glendale Fri 1230PM 110.00	0001837 - Whittier Thursday AM 15.00
0001026 - Huntington Beach Wed Evening 37.00	0001842 17.57
0001028 - Thus 1PM Getaway 49.35	0001844 - Orange 154.20
0001029 - Huntington Beach Mon Evening 16.40	0001856 - Yucaipa Tuesday AM Al-Anon 10.00
0001052 - La Canada Tues AM 100.17	0004153 - Laguna Beach Tues Evening 105.00
0001053 - La Canada Thursday 1230PM 15.27	0004774 - Upland 5.00
0001054 - La Canada Wed 730PM 156.00	0004844 - Inglewood Mon 630PM 14.96
0001074 14.00	0005224 - La Quinta Fri AM 28.00
0001078 - San Diego Monday 1PM Lemon Grov 273.12	0005393 - How Al-Anon Works Santa Barbara 112.62
0001082 6.00	0005448 - Paths to Recovery Goleta Wed 8P 13.00
0001134 - Arlington Tuesday 8PM 250.51	0006222 - Huntington Beach Sa 11AM 10.00
0001141 - Hollywood Thursday 8PM 127.20	0006332 - Long Beach 105.00
0001151 - Los Angeles 382.37	0006342 - Long Beach 81.10
0001157 - Los Angeles Wed 730PM 20.00	0006447 - Clairemont San Diego Fri 6PM 36.46
0001170 - Silverlake 68.80	0006654 - Laguna Beach Fr 6PM 24.00
0001176 - Los Angeles 239.91	0006656 - Santa Ana 101.00
0001227 - Lawndale 57.00	0006660 - Fountain Valley 27.60
0001265 - AFG Sunday Night 72.00	0012321 - Palm Desert Wed 12PM 5.00
0001342 - Palm Desert Wed AM 10.00	0015690 - Yagottawanna Bakersfield Sun 7P 20.00
0001357 - Pasadena 22.30	0022385 - La Habra 12.37
0001361 - Paso Robles Wed Night 25.00	0023966 31.52
0001367 - Pico Rivera Monday Night 7PM 20.00	0023996 - La Canada Mon 730PM 75.40
0001372 - Placentia Monday Night 84.00	0024666 - Lakewood Wed AFG 26.00
0001388 - Pomona Monday Morning Serenity 48.70	0026182 - Kearny Mesa TLC Friday Night 20.00
0001405 - Tues Night No Smoking Rancho Mi 155.00	0026344 - Courage To Change 7AM Wed 7.00
0001408 - Palos Verdes Estates 100.00	0026495 - Ontario Sat AM 15.00
0001420 - Sat 10AM Hermosa Beach 55.00	0026588 - Bakersfield Tuesday 7PM 100.00
0001423 - Torrance Step Study 10.00	0026781 - Torrance Gardena Mon 730PM 130.00
0001457 - Riverside 38.40	0027438 - Rancho Bernardo ODAT 35.00
0001529 - Clairemont San Diego Daytime 47.00	0028384 - Mt Mesa Lake Isabella Mon 730PM 25.00
0001543 - North Clairemont Tues 7PM 100.00	0028401 - Santa Clarita Wed 37.52

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Jan - Dec 06		Jan - Dec 06	
0028501 - Santa Clarita Sat	37.52	0046199 - Fountain Valley Sun 7PM	7.50
0028601 - Santa Clarita Sun	37.52	0046737 - La Jolla Tues AM Step Study	20.00
0028701 - Santa Clarita Mon	37.52	0046773 - Lancaster AFG	171.10
0029128 - Corona Del Mar Thursday Mens St	271.00	0046821 - Thurs Night 8PM Westchester Ste	222.36
0029945	6.26	0046915 - Pasadena Sat Night	45.58
0029953 - Whittier Wed Nite	31.70	0047087 - San Diego Lost & Found	106.48
0030085 - Covina Sun Morning	43.00	0047087 - San Diego Tues 530PM	32.03
0030665	13.00	0047286 - Grupo Al-Anon Volver a la Vida	7.00
0031730 - Yorba Linda Monday 10AM Step St	51.00	0047437 - Irvine	19.23
0032433 - Womens Al-Anon Action Group Wdl	31.72	0047607	4.37
0032537 - Los Angeles Sat 10AM Yucca	240.30	0047661 - San Carlos Wed AM	23.64
0032748 - Cayucos Mon 10AM	140.00	0047714 - Upland	15.00
0033829 - Santa Monica Wed 730A	172.00	0047916 - Valencia Wed 730PM	27.97
0033918 - Laguna Niguel Friday 1230PM	90.00	0048039 - La Canada Thursday Evening	124.46
0036683 - Valencia Wed 730PM	9.89	0048048 - San Diego Del Mar Lunch Bunch	39.30
0036808 - Bakersfield Mon 1230PM	20.00	0048170 - Sierra Madre Mon 6PM	61.80
0037027 - Palm Desert Family Group	12.83	0048228 - Westwood Tuesday Noon	344.00
0037302 - North Hills Mon 7PM	50.00	0048294 - UC Thursday Lunch Bunch San Die	80.00
0037360	20.00	0048686 - Sunside Up Al-Anon Solana Beach	34.00
0037597 - Sat Am Saugus Serenity AFG	97.95	0048882 - Studio City Mon Noon	118.00
0038026 - Simi Valley Sun 7PM	15.00	0048985 - La Canada	19.18
0038198 - Brea Sun 730PM	151.50	0048986 - Tujunga	102.39
0038753	37.61	0048987 - AFG Burbank Sat AM	119.57
0038944 - Canoga Park Th 630PM	46.40	0050014	47.37
0039919 - Gardena Sat AM	87.22	0050062 - Irvine Tuesday Nite 730PM	64.61
0040348 - Lawndale	70.00	0050128 - Solana Beach Adult Children	41.35
0040529 - Covina Wednesday Night Step Stu	100.00	0050214 - Westchester Recovery AFG	14.41
0040624 - Serenity at the Lake	231.68	0050262 - Ojai Th Noon	15.00
0040844	36.58	0050275 - Sherman Oaks	39.66
0041249 - Ventura Noon AFG	4.42	0050420 - Vista	13.60
0041538 - Santa Paula Sat 930AM	18.75	0050442 - Westchester Sat 10AM	142.70
0041540 - Santa Barbara Fri AM	100.00	0050493 - Santa Clarita Fri	57.52
0041842	10.00	0050500 - Ventura Fri 1230PM	83.75
0042172 - Step Study Sat 10AM	77.00	0050540 - Mon Nite La Verne Serenity AFG	50.00
0042684 - Spring Valley Tues 10AM	75.00	0050544	32.00
0042842 - Glendale Sunday 10AM	15.55	0050625 - Fallbrook	20.00
0042899 - Manhattan Beach	13.00	0050780 - Canoga Park Monday Morning Wome	20.40
0043526 - Camarillo Mon 10AM	124.16	0050806 - Covina Friday 10AM	50.00
0043570 - Palos Verdes Estates Parents Gr	70.00	0050829 - Serenity Seekers	24.00
0043698	52.00	0050857 - West Hollywood Sat 11AM New Fr	17.99
0043698 - Los Angeles	15.00	0050920 - Santa Barbara Sat 11AM	45.00
0043977 - Shell Beach Womens Serenity	150.00	0051035 - El Segundo Tuesday Nite Conscio	139.10
0044078 - Lemon Grove Wednesday	30.00	0051094 - Laguna Beach Sat Step Study	30.00
0044153 - Laguna Beach Tues Mens Stag	530.00	0051127 - San Diego Adult Children Surviv	79.60
0044242 - Tues Night 730PM Manhattan Beac	145.00	0051371	20.00
0044442	26.00	0051761 - Keep It Simple AFG Lemon Grove	50.00
0044462 - Pomona Sun AM	4.45	0052038 - Woodland Hills Tuesday 630PM	200.00
0045065 - Crystal Cathedral Friday Night	101.51	0052081 - N Hollywood Thursday 10AM	31.76
0045275 - Irvine Sunday Marniers Church 7	68.10	0052174	14.30
0045277 - Ventura Sunday 5PM	7.50	0052240	10.00
0046160 - San Diego Friday 1215PM	59.66	0052540 - Anaheim	16.71

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Jan - Dec 06	Jan - Dec 06
0052567 - Fullerton Friday Recuperacions 52.00	0064305 49.00
0052704 - Wed AFG Kernville 56.00	0064309 - Morro Bay 17.00
0053044 - Survival to Recovery Los Angele 47.24	0064375 - Atascadero Thurs Step Study 30.00
0053068 - Lakewood Thursday 615PM 220.00	0064376 - San Diego 91.64
0053369 - Los Angeles AFG 286.60	0064469 - Encino Mon Night 156.71
0053412 - Back to Basics AFG 15.00	0064471 - Claremont San Diego Friday 6PM 55.54
0053521 - Northridge Tues 10AM 4th Step 225.00	0064594 - Carlsbad 42.50
0054134 - Mi Nueva Vida 10.00	0064595 - Tehacapi Mon Night 10.00
0054169 - Thousand Oaks Mon 730PM 45.00	0064865 - Westlake Village Tues 7PM 60.00
0054252 - Santa Barbara Fri 630PM 42.43	0064955 - Brentwood Tues Mens AFG 175.59
0054429 - Tustin Sunday 530PM 25.50	0065007 - San Diego Fri 7PM 10.00
0054447 - Easy Does It AFG Santa Barbara 62.25	0065161 33.00
0054626 - Huntington Beach Mon 10AM 34.57	0065390 - Santa Clarita Mon 20.00
0054765 15.00	0065391 - Santa Clarita Wed 20.00
0054893 - Walteria Torrance Sat Morning A 200.00	0065392 - Santa Clarita Sat 20.00
0060021 - Apple Valley 11AM 10.00	0065393 - Santa Clarita Sun 20.00
0060035 5.00	0065399 - Carlsbad 7.50
0060124 - La Quinta How Al-Anon Works 54.00	0065433 - Parents ODAT 645 50.00
0060125 - Blueprint for Progress Palm Des 86.00	0065533 - Apren Divido A Vivar 25.00
0060242 - Pismo Beach Tues Night Step Stu 55.00	0065666 - Covina Th 8PM 40.00
0060299 - Irvine Wed Evening 8.00	0065672 15.16
0060445 - Monday Nite Tehachapi Group 30.00	0065672 - Griffith Park 56.80
0060494 - Let It Begin With Me Carlsbad 40.37	0065672 - Los Angeles 38.71
0060545 12.50	0065751 - Carmel Mtn Ranch Wed 715PM 32.14
0060600 - Lompoc Thursday 8PM 95.00	0065834 - Wednesday 11-1PM Luz da Vida 60.00
0060635 - Palm Springs Wed 630PM 30.00	0065849 - West Hollyowwd 26.40
0060857 - Grover Beach 23.10	0066030 - Ojai Tuesday 8PM 7.50
0061145 - Los Osos 68.00	0066059 - Vandenberg AFB AFG 15.00
0061150 - Saturday Morning Discussion Oce 4.00	0066183 - Arroyo Grande 30.00
0061259 - Carlsbad Changing Attitudes 102.31	0066193 - Courage to Change Malibu Th 10A 262.72
0061334 - Step a Month Mtg 21.65	0066275 7.75
0061605 - Progress Solana Beach Wed 8AM 50.00	0066281 - Carlsbad 24.00
0061723 - Lomita Sun 130PM 40.00	0066365 - Tues Nite Step Study Blue Jay 45.16
0061784 30.00	0066399 120.00
0061960 - Monday Nite 4th Step 6.69	0066451 - Irvine Monday Kaiser 10.00
0062013 19.03	0066537 - Morts Deli Sunday 730AM 100.00
0062083 - Sunset Beach Sun 10AM 144.32	0066711 - Burbank Sunday Women 143.20
0062211 - Pasadena 32.58	0066793 - Los Feliz Wed 219.89
0062500 - Monrovia Tues 7PM 46.00	0066975 - Burbank White Chapel 10.00
0062942 - Wake Up & Smell the Coffee N Ho 153.06	0067048 - Wed 12x12 Atascadero Book Study 15.00
0062947 - Camarillo Wed 7PM 31.62	0067189 - Chula Vista Fri 730PM 20.00
0062948 - Tues As We Understood Riverside 30.00	0067204 - Santa Clarita Tuesday 37.52
0063330 - Alta Loma 4.50	0067262 54.00
0063846 - Escondido Renacer MTWF 5PM 50.00	0067294 20.00
0063850 - Alta Loma Thursday Night How Al 40.00	0067329 - San Pedro Tues 7PM Men's Stag 50.00
0063851 - Simi Valley Friday 8PM 60.00	0500486 389.28
0063948 - Santa Monica Fr AM 142.10	0500486 - Costa Mesa 730 Parents 20.99
0064026 - Los Angeles Sun AT Center Griff 605.85	0500806 12.00
0064054 - Willingness to Change San Diego 80.77	0501009 - Santee Thurs 7PM 55.00
0064141 - Ventura Tues 130PM 25.00	0501501 - Monrovia Tues 7PM 13.40
0064304 21.00	0501647 - Laguna Parents 30.00

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	Jan - Dec 06
0501758 - Wofford Heights Friday AI-Anon	19.00
0502221 - Ventura Mon 7PM	28.00
0502352 - Taft Viernes 630P	10.00
0502567 - Fullerton Fri 7PM Recuperacion	10.00
0502729 - Palm Springs Th 7PM Church	3.24
0503292	10.00
0503508 - Sherman Oaks Wed 730PM	20.00
0503516	31.71
0503532 - Westwood Friday 1030A	125.00
0503688	25.75
0503702	19.31
0503768	15.25
0542626	23.10
7th Tradition	"1,575.60"
9999999 (WSO group ID# not used)	"12,449.06"
AFG Convention	200.00
District 48	70.00
SOS Workshop	372.00
TOTAL	"35,230.86"

Profit & Loss

January through December 2006

	Jan - Dec 06		Jan - Dec 06
Income			
7th Tradition	"4,156.04"	Officers' Expenses	
Bulletin Subscriptions	145.87	Alternate Delegate	71.28
Convention Contributions	200.00	Chairperson	43.36
District\Intergroup Contributio	20.00	Delegate	529.54
Forum Subs	0.10	Past Delegate	8.36
Group Contributions	"35,238.27"	Treasurer	457.34
Interest Income	579.78	Total Officers' Expenses	"1,109.88"
SOS Income	372.00	Other Expenses	
Total Income	"40,712.06"	Cash Balance Adjustment	136.00
		Corporate Expense	65.00
Expense		Insurance (Liability)	"1,294.99"
"Bulletin" Costs		Misc Supplies\Operating	23.96
Bulk Mail	"1,772.68"	Misc. Expense	822.04
Production	"5,900.61"	Total Other Expenses	"2,341.99"
"Total "Bulletin" Costs"	"7,673.29"	Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Computer		Rent	
Hardware\Software	161.28	Committee\Assembly Meetings	"2,889.00"
Total Computer	161.28	Hospitality Storage	790.00
Coordinators' Expenses		Total Rent	"3,679.00"
Alateen Sponsor\Alateen	"1,696.31"	Special Meetings	
Archives	93.90	Longtimers Meeting	14.70
CPC	78.76	SOS Expenses	926.19
Group Services Action Comm Ch	30.49	Total Special Meetings	940.89
Hospitality	483.35	Total Expense	"33,971.46"
Institutions	522.14		
Mem Comm Action Comm Cha	151.65	Net Income	"6,740.60"
PI	"1,660.15"		
Records Secretary	410.71		
Total Coordinators' Expenses	"5,127.46"		
Forum Subscriptions	147.00		
Meeting Travel\Hotel			
Delegate Equalizer Fund	"1,698.00"		
Delegate WSC	550.00		
PRAASA	"2,222.35"		
SWRDM	"1,460.51"		
Total Meeting Travel\Hotel	"5,930.86"		
Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements			
DR's\GR's\Liaisons	"2,237.70"		
Officers\Coordinators	"4,480.51"		
Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements - Other	141.60		
Total Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements	"6,859.81"		

Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc.

Comparative Balance Sheet

December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004

ASSETS

	2006	2005	2004
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash in Checking Account	\$ 8,988.23	\$2,827.41	\$9,906.57
Business Savings Account - #04859-00463	-	-	\$461.95
Certificate of Deposit #1 - #04854-00560	\$ 12,959.94	\$12,599.21	\$12,344.85
Certificate of Deposit #2 - #04858-00624	\$5,314.61	\$5,213.30 "	\$5,127.71
Certificate of Deposit #3 - #00646-02464		\$ 5,190.82 "	\$5,114.75
Certificate of Deposit #4 - #00649-01222	\$ 5,308.56	-	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents:	\$32,571.34	\$ 25,830.74	\$32,955.83
Total Current Assets and Total Assets	\$ 32,571.34	\$ 25,830.74	\$32,955.83

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Equity:			
Net Equity at January 1	\$ 25,830.74	\$ 32,955.83	\$34,552.00
Add Excess of Income over Expenses	<u>\$ 6,740.60</u>	<u>(7,125.09)</u>	<u>(1,596.17)</u>
Sub-Total	\$32,571.34	\$25,830.74	\$32,955.83
Less:			
"Contribution to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc."	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Equity at December 31	<u>\$32,571.34</u>	<u>\$25,830.74</u>	<u>\$32,955.83</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$32,571.34	\$25,830.74	\$32,955.83

Prepared from Books and Records without Audit

Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc.

Comparative Statement of Cash Flow

For the Years Ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004

	2006	2005	2004
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	\$ 25,830.74	\$32,955.83	\$34,552.00
Equity Increases (Decreases):			
Excess (Deficit) Revenues over Expenses	\$6,740.60	(7,125.09)	(1,596.17)
"LESS: Contribution to AFG, Inc. (Virginia Beach, Va.)"	-	-	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Equity	<u>\$6,740.60</u>	<u>(7,125.09)</u>	<u>(1,596.17)</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 32,571.34	\$25,830.74	\$32,955.83

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Southern California world Service of AFG, Inc.

Audit Report

Because of Bulletin technical difficulties, the Audit Report could not be placed into the Bulletin.
Please see the SCWS website for the Audit Report.

Group Services Action Committee

Group Services Action Committee

Board members assigned to this Action Committee are AC Chair (currently vacant), Alateen Coordinator (Daniel K.), Alateen Sponsor Coordinator (Susie L.), Archives Coordinator (Martha M.) Group Records Secretary (Jayme P.), Minutes Secretary (Cathy W.), Treasurer (Suzanne P.). A report from each coordinator follows the Action Committee Chair's report. — — — — —

Group Services Action Committee Chair

No report – no replacement for Ajit yet.

Alateen Coordinator

What's there to say this time round? Well, the SFV AA convention just passed, and I'd just like to say on behalf of the Alateens, thank you Al-Anons for all your helpful support and the AA's for putting on the convention in the first place. There was quite a surge of new Alateens there and we hope to see them all again next year. The SCAC committee has begun to do events, and publicize, speaking of which I have brought flyers for each of the events and some registration packets for SCAC. The SCAC Registration packet has been improved and there is now a flyer for the SCAC Bash in May. All the flyers are available on the Inland Empire Al-Anon Website. There is, in fact, an event today at the Costa Mesa Alano Club 2040 Placentia Ave Costa Mesa, CA 92627 Valentines potluck and meeting 5-9 pm 5\$ if you bring food, 6\$ if you don't. Meeting included. Contacts are on the flyer. So, that's about it for me, thank you for all your support and AFG is coming up! See you there!

LIS, Daniel K, Alateen Coordinator

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

Written report not submitted. Please see AC Chair's report for notes taken on the Alateen Sponsor Coordinator's verbal report.

Archives Coordinator

Hello again. I have been working on scrap booking an album of memories donated to the SCWS Archives by Bob L. He was our delegate back in 1985 through 1987, which is Panel 25. These pictures were taken at the World Service Conference and contains several small pins and love gifts from other Delegates around the United States. There are many wonderful pictures of the World Service Offices and staff. The Delegates luncheon, other workshops, members of the Board of Trustees are some other pictures contained in the album. There also are pictures of their trip to Stepping Stones and even the Friday night skit.

I have transferred everything to an album made especially for preserving archival materials. I enjoyed every minute of making the album, and looking at the pictures of our trusted servants from around the country back in Panel 25. Thank you Bob for your donation to the SCWS Archives. It is truly a treasure.

I will be filing more things and looking for other treasures to preserve, as well as finishing the cataloguing. Then I hope to transfer the Archives to a storage facility where I will hold them until my term on this panel is over.

The Traveling Archives are wandering around in Santa Clarita at the current time. I should get them back soon. These Archives are a great look at the past history of Al-Anon in California. They are available for any Al-Anon function to be displayed for the enjoyment of all. Please contact me if anyone is interested in using them. All my information is in the Bulletin. Once again, I am so grateful for being your trusted servant. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to our area. Love in service, Martha M.

Hospitality Coordinator

Hello everyone, welcome to the new Group Rep's. Host Districts for the May Assembly are 3, 8, 11, 12, 24, 39, & 60. Please bring foods such as fruits, bagels, cream cheese, doughnuts, any breakfast food of your choice. Also each district is asked to bring a volunteer to help in the Hospitality room, we can't do it without you. Thanks! To volunteer, call or email

The hospitality has been a great success due to the participation of all the districts in bringing the breakfast foods. So, thank you and also thanks to the Hospitality committee members, including the volunteers who have donated their time to help. You are a great team!

There is a flyer in the DR's envelope, to remind you when it is your turn to host breakfast.

We do need more volunteer's to help during, to set up and clean up, come see me or the breakfast chairman/woman John or Irene. This would be a good commitment for a new member. We love to have any help you can give. Thanks to Districts hosting today. District Reps, please check the Bulletin for who is hosting the May Assembly.

Thanks to the districts' support of the hospitality. We do need volunteers to help clean up after the meeting.

Love in Service, MaryLou V, Hospitality Coordinator.

Membership Communications Action Committee

MCAC, Member Communications Action Committee

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

MCAC Chair

Greetings all-

Many great ideas were generated from the February Committee meeting that our Membership Committee will have something new and exciting for all who attend. We encourage

you to sign up with us with your email address so that we can get information to you sooner. And now please see the following committee members reports below. See you all at the Assembly in May.

Grateful to be of service, Cindy R, MCAC Chair

Bulletin Coordinator

The web version of the completed Bulletin has last names & contact info deleted, and is posted on the SCWS website (click on "Bulletin.")

General information about the Bulletin:

Each Bulletin is a record of reports given and motions made at that month's SCWS Area meeting. The Agenda for each Assembly is finalized at the previous Committee Meeting. The Minutes taken at each Assembly are approved at the next Assembly. So, for today's Feb Committee meeting, you needed to bring the August and November 2006 Bulletins (for the August Minutes, and today's Agenda). Likewise, bring your Nov 2006 and Feb 2007 Bulletins to the May 2007 Assembly.

Reports for today's Committee meeting were due to both the Minutes Secretary (Cathy W) and the Bulletin Coordinator (me) by e-mail 1-2 weeks before today's meeting. The electronic version will speed production and reduce errors since it avoids re-typing.

The reports in the Bulletin are a great way to share experience with everyone in the SCWS Area. Let's aim for a full set of reports!

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

Literature Coordinator

The CD-ROM version of Courage to Change (B-16CD-ROM) is now available! Members will now be able to read daily sharings from their personal computers. If your computer has a voice chip, you will also be able to listen to it. The CD has a search feature to look up specific words. However, you will not be able to make copies, download it or use it in a Mac or a CD player.

The Literature Committee has given approval to FACING GRIEF AND LOSS WITH AL-ANON (working title). The book is undergoing Policy and Executive Director review, designing, titling, pricing and printing. Hopefully it will be ready later this year.

Minor revisions to the book, FROM SURVIVAL TO RECOVERY (B21) and the Concept Eleven sections of The Concepts—Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret (P-57) and PATHS TO RECOVERY (B-24) will be included in this year's printings.

Click on the Members' Web site, www.al-anon.org/members for exciting information regarding e-Cal. (e-Cal is Conference approved literature distributed exclusively through electronic means.) The web pages describe the criteria used, the approval process, how to determine if the submission will be used and other pertinent information.

Do you want to know more about detachment with love? The current sample chapter pages on the on the WSO web site include a chapter from HOW AL-ANON WORKS FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ALCHOLICS (B-22), references to other conference approved literature and articles from The

Forum about detachment. The same information is available on the Spanish and French sections of WSO site.

Regarding The Forum: a Forum index is up and running for 2006 and 2007 editions listing articles on specific topics. Some of the articles are linked as they relate to past and current sample chapters featured on the WSO site.

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

Website Coordinator

The web site is up to date. We have many new features on the web site that have been put on over the last year.

Now we get to get people registered and using the website. Please encourage members to go to the website and use the features and register. We have e-mail lists for sending notifications to the DRs / GRs. There are also Blogs and FAQs. The Bulletin (online version) is posted on the website.

The site continues to grow in popularity:

Month	Visits	Pages
Jan-07	4,752	12,029
Dec-06	3,775	9,361
Nov-06	4,302	12,016
Oct-06	4,351	10,873
Sep-06	4,216	10,173
Aug-06	2,394	6,727

The most popular area of the site is the meeting lists. The second most popular area is the calendar. The site appears high up the search engines for search terms such as Southern California Al-Anon, AND Al-Anon meetings. Some of the search terms being used:

- map of california alanon southern
- california
- scws
- southern california alanon
- alanon meetings in southern calif.
- southern california al-anon
- alanon meetings los angeles
- world service al-anon-alateen
- al anon bakersfield california
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Public Outreach Action Committee

Public Outreach Action Committee

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.

Public Outreach Chair

The Public Outreach Action Committee has found a great number of Al-Anon members enthusiastic about sharing what has been given to them. It has been exciting to see people hungry for ideas and, even more exciting, to learn from others

who have had experience in a wide range of Public Outreach service. While there is a seemingly never ending supply of great ideas, there also is a lot of outreach work that has been on-going that we can share with one another.

Let us not overlook the abundant supply of literature already available for our use in Public Outreach – from pamphlets covering everything from “Members Interested in Speaking” #G-1 to the many “Open Letters” to various professionals, our Rolodex telephone referral card #M-46, the Outreach Bookmark #M-76 to name a few. For more helpful literature suggestions, contact any of the Public Outreach Coordinators or Chairman listed in our World Service Bulletin.

Amanda, Public Information Coordinator, has been filling up her calendar of requests for our tri-fold Display to be used in health fairs, general fairs, schools, and a variety of events. If you are currently scheduled to bring the Al-Anon message somewhere, contact Amanda for further information. If you are not currently involved in this area of service but have ideas of places that might benefit from hearing our “voice” – share your thoughts and suggestions with any of us on this Committee. It is easy to think, “that probably has already been done” – or “my idea may seem irrelevant” or any of the thoughts that can so easily discourage us. Try telling that little inner voice “thank you for sharing – and now, please be quiet”. Your idea may be one never thought of – and the very one that could change someone’s life – forever!

Some ideas currently being explored are flyers in places of worship, public libraries, school libraries, Public Service Announcements (PSAs) at local movie theaters, police stations, local jails, small blurbs in local newspapers listing your local meeting time and place, leave a bookmark or small piece of literature in your doctor’s or dentist’s office. The list of possibilities is endless.

Shirley, Institutions Coordinator, has a list of local jails and penal institutions where we may find people in great pain searching for what we have. While those currently incarcerated may or may not be enthused about our program, their family members and loved ones who come to visit them may not have heard of Al-Anon. Shelters, either domestic violence, homeless or transitional housing generally have residents who qualify for our program. After checking your local areas to determine that a panel is not currently going there, you may find great satisfaction in sharing the Al-Anon message. It’s a good idea to remember that most of these people are in crisis and may not “jump at the chance” to attend one of our meetings. However, they may remember in the future and find the help and hope always available in our rooms. Sometimes the real gift of carrying the message lies in the fact that we may never know if we made a difference or not. With love and gratitude, Robin J
Public Outreach Action Committee Chairperson

CPC Coordinator

Written report not submitted.

Institutions Coordinator

The Southern California AA Hospitals and Institutions Conference with Al-Anon participation is coming up April 27, 28, and 29. It will be held at the Double Tree Hotel (Anaheim/Orange County), 100 The City Drive, Orange, California (714-

634-4500 or 1-800-222-TREE) or www.doubletree.com. The room rate is \$89. In and out parking is \$4. This rate applies to booking before 4/7/07.

The Conference Fundraiser is a Spaghetti Dinner and “Behind the Walls” Speaker Panel – no fee for the dinner – only 7th Tradition. Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Church of the Foothills, 19211 Dodge Avenue in Tustin. For information call: George A. 714 926-9573 or Lew D. 714-235-8588.

Speakers and panel participants at this conference come from the private and government sponsored programs as well as from AA and Al-Anon. There will be a DUI Drug Court Panel and Prison Panel on Saturday morning and a chaplain from the Youth Authority on Sunday. Spanish translation will be made available if enough people request it at registration.

Al-Anon’s part of the program is:

Friday:

5-6 p.m. Open Participation AA/Al-Anon - one Al-Anon member

9-10:30 p.m. Open Participation AA/Al-Anon - one Al-Anon member

Saturday:

7-8 a.m. Open Participation AA-Al-Anon - one Al-Anon member

12-2 p.m. Al-Anon Luncheon - Speakers: Dave & Marcia W.

3:45-4:45 p.m. Al-Anon Panel - Charlynn S., Ventura Jon H., Palm Springs

9:30-11 p.m. Open Participation AA-Al-Anon - one Al-Anon member

If you are planning to attend and would like to be one of the participants or want to suggest someone from your area call 805-482-0122.

A WSO request for the Sherman Oaks area was passed on to the DR. Since the Assembly two requests for literature from prisoners – one from a prison in the Bakersfield area and one from a prison in Northern California were passed on.

REMINDER to Action Committee members: Bring your Institutions successes from suggestions given at the last Assembly and new ideas to share to the May Assembly Action Committee meeting.

LIS, Shirley M, Institutions Coordinator

Public Information Coordinator

Thank you to everyone for your outreach projects. I continue to be impressed and am so grateful for the opportunity to serve the Al-Anon Family Group fellowship.

Did You Know?

There is a wonderful outreach tool which is a “How to Workbook” for Public Outreach Service Activities. The workbook, available through World Service or your service center, has over 100 ideas for outreach activities that your group or district can do. No longer do you have to think about re-inventing the wheel. We have had districts purchase these workbooks for their GRs and use them during district meetings to identify outreach projects.

Did You Know?

There are many pamphlets available through World Service for free; you only pay shipping/handling. There are also outreach letters available on-line and other outreach tools available on World Service’s web page. World Service Al-Anon/Alateen members’ web site is www.al-anon.alateen.org/members.

Did You Know?

SCWS has two displays available to check out for your next group or district event. Call or e-mail me and let me know the

event date, event, address to send the display to and phone number to reach you.

Public Information has had contact with Districts 10, 39, 40, 45 and geographical 78 to look into outreach projects for which SCWS can provide help. I'm also going up to District 3 soon to see if we can get some additional outreach activities going on up there. If you'd like me or any other board member to speak at your district or group, let us know.

Thank you again for such a wonderful opportunity to be of service.

Amanda C

Intergroup Reports

No report from:

Orange County
Oficina Intergruppal Hispaña
San Diego County

Inland Empire

Greetings from the Inland Empire Service Center. I hope everyone has had a great start this new year. We here at the Service Center are going full steam ahead. Well almost full, all but three board positions are full; Archives, Literature, and Way and Means still need chairs, but we are optimistic they will fill up soon.

This last year we saw an increase in I.R.'s attendance at the meetings. The Casino night was a huge success and the gratitude dinner was fun, the food was very good, but most of all the Alateens were so helpful, it was a joy watching them being of service.

Have you had the opportunity to read the serenity sheet? It is full of useful information like upcoming events and other things that are happening in our area. If you want to get something in the serenity sheet, get it to Jay before the 10th of the month. We now have one of our much needed positions filled, the service center manager. Thanks Marilyn for accepting this position. Also Susan is updating the group records every, month so if you see something that's not correct, call her and she will take care of it.

We have a web site at the service center. You can get meeting lists and all kinds of information on the site. Check it out, www.ca-inlandempire-alanon.org/ Come by the service center and check out the archives we have. There is a book with pictures of how the center got started and other items of interest. If you want to donate anything to the center archives just drop by.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Inland Empire AA convention held in October 19-21.

Love in service, Carmie F., Inland Empire WSO Liaison

Los Angeles County

Hi, my name is Arlene R. and I am a grateful member of Al-Anon, and the new Liaison from the Los Angeles Intergroup. I just began in this position as liaison, following my year as the Chairperson for Intergroup. Our service positions on the Board last only a year, and by the time we become competent at them, they seem to end. But I'm really glad that G-d is in charge, because only He knows what is in store for each of us

as we live, One Day at a Time. I must add, that if it weren't for LA Central Office (Intergroup), and one of the wonderful volunteers who answered the phone when I felt desperate, "unwanted, unloved and alone," and, seeking a meeting for some relief from the dreaded disease of alcoholism (while I was living with a sober alcoholic), guided me to my first Al-Anon meeting. I will be forever grateful to that unnamed soul who touched my life in a very special way, and saved me from homicide or suicide.

For those of you who don't know, Los Angeles Intergroup consists of over 400 registered meetings covering all of Los Angeles County. The Intergroup Reps meets the third Friday night of odd months in North Hollywood, while the Service Board meets the fourth Saturday of even months in the morning. All of our meetings are open to any Al-Anon member.

Our new Board was elected in November of 2006 and installed at the first Intergroup meeting in January of 2007. There were over 30 new Intergroup Reps at the January meeting, as well as over 100 continuing IRs. The program of the first IG meeting of the year is to install the new officers, while the first Board meeting is to read the by-laws and approve them. Our first Board meeting will be at the end of February. The Program Chair of IG provides a speaker for the bi-monthly IG meetings. We have lots of business to attend to, reports from all of the Board members, as well as announcements from the floor.

LA Intergroup is also a Literature Distribution center, which provides thousands of dollars of literature for individual members, groups and professionals in the Los Angeles area. They also have their own website, www.alanonla.org, which furnishes a partial directory, as well as giving other important information about the Intergroup and Central Office. Our bulletin, the Al-Anoncer is published monthly and sent out free to all registered Intergroup Representatives. A paid subscription is also available for members. The Al-Anoncer is a comprehensive monthly bulletin which includes articles written by the membership, as well as advertisements for events taking place in our Intergroup area. An important feature is the Chairperson's monthly Message, which usually sets the tone for the month.

The Board consists of several standing committees, such as Institutions, Public Information, Alateen, Historian, Nominations, etc., which carry on their business by working on specific projects, such as providing panels for Institutions, setting up tables for Health Fairs, sending our traveling Archive display to Conventions or Alathons, as well as cooperating with SCWS wherever they can. The new Board is very enthusiastic and ready to work hard.

The Directory, of over 400 registered meetings is updated quarterly, in January, May, and September. The dynamic duo, as our office staff is affectionately known, does a phenomenal job in making sure updates are input and changes are reflected in each new directory. The fine work that they perform is often overlooked because they make it appear so effortless. They always have a small army of volunteers who take the hundreds of Twelve Step calls.

I feel very fortunate to belong to an efficiently run Central Office (Intergroup) which takes care of volumes of Twelve Step calls, fills literature orders and does so much more so that the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen is always there. When Central Office is closed, the Vice Chair makes sure that the after hours service is in place. This service gives those Al-Anon members the opportunity to receive Twelve Step phone calls

on the weekends or whenever Central Office is closed and to give a helping hand or an understanding ear to a member or potential member who is in the grips of an unbearable situation.

I look forward to serving this year as Liaison to SCWS from LA Intergroup.

In love and Service, Arlene R., Liaison, LA Intergroup

Ventura County

Greetings from Ventura County!

All members of Ventura County Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups can be proud of the great service work accomplished in 2006...I'd like to share that with you today. During this past year, two key principles were foremost in our minds - the first being that we are self supporting through our own contributions and second, our primary focus is to help families of alcoholics. One way we did this was by providing vital outreach services throughout our community such as...

- Al-Anon 's 24/7 answering service – we estimate that over 1,000 family members or friends found the help they needed by calling our answering service – obtaining meeting information and/or reaching other members who make themselves available to speak with those who seek help – awesome and we thank Jemma W for her willingness to coordinate this effort.

- Al-Anon 's web site www.alanonventura.org – handled on average 18 “hits” every day, resulting in over 5,000 “hits” to our web site over the course of the year. A “hit” is someone/ anyone accessing the information posted on the web site to include Meeting List, Intergroup Events, The Forum Magazine, Alateen and Young Members, District 12 Events, local Conventions and Round-Ups, Calendar, Spanish Information, Institutions and Professionals, Intergroup Scoop Newsletter, and lots, lots more – our gratitude to Anton C and a big welcome to Jennifer G.

- Intergroup Scoop Newsletter – Our newsletter is filled with members' experience, strength, and hope and gads of local happenings and activities. It is a terrific newsletter and is also available as a personal subscription at our cost of only \$7.00 per year. We published approximately 750 newsletters last year with complementary newsletters for the Al-Anon and Alateen meeting groups (via IGRs), Southern California World Service, other Intergroups and Information Service Centers within Southern California, and the World Service Office – Tracy L does an incredible job!

- Public Information – New last year was the placement of paid advertising in the Verizon yellow pages. Later this year, we will discuss the feasibility of increasing the use of Public Service Announcements via TV, radio, and newspapers as suggested in our service manual pages 91 and 92.

- Also under the purview of Public Information (but printed by the web site coordinator) we updated and printed over 7,000 directories and made them available to local meeting groups at our cost of \$5.00 for a packet of 25 directories – I think we all agree, newcomers should not leave a meeting without a directory and phone numbers. Additionally, we printed over 4,250 flats for the special outreach project; altogether we distributed 10,250 directories.

- Institutions – 2006 was a banner year for the distribution and placement of 955 pieces of conference approved literature (CAL) to 25 Ventura County Public Libraries, 70 Middle Schools and High Schools, 25 Private Schools, 5 Colleges, (3

Community, 1 Public, 1 Private), and 2 Military Bases (meeting schedules and counselor and teacher letters from WSO Web Site were included. Additionally, our meeting groups donated hundreds of pamphlets and booklets to local shelters as part of the SCWS outreach project. All meeting groups participated to get the word out to families and friends in need – bravo to Shirley M.

- Additionally, in cooperation with District 12, Ventura County now has a bimonthly panel at Genesis, Thousand Oaks; an on-call panel at Genesis, Ventura; a monthly panel at Khepera House, Ventura; a monthly panel at Prototypes, Oxnard; and we're now approved to serve in women's jail as soon as we've received the special training– fantastic and we are grateful to Shirley M and Judy D!

- Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) – Also new this past year was the special project that encourages members to provide a special Forum magazine “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” to a professional (doctor, chiropractor, dentists, and we didn't forget the hairdressers). Obtaining their business card and forwarding it to Kay D provides us with an opportunity to follow-up and to receive other conference approved literature – a great way to reach out to people (like you and me) who have been affected by the disease of alcoholism – wonderful and thank Kay D for her leadership.

It was only through the generous contributions of Ventura County Al-Anon members that we were able to do this wonderful service work...and I am truly proud to be a part of Ventura County Al-Anon/Alateen. One member said “I contribute the cost of one Café Au Lait every week for this great service work – I feel so good and I don't miss the extra caffeine either!” Our beautiful declaration says it all...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and – Let It Begin With Me.

Lovinservice, Rosanne S, Ventura County Intergroup Liaison

Convention Reports

SCAA 2007

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

The 56th Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation has a new home this year. The convention will be at the Hyatt Regency in Anaheim on September 21, 22, 23, 2007. We have a fabulous luncheon speaker, Pat P. from Gilbert, AZ.

We have a very excited committee planning the Al-Anon portion of the convention. One of the goals this year is to make the convention more family oriented. During the luncheon and the banquet, we will be having some fun time for the Alats. If you would like to help plan the convention, please join us at the Felicia Mahood Senior Center in Santa Monica on the 2nd Sunday of the month, at 1:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you in Anaheim.

Love in Service, Nancy B.

So. Cal. AA Convention, Al-Anon Chairman 2007

AFG 2007

Al-Anon Family Groups Convention of Southern California
Greetings from your 2007 AFG Convention Chairperson, Don B.

I can't tell you how excited I am to provide you with this update of our upcoming convention! Our committee has been working very diligently to come up with new ideas, wonderful decorations, interesting marathon topics and a whole bunch of stuff for all of us to enjoy a weekend of recovery and **'MIRACLES in PROGRESS'!**

We are all keenly aware of the many choices of conventions these days. I would hope that all of us here in this room would want to participate in our recovery at our very own Al-Anon Family Groups Convention, the **"ONLY ALL AL-ANON SPONSORED"** convention (with AA Participation!) in Southern California!

I hope to see all of you in Burbank at the airport hotel (now named the Marriott) in just a few short weeks, March 30, 31 and April 1.

Ask-It Basket Questions

ASK IT BASKET
February 2/17/07

Q1: *Why can't Assemblies be more active like S.O.S.?*

A1: Thank you for your question. We are always looking for ways to make our meetings more valuable for everyone who attends. The major difference is that the S.O.S. is an educational (and hopefully fun) workshop and the Assembly is the SCWS's Area business meeting. Definitions of the Area Assembly are located on pages 60 and 107 of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.

Q2: *District 57 is currently split between the Los Angeles and Orange County Intergroups. What are the considerations for drawing district boundaries? Are districts typically wholly contained within an Intergroup?*

A2: As written on page 108 in the Service Manual: "Districts are convenient segments into which an Area is divided by the Area World Service Committee, with the approval of the Assembly". Its boundaries are established for a variety of reasons (i.e.: number of meetings, geographic proximity, etc.) The SCWS Area is not affiliated with any Intergroup (each is a separate entity) and the reasons for their jurisdictional boundaries are not the Area's concern. However, if a meeting's being "a part of" a District in a neighboring county becomes a matter of conflict, it may change Districts if the group conscience votes to do so.

Q3: *One of my GRs has a concern of religion [being discussed] at her meeting. Certain members insist on identifying themselves as Christians and saying they've been saved, etc. When the GR has reminded the group that we are not affiliated with any religious denomination, she has received comments from some of those people saying they can't share because*

of so-and-so or they're sad that they can't hear so-and-so share because the GR won't let them. Any suggestions on how to handle this?

A3: In the "Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon" (under the heading "Discussion of Religion") it clearly states: Let us not defeat our purpose by entering into discussions concerning specific religious tenets. It is very informative to read this page at each meeting and refer to it when the meeting deters from the Al-Anon focus. The meeting should perhaps also have a business meeting where this can be discussed by all members. Another point of reference is located on page 99 in the Service Manual states: Al-Anon is a spiritual program; thus the discussion of specific religious beliefs may divert members from Al-Anon's primary purpose. Our meetings are open to all who are affected by alcoholism, whether the member has a religious belief or not.

Q4: *Is the Lord's Prayer anywhere in Al-Anon literature?*

A4: No. However, it has been discussed at the World Service Conference, ad infinitum, and the discussions are printed in many WS Conference Summaries (if interested, check with current and/or past Delegate[s] for obtaining the Summaries for research)

Q5: *How do you handle a situation when the GR is going against the Traditions?*

A5: As the DR, first establish if the specific situation does indeed violate a tradition. Refer to page 52 of the Service Manual, "Group Problems and Solutions". Speaking to the GR directly may take care of the situation. If it does not, you may speak to a Board member for further guidance.

Q6: *In the Conference Summary last year there is a statement that WSO supports each group with over \$200 worth of materials. What are these items? When I go the meeting to ask for financial support for SCWS and WSO, I would like to be able to illustrate this.*

A6: The actual statement is that the WSO spends approx. \$200 on services for each meeting (not providing each meeting with actual items costing \$200.) WSO provides a binder for each meeting with helpful information, prints the Service Manual, provides a copy of the *Forum* for each group, maintains and updates group records, keeps meetings informed with "Area Highlights" and Regional Service Seminars. Also a toll-free telephone number is maintained and referrals to meetings can be made by WSO Staff. The WSO website was created and is maintained and provides many, many materials which can be downloaded for free.

Q7: *Why doesn't WSO have a notebook/ packet and free Forum for DRs?*

A7: There isn't an official packet for DRs although all of the pertinent information is contained in the *Service Manual* and Guidelines for GRs (G-11) and DRs (G37) and District Meetings (G15) are available free on the WSO website. Free copies of *The Forum* are currently being sent to all registered meetings, not to any individual person. Any District expenses are to be reimbursed from the District's treasury, not by the WSO.

Q8: *What does SCWS suggest our District do about a longtime Alateen sponsor who has been told and asked and prodded to go through the certification process but still refuses to do so. Do we ask him to leave? We have been suggesting [this] to him for over a year now. Members are becoming upset that their children do not have a certified Alateen sponsor for their Alateen meeting.*

A8: Refer to the *Service Manual* page 59 "Basic Terms Used in Al-Anon Service: 'An Alateen Group Sponsor is an Al-Anon member who is currently certified by their Area as an 'Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service' and who has made a commitment to be of service to an Alateen meeting on a regular basis."

The fact is that the World Service Office of Al-Anon does not recognize an Alateen meeting that has not registered or re-registered under the Alateen Safety Requirements. The ramifications of this are: The meeting may not use the Alateen name and thus, its members may not call themselves "Alateen" by virtue of their attendance at that meeting. By allowing the un-certified sponsor to continue puts our Area in jeopardy of not being in compliance with the Alateen Safety Requirements, which can have further ramifications.

It is possible that the members of the group do not realize that their meeting is out of compliance. The District Representative may visit the group, ask the sponsor to step out, and speak to the members directly, explaining the situation to the members and what it means to them personally and to the Area and Al-Anon as a whole.

The District within which this meeting is located is the first line of communication and that communication needs to be very direct (not suggesting or prodding). Please check with the SCWS Area's Alateen Sponsor Coordinator for further guidance.

Q9: *I was somewhat surprised and upset to see flyers at the January, 2007 SOS advertising a retreat. On page 99 of the Service Manual, it explains that Al-Anon is not affiliated nor endorses these retreats. So why are they allowed at SOS? Please explain because it dilutes Al-Anon and some want to use and interpret the Service Manual to their own desires. In addition, the flyer stated to contact a SCWS Board member. This gives the appearance that SCWS is sanctioning this type of function.*

A9: The *Service Manual* addresses "retreats" specifically on page 99. They are not to be announced at meetings because that can be confusing to newcomers. It also states "Area Newsletters or local Al-Anon/Alateen Bulletins should not be used....nor should retreats be promoted before, during, or after Al-Anon/Alateen meetings by the use of leaflets or announcements. SCWS does not support any gathering other than the AFG Convention, Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation, and the Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC).

Q10: *Is there a guideline or suggestion for giving up a commitment at the group level? Can this be done over the phone? Asking another member to announce it to the group for you?*

A10: There isn't a guideline on this other than to use common courtesy. It is up to the group or individual how to handle resignations.

Q11: *What can and cannot be accepted as gifts for fundraisers? And from whom?*

A11: Pages 77-78 address fundraising and the "Avoiding Commercialism" paragraph on page 78 makes suggestions on what types of items may be appropriate.

Q12: *Many groups in our area are buying every piece of literature and have small groups and are not giving donations. Any suggestions?*

Q13: *Can someone give a guideline on splitting contributions of money? We used to have a pie [chart].*

A12 and 13: Page 79 of the *Service Manual* suggests that expenses be met for the group's operation (with, at least, a one month's surplus) and remaining funds may be used to support service entities. In the recent "7th Tradition" pamphlet it is suggested that the larger part of the "pie" should go to the local service arms, such as the local Service Center (Intergroup office), District and Area. The WSO receives donations from the largest number of groups as opposed to the District, which is supported by the smallest number of groups. It is up to the meeting's group conscience as to what percentages of the remaining funds to donate to these service arms.

Q14: *At the Assembly meetings, what is the purpose of the breakout sessions?*

A14: The ACTION committee format (break-out sessions at Assembly) were initiated to increase participation and encourage communication in the SCWS Area as we carry the message of hope and help to families and friends of alcoholics. Each committee has developed a mission statement. They are:

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). (Q14 answered by Past Delegate)

District Representatives' Reports

No report from: 6 Districts (6,11,24,51,69,78) of 30.

District 3

On February 24, 2007 we will hold the Fifth Annual Serenity by the Sea in Pismo Beach. Call me for more information or to get flyers.

August 24, 25 and 26, 2007 will be the San Luis Obispo AA Convention with Al-Anon participation.

September 7, 8 and 9, 2007 will be the Santa Maria AA convention with Al-Anon participation. We hope you will join us in the beautiful Central Coast for these events!!

Julie

District 6

No Report.

District 8

Verbal report given. Written report not submitted.

District 9

Hi from District 9 (Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, Lake Hughes, Mojave and various other places). Things have been pretty quiet in our neck of the woods these past few months.

The new Alateen meeting has been tabled due to the room we were to use being unavailable on the days the Alateens and sponsors were available and available on the days the Alateens don't want to have a meeting.

We are moving forward with our new pre-teen meeting (which will be the only one in our district since about 8 or so years ago). We have been given a room at the Church where our Saturday morning Al-Anon meeting is held but we are still waiting to hear what it will cost us. We have at least one sponsor willing to sponsor the meeting and he is currently in the process of being certified. We are looking for more sponsors and one of our members is in the process of contacting World Service Office in Virginia Beach to get our start up binder and everything else we will need to get started.

Our Alateen liaison reported at our last district meeting that she has over \$2,000 available for SCAC scholarships and we are collecting all the time and building the pot.

We have our first planning meeting scheduled for next weekend for our Santa Clarita Convention of AA with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation. The Antelope Valley Al-Anon Convention will be held in November again this year, however, it will be a one-day convention this time as it was not very well attended last year and we were barely able to cover our expenses.

We have several members and meetings actively involved in Public Outreach projects. We have panels going to several rehabs; we have had business cards printed up by one meeting with all the contact information for our District, L.A. Central Office, SCWS and WSO in Virginia Beach. One meeting sent Forum subscriptions to several battered women's shelters and they received Thank You cards from WSO.

Our District is putting a lot of focus on Public Outreach and we have asked our GR's to push for larger contributions and so far it seems to be working.

We have had some issues come up with respect to group problems and concerns. I am always encouraging the GR's to use the SCWS website and to post their questions in the blog section of the website because there is usually a lot of good feedback. I have also been trying to encourage our GR's to push our website and WSO's website at their meetings.

That's all for now.

LIS, Myra K., D.R., District 9

District 10

At our January meeting, we were fortunate to have Amanda from SCWS come and share with us about her role at SCWS (Public Information). I received good feedback from our group reps. We wish we had more time to spend with her, but we have many things going on.

We have our Heart Talk, District 10s' only Fund Raiser which is February 24, at the Quality Inn in Victorville, always a good turnout.

Then we had discussion about the High Desert Convention with Al-Anon participation

By the time we talk about issues that may arise in some groups or questions and each group giving a report on how their meeting is going, our time goes real fast.

We did some public outreach suggested by Loreina C. our Publicity Chairperson sending letters to professionals in the High Desert, not sure of any response from the letters we sent. We are continuing to do public outreach and Amanda gave us some suggestions.

At this time we only have Alateen meetings in Barstow and their rent is very high so we took a group conscience to give them 2 months rent to help them out.

Our meetings are every other month the 4th Wed of the month from 7 to 9pm, held in Victorville at the Methodist Church on La Paz, park in the back, all are welcome.

I feel we have good participation at our District meetings and will continue to encourage our Group Reps to attend Assembly.

I do not know how to use this laptop so I don't want to cut and paste to put this report on a orderly manner, because I don't want to lose all of it. Progress (a lap top) perfection. Much later.

Love to you all, Gail N, District 10 Rep

District 11

No Report.

District 12

Hello. It's my privilege to be the new DR for District 12. Under the leadership of Judith R. who had to step down, and Rosanne S., our IS Chair, we and our information service, Ventura County Intergroup, have been examining the functioning of our two service arms to explore where we can better serve our community. In the past year we have done several outreach projects, held a number of workshops and enjoyed fellowship events. It is our intention to encourage more members to be involved in these events and to reach out to our community in a more productive way. At present, we have Institutions outreach in libraries, treatment centers and halfway houses and we are working on getting into the women's jail. We are using the new outreach magazine to contact professionals through our CPC coordinators, with the District and Intergroup working together.

Last year, we were able to send our Board to PRAASA and we are working to encourage all of our groups to send a GR to the Assemblies. We have 46 meetings in our district and we had over 20 GRs at our last District meeting and 12 attended the last Assembly. It is our hope that we can reach every meeting this year to support their participation in the business of Al-Anon.

Because of all the activity, our funds are down and we are looking for fun and interesting ways to raise funds for more action this year. Let us know what has worked for you. Visit our Information Service website, <http://www.alanonventura.org>

LIS, Lea R, District 12

District 17

District 17 had a great year in 2006! The GR's assisted the DR in attending all of the meetings within our district in order to make a personal appearance to encourage members at each meeting to become GR's. We had a positive response and have had about 12 GR's in attendance at each Area Assembly meeting (which is quite an accomplishment since our district has quite a distance to travel to reach Fullerton).

Our project for 2007 is to work hand-in-hand with Alateen as a means of "attracting" sponsorship. We are inviting Alateens and their sponsors to speak at our individual group meetings on Speaker Nites. Each group meeting has also been passing around a SCAC can so the District can sponsor Alateens to attend their annual Convention.

We received our bookmarks in September and the GR's have been distributing them to the members of their meetings asking them to keep one and use it (since people always look at the bookmark that you set down while reading) and to place another bookmark in a public location.

I am grateful to be here! Thanks for letting me be of service!!
Tarisa (Tari) R, District 17 Representative

District 21

District 21 has continued to focus on Public Outreach. We reordered the "Al Anon Faces Alcoholism" magazine because of the positive feedback we received from our previous distribution. We will be meeting to place stickers on the cover that list the L.A. Central Office Phone number and website. Our Group Reps encouraged our local meetings to give their meeting a name. We did this to make it easier for WSO to direct out-of-towners to our meetings and to have continuity in case a meeting has to move to new location. We began our study of the Service Manual and we sent a donation to our only Alateen/Preteen meeting in order for them to purchase literature.

District 21 rocks, see you all in May!

Holly H-G

District 24

No report.

District 27

There are 80 meetings in District 27 listed in the Los Angeles Meeting Directory, 50 of which have an active WSO group #, and 30 of which have an active GR. Providing a list of meetings with a GR and a separate list of those without a GR at the D27 Alathon in October stimulated several groups to elect a GR. The active GRs continue their outreach to meetings without a GR, talking about the importance of being represented at the Area Group Conscience meetings – the Area Assembly meetings. These GRs also distributed a total of 1000 Crying House Bookmarks and 400 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazines in 2006.

We voted at the September 2006 district meeting to remove the District 27 Alateen Liaison since she was not able to fulfill the commitment. At our November 2006 District meeting, Julie D became the new District 27 Alateen Liaison. She got into action right away!! She led an Alateen Sponsorship Informational Workshop on January 6, discussing what it takes to become an Alateen Sponsor, how to get certified, how to start a meeting, etc. Lee T spoke about the additional Liability Insurance that the Group Representatives voted at the November 2006 Assembly for SCWS to purchase. Several prospective Alateen

Sponsors at this workshop said that having this liability insurance available is encouraging to them and helped their decision to become certified. Several attendees completed their part of the Certification forms, which were forwarded to Susie L right away.

The next District 27 Alateen Sponsorship Informational Workshop is scheduled for Saturday March 3, 1-3pm, at the Westwood U. M. Church, 10497 Wilshire Blvd at Warner Ave., Room 203. This is the same location as our district meetings. Members of any district are welcome to attend this workshop!

At the March district meeting, I will be asking Tim P (the ADR) to become the DR for District 27, with approval from the GRs. My life has changed and I cannot fulfill all of the duties of this commitment to the end of the term.

Thank you for this service opportunity,
Elizabeth K, DR

District 30

Greetings from District 30. I was unable to attend the Committee Meeting on February 17. I have asked clarification on recent request for members to sign up for panels. The same request is being made by our local AFG office. I asked if perhaps the two lists could be blended. As a district, we continue to use the "Crying House" piece of literature for outreach. Lauren S & Susan S have each taken a commitment for 2 panels in our district – thank you ladies for your commitment.

On the District level, we elected Martha Membreno as our Alternate District Rep, who has experience in service beyond the group level. Thank you Martha.

Our fundraiser is on May 5, 2007, at the Church of the Brethren, Pasadena, Altadena & Casa Grande. Please join us as we celebrate Alateen's 50th birthday.

Hugs in Service, Maria L. G, DR 30

District 33

To all, good day from District 33.... I hope this Bulletin finds you all excited for the opportunities that will appear in 2007.

Crazy!!! If you want to be busy and have activities and opportunities, then be willing to say YES. I know that the life I have today is the direct result of the program and its opportunities. I am so very happy that my home group meeting and District 33 were there and active in giving back outside the meeting. So many of those in meetings when I got here, are still here and of service. Wow!!

We recently held a Toolbox on the 4th Step for our District meeting members and were thrilled with the turnout. It was workshop in style and we used the New Blueprint for Progress as the method for the breakout writing sessions. It was done on a Friday night and it was a resounding success, based on feedback, and with over 71 in attendance. As a District, we wanted to make a focus in 2007 of giving back to all our meeting members. How best we felt then through activities that benefit them personally in their recovery. Lucy C., the Alternate District Rep, along with Carolyn F. and Agnes D., put the program together and made it happen. Teamwork.....Service...Giving back. Tools of recovery. No one in District 33 will have to say "Who am I", if they attend the workshops we plan through 2007. It will be up to them to do the work.....but those that want it will have more tools. Together we will travel to self-awareness through the program tools.

Our District involvement in SOS was such fun. Many of our newest District members were in attendance and of service

and that was the best. Simply the best! We cannot drag people into service, but by example they will come. As DR I am to attend Committee meetings, but with a new job, I cannot in February. Opportunity is now available for another District member to be of service to represent District 33! Together we make it happen. In late June we will hold our Annual Alathon. Laureen B leads the committee. Look for the flyer on this fabulous event because the location has CHANGED! The new venue has more parking, a wonderful kitchen and plenty of room for all to enjoy the day's program. It is still in the Glendora area. I look forward to all the exciting news that comes from your District reports...the Committee and its plans and activities coming up throughout the SCWS area's these next months. Keep coming back and we are sure meet you down the road!

Thank you for letting me be of service, Kathy G. DR of District 33

District 36

District 36 had our first meeting of the new year sitting around four tables with a lot of enthusiasm. We talked about SOS, getting Cynthia [Alt DR] and me ready to attend the February business meeting in Fullerton and what goodies we would bring to the business meeting. Hey, now my tummy thinks that's important.

We will have two new GR's starting in February and have a new Alateen meeting on Thursday night from 7:30 to 9:00 at the Triangle Club ~ 1655 Berkeley in Pomona if you're in the area. Our other Alateen meeting is held on Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 at the Pilgrim Church on 600 N. Garey in Pomona which has been around for well over 20 years. There is an Al-Anon and AA meeting in the other rooms.

As you can see, we're ready for a new exciting year. Keep checking this corner of the Bulletin to see what's happening in District 36. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the GR's past and present for all the hard work this past year. It sure made my life easier.

Jay, District Rep for 36

District 39

We always meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 to 8 PM, at our Inland Empire Service Center. We share group problems and how to best help apply our Traditions to be of service. Clarity of the term crosstalk was discussed. Our former DR, Amanda Cole supplied us with this definition developed by the 2003-2005 panel GR's:

"We share our experience, strength, and hope in Al-Anon. Each person has the right to speak without interruption, interference, or cross-talking from others. Cross-talk includes editorial comments, one-liners, giving or asking advice, and other forms of interruption."

Someone asked, "Don't outreach activities conflict with Al-Anon Traditions such as 'Attraction, not Promotion' and 'anonymity?'" We resolved that we cannot help families of Alcoholics, if the public doesn't even know we're here. Most activities are designed to, appropriately, inform people in need of our presence. We never show our faces in the media as Al-Anon Members, including within our own Forum.

We usually study the Concept of the Month using the article from the current issue of the Forum. The best source for personal application of the concept of the month is usually in The Forum. For past year GR's have used the Forum to present

the month's Concept to their groups as one of the GR's weekly reports throughout the month.

This district decided to make OUTREACH a regular GR MEETING Agenda Item. Each GR is encouraging their groups to do outreach projects as often as possible. So far, our individual meetings have donated Alateen literature books to elementary schools middle school and high school libraries and counselors while Al-Anon books have likewise been given to public libraries. Many groups have put Ads in local newspapers. There's an Ad on Kola FM 99.9. Some people have spoken to schools and other public groups upon request. Each GR will be receiving an AL-Anon Outreach folder and book.

District 39 groups and individuals have distributed Al-ANON FACES ALCOHOLISM 2007, WSO'S special outreach magazine, to many creative places. Here is a list of recipients: counselors, school counselors, school nurses, physicians, medical waiting rooms, public libraries, medical facilities, Loma Linda University Medical School and its Behavioral Medicine Center, Mountain Medical Facilities, Church Ministers. Groups in Riverside, Moreno Valley, Redlands, Banning, Beaumont, Blue Jay, Arrowhead, and Big Bear have been hard at work.

We are planning our Day in Al-Anon tentatively for Saturday, August 25, 2007. Look out for our summer fun theme!

Carolyn S, DR

District 40

Hi! My name is Carmie F. I am the newly elected DR for District 40. Mary C. is the ADR. We are looking forward to being of service in our area. In our local directory we have 25 meetings listed; 2 of which are Spanish speaking, and one is Alateen. Today each meeting is either represented by a GR or an individual who is willing to be a contact for the group.

We did something new this year; we created a calendar. Each month has a story of "experience strength and hope" which were sent in anonymously by different members of our fellowship. We tried to get as many things on the calendar as we could of upcoming events. If you would like one, I still have a few left. They cost \$7.00 and all the money we raise goes to support the Service Center. If you would like to get one for next year or would like to have your event listed contact me at District 40 before we do our next printing in the fall

At our Spring Fling we had a great day of fun and fellowship. This fundraiser supports our district with the proceeds going to Public Outreach and other expenses that come up. We were able to send a large donation to the Service Center that was over what we needed for the district.

In the fall we had our 9th annual Alathon. All the proceeds go the Service Center from this event. We had a family from Barstow come share with us. The young pre-Alateen was sure fun to hear and the Alateen gave a very good talk. We had a play which was very funny. The country store, raffles and the quilt which was made by the Hemet Gals brought in a lot of money, so we were able to donate another large sum to the Service Center.

This coming year we hope to get all our GR's excited about coming to the meetings by making them interesting and giving them things to take back to their groups We have our meetings once a month in Sun City at a restaurant. This way we can eat before the meeting; works out great.

We have a new and enthusiastic Public Outreach Chairperson. She has been very busy getting things done.

We have an e-mail address now District_40@yahoo.com. We will continue to study the Traditions, Concepts and use the service manual so we can better understand our wonderful program.

Love in Service, Carmie F. District 40 rep.

District 42

We have located and set-up an office in Palm Desert. Several individuals have made service commitments to staff the office on shifts. We have a meeting room for our monthly G.R./district meetings there also. All our information is available at www.alanoninthedesert.com

Outreach is strong and we are involved in several projects, including an ongoing outreach to a local rehabilitation facility in the form of a meeting on wheels.

Our district group conscience recently decided to make our annual gratitude dinner a non-district event and we will be turning the responsibilities over to a gratitude dinner committee.

We had a great turn out for our annual Heart to Heart event in February!

This is my first report as District Representative. I am looking forward to being of service and the personal growth and experience that being of service will give to me.

Mona B.

District 45

We held our 10th annual Alathon on January 27th – what a blast! We had lots of meetings with topics such as “Sticking With the Steps”, “Keeping the Focus on Ourselves”, “A Loving Higher Power”, and much more. We had loads of chili – some spicy, some not so spicy, vegetarian, chicken, and other variations, along with a scrumptious salad and corn bread on the side. A BIG THANKS to all who participated!

We have a new Alateen meeting in our District on Saturdays. It took awhile to find a location, but it finally got under way. It's on Saturdays from 8:00 to 9:30 PM in Santa Monica at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church. Please spread the word – since it's a new meeting, it can certainly use some support.

At our last District meeting in January, we began a study of the Concepts from our pamphlet “The Concepts: Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret”. I don't know if anyone else enjoyed the discussion but I certainly did. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th. On the agenda is a discussion surrounding the distribution of funds and Public Outreach projects.

Gratefully, Cathy W, District 45 Representative

District 48

Greetings from Dis 48. The District is having its annual literature distribution drive for the month of March. All GR's are taking pamphlets to local schools, libraries, police Departments, medical clinics and other public places.

Along with the CAL we are passing on flyers to invite people to the District's Public Information event which will take place April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at 3401 E. Florence Ave. Huntington Park. Everyone is invited.

Thanks for allowing me to be at service. Love Julia T

District 51

No Report.

District 54

Greetings from your new District 54 Representative Linda L. I am looking forward to doing service at this level. Here's just a bit of what's going on: We're having our annual Alathon on Saturday March 24, 2007 from 9 – 4. There will also be an Alateen Sponsors workshop from 8 – 9. It's in a new location Nativity Catholic Church 1447 Engracia Ave. Torrance, CA 90501.

Our annual South Bay Roundup with Al-Anon and Alateen participation has changed to Memorial Day weekend May 25 – 28, 2007. For more information the hotline number is 310-354-7660 and the website is www.southbayroundup.org.

We have had a hotline that's been going since 1999. We just signed up to keep it going for another 3 years. The number is 310-544-9668.

Our public outreach and library project went well. We gave Alateen literature to middle school counselors in our area to hand out if they saw a need. We also gave Al-Anon literature to our local libraries with a letter explaining who we are and what we strive to do.

We also donated literature to an Al-Anon panel that goes to a woman's recovery home once a month to the family meeting. This is the only meeting and exposure some of these families have to Al-Anon.

I also want to thank Roxanne S. for her words of encouragement that I could do this, and to those who are willing to help me with this commitment.

Love in service, Linda L DR 54

District 57

We held our last District meeting on Saturday, February 4. We continue to build participation and grow in service together. At the meeting we elected a new Treasurer, Carol R. I want to thank both Carol R and our outgoing Treasurer, Patty D for willingness to serve at the District level.

We were able to obtain reprint permission from WSO to publish excerpts from the “When I Got Busy, I Got Better” pamphlet in our new quarterly service bulletin. We celebrated the first publication of the District 57 “*Celebrate Your Recovery with Service Bulletin*” at our last District meeting. Our purpose is to educate and encourage our group members on the benefits of being of service.

Our first public outreach campaign is under way! We have distributed Al-Anon bookmarks to our groups to “forget” on March 4 to celebrate Lois's birthday. We also added a round table discussion to our District Meeting to discuss and resolve group issues. We are all learning together as we use our Service Manuals to find solutions. At our next District meeting we will begin working toward planning our first Alathon.

I want to thank all our District 57 GRs for their continuing service and welcome our new GRs to our District! I am so grateful for this opportunity to be of service!

Adrienne K, District Representative

District 60

Hello everyone, I'm the new District Representative for District 60. We've been an active District up to this point and I don't expect that to change. It is, however, a new term for most of us, so we'll be learning our jobs as we go and there may be some initial fumbles.

We still have to elect District Officers; we need a Secretary and a Hospitality Chairperson. Our Alternate District Representative is Sheffra W, and our Treasurer is Carol M.

Our first District meeting of this term is next Friday the 23rd 7:30 PM at the Brea Congregational Church, West of the Brea Mall on Imperial Highway. We'll be electing the remaining officers and getting acquainted, come join us.

Love in Service, Truck S

District 63

We have selected Public Outreach as our project again this year and have ordered bookmarks and Public outreach publications to distribute to Police and Fire Departments, doctor offices and we'll be setting up a panel to visit school districts.

We currently have 43 meetings in the district and have added four new GR's to make a total of 25. My goal as DR again this year is to go to all meetings that do not have a GR and talk about service and its importance to our program.

We have some meetings in the district that have asked that a 2nd. Basket is passed for 7th. Tradition and the funds be earmarked for SCAC and the Alateen program, one meeting has raised over \$300 for SCAC in 6 months.

We still need a District Alateen coordinator, and are looking forward to filling this position before our next meeting in April.

A big Thank You to all for your encouragement and the opportunity to be of service.

Chuck B District 63

District 64 (en español)

Hola como estan todos?

El Distrito 64 saluda a todos ustedes, y tengo el privilegio de informarles que el distrito esta creciendo cada dia mas, el entusiasmo y cooperacion de los R.Gs me emociona enormemente, ahoramismo estan trabajando en los regalos amorosos que mandaremos a la Conferencia este ano (Muchas gracias a todos ellos). Tambien estamos recaudando fondos para festejar nuestro 15vo Aniversario en Junio 2/2007. El motivo de esta celebracion es de dar a conocer mas el distrito y sus funciones con la comunidad de habla hispana. Para el 17 de Marzo tendremos nuestro primer taller de este ano sobre el estudio de las Tradiciones 1-2 y 3, que se llevara a cabo en el area de San Fernando. El 4 de Marzo, aniversario del nacimiento de nuestra Co-fundadora Lois W. varios grupos estaran participando, donando folletos y "olvidandolos" en algun lugar publico en su memoria. En Marzo 18 visitaremos por segunda vez los grupos del area de Holtville y El Centro Ca. Con la cordinadora de I.P. y la Delegada Mary M.

Gracias por darme la oportunidad de servir.

Rosalba R Distrito 64.

District 64 (en ingles)

Hello, how is everyone? District 64 greets everyone. I have the privilege to inform you that our District is growing each day. The enthusiasm and willingness from the GRs inspire me big time. At this moment we are making Love Gifts that will be sent to the Conference. Thanks everyone for your help! Also we are doing a fund raiser for our District's Anniversary on June 2, 2007. The motive to celebrate is to share the District functions with our Spanish groups. March 17, we will have our first workshop on Al-Anon Traditions 1, 2 and 3. It will be in the San Fernando Area. On March 4th, the birthday of our Co-founder Lois W. some groups will participate, donating pamphlets "forgetting" them in several public places in her memory.

On March 18, for the second time we'll be visiting groups from the Holtville and El Centro, Ca, area.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Rosalba R, DR for D64.

District 66

Our last district meeting held on Sat Feb. 3 was well attended and productive. Our outreach to the Orange county Jail System is operational. The Outreach Committee is pursuing additional avenues of exposure for the program.

Regarding our "Magnetic Meeting" program, Hal P. facilitated a lively discussion on Sponsorship. The feeling is our meetings will improve in relationship to the amount and quality of sponsorship in the district. It became evident there is confusion on the topic. In preparation for the discussion, several people (mostly with good time in the program) were asked for a description of sponsorship. All had completely and many opposing viewpoints on the subject. So, a new emphasis on quality sponsorship was encouraged. This could be by renewed interest in the printed materials on the subject and a focus on presenting sponsorship in light of the CAL publications. In addition to the terrific brochure on the subject, there are numerous references regarding sponsorship all through our literature. In addition, where appropriate, gentle accountability for obtaining a sponsor may be helpful, especially if the member is considering greater areas of responsibility in service.

To help this effort, the district will be formulating a sponsorship workshop to be offered countywide before the end of 2007.

Alateens continue to be a focal point of the district. We will be providing significant scholarship money to Alateens for attending SCAC this summer. All the adults were encouraged to attend SCAC this year and to carry the message back to their individual meetings.

We will be hosting two VIPs at our next two district meetings: Miriam (past delegate) will speak to us in April and Mary (current delegate) will speak to us in June right after her return from the World Service Conference.

The district is growing. Much of the growth is south of the 405 / 5 Y... we have secured a new meeting location in Lake Forrest (central to the district) to better serve our new meetings, effective in June. However, our next district meeting in April will be at our current location in Newport Beach.

Respectfully submitted, Garry L District 66

District 69

No Report.

District 72

Hello from District 72 and welcome to 2007. The District had a productive 2006 and we are looking forward to the same for 2007. We have identified three objectives for 2007; increase Alateen presence in our District, increase Group participation at the District level and participate in/co-host a Sponsorship Workshop for Districts 69, 72 and 75.

We will be inviting all the District's registered Alateen Sponsors, District Alateen Liaisons and the San Diego Service Board Alateen Chairperson to our February Distinct Meeting to discuss all aspects of the Alateen Program in District 72. Our purpose is to increase the number of Alateen meetings and increase the involvement of our Sponsors. Two Alateen Meetings dropped out in 2006, including one Spanish speaking. We want to replace these meetings and add a few more.

Outreach projects begun last year will continue and we hope to have more Groups involved in their local Communities. Groups have been encouraged to take advantage of the re-

issuing of the magazine "Al-Anon Face Alcoholism". We are working on our Long Timers Tea for early June. A Committee has been formed and they already are hard at work. This is an annual event which has been very successful in the past. We will keep the Area advised. At this time, a preliminary decision was made to substitute the previously mentioned Sponsor Workshop for our Fall Service Forum in October. More discussion to take place later.

After the very productive November Assembly, we are looking forward to this years' agenda. With help from our Higher Powers we will hope for new, pertinent and appropriate issues to address.

Bernie S, District Rep, District 72

District 75

Dear friends in the program, District 75 has gone through some big changes in the last couple of months, mainly due to the fact that it was our District's turn for a three-year rotation and many of our GRs completed their terms. In addition, officers were also turning over. So, we did experience some FEAR, false evidence appearing real, that things might fall apart in our district. This was not the case at all. All we needed to do was trust the process.

We have five new GRs and a new Alateen liaison, Kathy A. Kathy has been working as an Alateen sponsor for the last couple of years for a La Jolla meeting. When I asked if she would be willing to take the Alateen liaison position, she agreed to give it some thought. She came to our first District meeting of the year, and she felt very comfortable and welcomed by the group. So, Kathy decided to join both as a GR and Alateen liaison. We are all very thrilled about this.

Carmen is the new GR for the Wed. Mind Your Own Business meeting, and Susan will be the GR for the Friday Fireside meeting. Kathy is a GR for the University City Lunch Bunch, and Roxanne is the latest GR for the San Carlos Step Study 101 Friday 7PM. Finally, I am the new GR for the Point Loma Willingness to Change Wed night meeting.

One exciting thing that's going on in our district is our continued enthusiasm for and implementation of our outreach project this year. We are contributing books to San Diego libraries, high schools and the military. For the libraries, we are contributing "Courage to Be Me" Alateen book to 35 branch libraries in San Diego. Then we are contributing pamphlets to 25 high schools in San Diego County through school counselors. Kathy Austin, our new Alateen liaison, is planning to go and speak to the counselors about Alateen.

Finally, we are pursuing outreach to military families. Apparently Al-anon no longer has a folder which says specifically for military anymore, so we will distribute packets in a plain folder which says for newcomers. It has 2 or 3 fewer pamphlets than the regular newcomer packet. Our military contact will take all 75 packets and distribute to Substance Abuse Rx program and to Family Counseling program at 32nd.Street Naval base. In all we will be spending \$650 on outreach this year.

So we are doing well in District 75, thrilled to have new GRs and to continue our wonderful community outreach.

Love in Service, Louise

District 78 No report (no DR).

PRAASA Report

Report From the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) held March 2-4, 2007, Portland, Oregon.

I arrived in Portland after long day of travel, specifically two cancelled flights, long waits and lots of Friday night traffic getting from the airport to the hotel. It was around 40 degrees and raining when I got to the headquarters hotel for the AA activities. This is where registration was taking place and I had to go there first in order to pick up my badge and paperwork. The Al-Anon HQ hotel was across the street and was the venue for all of the Al-Anon meetings and fortunately that was where I was staying. The Al-Anon activity for Friday night was a roundtable for GRs. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend that meeting due to the extension of my schedule.

Most of the Al-Anon attendees were from Oregon but there was representation from Utah, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, Northern California and a few from Southern California. Bob L. was in the area on a speaking engagement and came, the Vice Chair from Los Angeles Intergroup Board attended as well as a few individuals. And me. (Actually Miriam M. was going to come as well, but became ill and wasn't able to go.)

Saturday morning, however, we were off. The first panel's topic was "Acting Your Way to New Thinking." Panel members shared about Service Sponsorship, Public Outreach and Living in the Solution Through Service.

The next was a participation meeting entitled "Just Get in the Car." Attendees shared about ways they were introduced to service. Much discussion came from deaf and hearing-impaired AA members who were interested in learning more about Al-Anon but were hampered due to the lack of ASL translation. These members were allowed to share. Also discussed was the difficulty in starting Alateen meetings due to lack of participation by the kids. Is the problem lack of trust?

Zelda R., Board of Trustees member and Treasurer from Nebraska was scheduled to be the luncheon speaker but was not able to be there due to weather. Cathy, former Northern California Delegate who now resides in Oregon, substituted for her and told her story of service.

The afternoon Panel #2 was called "Charging Your Batteries." Ways to do that include Conference Approved Literature, Finding Solutions Through the Traditions and Let it Begin With Me. Attendees were then invited to share their service experience.

The AA Banquet was Saturday evening back at the AA HQ hotel.

Sunday morning, the program concluded with a participation meeting and Ask It Basket session followed by a speaker. Many of the AIB questions were very basic and have been asked at our Area meetings a number of times. I jotted down the questions asked, which were answered by past delegates: Explain Intergroups. Is a dual member an Al-Anon who also belongs to AA or OA, NA, etc. also? What is the purpose of PRAASA? Why do we affiliate and cooperate with AA? (Interesting, the past delegate answering this question did not

clarify that Al-Anon does not affiliate with AA.) What is the age requirement of Alateen? Can you close a meeting with the Lord's Prayer? Who can be a GR? Can the Area Information Service office close a meeting? What is an Area?

Sunday March 4th (Lois W.'s birthday) featured cake and the reminder to "forget" a piece of Al-Anon literature somewhere in hopes that someone who needs or wants the program will find it.

The 2008 PRAASA will be held in Anchorage, Alaska.

I found the weekend most interesting and want to share a few observations with you. I was particularly struck with the **separation** of AA and Al-Anon here. Although the committees must have communicated in the planning, it was as if these were two separate conferences, not a sharing of ideas, not cooperation. Al-Anon members were allowed to sit in on certain of the AA Roundtable meetings (only those marked with an asterisk in the program) and were not allowed to share. We could observe them but not participate in any way. Hospitality and literature were separate. There was very little Al-Anon presence in the HQ hotel at all although the Al-Anon Luncheon was held there. Unless I missed it, there were no "delegations" from any Area, however, there was substantial attendance by the Oregon members and those from nearby Washington communities who were a wonderful support for the event. Meetings, although interesting and informative, were more generic rather than having sessions geared toward specific service positions.

Although I strongly believe there is value in having our Area represented, and I think we should always be, I do not think it would have been of value to send all of our officers and 1/3 of the SCWS Board here. Thank you to the voting members of SCWS Area for allowing for change in its policy of wide-scale attendance at PRAASA.

Love in Service, Sandie E, Alternate Delegate

Sharing of Service Reports

Exploring the Service Manual 9:15 workshop **Cindy R.**

First I want to thank Elizabeth K for asking me to be of service in this area. And a big thank you to my friend Marcia W. for acting as secretary and her minutes of the workshop below. Time went too fast as we did not get to go through all the proposed questions but the enthusiasm from all that attended was great. You are the ones that made this happen.

Q1. *A member insists on giving gifts to the speakers attending her group's anniversary celebration. The gifts will be purchased with the group's funds. Is the OK?*

A1. pg 79: Payment for Speaking – In keeping with the Eighth Tradition, Al-Anon speakers are reimbursed for expenses only. When a member is speaking to an outside organization, the speaker may suggest funds in excess of expenses be used by the organization for the purchase of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) for distribution by the organization as an educational service.

Q2. *When it comes to 12th Step work – how do we help insure that we are ATTRACTING and NOT PROMOTING?*

A2. pg 90: definitions of these terms:

to attract: to draw by other than physical influence; to invite; to draw to; to cause to approach

to promote: to push forward; to further advance, as in a business venture (implies "hard sell," advancement for profit)

Q3. *Are there any rules or guidelines governing the hiring of baby sitters at meetings?*

A3. pg 79 Baby-Sitters – Some meetings are attended by members who must bring children. Using group funds or taking a special collection to pay for a baby-sitter at the meetings is within a group's autonomy. Paying for this type of service does not violate Traditions, since avoiding disruption of a meeting benefits the group as a whole.

Q4. *Is it acceptable to promote and utilize the 3rd and 7th Step prayers? Are these Al-Anon approved?*

A4. pg 84: Use of Material – To keep Al-Anon's message in focus, it is suggested that only Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature and Al-Anon/Alateen service tools be displayed, distributed, and used at Al-Anon and Alateen meetings, conferences and conventions. These items reflect an informed group conscience. Conference Approved Literature provides a unified view of Al-Anon/Alateen to professionals, other individuals, and outside agencies.

Exploring the Service Manual 10:20 workshop **Tarisa R.**

The 10:20 Workshop on the Service Manual at SOS 2007 worked on 20 questions but we only had time to complete the following with responses. Some of these responses are quite similar to those entered into the Bulletins while others are completely different. Page numbers refer to the Service Manual.

Q1. *What are acceptable fundraising items and what items break Al-Anon Policies?*

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 78-79**

Group funds are used for group purposes not for personal gifts. Contributions to any outside agency, activity, or program are to be made from group funds which are to be used for Al-Anon/Alateen purposes only. Al-Anon Speakers are reimbursed for expenses only.

Acceptable items include Collections at District meetings, potluck, raffling (use Spiritual and Program items for raffle baskets). Items not acceptable: jewelry and trinkets not program related may divert us from our primary purpose. Outside Contributions: WSO does not provide lists of supplies for articles associated with fellowship (i.e., plaques, jewelry). WSO also does not stock or offer program related items.

**** Nov 2005 and Nov 2006 Bulletin Responses: Pgs 75, 77**

Fund raising activities such as potluck suppers, dances, or other social events are considered only within the fellowship and in agreement with the groups directly involved. Commercialism should be avoided thus donations should not be such that permit publicity to any company or individual. Suggested donations are: Al-Anon/Alateen literature, forum subscriptions, and hand-crafted items not displaying any logos. Services at a commercial establishment promote commercialism (e.g. a massage, yoga lessons, dance lessons, etc.).

Q2. Dual Members (members of both Al-Anon and AA) are not allowed to fulfill all service positions. What positions are they allowed to fill and why are they not allowed to serve in the other positions?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pg 69**

They may not fulfill service positions beyond the group level because of the unique nature of each program. Positions beyond the group level could lead to positions at WS Conference. The need to focus on Al-Anon/Alateen could lead to conflict.

**** Nov 2006 and May 2006 Bulletin Responses: Pg 70**

Because of the unique nature of both programs, dual members do not hold office beyond the group level since these positions lead to membership in the World Service Conference. The need to focus on the Al-Anon program, and the possibility of a conflict of interest at Assembly and World Service levels, led the WSC to its decision not to seat dual members. This policy was developed in 1967 at a meeting between Al-Anon and AA regarding Guidelines for Separation of AA and Al-Anon and was originally suggested by Bill W. Any member who is not also a member of AA is eligible to hold service positions at any level.

Q3. What should I do when a "trusted servant" insists on sharing their opinions in meetings rather than just reporting the facts about group conscience issues?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 173, 132, 11, Concept Four**

Pg 173 - Concept 9: Bill W's Leadership Quote

Pg 132 - last line

Pg 11 - Tradition 2

Concept Four - What do I do?

**** May 2005 Bulletin Response: Pg 163**

Concept Five mentions "minority opinions". You can also speak to the trusted servant about your personal discomfort.

Q4. Are there any rules or guidelines governing the hiring of babysitters at meetings?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pg 79**

Babysitters

**** Nov 2006 Bulletin Response: Pg 79**

Some meetings are attended by members who must bring children. Using group funds or taking a special collection to pay for a babysitter at the meetings is within the group's autonomy. Paying for this service does not violate the Traditions since avoiding the disruption of the meeting benefits the group as a whole.

Q5. How do we encourage people to take group service commitments and make our recovery attractive to newcomers?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pg 50, Concept Four**

Helpful ideas for group growth participation of members in group activities is important. Bring refreshments. "Participation is the key to Harmony." If I am enthusiastic about being a part of, it will carry over to the newcomers.

**** Nov 2006 Bulletin Response: No page listed**

Share the personal joy in recovery that service brings. Bring new people along with you. Be an example of service as a way of giving back to the program. Be enthusiastic. Be positive.

Q6. When working the 12th Step, what can we do to help insure that we are not breaking the 11th Tradition and are "attracting" rather than "promoting"?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 69, 90**

The 12th Step suggests that part of our recovery is sharing our experiences, strengths, and hopes. The 11th Tradition reminds us that our actions above all are what speaks the loudest. Keeping our opinions (like Religions) separate from our program in the 12th Step when sharing is avoiding an obstacle to our success as well as those we share with. Refer to: Step 12, Tradition 11, Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon, Paths to Recovery, and Al-Anon 12 & 12.

**** Nov 2006 Bulletin Response: Pg 90**

Definitions are provided for "attract" and "promote". Attract - to draw by other than physical influence, to invite, to draw to cause approach. Promote - to push forward, to further advance, as in a business venture (implies "hard sell" or "advancement for profit").

Q7. Is the "Lord's Prayer" an acceptable closing prayer at an Al-Anon meeting?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pg 74**

Yes. The closing in the Service Manual says, "Will all who care to join me in closing with (blank) prayer? Close the meeting in a manner agreeable to the Group Conscience."

**** Feb 2006 Bulletin response: Pg 47**

It is suggested that the groups close in a manner that is agreeable to the group conscience. Some groups close with the Serenity Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or the Al-Anon Declaration.

Q8. Is it acceptable to promote and utilize the 3rd and 7th Step prayers in an Al-Anon meeting? Is it acceptable to use the AA Big Book as a reference in our meetings?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 85-86, 90**

Pgs 85-86: "All AA Literature....."

Pg 90: promote - "to push forward."

It is important to let Al-Anon members know that we are referring to AA literature and prayers when we reference the 3rd & 7th Step prayers.

**** Nov 2006 and May 2006 Bulletin Responses: Pgs 84-86**

No. These prayers are not Al-Anon approved because they come from AA literature. To keep Al-Anon's message in focus, it is suggested that only Al-Anon CAL and service tools be displayed, distributed, and used at Al-Anon meetings. It is well to remember that all AA literature is written for and from the viewpoint of alcoholics and is not Al-Anon CAL. Reliance on opinions expressed in AA and other publications can distort the Al-Anon approach, particularly for the newcomer. It is breaking Traditions to promote the sale of outside literature, therefore, by promoting the AA Big Book we are not self-supporting.

Q9. My meeting has been passing around an AA can for contributions to support an AA fundraiser. Does this break Traditions and, if so, what is my responsibility as a GR?

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 46, 51, 78, 100**

Yes. It violates Tradition 7. See the last and second to the last paragraph on page 46 and Professional Therapies page 100. Page 78 "Refrain from....."

**** Nov 2006 Bulletin Response: Pg 100**

It is not appropriate to participate in AA fundraising during a meeting as it implies affiliation. This can be confusing for the newcomer and can distract members from our Al-Anon focus. Outside the meeting, individuals may contribute if they wish. Publicizing other organizations' activities creates an appearance of affiliation. As Al-Anon members, we cooperate with AA but do not affiliate with them. As a GR, it is your responsibility to inform your group of this information by citing references from the Service Manual.

Q10. *Can a GR be absent for 6 months and then come back and still consider themselves the GR?*

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 124, 132, 171**

Pg 124: If the GR resigns or proves to be inactive, the alternate completes the term and may then be elected for a three year term of his/her own.

Pg 132: ...from the home group....

Pg 171 - Concept Nine: The principle of turning over a position when unable to complete their term.

**** May 2006 Bulletin Response: Pgs 124, 171**

Part of the GR's responsibility is to represent their group at the District Meeting as well as the Area level. IF the GR is not attending these meetings and/or bringing information back to the group, then the GR is not keeping up with the most basic of the responsibilities to the group. If the GR resigns or proves to be inactive, the Alternate GR completes the term, however, such a decision is up to the autonomy of the group.

Q11. *How much program time is required as an Al-Anon member in order to be eligible to fulfill the service positions of a GR and Alternate GR?*

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 132-133, 172**

Pgs 132 and bottom of pg 133 - Read from the Service Manual
Pg 172 - Concept Nine

**** May 2006 Bulletin Response: Pgs 132-135**

There is no designated amount of time. It is suggested that the GR has an understanding of the 12 Steps and Traditions. The GR is a vital link in the continuing function, growth, and unity of Al-Anon. The Alternate GR is elected to cover for the GR if they cannot attend a particular function, therefore, they have the same requirements as the GR.

Q12. *A professional therapist has been attending our Al-Anon meeting and then AFTERWARD is soliciting to newcomers. Is this acceptable since it is not occurring during the meeting?*

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 100, 78**

No. Read from the Service Manual

**** Feb 2006 Bulletin Response: Pgs 98, 100**

Tradition 6 states that there be no promotion or endorsement of any outside therapies. Tradition 8 states that Al-Anon 12th Step work should remain forever nonprofessional. Individuals who are professionals should not use their titles in conjunction with the Al-Anon name. A group conscience or steering committee should decide the best way to handle this. It can be read in the Secretary's report or even be included in the Group's Guidelines that this behavior is not allowed or acceptable.

Q13. *How do I know when I have crossed the boundary between "sponsorship" and "dictatorship"?*

*** SOS 2007 Response: Pgs 59, 49**

Page 59 - Personal Sponsorship addresses both personal and services.

Page 49 has two paragraphs on Sponsorship.

**** Feb 2006 Bulletin Response: Pg 59**

A sponsor shares their experience, strength, and hope of the Al-Anon program. Al-Anon members learn that they are powerless over alcohol (people, places, things, etc), not to practice being powerful over others. Our fellowship can be affected if dominance becomes pervasive.

Exploring the Service Manual 11:25 workshop **June Louise.**

The topic was introduced by session leader, June Louise (filling in for Carol B.).

She had questions prepared and participants in the workshop looked in the Service Manual to find the answers. Some of the questions were:

Why do we try to use the Al-Anon concepts in our daily lives? Answer on page 153

What is Anonymity in Al-Anon? Answers: Anonymity outside Al-Anon protected by 11 & 12 Traditions. Can be sure everything said in meetings will be held in confidence. Not reveal what we've heard to anyone.

What is a liaison member? Answer page 109. Can only vote in SCWS if they are also a Group Representative

Who can sponsor Alateen group? Page 31, 55, 68. Dual members may sponsor Alateen. Should be 2 sponsors at each meeting.

Who can be a Group Representative (GR)? Pg 69, 70. Not members of AA. Have knowledge of Al-Anon principles.

Where is the "Charter" that is mentioned in Concept 12? Answer page 45 & 143.

Share questions and answers from the Service Manual in your group meeting.

Sharing of Service Reports, cont

Conference Summary 9:15 workshop **Hester B.**

The workshop began by reviewing the Table of Contents for the annual World Service Conference Summary. Every group should review this Summary of what took place at the annual World Service Conference (WSC). It is available for the cost of shipping (about \$3). The night before the WSC begins, all

delegates get together for a session called Sharing Area Highlights and for Clearing the Air.

Also included are:

Who is seated at WSC (delegates are always the majority)

Voting procedure decisions

Budget

Reports from Committees

Breakout sessions

Real Property Ownership Committee Report

Knowledge Based Decision Making process

Policy committee (many motions come from committees)

Selected Committees (meet in Breakout sessions)

Individual delegates can also bring motions

RSS committee reports

List of motions

Chosen Agenda Item discussions

Outgoing Delegate's personal sharings

on the enormous joy I have received and continue to receive from participating in Al-Anon Institution and Public Outreach service.

Our meeting was attended by people well experienced in this area of Al-Anon service and others new to this and enthusiastically looking for insight and opportunities to get involved.

Shirley M., our Institutions Action Committee Coordinator, added new names to her interest list. She also gave welcome ideas of opportunities available and how to get involved.

Amanda C., our Public Outreach Action Committee Coordinator, brought an abundance of literature to be used for Twelfth Step service. She also had a sign-up calendar for our World Service Table Display.

A small sample list and order number of some of the literature that is useful in Public Outreach and Institution service is as follows:

1. Members Interested in Speaking #G-1
2. Al-Anon/Alateen Public Outreach Service #G-10
3. The Best of Public Outreach #P-90
4. Outreach Bookmark #M-76
5. Prescription Al-Anon (pads)
6. Al-Anon Telephone Referral Card (Rolodex) #M-46
7. An Open Letter to Spiritual Leaders #OS-1
8. An Open Letter to Doctors #OD-2
9. An Open Letter to a Lawyer #OL-3
10. An Open Letter to the Police #OP-4
11. An Open Letter to My Teacher #OT-5
12. Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.

For more ideas, feedback and information on this area of service, talk to other members who have had experience and discover or re-discover the wealth of information in our hardcover CAL books.

The places available for leaving Al-Anon literature to be found later or to personally deliver is only as limited as your own thoughts. There were suggestions of some obvious places such as professional offices (doctors, dentists, lawyers, therapists, clergy, educators, etc.). The yellow pages of local phone directories can lead to places that may need and desire an Al-Anon Institution Panel to come in on a regular basis. Ads in local newspapers can make it known where to find local meetings and/or a local intergroup office. Someone suggested leaving a small piece of literature (pamphlet) in a grocery cart for the next person to discover. The list is seemingly endless.

Our 2006 World Service Conference Summary has a wonderful list of ideas in the Chosen Agenda Item No. 3 column on page 39.

Each of you continues to inspire me and fill my life with meaning. Thank you.

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

Love in service, Robin J - Public Action Committee Chair

Trusted Servants 10:20 Workshop,

Cynthia S.

The workshop began by reading Tradition 2 and other literature that refers to "trusted servants."

Sharing included:

Rotation of leadership helps newcomers get involved.

Group Conscience keeps meeting strong and healthy.

When term is finished, if no one volunteers, let go and put the key down and someone will pick it up.

Rotation – growth for all.

"I decided. Look what I did." But, we're not the expert. Move on for self and other's recovery.

Lack of understanding to be a servant, come into it anxiously, over extend self.

Healthy guidelines to follow.

Allow others to do what they will do.

Keeping a better perspective.

Be available, shape my world.

Service sponsor kept me coming back.

Ready to walk away when commitment is up, always someone else's turn.

Don't have to rush to make a decision, give time to express ideas.

Giving others a chance (home, meeting, etc.).

Letting God take charge.

Refer to the Concept pamphlet.

Lead by my practice (making it applicable to everyday life).

What can I learn from this?

Ways to be of service without a specific title or position: sharing, greeting, cake, etc.

Doesn't have to be done perfectly.

Share experience, strength and hope.

Sense of responsibility, knowledge.

Trust in a Higher Power.

Be enthusiastic – spiritual rather than task.

Every voice counts.

Institutions 11:25 workshop

Robin J.

SOS Institutions & Public Outreach: An Abundance of life-changing opportunities in Twelfth Step Work

The SOS workshop was a time for me, personally, to reflect

Sharing of Service

Reports, cont

Alateen Sponsorship workshop, 9:15

Lisa B. and Bart S.

W. Covina Alateen meeting has 4 sponsors, 2 at any one time. There is a rotation. Always need 2 sponsors in a meeting.

How young? As young as 4 years old, as long as the child is not disruptive.

Suggestion to assign child to feel comfortable: in W. Covina they have a tool called "Happy & Crappy." They go around the room and say what they are happy about.

One guideline for their meetings: It's important to respect each other. No one can criticize each other. For example, a child talks about his purple elephant.

Suggested meeting format: Start meeting with opening prayer to bring in the Higher Power. Read a daily reading out of one of the Alateen daily readers.

A great ice breaker is charades – they are all able to participate.

If there aren't enough sponsors, then one sponsor might be a parent – but kids generally won't talk if a parent is a sponsor. Kids need a safe place where they can share.

Kids need to set up and run their own meeting.

Alateens at West Covina meeting have God cans instead of God boxes. The message is "God can." They end up giving someone their can.

What about when parents drop off kids early and don't pick up their child on time after the meeting? The Sponsor is not there to be babysitting. Parents are responsible before and after the meeting. When a child is not picked up, both Sponsors have to drive him/her home. It's suggested that Sponsors arrive 15 minutes early to meet the parents. Parents should not just drop their child off. Sponsors should set boundaries.

To attract Sponsors, have Alateens share at Al-Anon meeting. Preteen shares are very emotional. You can ask for an Alateen panel to speak at Al-Anon meetings. Call Daniel K., the SCWS Alateen Coordinator (listed in the SCWS Bulletin), or call your Central Office. Also, an Alateen meeting could have an open house.

District 33 invites Alateens and their sponsors to District meetings. District 33 invited a young brother and sister to their District meeting. The brother read the Steps and the sister read from the ADAT (Alateen A Day At a Time).

Alateens need guidance and need to be stimulated. Charades with slogans is great.

Kids have a lot of issues with males, which is why male Sponsors are so important for their growth.

Are you thinking of becoming a Sponsor? Don't short-change yourself if you don't have children. That's not a requirement for Sponsorship.

Subscribe to "Alateen Talks", a quarterly newsletter. The Alateen writings are powerful. You could read from it an Al-Anon meetings to attract new Sponsors. Where do you learn about sponsoring an Alateen meeting? Attend the SCWS

Alateen Sponsor Workshop, Saturday April 14 here at the Senior Center, 10am-2pm.

Alateen Sponsorship workshop, 10:20

Yolanda W., Rosa A., and JR D.

Yolanda described how she became an Alateen Sponsor and talked about the difference between Alateen and "Alatots" (not an official term). There is value in having separate meetings, and also in combining meetings when attendance is low. There is great value to the individual sponsor. Challenges to being a sponsor: persistence, distance, appreciated?, drivers, attendance varies, keeping the doors open.

Rosa: We Need Sponsors!!! Rosa is the sponsor for a bilingual group. 2 meetings closed last year. Let us all be responsible for passing the message that We Need Sponsors. One person cannot bring the message to everyone. In talking about "where I was", Rosa said she didn't speak English AT ALL!! But she heard "Service!!!" Peace was given to her. She started Al-Anon with anger, which led her to peace, which brought her to Service, and that is where she is now.

Years ago, her (Rosa's) kids didn't want to go. She made the point that fear prevents action. The children made suggestions to get sponsors. The group took a group conscience and found a sponsor.

The Alateen Sponsor needs support, but the Sponsor also needs to be healthy mentally and physically.

Kids need encouragement. They learn so fast and they need creative things to do. In her Alateen group, they created memorabilia, created bookmarks, created and laminated the Serenity Prayer in Spanish. The Alateens are hungry for love and need a Sponsor in order to have a meeting. They cannot have a meeting without an Alateen Sponsor.

Rosa shared that in Mexico, people study for one week to prepare. Maybe we need that kind of sponsorship workshop here too, with one week of study.

JR grew up in Alateen program. At age 14, he "was hogtied" and came to Alateen kicking and screaming. Later "my mom came kicking and screaming to Al-Anon and I encouraged her!!" The hardest part for him was transitioning from Alateen to Al-Anon. JR's mom was an Alateen sponsor for that meeting. His mom went to a school and they were looking for a Sponsor. JR helped at that time, and now it's 14 years later and he still is here. He met so many people in Alateen and associated with so many people in Alateen that he would not normally have associated with. JR says he still has his own insecurities.

This year JR is the SCAC Coordinator (Southern California Alateen Conference). Last year he slept in his car – never again!!

What do the Alateens need? Be there!! Care!!

For the first 5-6 years, JR says he couldn't get recognition, but when he let go, then he realized how valuable his Alateen work is/was. He is a Co-Sponsor for SCAC. There are misconceptions about Alateens – that they all smoke, etc. We get to see the Alateens as they really are when we are of Service to the Alateens.

It's so important to keep Alateen alive. Being able to attend their meeting every week is the best situation, but if that is not possible and the two sponsors alternate every two weeks, at least that will keep their meetings going. I am a big part of my

kids' lives (the Alateens). It is important to them that I am there consistently.

Unity week...

We celebrate birthdays every year for each group. There is sharing, birthday cake, etc. They create memorabilia, the Sponsors serve food (pizza and salad) to the Alateens. The Alateens love being served by the Sponsors.

Some tools to get the Alateens to share what's going on with them: Happies & Crappies, 2 for one, etc.

JR has had one suicide in his group. ...are we going to focus on one person lost, or on how many we can affect positively? When in doubt, remember that God must be everywhere and we can only do what we can do.

Alateen Sponsorship workshop11:25

Sarah C. and Willie W

Opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Willie – how he became an Alateen Sponsor. It happened at a meeting in the San Fernando Valley. A couple he sponsored asked him at that meeting if he could be an Alateen Sponsor, so he asked his own sponsor about the idea and his sponsor said he should do it. The people he has asked for guidance have not been wrong. Originally he came into Al-Anon to help with his then-wife's drinking. Kay and Mark sponsored him and took him to SCAC fundraisers. His indoctrination was helping at SCAC conference. While in the rooms of Al-Anon and Alateen, he remarried and his new wife had children in Alateen.

Life today is a direct response to being an Alateen Sponsor and that his sponsor told him it's something he could do. The shame of giving a child up in adoption was healed by being an Alateen Sponsor. We ourselves are helped when we receive unconditional love from the children because we are being of service to the children. We become close to the parents as well.

At one time there was talk about rotation of leadership – to limit the amount of time someone could be an Alateen Sponsor, but the consistency and unconditional love form a consistent bond of trust.

Willie's family background ... the men in his family lived only till their early 50's. At a recent reunion, he is now the eldest. Life has evolved – life, wife, family, mother-in-law, Alateens that still call him Sponsor. Graduations, elation, life is full. He has seen young kids grow into older young adults. He has been a part of helping and has played different roles with young men becoming parents. He has found worth and value in being in the Alateen Program. He is grateful!!!! He has been in a Jewish wedding – one Alateen Sponsee now is a pharmacist and his wife is a stay-at-home mom. "Alateen has done more for me than I have done for it."

Sarah listed to a young man (16 years old) speak at an Al-Anon meeting. He inspired her – he knew where he was going and she knew she wanted her children to be in Alateen. Suggest to your meeting's program chair to have an Alateen speak at your meeting.

It was Sarah's idea that he children go to Alateen, not their idea. "You guys are going." He little one was hanging onto a tree trunk when 8 or 9 or 10. Sarah took them because she knew what she saw from that 16-year-old.

Alateen is like taking a vaccine – they cried and didn't like it, but it is necessary for health. All 4 of Sarah's children went

for varying lengths of time. Her daughter said that she learned in Alateen why Dad drank and why Mom stayed with him. All her kids went, and they now are in their 40s. They have a unified family. None of her kids are users or abusers but are married to untreated... They all are raising their children much better and with stability.

Ruthie told her "you will be such a good Sponsor." Meetings are like a clown wagon – you never know how many kids are coming out. Sarah participated with Alateens at conventions, Al-Anon meetings and Alateen meetings.

The main things her children learned are that we are not alone, alcoholism is a disease, not to be hateful, understand that it's a disease and what are the symptoms of the disease. After her kids "graduated" from the Alateen group, a lady asked her to Sponsor because she knew all about it. Sarah did not want to be a sponsor because a previous experience had not worked out.

Being an Alateen Sponsor is doing Service work for Service work's sake. It is a commitment to the Alateens, and it is not a place to find your own inner child.

Al-Anon needs to support Alateen. Sarah did it because no one else was showing up. Lots of her sponsees stay in touch. One who hasn't had the best of boyfriends still calls her. Another sponsee is in college and Sarah can give her encouragement even if the parents cannot.

Don't judge a book by its cover! Kids that had no discipline have grown up to be a doctor with a wife and children.

You make great friends in Alateen, among the other Sponsors and among the Alateens.

When you go to the Alateen camp, you don't sleep, you get dirty, you get crabby, and the kids still give you unconditional love. You know they love you for the inside, not for the outside. Sarah can see beyond the outside.

Gifts Sarah has learned: real meaning of the Traditions, Unity of the group, interfacing with others, seeing past the obvious. Sarah learned from a small child Ruthie, who would go up to unapproachable people and give them love.

In Alateen sponsorship, you never know after driving to the meeting how many kids will be there. Once there were 2 girls at a meeting who shared so much of what they had gone through. They felt comfortable sharing, and they were survivors.

It is a difficult time to be a teenager today. They live in a rough world. They need a pat on the back and for us to acknowledge and appreciate them. They need attention and encouragement – that they don't get at home. The kids grow up to be better parents, go to college, thrive.

To be a Sponsor: be familiar with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, bring the key to the meeting (open the door), know how to appeal to kids on a reasonable level and not get hysterical. Sarah learned how to stand up for herself by standing up for the Alateens.

Meetings close when no one will sponsor. Need to have 2 Sponsors per meeting.

Sarah feels that she cannot begin to tell you how rewarding it is. The Alateens just need someone to encourage them and acknowledge them. You don't have to accept unacceptable

behavior, just like any Al-Anon meeting. There is literature about sponsorship.

Meetings close because of lack of sponsors, not lack of kids wanting it. A lot of Al-Anons don't support Alateen because of denial about how their own children were raised.

Q&A:

What if we have Sponsors but don't have Teens? Sarah: try taking The Forum and other Alateen literature to the schools. Willie: I sponsored because of my sponsor, and the sponsor encouraging parents to have the kids attend a certain amount of meetings. Sarah: Alateen Sponsors should encourage their Sponsees to be of Service – hearing an Alateen speak at Al-Anon meetings will encourage sponsorship.

Some schools have successful Alateen meetings. Are any school districts able to allow meetings? Willie: School districts are mandatory reporters, so there is a question of being able to maintain Anonymity.

Sharing of Service

Reports, cont

When it goes Awry: Al-Anon Sponsorship, Meeting formats, etc. 9:15 workshop

Miriam M.

Sharing of Service (SOS) Workshop: When it goes Awry: Al-Anon Sponsorship, Meeting formats, etc. (9:15 AM session)

The topic was introduced by session leader, Miriam M. She said that our area, Southern California World Service (SCWS), submitted a question for discussion at the World Service Conference (WSC). The question was, "In what ways can we support and/or protect those members affected by the increasing number of high-pressure groups (Dictatorship rather than Sponsorship)?" Because this issue is also affecting other areas in the US and Canada, the Conference (WSC) members voted to discuss this at WSC as a "Chosen Agenda Item."

Copies of the resulting discussion at WSC were distributed from the 2005 and 2006 World Service Conference Summary (2005 page 41 and 2006 pages 37-39). In addition, a copy of the Jan 2006 Forum sharing on sponsorship that felt like dictatorship was also made available (pages 26-29). The sharing exposed cult-like control. Al-Anon reminds us that we are powerless over others and we need to behave in that way in our sponsorship too. Step 12 tells us to carry the message, and there is a difference between carrying the message and giving advice. In "Paths to Recovery" pg 120 it says, "12th Step work may have tempted us to give advice or over-manage another person's situation."

Discussion included:

We are responsible for our own recovery and need to take care of ourselves.

Encourage those (all) meetings to get GR.

Lead a meeting on the 3-As. Awareness, talk about the problem of domination, Acceptance and embrace the fellowship as a whole.

Today may be our awareness. Good not to deny a problem we've had for years.

Questioned if members in cult meetings are allowed to go to service functions (like SOS) – response that local members

have been very active in SCWS service (reminder not to use names and to keep discussion today to principles above personalities).

Controlling groups pressure members to stay within their group and not mingle.

Someone present at today's workshop said she has sponsored members who have left those groups and encourages us to share experience, strength and hope with those members without judgment.

Someone today suggested that the only way to get rid of a cult is to join it.

Someone at today's workshop said that she knows members in high-pressure groups that have grown, each group is autonomous.

During meetings, formats should be read from the Service Manual.

Read lots of literature.

Remind newcomers that there are no musts in Al-Anon.

Take what you like and leave the rest.

Concept 4 our deep desire to belong motivates members in high-pressure groups.

Good to talk about the existence of high-pressure groups to build awareness, not denial.

Dictatorship rather than sponsorship affects Al-Anon as a whole.

Sponsors use tools of the program and not their own opinion.

Add to Sponsorship pamphlet that we keep name (identity) of our sponsor anonymous (confidential).

Use of AA prayer in Al-Anon meetings. Not conference approved but group autonomy.

Sponsorship pamphlet (bookmark) being worked on by World Service Office (WSO).

When it goes Awry: Al-Anon Sponsorship, Meeting formats, etc. 10:20 workshop

Robin B.

This is a topic that stirs passion for many of us. What comes with knowledge is responsibility. We are here today to talk about the "elephants in or living rooms."

This will be a discussion of the mechanics of high pressure groups, not about the individuals. Al-Anon can be diluted without practicing the principles. There are no must's or should's or have to's in Al-Anon, yet these groups teach that there are.

Here are some sharings from members who got away from a high pressure group:

First Sharer. Courage is needed to talk about this topic. I wanted strong service ties, which this group encouraged. But this group begins with a seduction ... a loving invitation, friends seemingly in abundance. One of the problems that developed is that the amount of money given by a person for 7th Tradition donations (supposed to be private) were posed on a master board. Another problem is that when people stood in line to get their food, they had to stand in line in the order of length of time in the program. Despite all the reasons that finally drove me to leaving that group, there was some good in my having been there – I learned how to get a commitment and how to keep it.

Second sharer. Principles above personalities. Thanks to all those where are here to share the Al-Anon Principle in such abundance. Things didn't seem right in the group so I

called Al-Anon Central Office in LA for help. They said that there is no oversight of groups and each group is responsible for following Steps, Traditions and Concepts. What she heard is that she wasn't going to get help. Someone even told her group that I had called the office to complain and that point was made public in the meeting, humiliating her. It seems like it should be easy to leave those controlling meetings, but it is no. What can we do to help those members caught up in controlling meetings? Talk to them. Go and visit their meetings.

Third sharer. After 20 years I left a controlling group. SCWS can continue to welcome members still in those group to all our functions and events. That is the Al-Anon message; welcome and give hope. We do not all get here as "well" people. Character defects in groups can grow and thrive. We need to remember to show that the World Wide Fellowship is here for every single one of us.

Fourth sharer. The program in this group is diluted so much that many people leaving have no concept of the true Al-Anon program. There is no unconditional love and acceptance was not available without strings attached, ever.

Fifth sharer. I had a sponsor in my first group. After 4 I met up with a controlling group and was there for 5 years. Al-Anon Fellowship is Worldwide get in this group I was made to feel wrong to go outside these meetings. I was not encouraged to grow through outreach to make new friends to share and grow with on my journey.

Collectively they shared on Sponsorship. We find them as we go to meetings. In these groups sponsor are chosen, "shopped," you might say. Your sponsor chooses you. We are all a family, all of us.

Others in the workshop shared.

Sponsorship, what is the middle ground? Giving advice was expected. Told to call at certain times and go to specific meetings.

Courage, we are all here because we're not all there. To have knowledge is to have responsibility. A person does not run this program, it is God. Learning how to stand on our own feet with the love and support of people on the same journey is our message. Healing wounds.

The experience of those that were in this group and their being in our SCWS Area lent itself to have this topic in our SOS workshop. Knowledge, hearing direct experience today allows for a candor not known to all.

Having knowledge and not doing anything for a long time. It is just time. The message of what Al-Anon is for all of us to carry and use ourselves.

Three obstacles says not to gossip.

Concepts say every person in the minority has a right to be heard.

Often I have been a volunteer. Suffering is optional.

When I feel the group is going awry, I ask God to muster up the courage for me to say what I feel.

Opportunity abounds for us to help one another. Practice the principles each and every one. We must be diligent ourselves.

All of us here are fabulous. It is working to go outside the group.

Those that go (away from controlling groups) first have the responsibility to reach back and pull with them those that follow.

We must reach out. Nationwide, the number of meetings are not growing. What can each of us do? Put our hand out and welcome oldtimers and beginners.

When it goes Awry: Using Conference Approved Literature (CAL) & High Pressure Groups/Pyramid Sponsors. 11:25 workshop

Amanda C

The meeting began with the Serenity Prayer.

The group discussed briefly the need to use Conference Approved Literature (CAL). We played the game "telephone" to illustrate the need for using the same literature. The members whispered from person-to-person the phrase as they heard it to the next member. The phrase that started was "I love eating pizza with sausage, pepperoni, and anchovies." What the last person heard and repeated to the group was "

We next went onto High Pressure Groups/Pyramid Sponsors. A brief description was given about what a High Pressure Group/Pyramid Sponsorship might look like. The first two sessions had distributed the Forum Article *I Felt Abandoned* and the Conference summaries from 2005 and 2006 sharing about these groups. Some had also shared their personal experiences.

We wanted to make sure that members don't feel that meetings have an "us" and "them" feeling to them. Awareness, Acceptance and Action are our responsibilities as members.

The following tools were brought up for members to share with each other and to take back to their groups:

—Place the Sponsorship pamphlet in all newcomer packets. It is not currently part of the newcomer packet.

—Use the "Three Obstacles to Success" as a reading at the meeting.

—Do a "Group Inventory"

—In the meeting format, state to newcomers to try Al-Anon for six months, if they are still not happy, we'll refund their misery.

—Encourage use of the phone list.

—Promote participation at the business meetings.

—Encourage newcomers read Al-Anon literature.

—Welcome newcomers and make sure we welcome those from High Pressure groups.

—Encourage dual members to read the Al-Anon Spoken Here pamphlet.

—Once a member volunteers for service above the group level, welcome them by making

—Offer hugs/handshakes.

—When something doesn't sound right to you, speak up.

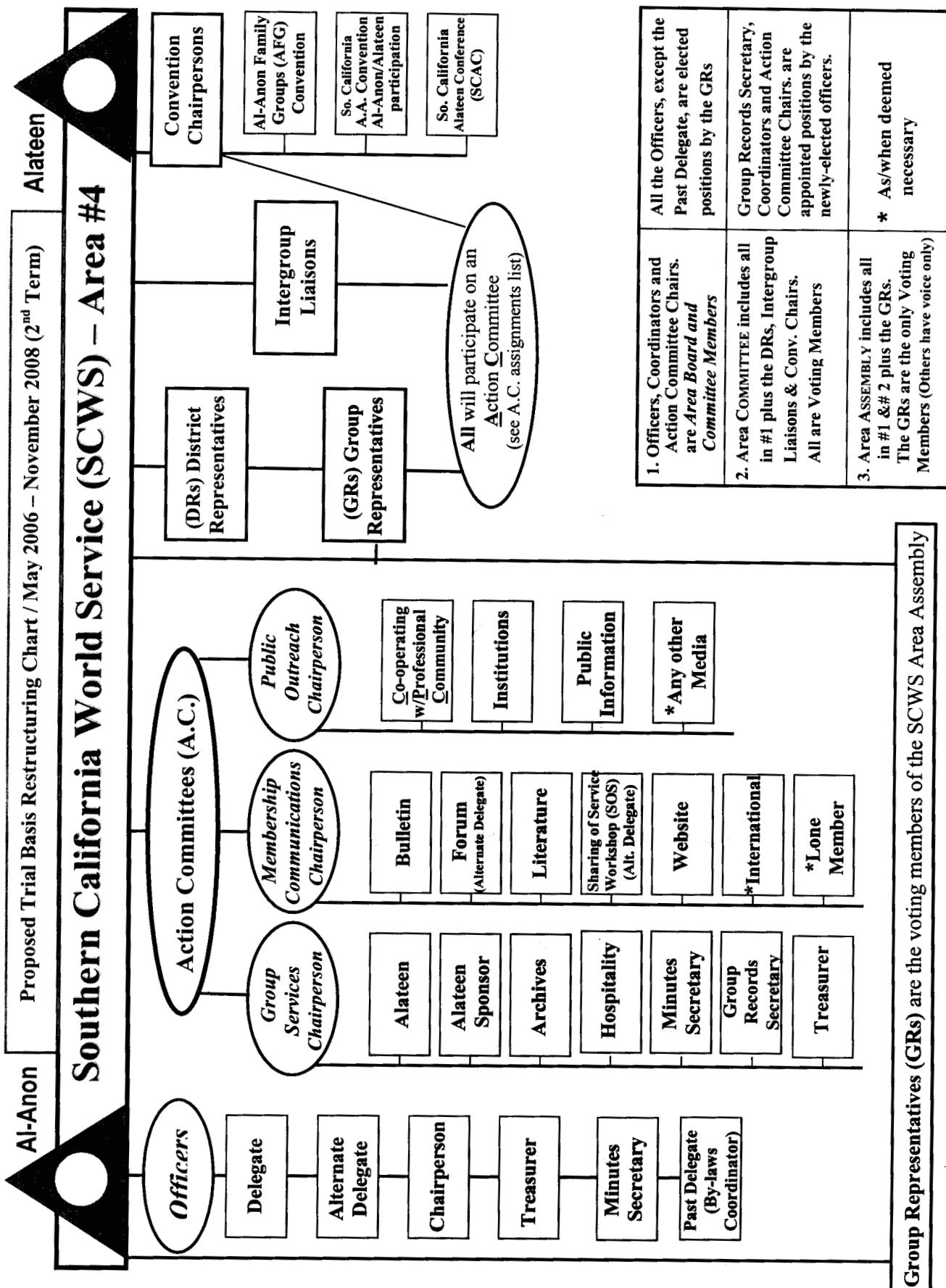
—Own your own power as an Al-Anon member.

—Have your group own a copy of the current Service Manual, read and refer to it.

—Put a quarter and your name in a can, pass around your meeting until you have \$11 saved then draw from the can to have a Forum subscription winner.

—Make sure groups do weekly reading of the Steps and Traditions.

The workshop then closed the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration.



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SCWS Group Registration

***for Alateen changes, please use separate Alateen form, found on SCWS website*

New Registration? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure If Registered Date _____

WSO ID# _____

District # _____

Area 04

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(circle all

that apply)

☐ Meeting Day

☐ Meeting Time

☐ Meeting Location

☐ Disbanded Meeting

Meeting Information

Group Name _____

Meeting Day Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa

Meeting Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Meeting Location _____ City/Zip _____

Current Mailing Address (CMA) -- All group mail will be sent to this address

Name _____ This person is the: ☐ GR ☐ Alt.GR ☐
Contact _____

Street/PO Box _____

City/Zip _____

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(name not available right now).....			22	1982-1984
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Acronyms used in Al-Anon/Alateen

AFG - Al-Anon Family Group(s)	NPIC - National Public Information Canada
AIB - Ask It Basket	PFA - Publications Francaises Al-Anon (Canada)
AIS - Al-Anon Information Service	PI - Public Information
AWSA - Area World Service Assembly	PO - Public Outreach
AWSC - Area World Service Committee	PSA - Public Service Announcement
CAL - Conference Approved Literature	RSS - Regional Service Seminar
CAT - Conference Approved Tapes	RT - Regional Trustee
CMA - Current Mailing Address	SCAC - Southern California Alateen Conference
CPC - Cooperating with the Professional Community	SCWS - Southern California World Service
DR - District Representative	SOS - Sharing Of Service
GR - Group Representative (WS)	SWRDM - Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting
GSO - General Service Office (Countries other than U.S. & Canada)	SWRSS - Southwest Region Service Seminar
H & I - Hospitals & Institutions	SWRT - Southwest Regional Trustee
IAGSM - International Al-Anon General Service Meeting	TAL - Trustee At Large
IR / ISR - Intergroup Representative / Information Service Rep.	WS - World Service
LDC - Literature Distribution Center	WSC - World Service Conference
LRSP - Long Range Study Panel	WSO - World Service Office

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Group Representatives
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VOTE

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Rotation Plan for Districts

Motion from November 1974, revised 8/97

Panel A: 3, 8 (new), 11 (new), 12, 21, 27, 30, 39, 54, 57, 63, 72 (12 districts)

Panel B: 6, 24, 33, 40 (new), 42, 51, 60, 75, 78 (9 districts)

Panel C: 9, 10, 17 (new), 36, 45, 48, 64 (new), 66, 69 (9 districts)

The Districts elect a new DR at the end of the year prior to the start of its new 3-year term.

Panel A -- Elect new DR for term starting 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009 (This term coincides with the newly elected SCWS Delegate's and Board's 3-year term.)

Panel B -- Elect new DR for term starting 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010.

Panel C -- Elect new DR for term starting 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011.

As of 2006 six new Districts have been formed since this was voted on in 1974 -- that's progress!

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From Districts
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