

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 February 2007 Committee Meeting
(*Please read them prior to the 8/18/07 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 – SCAAC Committee fundraiser

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

Concepts read by: _____ District # _____

Hospitality Report: MaryLou V – Host Districts for 11/17 Assembly meeting

1:15 - 2:30 p.m. Break-out Sessions - Please be Prompt

Action Committees:

Group Services – Meeting Hall

Membership Communications – Craft Room

Note: New Bulletin Coordinator needed

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.

2.

New Business

1. (determined at Board meeting but not sent to Bulletin Coordinator)
- 2.

• Convention Chairpersons' Reports

AFG Convention 2008 – Jeremy O

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

So-Cal. Alateen Conf. 2008 (SCAC) – Ben A

• 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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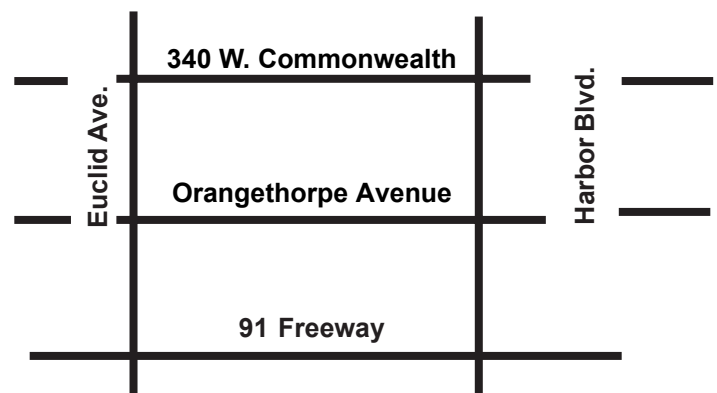
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Calendar of Events

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

October xx – 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. SCWS Area **ALATEEN SPONSOR WORKSHOP** All Al-Anon members welcome

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 – 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 20 – SCWS Area SOS (Sharing of Service)

February 16 - SCWS Area Committee Meeting

April 4 - 6 World Service Conference, attended by Delegates and other Conference members

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.

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NOTE: For **contributions and Bulletin subscriptions**, please see page 31.

For **Group Representative (GR) changes and/or address updates** please see page 30.

Officers' Reports

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Delegate

New thinking! New Energy! and Abundant Outlook. Nuevas ideas – Nueva energia – Innumerable posibilidades!

What an incredible experience this 2nd Conference has been for me! Once again I cannot express the gratitude and awe that having the position of Delegate has given me. It is an honor beyond measure and my life, my thinking; my attitude will always be more significant due to this experience.

Thanks to all those Districts that sent "Love Gifts", they were a big hit. I really appreciated all the cards and notes from all of you. District 40 sent homemade white and dark chocolate butterflies that were quickly "gobbled" up. District 64 sent some great yarn pins and the Ventura area sent wonderful beaded key rings. **(SHOW)** Thanks to District 39 for helping assemble the votive candles with the Conference theme on them! I had some special gifts made for most of our Trustees and some staff and they really were happy to receive them. I gave Ric one of our pins from this year's AFG Convention. It is so wonderful to have such caring, giving people in our Area. Once again I have brought back many love gifts from other Areas to share with all of you.

They are on the back counter; please help yourself to one or two. I also have a binder of pictures and items that you might like to look through.

I would like to start with our "Rules" presentation. By now most of you are familiar with this but we will show it on the screen again for all of you to see and "use". **(PPT)**

In the interest of shared leadership, I will be giving information I received at the WSC to other members of the Board to share throughout the day. I hope you find this more exciting and interesting and that it helps to spread the enthusiasm that I felt at the Conference.

I have a PowerPoint presentation on **KBDM** that I would like to share briefly with you. (Knowledge Based Decision Making). I have handouts for all of you today regarding this process. Not everything will be in this format, we have to be flexible and use good judgment. The four essential elements for this process are:

1. Open communication between leadership and membership (talk to each other, reason things out).
2. Dialogue before deliberation. This is the opposite of Robert's Rules; we are able to discuss the information, questions and concerns before constructing a motion. Quite often thru discussion we really don't even need a motion, many times all we need is the discussion.

3. All decision makers will have common access to full information.

This can be confusing. Sometimes all members think they should have access to all information, whether they are part of the decision making body or not, we might think sometimes that everyone needs it too. However, Concept 4 "Participation is the Key to Harmony" does not say that all are invited to participate, only if it is our role as part of the decision making body, so we are better prepared to be a part of the discussion. With this comes trust.

4. We exist in a Culture of Trust. This principle is one of the first we experience when doing Al-Anon service. A belief that none of us would do anything, knowingly, to hurt Al-Anon. Our spiritual principles are applied to the decision making process.

PRESUME GOODWILL!!

Most all of the motions at the Conference were discussed prior to vote and we reached substantial unanimity on all of them. Several were our usual motions re seating, budget, etc. These were all presented in the form of a motion and voted on. Others that needed to be framed and discussed were done in the KBDM manner.

Whenever a motion was made to change the descriptive text (**Motion 7**) as in the Concepts text and the Service Manual (**Motion 10**), we had substantial discussion not only in the assigned committee meetings but also on the Conference floor. **Motion 12** was carried by a show of hands "To approve a major change to the book, "How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics (*B-22)" to move the Concepts to a prominent position in this book and **Motion 13** to add brief descriptions of the personal applications of each Tradition and Concept.

Motion 14 was the direct result of the Delegates getting together and presenting this motion re approval of the Alateen Traditions as written on page 43 and 44 of the Service Manual with the only change to text in Tradition Eleven from "TV and Films" to "Films and TV." **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALATEEN, YOU HAVE CONFERENCE APPROVED TRADITIONS AS WRITTEN! In addition, Sandie, our Alternate Delegate has a presentation from the Conference, which is a challenge for all of us!**

One of the workshops discussed pyramid sponsorship. These are some of the comments:

Causes divisiveness. We need to protect our good name. No terms as babies, pigeons.

We should follow our legacies. WSO received two anonymous letters from persons afraid to give their name. Refer to pages 114-115 in the manual. Also Concepts 6, 7, 9 and Warranties 2 & 4. Al-Anon does not give advice, no idolization. We need to be concerned and protect from dilution. It is our responsibility to protect from infiltration. It also compromises the safety of members, pg. 197 of the manual violation of the Traditions; they are out-of-order. The principle is being distorted diverting from our spiritual aim. We need to strengthen our structure. We could pass out Bill and Lois' sponsorship talks. Refer to the Conference Summary from 1967, Sponsorship-what is and isn't. Use people with experience to pick speakers for your events. "Pushing against gives them more power." Find the solution in Al-Anon family groups not in pyramid sponsorship. LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.

We were presented with three Big Questions one each for the first three days of the Conference. They were:

1. How do we create a future that is more responsive to the diverse needs of Al-Anon Family Groups?
2. How can Al-Anon, formed by Traditionalist and re-energized by Baby Boomers apply new thinking, new energy and abundant outlook so that Gen X-ers and Millennials (Gen Y) will feel welcomed by us, and will want to join Al-Anon?
3. How can we maximize our abundant resources throughout the Al-Anon Family Groups structure allowing for flexibility in meeting the needs of our fellowship at every level?

Hope these new ideas will stretch beyond where we are; we need to start where we are and look to the future.

We will handout a Big Question sheet to each of you so you can come up with a Big Idea for the end of the day using the question you have from one of the above. We will try, if we have time, to read over some of them later this afternoon, if not they will be published in the Bulletin. Remember, "Big Thinking" is like a kaleidoscope, ever changing but all the same parts, each beautiful. **(Share from the mic some of these near end of the day)**

I brought back several other Areas' newsletters to give to our Bulletin Editor to look over. Also, I have one events calendar produced by the Minnesota So. Area, which might be something for us to think about and perhaps produce one of our own.

Once again WSO has produced a new PSA (public service announcement) and we are happy to show this to you today. Amanda, our PI Coordinator, once again will be giving copies of this to all of you that would like it. **Amanda will show the new PSA.**

I do have a copy of the new budget for 2007 and the 2006 Financial Statement. If anyone is interested, please see me during the lunch break. The WSO would like to remind all of you that as of this year taxpayers will be required to have a receipt for each cash contribution on their US income tax returns. The other item addressed by the WSO was the use of work e-mail addresses. If it is a work address, the WSO as well as our Area assumes that the employer has approved of the use of company e-mail for personal business. If not, then the Al-Anon member should not provide that address to anyone as it could lead to discipline or termination which could be far more serious for some than the issue of breach of anonymity. Each of us needs to consider this fact as well as whether it is a good idea to use our full names in e-mail addresses whether on a work computer or not, before providing it to other Al-Anon members or any service arm, including the WSO.

We set a goal at the 2006 Conference to see an increase in our participation on the WSO websites. Overall we had a sizable increase to all web sites. The WSO is still looking for sharings from all of us on the **eCAL** site, especially with different types of media; please think about submitting animation, music, etc to the site.

I also have some forms for the U.S. NWRSS in Minot, North Dakota. Several of our service Board members have chosen to go to this RSS since we will not be having one in our area. Martha M went to the U.S. SERSS in Charleston and she will be reporting on her experience there sometime today. There will be Board members attending Assemblies in other Areas of the Southwest Region also. They will include Northern California, Arizona, Colorado and Nevada. Not having a RSS

(Regional Service Seminar) for our Region has given this great opportunity to our service Board. There were some new ideas at the Conference as to whether to continue having RSS' or look into some other ideas, i.e., having WSO Trustees and employees come to our Area Assemblies as this might reach more members, just something to think about.

I was in Virginia Beach a few days early and my husband and I took a tour of the WSO. Joe, in Archives was so helpful and he gave us a copy of Lois' letter from May, 1951 asking for ideas and suggestions as to what to call ourselves and whether to adopt the AA 12 Steps. He also gave us the timeline for the first two years (from May, 1951 to February, 1953). For those of you interested in seeing these I have them at the back of the room in a binder near the "Love Gifts."

This year was the election of a new Chairperson of the Board. I am happy to report that Zelda R, who has been our Treasurer these past 3 years, was given substantial unanimity by the Conference and then elected by the Board of Trustees as their Chair.

Cynthia H, whom many of you know, is retiring this year. Cynthia has been Associate Director of Member Services-Conference, she has done an amazing job and her untiring ability will be greatly missed. I, for one, will miss all the communications and tireless answers to questions that she has provided to me over the past two years. I especially will miss her friendship and willingness to be of service. Her replacement will be Suzanne M who has been with the WSO for the past 10 years.

Finally, I would like to report on the 2013 International bid. Our Assembly voted to put in a bid for Anaheim and that we would be willing to provide enough support, 100 or more people to help with this international. I met with the Anaheim Convention Bureau person in March and they in turn, had their east coast representative meet with me to give our presentation on Friday, April 28th, the day after the Conference. We presented with the idea for the theme **"WORLDWIDE RECOVERY: AL-ANON/ALATEEN IN 2013"**. The presentation went fairly well, but the AV equipment that the WSO provided did not work well with her laptop, but she was able to show her CD on Anaheim but not the Power point presentation, by that time it was in God's hands not ours. The selection committee had us wait in the hallway after our **10 minute** presentation in case they had any questions after discussion. Some of the other Areas were called back in when it was their turn so we hoped we would be also. However, the rep had to leave to catch a plane to DC and so I waited. I was called back in and some questions were asked, for instance "What about the other conventions in your area?" I told them they didn't have to worry about other conventions and that perhaps the issue would be whether or not I had my annual 4th of July party at my house with 200 people and a band and I said I was willing to not have the party and could assure them of 200 people at the International (just joking!). It went well and I answered a few more questions and then my time was up. I am happy to report that **WE** have been chosen as one of the top three sites!!! In August this year, a Site Selection Committee will be visiting us here in Anaheim, as well as Denver, CO. and Vancouver, BC. The results will be decided at the October Board of Trustees meeting. I am truly excited that we were chosen!

When I was Delegate a few short months I came across this saying and it has inspired me every day:

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"I pray that I may have a listening ear, so that God may speak to me. I pray that I may have a waiting heart, so that God may come to me."

My Higher Power has opened my heart to be ready for all that this program has to offer.

Love in Service, Mary M, Panel 46, CA (S)

Alternate Delegate

What a great Assembly we had in May! The day was packed with lots of information and lots of participation.

The Forum—We did not have time to conduct the *Forum* drawing because of the business at hand, and so I had an unbiased 3rd party draw SIX WINNERS. They are: Judy P from Costa Mesa, Carolyn F from Azusa, Lisann G from Hidden Hills, Irene C from Glendora, Leticia C from Indio, and Kathy G from Chino Hills. Congratulations to all and thank everyone who contributed to the drawing. We also offered the chance for you to fill out an order form and subscribe on your own. Many of you chose this option and these subscription orders will be processed soon. Also, you should know that the cost of the Forum subscription has gone from \$10 to \$11.

SHARING OF SERVICE (SOS) WORKSHOP—Hold the date of January 19, 2008 for this annual event. It will be held at the Fullerton Senior Center that third Saturday in January. Registration forms will be ready for the August Committee meeting and the November Assembly. This will be a very informative and valuable event to attend.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ORIENTATION: I look at this commitment as a privilege, but more than that, it's an opportunity to serve the fellowship. I remember being a nervous Group Representative (GR). I remember being a nervous District Representative (DR) hoping I was "doing it right". I had questions and not a whole lot of answers and the orientation helped me find the resources that I needed. The next DR Orientation will be at 9 a.m. before our August Committee meeting. The Area Records Secretary and the Area Treasurer will make brief presentations and we will have time to address your questions and concerns. Even though you attended our first one in February, please join us.

Ask it Basket: We also did not have time to respond to the 25 or so Ask It Basket questions during the May Assembly

but they will all be answered in this copy of our Bulletin. Thanks to those of you who helped me answer some of the questions.

Please know that your board is here to help you. Don't be afraid to ask.

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

Past Delegate

The Service Manual says that the purpose of the Assembly is to elect a delegate and to receive and distribute reports on area and world service affairs. Hence, to communicate. Therefore, we need to find out how Southern California World Service (SCWS) can best do that.

We are mid-way through our 3-year trial of restructuring SCWS into 3 ACTION committees set up to meet during the Assembly. One of the committees, Public Outreach (PO), shares ideas on projects to help attract families and friends of alcoholics to attend the meetings in our communities.

Today, our other 2 committees are combined. Their missions statements include: to encourage participation and enthusiasm for carrying the service message in a timely and informative way and to create interaction between the groups, SCWS, and the World Service Office (WSO). Today, these 2 committees will jointly discuss options to find what could be the best way for SCWS to communicate between Assemblies. Is it by mail with our blue Bulletin, by mail with a short letter, postings on our Web site:

scws-al-anon.org, by email sent directly to you, by phone, in person at District meetings, some combination, or something else?

The board members are your trusted servants and we want to know how we can best serve you. Today we'll listen to your ideas and encourage your participation and enthusiasm for carrying the message.

Miriam M, Immediate Past Delegate

Chair

No report.

Love In Service, David B, Area Chairman

Minutes of Area Assembly Meeting

Minutes Secretary

Minutes of Area Committee Meeting – 5/19/2007

David, the Chairperson, opened the meeting at approximately 10:05 am. Trish (D30) read the Traditions. David stated that we would roughly follow the agenda as printed in Feb 2007 Bulletin. Most of the morning will be spent on the Delegate's report, followed by a preview of old business and new business before lunch. Action committees will be grouped a little differently today, basically because we lost an action committee chairperson and due to the similarity of mission statements and goals. Group Services and Member Communications have been combined. Public Outreach remains the same. Alateens will serve lunch promptly at 12:30.

This panel has been challenging mainly because of the high volume of turnover. We are in need of a new Alateen Sponsor Coordinator - someone who has substantial time as an Alateen sponsor. Please talk to David today if anyone who is present is interested. If not, please make the announcement at your groups. It's a **fearless and daunting commitment**, as well as **MOST rewarding**. This position is responsible for conducting the Alateen workshops for the Area, visiting and speaking at Districts around the Area, etc. This position does **not** include the responsibility of processing the paperwork involved in the certification process. This is the responsibility of the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), a position which is also open. The AAPP duties, are currently being backfilled by Sandie, our Alternate Delegate, until we can get this position filled. Thank you, Sandie for stepping up to the plate. Please announce the need for someone to fill this position too.

Treasurer Report: See the Bulletin for a complete report, including the Profit & Loss statement for the 1st quarter of 2007.

Delegate's Report: See the Bulletin for a complete report. Mary brought back love gifts from the Conference, please be sure to look over them and take what you want. Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) was used at the Conference. A handout describing the process was available for those in attendance. Mary went over some slides describing the process. New bookmark on sponsorship should be available by summer.

Sandie provided briefing about a "warm fuzzies" project in relation to Alateen.

A skit was presented by various members – the same skit that was done at the Conference pertaining to generating new ideas "outside" the box to address various generations and getting all to feel welcomed in Al-Anon.

Amanda provided the briefing about the new PSAs. Last year there were paid actors involved in the PSAs, and WSO received some "concerned" feedback on this practice. This year the PSAs have been done a little differently – the series is called "sketches". We were able to view a couple of the PSAs. If you're interested in getting copies of these PSAs, email Amanda with an address and she will order and send them.

Mary proposed the following theme (which may or may not be selected): "Worldwide recovery, Al-Anon, Alateen in 2013", for the 2013 International Convention. We submitted a bid for Anaheim, which has been chosen as one of the top three sites. In August 2007, the selection committee will travel to Anaheim, Denver and Vancouver to make their final selection. The final decision should be made at the October board meeting.

Alternate Delegate: See the Bulletin for a complete report. The premium for our new liability insurance is about \$3500/year. Our current provider will refund us for the unused portion of the prepayment. The new insurance company requires background checks. I have looked into another company to do the background checks, as there was a lot of concern voiced that the company we were previously considering required SSN. A form will be emailed or mailed to every certified sponsor. These forms **MUST BE RETURNED TO SANDIE BY JUNE 15**. This is a hard deadline because we have 60 days from the time the insurance is in force in which to complete the background checks on approximately 400 people. Name, current address, maiden name, all aliases, DOB, place of birth

and cities you've lived in for the past 5 years. SSN is optional. The background company provides an on-line database that subscribes to the national crime and sex offender database. Cost is \$10/person, billed to the Area and paid by the Area. Sandie will be doing the checks against the database; therefore she will be the only person who has access to the personal information provided on the forms. The data will not be passed from one board member to another. No opt-out option. Forms are not ready today but will be on the website. If you are a current sponsor you will get this form via email.

Laurie requested that once Sandie conducts background checks, the SSN be blacked out on the form for those who optionally filled it in. Sandie stated that she would comply with this request.

Marlene asked if these forms should go directly to Sandie, and wanted to know what role the DR or District Alateen Liaison played in this process. Sandie stated that since the goal is to have the least amount of people involved in handling this personal information, forms will go directly to the Alateen sponsors from Sandie and should be returned directly to Sandie.

Brad (D27) asked how this fit in with our Tradition of anonymity. Response was that within the fellowship we are not anonymous. Names and other information are not going outside of our group. This has been discussed several times at previous Assemblies.

Kay asked what was covered for certified sponsors. Sandie stated that she did not have the exact information with her. This was also covered at previous Assemblies.

Bernadette (D63) offered assistance if anomalies found, such as two people with the same SSN, etc. She previously worked for an identity theft company.

Someone asked if they could opt to give just the last 4-digits of SSN. Response – anything will assist. SSN is not required but if you list the last 4 digits, it would certainly assist with the background check.

Heidi (D24) asked if this activity superseded our previous vote regarding the Alateen Safety Requirements. Response: No. The Safety Requirements has words to the effect that "...a background check may be necessary..."

Holly (D21) stated that June 15 is 3 weeks away. Not confident that forms will be returned in time. Can hard copies be mailed and marked URGENT? What happens if not done by June 15? Response: Those who don't have email addresses will receive copy of form via US mail. On second thought, Sandie will send hard copy to all with self-addressed, postage paid envelope.

Ethel (D51) wants to be an Alateen sponsor and wants to know if she can be certified in time so that she can go to SCAC. Response: Sandie will do all she can to make that happen.

Mark (D66) asked how current the database was. Response: No idea – assume it is state of the art because it is acceptable to the insurance company. Sandie will conduct the background checks herself at this time so that the information is only available to Sandie. This does not mean that she won't need help later...remember, we're looking for someone to take over the APP job.

Alateen: Brown bag lunches are available today. Merchandise for SCAC is available for purchase in the back. Theme for SCAC is "Understanding New Hope". Chairperson is Shanna G. of Fountain Valley. Date of the conference is July 6-8, 2007

at the xxxx. The cost is \$110. Last chance to register is June 23rd at the Last Chance Picnic at xxxx, Long Beach. A \$5 donation is suggested to attend the Last Chance Picnic. SCAC registration forms will be available at the picnic.

Minutes Secretary: Cathy asked if anyone had any corrections to the Minutes for November 18th. Minutes were approved as written.

Records Secretary: Not sure why some of you are not getting your Forums, as Jayme stated she is getting three of them. All DR's, committee members and Intergroup Liaisons – please pick up your mail. Jayme received the list of meetings from WSO this week and she is looking for volunteers to help to go through and separate this list – maybe from District 57? With enough help the reports can be mailed out before our next meeting. If not, they will be available at the next meeting.

Preview of Old and New Business - Discussion of old and new business only – we are not here to argue one side or another, we are only discussing and asking clarifying questions.

Expansion of May Assembly Meetings: Proposal by board to expand the May Assembly by 2 hours. Start at 10 AM, have lunch between 1&2, have a break in the afternoon, and conclude no later than 6 PM. This expansion would allow more time to complete the business as the May Assembly also includes the Delegate's report from the WSO Conference. The rental cost for the additional time is \$55/hr, resulting in an additional \$110 rental for the Senior Center facility. Have already checked with facility and it is available for our use. If approved, the change will take effective May of 2008.

Q=Question; A=Answer; C=Comments

Q-Can we put a time limit on reports? **A**-Yes, we can. We already ask that everyone other than officers limit their reports to 2-3 minutes.

Q-Marilyn D72 – can we start earlier instead? **A**-This option was discussed previously and we can discuss again. Some Districts already have to leave 5 AM. Orientation begins at 9 AM...this would result at orientations beginning at 8.

C-Kay – there is a provision to help people who come a long way – hotel provisions.

Q-Why isn't there a time limit for officers? **A**-[Long, very long pause by David. He's thinking...and thinking.] That suggestion has been discussed in the past. The rationale as I understood it is because of the Delegate and Alt Delegate's reports, which contain a great deal of information. In addition, sometimes officers are filling more that one role and needs more time to communicate.

C-Kathy D75 – Agenda should be followed with time slots.

C-Gloria D30 – Officers deserve to have the time they need to communicate and give reports.

Nomination of Regional Trustee: Nominations need to be submitted by August 2007. David read the qualifications for this position.

Q-Donna D66 – Is this a volunteer position without pay? **A**-Yes, volunteer w/o pay.

Q-Rose D30 – What does "authority under law" mean? **A**-Refers to Concept 7. Has fiduciary duty to support and build the organization of Al-Anon, a legal entity. Authority=Responsibility.

Q-Patricia: Are trips & hotel expenses reimbursed? **A**-Yes.

Int'l Convention in 2008: "Connecting People Around the World", in Pittsburgh. Area has previously sent the Delegate with airfare, hotel and meals. Will ask for a proposal this afternoon to send our Delegate.

When we return from lunch, we will go to break out sessions. Public Outreach will meet in Hospitality Room; Membership Communication and Group Services in main Assembly room.

7th Tradition passed around.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:35. Reconvene at 1:30 for breakout sessions.

Assembly reconvened at approximately 2:50 PM. Concepts read by Julie D/3.

Public Outreach Action Committee

Institutions: We want to invite Intergroup Institutions Coordinators to our next meeting. If you have suggestions please contact Shirley.

CPC: Ventura passes out a binder of contacts. D12 takes literature to hairdresser. We can carry the message in small ways. Find your own passion – what excites you? Order forms for Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism for 2008 were distributed.

PI: SCWS has two displays that we can loan out for displays at events. There are free pamphlets, i.e., Guide for Alateen Sponsorship. Only have to pay shipping. D64 did a fund raiser where they raised \$89 which was enough to purchase a cell phone so that people can call and ask about meetings. They now have two new meetings. Projects don't have to cost a lot of money.

Old Business – David read May 19th, from Courage to Change.

Expansion of the May Assembly. The Board is suggesting that the May Assembly start at 10, lunch from 1-2, another break in afternoon, and ending no later than 6 PM.

Helen D21 - Moved the proposal made by the Board.

Susan D29 - seconded the motion.

Kristen - Agrees to extend the day however, feels brevity is important. Only need highlights as details are in the Bulletin. Would like to spend time in action committee developing agenda items for next Assembly.

Tim D27 - There are 80 meetings in my District and more than ½ do not have a GR. Appears that things are working the way they are. Might give extra hour but not two.

Susan D39 - It's only two additional hours a year.

Susan D45 - the value of every person's time should be considered, not just the \$55/hr cost of the room. Need to be good stewards of time. Make agenda topic driven instead of reports; items we need to take back to the groups

Margaret - I liked the open mike time when GRs could express their views/concerns versus the time we are spending in action committees.

Elaine D63 - if we vote for it today, do we have opportunity to vote on this again? Extend the time but not to 6. David - We would have to not pass the current motion to make new motion to end at 5.

Kay - I commend the Board for the strides they have made for brevity of this meeting. I agree with implementing a trial period of extending the Assembly for a couple of hours. We need information to tie us together.

Bridget D12 - in order to attract young people, having longer meetings is not a good idea. Keep on topic and on target.

Shanti D36 – we (AI-Anons) love to talk. The more time we have, the more we need. If we have time to talk, we'll use it up.

Member from D64 – I live 5 hours away. I agree that we should have all the time necessary to touch upon all the things we need to talk about. I gave a lot of my time to my sick alcoholic – over 30 years. What's two hours?

Another member suggested we use some of the time during our lunch hour to conduct business.

Maria D30 – this is part of my commitment. I'm willing to take the time it needs.

Frederick D60 – Can I amend the motion? **Made a motion to amend the motion to lengthen the May Assembly to 5 PM instead of 6 PM.**

Kristin – seconded the motion.

The motion to amend the motion failed. The original motion is still on the floor.

Sandra D27 – addressing the suggestion to work through lunch. The agenda was set such that we would review old and new business before lunch so that we could use the lunch hour to discuss in more detail.

Roxanne D75 – am a single mom with 5 year old. I left 5:30 AM and won't get home till late. Passionate about the GR position, but I can't do more in a day.

Robin – blown away at the time the Board puts into preparing for Assemblies so that we can take information back to our groups. Some of the stuff you hear may not be interesting to you, but I may need to hear it. If you hear things that you don't think is important you should still take it back to your meetings because someone else may need to hear it. Don't want to cheat anyone out of anything that's available.

Vote taken on the motion: May Assembly will begin at 10, 1-2 Lunch, Coffee or chocolate break, extend to 6 PM, if necessary. Standing vote needed: **In favor=66; Opposed=85; motion failed.**

New Business:

Nomination for Regional Trustee. Requirements include being an active AI-anon member with 10 continuous years, must live in the region, able to accept criticism and have the ability to modify one's ideas to reach cooperative solutions for the good of AI-Anon worldwide. Of those qualified, two members remained standing who are willing to serve:

1) Suzanne P. – AI-Anon since 1981. Intergroup and Central Office work, DR, various SCWS positions. Temporarily retired Alateen sponsor.

2) Trudy F – AI-Anon since August 1986, 10 years on East coast. Served on convention committees. Worked at Intergroup under Sue in LA. A little concerned about the criticism part of the requirements but feels that she would learn a lot and has something to offer.

Suzanne and Trudy asked to leave the room.

Appointment would begin in 2008. Suzanne's position with SCWS is over at the end of 2008. Therefore, if she is selected she would have to relinquish her position for the rest of the term.

Three options are presented: 1) Vote for Suzanne; 2) Vote for Trudy, or 3) Vote for neither. If we vote for neither, then the position would be filled by a nominee from a different area

within the Southwest region. In addition, just because we nominate someone it does not mean they will get the position.

A vote was taken and Suzanne was nominated by Area.

International Convention in Pittsburgh in 2008: Do we have a proposal to send our Delegate?

Adrian D57 – I thought we passed a motion to allow the Board to make fiscally responsible decisions.

Maria D30 - Moved to send the Delegate to the International Convention in 2008 with airfare, hotel, registration and meals.

Robin – seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Convention Chairperson's report:

AFG: Jeremy – @ Burbank Marriott March 28-30, 2008.

SoCal: Nancy - @ Anaheim Hyatt, 9/21 – 9/23. Merchandise in the hall. T-shirts, mugs, sweat pants. Fund raiser 8/11 in Los Angeles. Luncheon speaker is Pat P. from Gilbert, AZ.

SCAC – July 6-8, in Redlands. Spiritual event not to be missed.

Intergroup Reports - See Bulletin for full reports

Committee Reports – See Bulletin for full reports

District Reports – See Bulletin for full reports.

Ask It Basket – See Bulletin for all Q&As.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 pm with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted: Cathy W

Treasurer

Thank you all for the hard work you do keeping you groups informed, especially your Treasurers. Due to your efforts, we are currently allocating more group contributions to the actual groups.

If you are interested in being of service to the Area and love to work with numbers and/or money, I am looking for a hand from Districts 17, 21, 27 and 9. Please let me know if you have a few hours, twice a month, to help out at my house in Valley Glen.

Reports

Group contributions for the first quarter of 2007, which is January through March, were \$12,027.96. <See attached report>. In the Profit & Loss statement, under "Income", you will see \$12,203.13. The difference of \$175.17 includes interest income and a NSF check that was reversed from income. We are showing a net income so far this year of \$4989.66.

Contributions

Thank you all for your support in this ongoing commitment to do the best job I can for you groups. Please continue to educate and inform your Group Treasurers to make sure they are using the WSO ID# and our SCWS contribution forms. The WSO ID numbers can be found on the Bulletin label (the one with no letters, just numbers) as soon as the technology glitch is fixed. Meanwhile, your District Representatives will have this information, either on your SCWS or WSO printouts. Jayme and/or I also can be contacted to provide WSO Group ID numbers. New contribution forms are available, so please share them with your Treasurers.

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

Reimbursements

Mileage reimbursement forms are available at the front table. I am authorized to reimburse Assembly members (GR< DR, Officer & Coordinator) at 40 cents per mile for miles traveled over 100 each way. The group is responsible for the expense of its representative (for the first 100 miles) to attend and participate in District and Area Assembly meetings. (p. 27, Al-Anon-Alateen Service Manual, 2004-2006)

2006 Donation to the WSO

Lastly, with regard to a recommendation for our surplus funds from 2006 – the Board is recommending that we consider a contribution to the WSO after the reconciliation of the 2007 books. We feel it is prudent to defer this decision because of additional expenses that will be incurred due to the insurance requirements and additional cost for background checks. Respectfully submitted, Suzanne P, SCWS Treasurer

Please see SCWS website for the following:

First Quarter 2007 Profit & Loss statement

First Quarter 2007 Contribution Report

Normally they are printed in the Bulletin, but technical difficulties prevented it in this issue.

New Bulletin Coordinator
needed starting now.
Contact David B to
volunteer or suggest
someone.

Combined Action Committees

GR Feedback on Communication:

Combined Group Services and Member Communication Action Committees

For this Assembly May 2007, two ACTION committees were combined. They were Membership Communication and Group Services, which have similar Mission Statements including: to encourage participation and enthusiasm for carrying the service message in a timely and informative way and to create interaction between the groups, Southern California World Service (SCWS), and the World Service Office (WSO).

Per the Service Manual, the purpose of the Assembly is to elect a delegate and to receive and distribute reports on area and world service affairs, hence, to communicate. For this Assembly we focused on finding out how best we can communicate. We also had a PROJECT presentation by Lucia our SCWS Literature Coordinator (see her report for details). Based on the feedback forms fill out by attendees, they learned a lot and enjoyed the computer graphics, including viewing the new E-CAL format, as well as the pamphlet meeting ideas they heard and could take back to their groups.

The second half of the hour involved having SCWS Board members sit at the round tables and listen to the GRs and all attendees' ideas about communication. We tried to make sure that each person shared. We, the Board, listened and learned. Summaries of what we heard are included at the end of this report. The feedback response forms indicated that members definitely liked this. What they liked least were the long day and long reports (the lunch had multiple votes too and

comments will be passed on to Alateen). All comments from the feedback forms along with summaries of the roundtable discussion are being shared with the ad hoc committee that is working on the restructure (we are now mid-way through a second 3-year trial using ACTION committees) and with the area board members. Thank you for your invaluable feedback. It helps us to find ways to serve you better so you can better serve your groups.

When we asked, "What could be the best way for us to communicate with you between Assemblies", email was chosen, overwhelmingly. The Bulletin was the second most popular and telephone was voted as least effective. We will begin a big push to get members emails, including asking DRs for their District's email lists (where one exists). You can sign up yourself (and update your preferences) at our SCWS website: scws-al-anon.org, or directly at <http://scws-al-anon.org/lists/?p=subscribe&id=3>.

The feedback forms also listed many ideas for improvement that the board will discuss and consider. Thank you for your suggestions.

At the round tables, we also discussed the following 2 *questions. Your responses will be shared with the SCWS Board and with the restructure ad hoc committee. A summary will also be included in the next Bulletin. *How can we (SCWS) get information to you and also help you share your service ideas with others? *What suggestions do you have on how

these Projects/Action Committees can enhance your service experience and can inspire and help you to carry the Al-Anon/Alateen message?

FEEDBACK FORM COMMENTS included:

We also asked "Did anything at today's meeting encourage you to take an action idea (PROJECT) to your group and/or District? If so, what?" According to the feedback forms, the majority were encouraged by what they heard today and plan to take things back to their group such as: skit on Big Questions, magnetic meetings, Lucia's pamphlets (by far most common response), e-cal and online information (second most popular), Alateen and outreach (tied for 3rd) (keep in mind that Public Outreach was presented in a separate room, so more people were taking outreach ideas back to their group but the responses reported here are just from those who attended the combined May ACTION committee for Group Services and Membership Communication), others listed: getting more GRs, list District meeting in local directory, panels, getting information to meetings, Bulletin, attraction rather than promotion, Al-Anon business cards at gas pumps, moving district meeting locations, more feedback, video, utube, Al-Anon Declaration, involving younger members, putting website on phone list, suggestion to shorten reports, group topics.

(NOTE: I did proof read this after compiling it, but my sincere apology if I incorrectly typed something someone wrote or listed it under the wrong category.)

When asked about **"the thing I liked most today,"** the most common response by far referred to breakout discussion (with specific comments like sharing, interaction, communication, small group participation, hearing from everyone, board listening at tables), other responses included: making a motion, Alt. Del information and Alateen report, Chair's organization and humor, Web report, Literature report, getting younger people involved, board commitment, board enthusiasm, looking forward with new ideas, lunch, pace of the meeting, being here, being a part of, everything, finding out what other groups are doing, GR orientation, positive attitude, receptiveness, enthusiasm, love gifts, problem solving (KBDM), trying skits (but please rehearse more), Gloria, visuals, and encouraging us to be of service. In addition, multiple responses were received for: fellowship, information, hospitality room, e-cal and Delegate's report (9).

The things listed as, what **"I liked least today"** included: lunch (as the most common answer with specifics listed as: not enough water, not enough diversity, white bread and cabbage on salad listed twice, unhealthy - prepared with bare hands), reports too long, thought of expanding 2 hours, morning session not focused enough, beginning introduction, no agenda, confusing schedule changes, don't understand terminology, waiting until late in day to vote, confused, redundant questions from members, no recycling bins, wasting time (repetition of what will be in Bulletin), Miriam's skit, morning too long before lunch, sitting, long drive to get here, crosstalk, small groups, skits, delegate's report, CD can only be used in computer (want it for car too), day to long, being at first Assembly, being talked at too long.

Suggestions for improvement included: greeter at the door, better lunch, good food I'd pay for - that was miserable, cater lunch (\$10), provide recycling, replenish toilet paper more, go outside, but the most suggestions were about reports.

Comments about Reports included: shorter presentations, cut down on verbiage, keep presentations shorter and to the point – highlight what's significant and important (1, shorten reports, focus agenda on what GRs need to bring back to their groups, more timely agenda, timed reports with more structure to agenda, topic driven reports with just what needs to go back to group, better lunch, more bullet times for shorter reporting, work more effectively – people must police themselves because their time at mic is really a form of dominating, more efficient presentations, time efficiency, time –respect the crowd, synopsis of important points, schedule time slots for all reports so you're more efficient in use of everyone's time, be more professional in reports with less jokes to respect our time we took to come here, take less time, streamline get to the point because sometimes it's belabored until it is very dull, shorter reports, timed presentation for all, keep reports concise with a time limit (this was better about the schedule than before).

The Agenda suggestions were: send reminder letter about Assembly including agenda, address, etc, provide printed agenda copies since many of us didn't receive our first Bulletin yet, remind Alternates who don't get Bulletin that they can see it online, business in the morning and reports in the afternoon, spread microphones around the room, limit the number of questions, allocate sidebar time for answering specific questions like definition of "authority by law", add open microphone time, (don't let my negativity get you down, it's my problem, not yours), have lunch at noon and resume at 1 and end promptly at 4, time to share communication problems with district and share service ideas,

ACTION committee suggestions included: serve brown bags so we can work in ACTION committees during lunch, ACTION committee time with sack lunches with no hour lunch away from premise, let me participate in all 3 of the ACTION committee meetings, limit ACTION committees to 15 minutes and rotate 1/3 of us to each one so everyone gets to attend them all, use ACTION committees to develop agenda items for the following Assembly, have printed guidelines and agenda for small group discussion so time isn't wasted, don't have one person dominate the group,

General comments included: rotate Assembly location around area, rotation of Assembly location, print website address real big in the Bulletin, put links from Intergroup websites to SCWS-Al-Anon.org and WSO website, link to SCWS from all Intergroup sites and to other Intergroups, lets work together between Intergroup and District, coordinate information locally, have meeting address in the online bulletin, print Assembly address online, when updates are made to website then send out an email to registered participants (like Wikipaida), simple email breakdowns, compile all this feedback so it isn't gigantic and put it in Bulletin and on website, sell books at Assembly especially newer items, make group service attractive so more want to do it (attraction not promotion) and so we're more knowledgeable instead of just more people, keep up the good work, keep doing a great job – thank you for your service, thank you for your service, great overall balance between listening and participating, keep coming back, thank you

NOTES FROM THE DISCUSSION AT EACH TABLE

(notes taken mainly by board members who sat at each table to listen)

Ranking of best communication format as discussed at one of the many tables:

1. Bulletin (overwhelming favorite at this table)
2. Email
3. DR give info to GR
4. Multiple (not just any one of these ways to communicate)
5. No use of phone
6. Area Events posted on website (send out date announcements)
7. Email with links to website
8. All attachments on website should be as pdf files
9. At Assembly – at lunch have showcase of what others are doing with district spotlights, at Assembly or website, sometimes too much
10. Yahoo groups for DRs
11. Yahoo groups for GRs
12. Hospitality coffee

(Notes from another table)

- Reports to be shorter in the Bulletin.
- Many not getting Bulletin after resubmitting name and address many times with record secretary.
- Stressed signing up with Alvar on website.
- Some could find out website or WSO Website on Bulletin – suggestion that it be printed in LARGE print in blank space on front cover.
- Many suggested the record secretary get help – they were encouraged to volunteer and that sec would love it.
- Would like to see us have extra Bulletins available at the Committee and Assembly meetings.
- Could Districts have their own blog/website under SCWS website?
- PSA – is it correct that it is no charge from WSO?
- Outreach projects – what it is.

(Notes from another table)

- Have District meetings go through Ask-It-Basket and other reports together, as well as reviewing Assembly agenda.
- DR reports are valuable to other DRs because we get ideas about activities from the other District.
- How to get more GRs to participate:
- Intergroup Reps (IRs) seem to be more enthusiastic than GRs.
- Need enthusiasm – be an example.
- Give someone a job, research project, etc.
- Some people afraid – group together – buddy system, car pool.
- Done look for volunteers, institute the nomination process.
- List District meeting in meeting directories.
- Pioneers" let the next generation pave the road.

(Notes from another table)

- Best ways to communicate: email or mail for those without email.
- Short letter mailed to those who don't have email.
- Use something like You-Tube for reports.
- Be careful not to lose those how don't use technology.
- Invite Board to District meeting, combine District meetings for those events.
- Listen to input on Bulletin that have been given at previous ACTION Committees (cost of paper, timeliness).

- How can we enhance service experience: share ideas, combine efforts with other Districts, and hold workshops.

(Notes from another table)

- Connect the youth and technology and have them be approachable by kids through technology.
- Send out regular emails.

(Notes from another table)

- Younger members will be more informed if we use emails.
- Improve communication in person at Districts and Assemblies.
- Very helpful to discuss individually with other GRs here at breakouts today.
- Website needs area for easy posting.
- Put websites on phone lists.
- Use ACTION committees (or standing committees, or ad hoc committees) to discuss and determine agenda items specific to a topic.
- Agenda items should come from Board members.

(Notes from another table)

- In written communication, use more bullets, summary, visually more friendly when you increase and use more "white space."
- Telephone isn't practical unless you use a phone announcement service (like some advertisers do).
- Develop one-page training to hand out at Assemblies (or District meetings) on how to register (include various service arms), how to make contributions, explain service names (GR, DR, WSO, etc).
- There is confusion on registering with the various service arms (even amongst DRs).
- Need more discussion.
- Prepare = rehearse skits and reports.
- Develop something like a 10-page SCWS service manual and include forms (registration, contribution, reimbursements, etc).
- Explain why to contribute to various service arms, and tell what it is that they do with the money.
- Use more visuals at meetings (PowerPoint, projection of forms, motions, etc.)
- Use teleconference.
- Al-Anon/Alateen panel for speakers meeting.

(Notes from Spanish language table)

- There are problems with communication due to several groups not having current registration information filed, even thought they have submitted their information previously.
- The committees should visit the District and the groups.
- Invite and do service activities with English groups in the area.
- Registration important.
- Translation important.
- Want translation at each of the ACTION committee breakouts.
- Let it begin with me.
- Visit English convention, alternate service
- Assembly group too large.

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

Hi all. Danny K. here, your Alateen coordinator for this term, and this is my report by the way. Well, what is there to say, SCAC committee is kicking off its events as SCAC nears its date of merit, July 6th, 7th, and 8th at xxxx. Speaking of SCAC events, the annual camp out is happening right now down in Lake Isabella in Kern Valley. SCAC is doing much this year to accommodate all those in attendance. Included in these changes are: the talent show, with an optional meeting and no adult participation unless to help an Alateen perform. Also the return of the sponsor orientation to inform sponsors of expectations at SCAC and answer any questions they may have. More on this later.

Long story short, Alateen events are doing well, however, I've noticed a large amount of concern for Alateen meetings. I ask that everyone please urge old timer Alateens to chip in \$1 for 7th Tradition and DR's to encourage more Al-Anons in your district to get certified and help other sponsors with Alateen meetings.

I believe that's it for me. So, love in service,
Daniel K, Alateen Coordinator

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

Written report not submitted.

Archives Coordinator

Hello again. Here we are at the May Assembly. What a wonderful journey it is to travel with all of you on this journey of service above the group level. I continue to catalogue and inventory the Area Archives, still looking for hidden treasure. As soon as I get the Traveling Archives back I want to work on re-doing the displays. They have gone into disarray and I want to make the displays more attractive and deserving of admiration. I am collecting archival materials to display them in, to help preserve them better.

I have received e-mails from members asking to put some of the archives on the SCWS Web Site. I will be contacting Alvar, our Web Site Coordinator, to see which archives are appropriate for the web. It is another goal of mine to put the Traveling Archives on the Web Site, so all are able to see what they consist of and how precious they are. Hopefully more members will realize they are there for the asking and request them to be displayed at Al-Anon functions.

It continues to be my honor to serve Southern California Area 4 in this capacity. If anyone is interested in joining me in this worthwhile adventure, and you live in or near the San Gabriel Valley, please contact me. My phone number and e-mail

address are in the Bulletin. I would appreciate the help and enjoy the company.

As always your trusted servant and
Archive Coordinator, Martha M.

Hospitality Coordinator

Hello everyone and welcome to the new Group Reps.

Hospitality has been a great success due to the participation of all the districts in bringing breakfast foods. Thank you!

Host Districts for the Committee meeting on August 18, 2007 are 9,10,17,21,30,40,48 and 57. Please put the date on your calendar as sometimes I will not be able to call and remind you. It is also in the Bulletin.

You may bring any breakfast food of your choice such as fruit, bagels cream cheese muffins doughnuts or juice.

Thank you, what the hospitality needs is HELP. We are suggesting that the districts that are hosting that particular meeting to volunteer one of their members to help for one hour at a time at least or help set up or clean up. Any help will be appreciated, any suggestions are welcome. Again thanks. Call or e-mail me anytime.

Love in service, MaryLou V, Hospitality

Membership Communications Action Committee

MCAC, Member Communications Action Committee (MCAC)

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

No report.

Please see page 11 of this Bulletin for a summary of the GR feedback on Communication, from the May Assembly.

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 May Assembly meeting, you needed to bring the Nov 2006 Bulletin (for the Nov. Minutes) and the Feb 2007 Bulletin (for today's Agenda). Likewise, bring your May and Aug 2007 Bulletins to the Nov 2007 Assembly.

Sign up for SCWS email notification on SCWS website by clicking on "News by E-mail." (See website report on p. 15)

Reports for today's Assembly 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!

The May 2007 Bulletin will be my last. My work and after-work schedules have expanded considerably in the past year. Out of respect for everyone's time and efforts, I will be stepping aside. Please contact the SCWS Chair, David B, if you are interested in this position. If you enjoy formatting someone else's writing, this position is for you!! If you are willing to ask, lots of people in Southern California will help, too. You will make many new, good friends and you will gain many new skills, as has happened for me.

Thank you for the blessing of this service opportunity.
—Elizabeth K, Bulletin Coordinator, 2005, 2006-7

New Bulletin Coordinator needed starting now.

Contact David B
to volunteer or suggest someone.

Literature Coordinator

It has arrived!

The CD-ROM version of Courage to Change is available for sale at your local information office or from the WSO. With the CD-ROM, you will be able to read and/or listen to the daily readings by inserting the disc in your personal computer. Need to find a sharing to help you through a rough patch? The CD-ROM has a search feature to look up specific words in order to find a particular reading. However, you will not be able to make copies, download it or use it in a Mac or CD player. e-CAL

Electronic Conference approved literature is up and running!!! The WSO has formed a trial e-Cal committee to carry out the 2006 World Service Conference motion to produce new Conference approved material developed, designed and distributed electronically. Members are encouraged to visit the Members' website, www.al-anon.org/members to see the newly posted sharings. There are also links containing information regarding the criteria for submitting e-CAL, technical requirements for submission and the approval process. Members are also welcomed to submit original music and graphics with your recovery sharings. Photographs, stories, poetry and multi-media are also welcomed. For those of us who have been reluctant to send in our written sharings in the past, here is another way to tell our stories of recovery.

Sample Chapter on the Web

The current sample chapter page of the Public Outreach site, www.al-anon.alateen.org and the Members' site, www.al-anon.alateen.org/members, includes a chapter from Paths to Recovery addressing the topic of "What does being powerless really mean?" Additional articles from the *Forum* magazine

about being powerless as well as pertinent pages from other Al-Anon literature are also listed. What a great idea for a panel! The same excerpts are also available in the Spanish and French sections of the sites.

New book:

Opening our Hearts Transforming our Losses is now available. I have put fliers/order forms in the DR packets or you can purchase the book from your local information offices.

Personal recovery stories needed

We would also like more members' stories for OUR RECOVERY IN RELATIONSHIPS (working title) but there is no immediate deadline. Submit your personal recovery stories on-line at www.al-anon.alateen.org/member in the "Publications" section. You may also e-mail, fax or mail sharings to the WSO.

A new service tool

Al-Anon Family Groups Welcome Gays and Lesbians (S-70) is now available. This piece replaces the pamphlet Al-Anon is for Gays and Lesbians (P-85).

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,
Lucia M. 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 let's 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

Alvar G

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

As Chair of the Public Action Committee, I'm humbled by the intensity of the Coordinators' passion to reach anyone, anywhere with the help and hope that our beautiful program provides.

It is our conclusion that we best serve the Assembly by providing inspiration, ideas and enthusiasm – along with an ear for ideas from other members which are new to us as a committee and/or other attendees at the Action Committee Breakout meetings.

Thank you for the privilege of participating in this area of service.

Robin J,
Public Outreach Action Committee Chair

CPC Coordinator

The deadline for ordering *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2008*, the outreach magazine for professionals, is July 10th. There will be a second printing offered sometime in the fall. Over 290,000 copies of the 2007 magazine were distributed. Thank you to all the DRs and GRs for making this a great success!

For the first time this year, we participated in the National Catholic Council on Alcoholism in San Diego. WSO received great feedback, and we have been asked to participate on a yearly basis. We also participated in the San Diego Walk for Recovery, an event that reaches over 5,000 people annually; and sent literature to the Healthy Living for Latinos at U.C. San Diego. Much thanks to Bernadette and the public outreach people in San Diego.

In our breakout session at the assembly, over one third of the participants were new GRs. We discussed ways of carrying the message to the professional community, and most of the participants agreed that smaller, manageable projects were easier to take back to their groups than large projects that required scheduling volunteers. Purchasing bookmarks, meeting schedules, and small pieces of hand-out literature, could be distributed amongst home groups to be given to their doctors, lawyers, teachers, spiritual advisors, etc. There are free open letters to spiritual leaders, doctors, lawyers, law enforcement, teachers, human services professionals and student assistance professionals on the WSO website (www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/). Click on the left side of your screen, "Public Outreach," then again on "Outreach to Professionals." You may download and copy them.

Thanks to all who participated. My favorite idea – bring Al-Anon materials to your hair dresser! (Thanks Sandy, from District 12).

Love and fun in service, Sandra W.

Institutions Coordinator

At the May Assembly, our action committee voted to invite Intergroup Institutions Coordinators to our break-out session at the November Assembly and to look into service areas in and with prisoners in California Prisons. It was suggested that a good way to find out about treatment centers is to ask Al-Anon members who are attending meetings to give the names of those centers known to them and the name of a contact person if they are able to do so. We are also trying to develop a way for Intergroup and District to communicate so that our work with others can grow.

LIS, Shirley M, Institutions Coordinator

Public Information Coordinator

No Report.

GR Feedback on Public Outreach:

Public Outreach Action Committee

Public Outreach Questionnaire Summary

The following are responses to our Public Outreach Action Committee Evaluation & Questionnaire Forms. Most of the commentary is in direct relation to the specific areas of Public Outreach. Sorry for the delay in putting this together. The past couple of months have been busier than normal for me.

Public Outreach Action Committee Evaluation & Questionnaire Responses:

-Give guidelines for what we hope to accomplish in breakout groups.

-Robin's Note: Do we want to reconsider doing one specific project instead of giving ideas, inspiration and "how-to" guidance? If we decide to change direction and do a SCWS project, we could do (a) one project from each of our 3 areas or (b) only one under the heading of Public Outreach? We could also consider doing one per year – e.g., Institutions the 1st year, PI the 2nd and CPC the 3rd.

-If we do 3 separate projects - one for each of our 3 areas – we should consider asking for "sub-chairs" to head each project and work with / report to the Action Cmtee Coordinator. This is being done in Colorado. It gives more people "hands-on" projects, lessens/distributes the workload and provides more ownership and enthusiasm of the project chosen.

-“Public Outreach should remain one large “organization” instead of 3 different Outreach areas.”

-“Provide a list of all drug and alcohol rehab centers in my location.” Robin's Note: This is one area where we could have a “sub-cmtee chairperson” for the different areas within SCWS boundaries.

-“Need definite definition of what this cmtee wants to do as a group. “Tell me what to do”. “Give a specific “action” to be taken.”

-“Brainstorm & then encourage specific action items to work on. The Institutions Group did that. We voted on one of the 2 ideas, and were invited to contact Shirley to let her know what our ideas were on the 2nd idea which was ‘prison outreach’.”

-“The enthusiasm of the coordinators was the needed encouragement to take an action idea to their home group.”

-Institute email & cell phone systems for “live chats to brainstorm ideas in lieu of in person cmtees”.

-Keep the lunch break standard. This time our Outreach Breakout time was cut short.

-“Discuss how to get home group members to understand they can break their personal anonymity.” Robin's Note: This can be a quick explanation at the very start of our breakout meeting.

-Request a better “Mission Statement”.

-Use our Area Assembly as a “clearing house” of information for Districts & Intergroups to use as they see fit in their individual areas.

-Give us the name & phone number of someone to call as a “personal mentor” for people new at this. Robin's Note: Continue

to remind members of our names, phone #'s and email addresses located in every Bulletin.

-“The Action Committee gave encouragement to make suggestions to home mtgs/districts that they could do outreach on a small level.”

-“Too much focus on ‘fund-raising’ (?) with not enough focus on action”.

-Contact nurses’ associations, clergy, school health fairs, school counselors, police, and judges.

-Place more literature in hospitals.

-Contact Gay & Lesbian centers.

-Ask our own members to carry the message to the professionals they interact with such as doctors, clergy, chiropractors, hairdressers, massage therapists, librarians, etc.

“Have follow-up report at ‘larger’ mtg.” Robin’s Note: Check reports in Bulletin.

New Bulletin Coordinator
needed starting now.
Contact David B to
volunteer or suggest
someone.

Intergroup Reports

No report from:

Los Angeles County

Orange County

Oficina Intergruppal Hispaña

San Diego County

Inland Empire

Empire AA convention held in October 19-21.

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

Ventura County

Greetings from Ventura County! Since we last reported in February, Ventura County has been oh, so busy with Al-Anon Information Service work...I'd like to share that with you today.

•24/7 Al-Anon/Alateen answering service – 229 calls from family members or friends needing help – whether to obtain meeting information and/or reaching other members who make themselves available to speak with those who seek help.

•Al-Anon’s web site www.alanonventura.org – on average there are 18 “hits” every day, resulting in approximately 1,000 “hits” to our web site over the same two month period. 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.

•Intergroup Scoop Newsletter – We published approximately 220 newsletters 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. Our newsletter is filled with members’ experience, strength, and hope and gads of local happenings

and activities. It is your newsletter and is also available as a personal subscription at our cost of only \$7 per year.

•Public Information – We are looking into the effectiveness of paid advertising in the Verizon yellow pages and 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 1,000 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.

•Institutions – 2007 is turning out to be yet another banner year – Charlyn has new panels going into recovery homes, shelters, and the women’s jail – we will share experience, strength, and hope and leave gads of conference approved literature at each event. Under her leadership we have five on-going panels and the willingness among Al-Anon members to participate in this great service work is awesome.

•Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) – We continue to distribute the special Forum magazine “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” to professionals (your doctor, chiropractor, dentists, and don’t forget the hairdressers). Obtaining their business card and forwarding it to Kay D will get them on a distribution list for future contact and 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 you!

It is the generous contributions of Ventura County Al-Anon members that allow this vital service work to happen...I am truly proud to be a part of Ventura County Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups.

Rosanne S, Chair, VC Intergroup Liaison

Convention Reports

Ask-It Basket Questions

SCAA 2007

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

We have a very excited committee planning the Al-Anon portion of the convention. Our theme this year is "The Keys to the Kingdom". We also have a new home this year, it will be at the Hyatt Regency in Anaheim on September 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 2007. 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. We have a wonderful program planned with terrific speakers including Pat P. from Gilbert, AZ who will be our luncheon speaker. In addition, we will have fantastic meetings including a Family Meeting, English and Spanish Marathon Meetings plus our famous Spanish/English marathon meeting at 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon.

We will be having a fundraising event on Saturday August 11th at the Felicia Mahood Senior Center in Santa Monica from 6 pm until 10 pm. There will be dinner, John & Karin A of Laguna Beach will be speaking, along with comedians, raffles and a 50/50 drawing to be held that night. Tickets are \$20.00. We are also selling wonderful merchandise and 50/50 raffle tickets where the winning ticket will be picked at the Al-Anon luncheon. Winner need not be present.

We look forward to seeing you in Anaheim.

Love in Service, Nancy B.

2007 So. California AA Convention, Al-Anon Chairman

AFG 2008

Al-Anon Family Groups Convention of Southern California

My name is Jeremy O, and I am very grateful and honored to be the chairperson for the 2008 Southern California Al-Anon Family Groups Convention this year. At the Assembly I accidentally gave the wrong date for the convention. Please update your calander and make the announcement at your meetings. The dates for the convention are APRIL 4th, 5th, 6th, 2008. The location is at the Burbank Airport Marriott (formally the Burbank Hilton). We are still looking for anyone who would like to be part of carry the message for their area. This convention represents all areas of Southern California. If you would like to help in carrying the message or have any other questions regarding this year's convention you can contact me. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

ASK IT BASKET

May 19, 2007

ALL REFERENCES TO PAGES REFER TO THE 2004-2006 AL-ANON/ALATEEN SERVICE MANUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Q1: a.) Can District funds be used for purposes other than the District needs?

A1: a.) Page 126 talks about uses of District funds which are, but not necessarily limited to: DR's expenses to attend Area Assemblies and Committee meetings in addition to direct District expenses such as rent for District meeting space and reimbursement of expenses for District committee members in conducting their duties. Many Districts use their funds to pay for sending their DR and/or Alternate DR to special Al-Anon service conferences such as Regional Service Seminar (RSS) or other Al-Anon service related events. Many Districts put on their own events such as Alathons and Al-Anon service/educational workshops. All these expenses are within the District's financial purview. Also refer to page 142.

Q1: b.) Can District funds be used for convention registrations?

A2: b) No. Page 79 discusses "Gifts to Members". "Group funds" [and by extension, District or Area funds], "are used for group" [or District or Area] "purposes only, not for personal gifts to members." This guideline applies to all levels of service.

Q2: Are out-of-print Al-Anon books and pamphlets still "Conference Approved" and for use in meetings?

A2: See page 82. "Conference Approval" is the process for development of recovery literature (including recovery literature with a recovery focus) that reflects the group conscience of the Al-Anon Family Groups through actions taken by the World Service Conference are delegated to the WSO Literature committees for implementation. Each item, when completed, bears the Conference Approval seal." Because a book or piece of literature is out-of-print that does not mean that it has lost Conference Approval. Many times, the demand for a book (ie. First Steps) diminishes to where the point where it is no longer re-printed. Sometimes a new book revision replaces an older version and may be re-titled. It is within the group autonomy to decide which Conference Approved literature to use, however, using a publication that members cannot obtain for themselves may not be the best idea, and the newer edition should be used.

Q3: What is happening with the Spanish literature? There is no literature for the Spanish-speaking members.

A3: All Al-Anon literature is translated into Spanish and French and is available from the Southern California Spanish Service Center and directly from the WSO.

Q4: If someone is writing a book for publication and they want to use a common short phrase or slogan from Al-Anon literature in the general text of the book, must they use a footnote?

A4: The procedure for receiving permission to reprint from Al-Anon publications is explained in depth on page 88. It does say, "When reprint permission is granted by the WSO, the appropriate credit line must accompany the excerpt." No one holds the copyright to our slogans.

Q5: I'm troubled that some members "rename" and then mistakenly refer to Al-Anon Mini Conventions, Share-a-Thons, Workshops or other get-togethers as "retreats". Retreats are described on page 99 of our 2004-2006 Al-Anon/Alateen World Service Manual and do not belong in Al-Anon. Can we avoid future confusion or misrepresentation of legitimate Al-Anon functions by suggesting that members refer to page 72 of our current Al-Anon/Alateen World Service Manual? This gives several definitions of legitimate Al-Anon functions and promotes "knowledge-based decision making."

A5: Page 72 is an excellent reference. Page 99 clearly says that "the name 'retreat' often has religious connotations and could imply affiliation if used in connection with an Al-Anon/Alateen event." Tradition Six applies here as well.

Aside from "service arms" sponsored Al-Anon events, such as those referred to in the above question, there are other events that are put on by members of Al-Anon for members of Al-Anon. Even though these events may enhance someone's growth in Al-Anon they are not to be publicized nor announced at Al-Anon meetings – before, during or after. This is because these type of events charge a fee, including or in addition to its registration fee, and are often **limited** to either men or women *only* and are **limited** in the number of those who may attends (usually also have a waiting list). Limited attendance thus does not open the event to all of Al-Anon which then makes such event an "outside entity" even though by and for members of Al-Anon.

Q6: What is Al-Anon's policy on workshops? Does page 72 of the service manual imply a change? Can workshops be announced at meetings? Will World Service accept cash contributions from workshops?

A6: There has not been a change in policy. These events are commonly held and supported by members. The key thing (not clearly stated) is that as the event is called an Al-Anon Workshop or "Share-A-Thon, etc. avoid the dilution of the program by using outside literature (any that is not Conference approved.) Certainly WSO would accept a donation from an Al-Anon workshop (however, not cash; it will accept a check, cashier's check or money order), etc., and yes, Al-Anon workshops may be announced at meetings.

Q7: How do you handle an over-bearing member who tries to input their opinions on the group?

A7: Tradition Two reminds us that the only authority is a loving God. No member has the right to monopolize or control a meeting. The "Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon" lists dominance as one of the obstacles that will detract us from our spiritual aim. The over-bearing member should be reminded of this, perhaps by a study of this Tradition or by discussing the problem in a group inventory meeting, or by speaking to the member directly. See also "Group Problems and Solutions" on page 52.

Q8: Does a District meeting have to close with the Al-Anon Declaration?

A8: Meetings may close in the manner acceptable to its group's conscience. Often, service meetings close with the "Al-Anon Declaration."

Q9: Why do we sometimes allow members to say "The Lord's Prayer" to end the meeting? This prayer is so closely related to one religion and may be upsetting for members of other religions. Does this not go against our being a spiritual, not a religious fellowship.

A9: The use of "The Lord's Prayer" to close a meeting was started by the early members of AA and many Al-Anon groups have adopted this. On pages 46-47, is the "Suggested Al-Anon/Alateen Closing." The words, "It is suggested that groups close in a manner that is agreeable to the group conscience." This can be discussed at a group inventory meeting. As referred to in the previous question - to alleviate closing with a prayer, meetings often close with the Al-Anon Declaration without chanting anything after it.

Q10: My meeting is concerned that all GRs within the District need to end their terms together in order to follow the 1/3 Area rotation. When did this come into effect? Has it always been the case that all GRs within the District are new together? When newcomers come into Al-Anon, they have a bunch of old timers (and a sponsor) walk them through the Steps and Traditions of the program. What will happen if all newcomers start a meeting together without any guidance and experience. It is the same with the GR commitment. It is nice to have older (in term) GRs to lead the way.

A10: The start and end time of the GR's 3-year commitment is up to the group's autonomy. The Area has established the 1/3 rotation plan so that some experience carries over from term to term and so that all DRs are not new at the same time. This rotation policy has not been mandated for the Districts.

Q11: Can a GR serve more than one term? After serving one term as GR, can I serve as treasurer without being a GR?

A11: Many Districts have non-GRs who serve as DR, newsletter editor, etc. It is up to District autonomy as to fill their service commitments. Remember, however, only the GR has a vote.

Q12: If GRs represent their group's conscience at an Assembly and then receive more knowledge around "the issue" would it not be more democratic for the GR to take the new information back to the group—and **then** vote on the group's behalf? I understand we are to "follow our hearts" but we are trusted servants of our groups and represent them?

A12: The GR is a trusted servant elected by his/her group. The GR should be as informed as possible when getting the group's voting preferences on any issue. However, it can happen that there is additional information not previously considered by the group, or there is a clarification of a point not understood by the GR and thus not presented to the group accurately. Concept Three says "The right of decision makes effective leadership possible." As a trusted servant, you are expected to vote in a way that reflects the best for the group or Al-Anon as a whole.

Q13: How can we get our District GRs interested in coming to the Assembly? No one wanted to come today. Also, lots of people were going to the Tri-State conference in Laughlin this weekend.

A13: This is a situation shared by many Districts in our Area. Page 109 describes the GR as "A member, preferably with a basic understanding of the Al-Anon program, who is elected, subject to the dual member policy, for a three-year term by his group. (Al-Anon or Alateen.) He attends Assembly and District meetings and acts as a contact between the group and the DR, and between the group and the Area World Service Committee." Motivation can be difficult sometimes but there are only 2 Assembly meetings per year and are always on the 3rd Saturday of May and November. It may help to coordinate calendars at the start of the commitment. Experienced members can help by talking about the fact that the meetings are well worth their time, highly informative and enjoyable. It is important not to let a group be un-represented.

Q14: What is the breakdown for donations to Intergroup, District, SCWS, WSO?

Q15: Where in the Service Manual does it list the suggested percentages of the 7th Tradition to send to WSO, Area, District, and Central Office? If nothing is stated in the manual, can you tell me approximately how many meetings send to the WSO and Area so we can calculate out percentages?

A14 & 15: Pages 51 and 52 discuss a group's financial policy stating that groups financially support the service arms, which provide service to them. (That is, after group expenses are met.) It makes sense that the largest amount be donated to the service arms that most closely serve the group, ie. Central Office and District, and who have the fewest groups contributing to them. Southern California World Service and WSO have more groups supporting them and it might be appropriate to send a smaller amount to them. Many years ago there was a pamphlet with *suggested* percentages of the group's donations to its service arms which since has been discontinued in order to grant the groups the opportunity to create its own percentages. (The suggestion *back then* was: have a reserve to cover at least two month's group expenses, thereafter, 60% to the local central office, 30% to the Area and 10% to the WSO. However, since then, many groups are also donating to their District and taken 5–10% off the 60 %.)

Q16: Is it proper to have AA members speak at Al-Anon speaker meetings? If so, shouldn't they speak with an Al-Anon member?

Q17: Our Program Chairperson frequently asks AA speakers without an Al-Anon speaker (AA only). Is that within the Traditions?

A16 & 17: Meeting ideas are offered on pages 36-37 and this is addressed in section 8. "An *occasional* talk by an AA member often presents insights into the disease of alcoholism."

Q18: An Al-Anon group is having a 12 Steps study with AA literature and the leader is an AA person. Can this be done?

A18: This is not appropriate for a group to do as it clearly shifts the focus of the group away from the Al-Anon focus. Page 86 reminds us that "AA literature is written for and from the viewpoint of alcoholics and is not Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature. Reliance on opinions expressed in AA and other publications can distort the Al-

Anon approach, particularly for the newcomer. (See also 'Al-Anon Spoken Here' [P-53], 'Why Conference Approved Literature?' [P-35], and 'Alcoholism the Family Disease' [P-4]) According to Tradition 7, In keeping with being self-supporting, a group that uses and promotes "outside literature", which the AA literature is, is not being self-supporting. Our Al-Anon CAL supports our fellowship as a whole, not outside publications - those promote another entity. Any literature outside of CAL, however useful, ought not be displayed nor promoted at any Al-Anon meeting or event. Members are welcome to use any other literature outside of Al-Anon meetings or events.

Q19: How do we establish an Al-Anon "on going" meeting in the cruise lines? Very often I am at sea and see AA meetings taking place every day at 5:00 p.m. (ship time.)

A19: The cruise lines realize that members of 12-Step groups go on cruises and make a meeting place and time available. The cruise line is not presenting the *meeting*, just offering time and space – you may choose to make arrangements for that directly with the cruise line. (Alternate Delegate's note: I have attended at-sea "Friends of Bill W." meetings and have always been allowed to participate in the meeting, per their group conscience. If there are other Al-Anons who desire a separate meeting, remember, "where 2 or 3 are gathered....")

Q20: Would it be possible to put the address and location and dates of our Assembly meetings and the agenda on our website?

A20: Of course. Thank you for that suggestion.

Q21: If a person who is an Alateen sponsor in your District says he/she is certified, and the DR was not the person to sign off, can Sandie be called and asked if the person is certified?

A21: Absolutely. The person who holds the position of Area Alateen Process Person (currently, Sandie) maintains the up-to-date records of all registered Alateen meetings and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service. The AAPP's contact information is contained in the roster section of the Bulletin.

Q22: What is "cross talk"?

Q23: "Cross talk": what is it? Is there a definition written somewhere?

A22 & 23 "Cross talk" does not have an Al-Anon definition. However, there is some reference to it in past issues of the Forum and it has been defined in many different ways. Some describe it as: talking or whispering going on by one member to another, replying directly to a leader's or another's share rather than giving one's own share, conducting cross conversation without being called on or by talking out of turn. This is to be defined by the group conscience as to what is acceptable or not. Cross talk is adhered to by some meeting whereas others welcome it; it varies by state to state, meeting to meeting.

NOTE: Other questions submitted at the May Assembly not appearing here, will be answered in the next Bulletin (November).

District Representatives' Reports

No report from: 7 Districts (11,21,24,40,63,64,78) of 30.

District 3

Amanda C. Public Information and Mary M. Delegate came to our District meeting in March in Arroyo Grande. We enjoyed fellowship at dinner before the meeting. At our district meeting in January we read the Delegate's report, then in March we got to meet her in person! Amanda helped us to brainstorm about how to get the word out about Al-Anon. We also got to see the public information display. Thank you to Amanda and Mary for making the drive up to the Central Coast!

The San Luis Obispo AA Convention with Al-Anon participation will be August 24-26, 2007 at the Vets Hall in San Luis Obispo. The Santa Maria AA Convention with Al-Anon participation will be held Sept 7-9, 2007 at the Radisson in Santa Maria. Call or email me for more information.

David B, chairman, will join us for our District meeting in May just before the Assembly.

Julie R.

District 6

Hello from District 6

Not a lot of news to report from here. We just started our three-year commitment for our service board at the District level. We are still looking for someone to fill a couple of those commitments, one is Alateen Coordinator and the other is Public Information.

We have just finished taking part in the Annual Golden Empire Round Up (AA Convention with Al-Anon participation). This year Al-Anon took in over \$1500.00 from just the mugs, opportunity baskets and the 50/50 drawing. As usual for the conventions the speakers, food and entertainment were great and the fellowship was even better.

I have been encouraging all the GR's to attend the up coming Assembly and hopefully we will have a good turn out.

LIS, Anita Johnson, DR, District 6

District 8

Hello from District Eight -

We have recently rekindled two things in our district that we have not had for some years: A monthly speaker meeting on the second Saturday of each month and very recently a restarting of our newsletter, "The Voyage".

We have had four of our speaker meetings. Each has been very well attended with good speakers and a nice social aspect. We look forward to "The Voyage" providing an ongoing forum for distribution of current things related to Al-Anon and to District Eight in particular as well as providing space for personal entries expressing the experience, strenght, and hope of our members.

Love in Service — Ashe C, District 8 D.R.

District 9

Hi from District 9 (the center of Area 4). Sorry I couldn't be at the Assembly but I promised my Alateen I'd attend the SCAC Bash this year, thinking it would be on Mothers' Day Weekend as usual.

We have several things going on with Public Outreach. There was a health fair in Santa Clarita on April 14th and we were

able to have a booth where we passed out literature and cards and had people available to answer questions. There will be another health fair this Saturday at the Senior Center in Santa Clarita. We will have a booth there as well.

The Antelope Valley Convention Committee held an Alathon "Love-In" on April 21st to raise funds for their Al-Anon Convention which will be held in September this year. The Alathon was a huge success and they are now preparing for their convention.

DCFS has asked us to participate in their AV Community Resource Fair which will take place on Thursday May 24th.

Some of our enthusiastic Al-Anons have gotten together and sent literature to all of the schools in the Hart Union School District which includes all of the junior high and high schools in the Santa Clarita Valley. They will be following up with phone calls in the next few weeks.

We still have panels going out to Genesis (an outpatient rehab in Santa Clarita) and to Acton Rehab, as well as several other facilities.

We are still trying to get a pre-teen meeting going in Santa Clarita but an increase in the rent at the meeting that was going to sponsor it has slowed us down a bit. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to get that started.

We have been collecting funds all year for SCAC and will no doubt have plenty of money to send any Alateens in our District who would like to attend this year.

The 4th Annual Santa Clarita Convention of AA with Al-Anon Participation is in the planning stages and we are looking forward to that during the third weekend in October.

That's all for now. Hope to see everyone in November!

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

District 10

Hi Fellow Al-Anon members

We are still up here in the Hi Desert getting ready to have our 3rd District meeting of the year and half the year is almost gone. I really think the older you get the faster the time goes (self awareness)

Throughout this year we have had a couple visitors come and share with us. One of the members suggested that we have our own program where the different groups volunteer to put on some type of a program. Well the first one will be at next week's District meeting, it will be a skit on a piece of literature. Hopefully (no projections) it will go well. I'm going to be part of it (4 of us that are going to do it) and through practicing I got to be a ham and saw just how much I enjoyed the fun and how much I like bringing the child out in myself. What a blessing this program is for fun and for free, just with the willingness.

Our District was trying to get the message out to the professionals in our community and were asked by Lorena to bring names and addresses of professionals to our meeting and she would mail them out, some of us are remembering and some aren't, we will keep trying.

One of the groups in our District ordered Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007 and are having members take a few and leave them in public places. When I was going to see someone in the jailhouse I would read a Forum then leave it on the bench when I went for my visit.

Our District is paying for 2 telephone #'s, one in Barstow and one in Victorville, our Group Reps were to take it to their group and we will vote at District on keeping both lines, one or none and have callers call Colton Service Center.

Since only having District meeting every other month our funds are down (go figure), I do trust our finances will be taken care of.

Summer is almost here, enjoy and be sure to use the sun block.

See you soon,

In love with Service, Gail N, District 10

District 11

No Report.

District 12

Happy Spring, everyone, Our focus during the last few months was on Institutions work. After attending the H&I Conference, we organized a workshop and presented a panel composed of an Al-Anon, an AA, and two professionals from our local area to speak to us about how Al-Anon works in institutions. We provided the Al-Anon guidelines for working in institutions and pamphlets addressing Anonymity, family members in institutions and bi-lingual materials. Our Intergroup Institutions coordinator is working on sending us to jail. We hope to be able to bring Al-Anon recovery to our local women's jail.

We would like to begin a more intense discussion of group problems. At our meeting this month, GR's reported issues concerning cliques, gossip, and distribution of flyers advertising "outside" activities. Our Information Service newsletter, The Intergroup Scoop, will begin a series focusing on the Traditions and currently publishes an Ask-it Basket section. The question for this month was, "Can a group have a professional sit in on a meeting to observe?" The question next month will be, "Can a dual member serve beyond the group level?" We discovered that even some of the board members were unclear about the answers to these questions.

We are still working on our campaign to encourage more participation beyond the group level by ensuring that every group is represented by a GR and an IGR. We want to do more to spread the word about Al-Anon in our community and, as the old saying goes, "many hands make light work."

Visit our Information Service website, <http://www.alanonventura.org>.

LIS, Lea R, District 12

District 17

District 17 has been focusing on ways to help support Alateen. We invited Alateen members to speak at our last District Meeting. Unfortunately, no Alateens showed up -there may have been conflicts since our meeting was at 7:00 pm on a school night. However, we did have parents of Alateens and Alateen Sponsors show up. There was much discussion about the numerous Alateen meetings in need of sponsors. We discussed organizing an Alateen Workshop in the San Fernando Valley area. We suggested incorporating our sister district, District 21, into the planning of this event.

None of us have ever put something like this together before. I encourage any one that has knowledge and experience to contact me and offer their assistance so we can have a successful Workshop.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Tarisa (Tari) R, District 17 Representative

District 21 No report.

District 24

No report.

District 27

Tim P was elected District Representative at our March 14 meeting and Elizabeth K formerly District Representative, will now be Alternate District Representative. Julie D our Alateen liaison, has done an amazing job organizing Alateen workshops and working to start two Alateen meetings—the first in District 27. One is concurrent with the 11:00 am Sunday Hollywood Adult Child meeting and the second Alateen meeting is concurrent with a new Al-Anon meeting on Sunday at 6 pm at Fountain and Fairfax. In March we picked October 13 as the date of our annual Alathon to be held in the United Methodist Church at Wilshire and Warner. However, because major construction will soon start at the church and there will not be any parking, we are looking for an alternate venue, hopefully still in Westwood.

Tim P, DR

District 30

Greetings from District 30,

I am pleased to report that we continue to increase our group representation from our District 30 meetings. That is a very good thing. "Participation is the key to harmony." However, sadly, we bid farewell to Marjorie T., our District secretary, who will be moving to San Diego. Boohoo us and lucky San Diego. She has been of great service to District 30. While Karen K moved to another district and resigned as GR, we welcomed Carrie M. as Arcadia Sunday night rep. She stepped right up to service. Thank you Marjorie, Karen and Carrie.

At our April meeting, we voted Paul H as D30 Alateen Liaison. While on the Alateen note, we voted to support Alateen Sponsor Workshops, realizing that there is a need for Alateen Sponsors; this is one way to financially support a worthy project. On May 5, 2007, District 30, had a "fun" raiser celebrating Alateen's 50th Birthday. Happy Birthday Alateens! We invited Justin J, Marina M & Kathi L to share their Alateen experience, strength and hope. It was a fun evening, great food...actually homemade lasagna by Frank M and great decorations by Karen K & her committee. Funds will be used for additional SCAC scholarships, Alateen workshops and other District 30 Al-Anon events. Thank you all who supported the event.

I thank my HP for His direction and guidance during my service as DR.

Hugs in Service, Maria L. G, DR 30

District 33

Good day to all of you in Southern California World Service. I had a light bulb moment as I began this report, of the first time I attended World Service in its other location. I believe I was "dragged" along with a few others and little did I know then, that I still would be attending today. About 16 years ago. Crazy! It showed me what was told to me way back then that is as true then as it is now and that is "Stick with the winners!" Those are the people giving back however they can to help those who come after us. Most of those who brought me to that meeting long ago are still here. That is amazing. I came to know why that is too. Friendships come from service. Like people coming together to share experience, strength and hope. I am thrilled to be a part of the worldwide fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Groups.

What comes over the summer in District 33 first is our fabulous yearly Alathon coming June 30th. It is a wonderful day of meetings, fellowship, food, entertainment and meeting-donated raffle baskets. Many of you also host these Alathons yearly and you know the benefit to your District and its members. What a day it is for all! A great event for our newest members to meet more of us and learn more about our program.

We will then begin the discussion and planning of our 2nd Fourth Step Workshop or a Sponsorship Workshop. Both were asked for by District meeting members, so more will be revealed at our June meeting. We are just in the deciding phase and look to put it together in August/September. I love my District and the energy and enthusiasm they put into all they do. Whether that is being of service at their personal meetings or volunteering beyond the group level. There is a place to do the Twelfth Step for all of us if we choose. As a member here one day longer than newcomers, I believe it is up to me to reach out and take the hand of the newcomer and welcome them into an amazing journey of continued recovery through service. You all are my guides on the journey. See you in Pittsburg!

Love in Service and much good times, Kathy G, DR District 33

District 36

District 36 in action:

First of all I just wanted to personally thank all of our meetings that have donated toward the yellow pages and SCAC this past month. By the time you read this our May 20th Speaker meeting will be over, BUT I know not forgotten because I've heard Maria & Vince speak many times and they both work their program... The money we will collect for that day will go toward the yellow pages ad which we have committed to pay until and including September. [yes, I know, this a broken record BUT as members of Al-Anon we are going to pay to the end]

Also, between the two Alateen meetings we have five Alateen sponsors and we all hope to go to SCAC this year along with many of our Alateens. What a way to spend the weekend, watching them grow! For many, this will be their first time and they are all excited !!!

Tradition 5: Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

The Inland Empire will be having their 20th Convention AA with Al-Anon / Alateen participation on Oct. 19th, 20th & 21st of 2007. Keep an eye out for the IEAAC flyers. More info can be found on www.ca-inlandempire-alanon.org. Check out the web page. Our newest GR ~ J.R. is the web Coordinator.

We're see you all at the May 19th Assembly. Yep, District 36 will be busy that weekend.

Love in service, Jay

District 39

We always meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 to 8pm, at our Inland Empire Service Center. We share group problems and how best to help apply our Traditions or Concepts to be of service.

We were happy to see new GRs in attendance from Riverside, Fontana, and Moreno Valley. Our attendance is increasing. We have 50 registered groups in District 39 and usually 8 to 10 meetings represented at District meetings. We discussed how to increase District participation. Sara C. shared that her friend who is a DR in Nevada had 25 people at

their District meeting when there are only 16 groups in that locale. Their meetings really focus on newcomers when they arrive. They drop their planned program and have a newcomers' meeting instead.

Our members are busy distributing Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism. On March 10th, the Redlands Alateen group presented a booth about Alateen at a Girl Scout teen fair.

We made love gifts at a District meeting for Delegate Mary to take to the WSC in April.

Currently, we're working diligently on our **Day in Al-Anon**. It is set for **Saturday, August 25th**, at the **River Church, in Redlands**. Our theme is **Regaining Joy!** Look for our flyer for details and registration at your local Information Center.

Carolyn S, DR

District 40

No report.

Love in Service, Carmie F. District 40 rep.

District 42

Not only did we have great fellowship at our recent Alathon Heart to Heat fund raiser, we made \$893.

We have been very successful with our outreach projects, too numerous to mention all of them. Some of the highlights are our bus advertising, PSA's, meeting on wheels at the Betty Ford Center.

Beverly S. and Barbara P. did a radio interview with EZ103.1, which aired on April 15th. Their subject was "How Al-Anon Works."

We also have been active with our Alateen Program, visiting Desert Sands School District and the Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation, with positive results.

At our District Meeting held on May 8th we were very fortunate to have Mary M, SCWS Delegate, speaking on "How to Run an Effective District Meeting", Sandra Etheridge, Alternate Delegate, spoke on Alateen and Amanda Cole on Public Information. We had a large turn out for them and the information we received from them was so informative. Hopefully we can implement some of their suggestions in District 42.

We are looking forward to making progress with writing bylaws for our Literature Distribution Center.

Love in Service, Mona B., DR, District 42

District 45

We are actively collecting for SCAC donations from the meetings in our District. So far we have received three requests for SCAC scholarships, which we have fulfilled. We also are participating with another District once again to fund the rental of a bus to transport Alateens to SCAC.

At our last District meeting we distributed ~\$500 worth of various pieces of literature among the GRs to request members at their meetings to assist in distributing the literature as part of our public outreach efforts. We are also in the process of donating Forum subscriptions to recovery centers.

Our next meeting is schedule on July 11th at 7:30 PM at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Westchester. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Gratefully, Cathy W, District 45 Representative

District 48

A warm hello from District 48. We are grateful to the board members who visited our District last April. The insight and

information Amanda Cole (Public Outreach) and Sandie Ethridge (Alternate Delegate) shared about the program was wonderful. The GR's are more confident to use the program's tools to reach the public, not only with the right literature but with a positive attitude. Our special thanks to Lucia Caballero for translating, since most of the GRs are Spanish speaking. Thanks again Lucia for your service.

Our focus for this next two months will be on getting more funds to help send Alateens to SCAC this year. Last year, a few Alateens from the area went to SCAC. We hope to send more this year. Also, the District is pleased to welcome a new sponsor who is interested in becoming an Alateen sponsor. He understands the process for the Alateen Safety Requirements and I honor his commitment to be of service.

Love in service, Julia T

District 51

Greetings from District 51! Our District is finding its way since we lost our DR, Emily L. last November. As the new DR of a couple months stepping up from Alternate DR, I feel very supported by the new Alternate DR, Darleen, the treasurer, Ada; and the other GR's, and Alternate GR's; Terry, Sylvia, Ethel, Ava, and Esther. My heartfelt gratitude to them all.

As the District 51 Committee, we all met twice in the month of March: once to conduct our regular District meeting and then again, we came together for a pot luck and to make 100 love gifts of bookmarkers with the Serenity Prayer for the Delegate at the Conference (WSC). We laughed, we prayed, we shared program, we ate good food and embraced each others' company as we made the "love gifts" with lots of love.

As a District, we are planning our 9th Annual Alathon, "Where there is Hope, there are Solutions". We, as a committee of about 20 members, are meeting monthly until the Alathon, October 6, 2007 in Pico Rivera. As for our individual meetings, some of them have purchased copies of the Public Outreach Annual 2007 Forum to give out to schools, libraries, and other public facilities. In addition, the Saturday morning meeting continues to have the Forum Journaling Workshop every month. Al-Anon members read from the Forum Magazine and then journal for 10 mins. And sharing is optional.

Well, this is the update for now.

With gratitude, Irene L., District 51

District 54

Greetings from District 54. We had our annual Alathon on Saturday March 24, 2007 from 9 – 4. There was an Alateen Sponsors workshop from 8 – 9. It's in a new location Nativity Catholic Church 1447 Engracia Ave. Torrance, CA 90501. It was a success - well attended and everyone loved the new location.

Our annual South Bay Roundup with Al-Anon and Alateen participation was a great weekend, full of speaker meetings, marathon meetings and lots of fun and fellowship.

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

Greetings from District 57!

We held our last District meeting on Saturday, April 24. We continue to build participation and grow in service together. At the meeting we elected a new Secretary. I am grateful for the willingness of our GRs to be of service at the District level. I want to thank both Martha Z and our outgoing Secretary, Julie H. for their dedicated service to District 57.

Our District meetings have become a wonderful forum for learning and growing together in service. We have added a round table discussion where GRs can bring up their issues and questions. We use our Service Manual and CAL, as well as sharing our experience, strength & hope to help each other find solutions. When in doubt, we can contact World Service.

We continue to publish our quarterly service bulletins to educate members on strengthening their recovery through being of service. This quarter our topic is on "Fear of Making Mistakes".

We will be planning our first Alathon at our next District meeting in July!

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

We've had the first District Meeting of our term. Actually as I you read this we will have had the second meeting as well, but as I write this it hasn't happened yet. We elected our remaining officers and are revving up for the new term.

The major item of the meeting was a discussion of high pressure groups with a focus on the effects in our own District. We were able to keep the discussion on principles rather than personalities. Since this was a discussion, no action items were proposed, however a general consensus was that we were glad to have the opportunity to talk about the issue and to reason things out together.

Love in Service, Truck S

District 63, District 64 (en español)

No reports.

District 66

The big news in District 66 is the **Sponsorship Workshop** that will be held on Sat., October 6, in Lake Forrest. The workshop will follow an abbreviated District Business meeting and run through the remainder of the day. Lunch will be provided for a small fee. This will be a wonderful opportunity for newcomers to learn about sponsorship and long timers to share ideas. Upon surveying many meetings and chatting with existing sponsors we've found there's confusion regarding this very important tool of our program. There will be speakers, fellowship and break out sessions. The curriculum will be based on CAL (Conference Approved Literature). If you're looking for a sponsor and don't quite know how or what to expect, this will be something you don't want to miss. If you're currently sponsoring people and you want to take your sponsoring "up a notch", come and hear some ideas. If your own sponsor might benefit, send them and pay for their lunch. More details coming. The workshop is open to any and all members of Al-Anon. Watch the Orange Blossom for details.

You may have been one of the lucky ones who participated in the Spaghetti Sauce Cook-Off last month put on by the Corona Del Mar Men's Stag Meeting. Well over \$1,000 was raised for the Orange County Information Office. Some amazing recipes were revealed (and consumed).

So far, the District has raised several hundred dollars for **SCAC** scholarships. Alateens still are a priority in the District and all interested adults are encouraged to attend SCAC. For specific information you can contact our Alateen Coordinator: Sarah R. (949) 722-6567

Mary M. our current delegate will be speaking at our next District Meeting, June 2nd all are welcome. Meeting Location: Santiago de Compostela Church, 21682 Lake Forrest Drive, Lake Forrest, CA (just East of Trabuco Rd.)

Respectfully submitted,
Garry L. District 66

District 69

Greetings from District 69. We have had a very exciting beginning of the year. First, our annual Alateen breakfast fundraiser was a big success and we have plenty of proceeds for SCAC. The Carlsbad Men's Al-Anon group sponsored the event and did a fabulous job of cooking, as always.

We have also added a new event to our calendar. Every other month on the even months, we host a Speaker Meeting on the second Saturday. Our kickoff meeting was held on April 14 and we drew more than 100 people. It was so great to see such support for Al-Anon and to realize how this obviously answered a need for more Al-Anon speaker meetings. We never gain so much as when we hear our own story from someone else.

We continue to struggle to find consistent Alateen sponsorship. There is a new Spanish speaking Alateen meeting in the works, which we have sorely needed. If any one of you has a magic solution (apparently I still need some meetings!) for the sponsorship problem, feel free to give us a call.

Love in Service,
Kitty R, District Rep, District 69

District 72

All is well in San Diego, except that I have been participating *in absentia*. Thanks to my Higher Power for a strong and active Alternate District Rep., Melisa will be reporting for me today. Group participation at the District level continues to be a concern of mine. However, those that are participating are enthusiastic and willing and ready to volunteer.

The District has taken on an Outreach Project of providing literature to an East County Community Services Counseling Center and San Diego Youth Services. The Al-Anon Literature has been enthusiastically received and the Center has recently requested Alateen Members to speak. This is being coordinated through our local Alateen.

We now have an Alateen Liaison for our District, Susan W. She is one of the Districts' Alateen Sponsors and volunteered to participate as our liaison. Susan also brought along our first Alateen Group Rep. Her name is Kristina G. Good things come in bunches.

We have a number of our Groups participating in raising funds for SCAC Scholarships. I am very pleased with the enthusiasm which has been shown for the effort. Funds will be turned in to the District at the end of June in time to allow for SCAC Registration.

Our District's "Sereni Tea" (Long-Timers Tea) scheduled for June 3, 2007 had to be rescheduled to June 23. I believe it will be posted on the SCWS Calendar and there may be some flyers available. Come on down for an afternoon Long-Timer Serenity.

Last but not least, I am very confident and proud that the District's Group Reps are well informed and knowledgeable with Assembly activities. We spend a good amount of time at our District Meetings discussing Assembly issues, agenda items and the GR's are encouraged to participate and voice their opinions, and participate in the Action Committees of their choice. I am a strong supporter of Concept 1 and the responsibility it passes to the Groups to keep Al-Anon alive and healthy.

Bernie S, District Rep, District 72

District 75

District 75 invited David B, chair of SCWS Board to visit our meeting and he was happy to oblige and come down to San Diego. So, he drove down on his motorcycle this May, with a side visit to Julian along the way, and spent time with us at our District meeting which is held in the highly aesthetic house of GR Ollie M. While all were munching on snacks, David and I shared our experience, strength and hope around SCWS and WS with our new crop of GRs, the majority of whom have never been to the Assembly. Assembly newbiesso there were a lot of wide eye-ed looks and some very good questions from the GRs. Hopefully this will help make the Assembly more manageable for all new GRs. We also are fortunate in District 75 to have some former GRs who have stayed on with the District and took officer positions to help with transitions. I am very grateful to Barbara, Natalie, Nancy and Marion for their continued service and wise counsel. Big thanks to David for being so committed to being of service to the District and the groups!

Kathy A our new Alateen Liaison had an Alateen group decorate a set of jars with slogans and drawings and handed those out to our GRs to collect donations for SCAC scholarships. I know I collected over \$50 at my meeting the first time I sent it round, so this seems like a good approach. Kathy has also volunteered to help District 72 with the Alateen Sponsorship workshop planned for the fall.

Our District has been very active in Outreach over the last three years, donating \$1500 worth of books and pamphlets to libraries, schools, institutions and the military. We are committed to continuing this Outreach work. Also in the spirit of rotation of leadership, the committee members, Barbara, Natalie and I, are stepping down and handing the torch to Roxanne, Susan and Carmen. We look forward to their wonderful outreach ideas.

We have already started planning our Fall Fundraiser and Fellowship workshop for Sat Sept. 29. Stayed tuned for themes and ideas for that one.

Love in Service,
Louise K, DR District 75

District 78 No report (no DR).

Visiting other Areas, Reports

Colorado Area State Assembly – JULY 13, 14 & 15, 2007

Colorado has 3 annual State Assemblies held in rotating locations and 24 Districts. They're at the same time and location as the AA Assembly.

Colorado allots 2 hours for their Delegate's report of the Spring Conference. Their Assemblies are longer than ours, include 3 Assemblies annually and have fewer attendees. Nonetheless, we might still consider the importance of allowing more time for our Delegate's report.

Registration began Friday at 4 p.m. with general Host Group sharing from 7 – 8 p.m. 8:15 – 9 p.m. had a workshop on general questions/info of Who's Who, How it Works, Groups, Districts, Area, WSO. It was a general information meeting with group participation. A number of us were given prepared questions on a card for the general assembly to contemplate and answer – e.g., "can an individual group have babysitting paid for out of their own 7th Tradition Funds?" - An Ask-It Basket type meeting.

The Saturday meetings began at 8:00 a.m. and continued till 9 p.m. with a break for lunch and another for dinner.

After roll call, approval of Spring Assembly minutes, etc., they addressed their continued research of Director's and Officer's insurance to be discussed at the next Assembly. This discussion included their plan to bond their Treasurer – currently not bonded.

They have just purchased 3 lap top computers with Microsoft Office '07 software, along with 2 laser printers for a total of \$3,783.37.

Colorado is in its early stages of exploring translation for its Spanish speaking groups and has, thus far, had limited attendance from that population ... (no wonder!). Their research revealed a cost of \$40 per hour for translation.

The vote to make their still trial Action Committees permanent was postponed to their next Assembly.

10:15 - Noon was devoted to Action Committees. Their structure includes 4 Action Committees:

1. Public Outreach
2. Fellowship Communication
3. Membership
4. Group Services

Public Outreach:

This is the group I attended. It includes (1) CPC, (2) PI, and (3) Institutions. It is further broken into four sub-committees each with its own cmtee chair: (a) HHS (Health, Human Services), (b) Spanish, (c) AA and (d) Treatment Centers. They are considering adding a 5th one of "Prisons".

Currently, our SCWS focus is supplying enthusiasm, ideas, "how-to" information, literature, maintaining a base directory of people willing to participate in panels, etc. CO's process of breaking into sub-divisions with additional chairs (who remain a part of either CPC, PI or Institutions) might offer greater opportunity for a specific "action" to work on as a group.

At our last 2 Assemblies, we've broken CPC, PI and Institutions into 3 separate groups so members could focus

on the specific area they believe their District (groups) would best benefit from.

Colorado's PO Action Cmtee stayed together for the entire breakout – as we have done in the past. Their considerably smaller number of attendees makes it possible for more interaction. There are benefits to both ways and I'd like feedback from Amanda, Sandra & Shirley on this. Interestingly, their PO Coordinator told me later they are now considering breaking into separate groups as we do. Is the grass always greener?

The potential "Prison Outreach Sub-Cmtee was viewed with enthusiasm for working with AA in this area. AA in CO has expressed an interest in working with Al-Anon and Al-Anon viewed this as an opportunity to build on resources already in place.

They are considering whether or not they want to be a presence in drug court.

Public Outreach/Institutions has formed a Treatment Center sub-committee, which is assembling a base of all treatment centers, with name, address and phone numbers. Their goal is to include the entire state.

Fellowship Communication:

A major project of this cmtee is converting their "Tape Library" to digital as many of the older tapes are starting to disintegrate. This group includes a literature coordinator who provides literature for sale at the Area Assembly. They are responsible for the "Butterfly" which is their State Bulletin. This includes a "Records Coordinator" who keeps the data base of (1) Group contacts, (2) tracking all AWSC members, and (3) Butterfly subscriptions. Their Butterfly subscription is a "donation" only and those who cannot afford the subscription cost are given free subscriptions.

Membership Action Committee:

This cmtee presents the new GR orientation meeting. It also sponsors the DIA "Day in Al-Anon" which is a service-oriented workshop similar to our SOS. In connection with AA, all Alateens are being given free registration at their State Convention.

Group Services:

They are responsible for all technical support including audio/visual equipment and translation equipment and any needs of individual groups. They are currently assessing District boundaries.

Saturday, the Conference began at 8 AM with a lunch break (food for purchase by AA) from Noon to 1:25 p.m. The assembly continued until 5 p.m. After a dinner break from 5 – 7 p.m., there was a joint meeting of AA and Al-Anon ending at 9 p.m. Their previous format was a speaker meeting with one AA and one Al-Anon speaker.

There was a Finance Committee meeting held in a nearby home during the dinner break Saturday evening. I had been asked previously to join their PO Action Cmtee Chair for dinner for one-on-one time to share PO thoughts, so I missed the Finance Cmtee meeting.

They have a pamphlet jam-packed with info for new attendees titled "What are Assemblies All About? - or – What Am I Doing Here?" I have a copy to share with you at our Board Meeting, along with other handouts.

Love and gratitude for service opportunities,
Robin

Visiting other Areas, Reports

Report to Assembly-SERSS in West Virginia-March 16, 17 & 18, 2007

My name is Martha M. I chose as my educational experience to attend the South East Regional Service Seminar (SERSS) in West Virginia. I believe my Higher Power guided to me this function rather than another because I had become arrogant in the belief that I had attended enough Regional Service Seminars. Of course my Higher Power knew this and sent me all the way to West Virginia to make me realize it. I shared a room with a long time friend who moved to Kentucky, and who also was attending the Service Seminar. The love and fellowship I experienced not only at the RSS but in everyone I met along my journey was a promise kept to me by the Al-Anon Program. I was never alone, people were always there to help, and no matter where I go in this world the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen are always there.

On Friday night, as in all the other Regional Seminars I have attended, every person received a badge and a bag full of materials. In the meeting room, the area delegate Mary S. asked for the hands of other delegates in the room. There were 18 other delegates from around the U.S. present. From World Service Virginia Beach-Judy, Chairperson of the Board; Barbara, Alateen Coordinator; Rick, Executive Director; as well as Pat, Amy and Mary staff and Volunteers. Judy told us her personal story. Barbara O. informed us that this would be Judy's last RSS as Chairperson. Her term had come to an end. We were joined by the Alateen Advisory Committee and Trustee, Doris.

After the break we went into Breakout Sessions. In the breakout sessions some ideas passed on were: share the information; you may not like all of us, but you will love us in a very special way; conflict is good as long as we trust the process; the value of the minority opinion; motions are sent to area committee meetings not assembly; growth in action committees; and my personal favorite, you can have the best Chairperson, coordinators & officers as well as delegate-BUT-if the DR's & GR's do not come-it is all for nothing.

Because our Area is looking into expanding our May Assembly I took notes on several states practices in their assemblies. Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Arizona, Tennessee, and Kentucky were some of the ones that have 2-day assemblies. In all of them the common factor is they make them fun, there are skits, workshops, and sharing meetings besides the reports and discussion that usually goes on. Accommodation and some meals are paid for by first the groups, then the Districts and the balance by the area.

On Saturday, after breakfast at 7:30am, we came together in the meeting room once more. After the Traditions were read, Rick gave his "famous" slide show presentation. He explained that WSO website has a new feature-Lois's voice explaining some history of Al-Anon. He also reminded us that WSO does not resolve conflicts. We need to reason it out amongst ourselves. Rick quoted Mirna E., the past executive director

before him, in saying "suggestions are enforced by being willing to be obedient to them."

We then went into workshops. I went first to the Leadership workshop. This workshop was based on Concept 9-The qualities of leadership: responsibility, tolerance, stability, flexibility, judgment and vision. Step 10 + Concept 9 = goal of our fellowship to bring Al-Anon's message of hope to all who can benefit from it.

Next I went to the Anonymity Workshop. Anonymity contains 3 elements:

1. Outside Al-Anon
2. Within Al-Anon
3. In our personal growth

Anonymity- OUTSIDE Al-anon at the Public Level: Tradition 11-pg. 73 of the Service Manual, pg. 121 "How Al-Anon Works", pg. 48 Service Manual, mentions "internet".

Anonymity-IS NOT...a secret society, reveal identity and the groups advertisement. We are anonymous to Radio, T.V. and Films. We are Not anonymous to our fellowship.

Anonymity-WITHIN Al-Anon: Pg. 74 Service Manual-members choose to use their full names OR not. Besides our personal choice-we do not identify each other to anyone. Pg. 121 "How Al-Anon Works" we must also protect the anonymity of all A.A. members, that is why we tell OUR story and not anyone else's.

Anonymity-IN PERSONAL GROWTH: pg. 39 of "How Al-Anon Works" talks about calling someone else. Using mail for Seminars, conventions, etc. We share as equals. Pg. 340 "How Al-Anon Works". To sum it up, we must work on all our sides of the triangle: RECOVERY through the Steps-UNITY through the Traditions-SERVICE through the Concepts.

Public Outreach is the next workshop I attended with Public Outreach director Clair R. We are in a unique position to offer the "before" and "after". The "lucky lottery Service Manual pages.. 73, 89, 90, & 91. These pages tell us how to maintain Tradition 11 and promote and carry the message. The magazine "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" is great for leaving at professionals' offices. It is a way for the potential member to find Al-Anon for recovery. Each of us have to access our position on anonymity to be able to carry the message through public outreach. WSO is begging for stories of recovery. Our photos have to be blurred in media appearances. For me personally Al-Anon Recovery makes me

1. Live a better life.
2. Be a better employee
- 3 Taught me how to have faith.

Outside clubs or organizations like rotary, Kiwanis, etc., are not included in the definition of media like radio, T.V. and Films.

E-Cal. WSO needs our summations for E-Cal. We need to invite more people to participate. Any Al-non/Alateen member can submit writings to be published in E-Cal after approval from Delegates, staff, conference and executive director.

We then heard Rick's elevator story. If you have not heard it, you need to attend a RSS. It is a good story on how I was good enough.

The last workshop for today is the CONCEPT WORKSHOP. It is my opinion that this workshop is the best one of all. So much information and learning and sharing.

We heard more on Knowledge based Decision Making. Rick summed up the Concepts into one word for each.

1. All are equals
- 2.
3. Mutual trust
4. Mutual respect
5. Mutual security and continuity
6. Delegates authority
7. Trustees=legality, Conference=traditional
8. Continuity and conservation
9. Everyone participates-not everyone suited for all positions
10. job description
11. Spread the load-sharing
12. Prudence

Saturday night=281 registered participant.

Sunday morning. We heard Rick's baboon story. Moral of the story= fear, conflict, traumatized. If we remember the principles of the program, we can quietly say "shoo" and not be traumatized by unacceptable behavior. We then heard from Doris W, the Chairperson for Alateen Advisory Committee. She introduced two more delegates from Tennessee and West Virginia attending. Then we heard the Spiritual speaker, Nancy B, past delegate from Akron, South Carolina. The Area Chair from West Virginia, Mary S, then thanked her host committee and we closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

As I said in the beginning, this was a wonderful education. As long as I remain teachable I will find help and continue recovery. Thank you all for this opportunity to serve you better.

Love in service, Martha M

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teer or suggest someone.

Sponsorship Resources

Mary gave us all the new Sponsorship bookmark at the Board meeting and I see that the WSO website has "Special Historical information on Sponsorship" posted on the website. Just go to <http://al-anon.alateen.org/members/> Follow the instructions and then on the first page you'll find the sponsorship information in the lower left area.

Also, for those of you interested in reading the MSNBC article (see below) on AA high pressure groups, you can find it at the following address

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18368218/site/newsweek/>

Love and gratitude to you all, Miriam

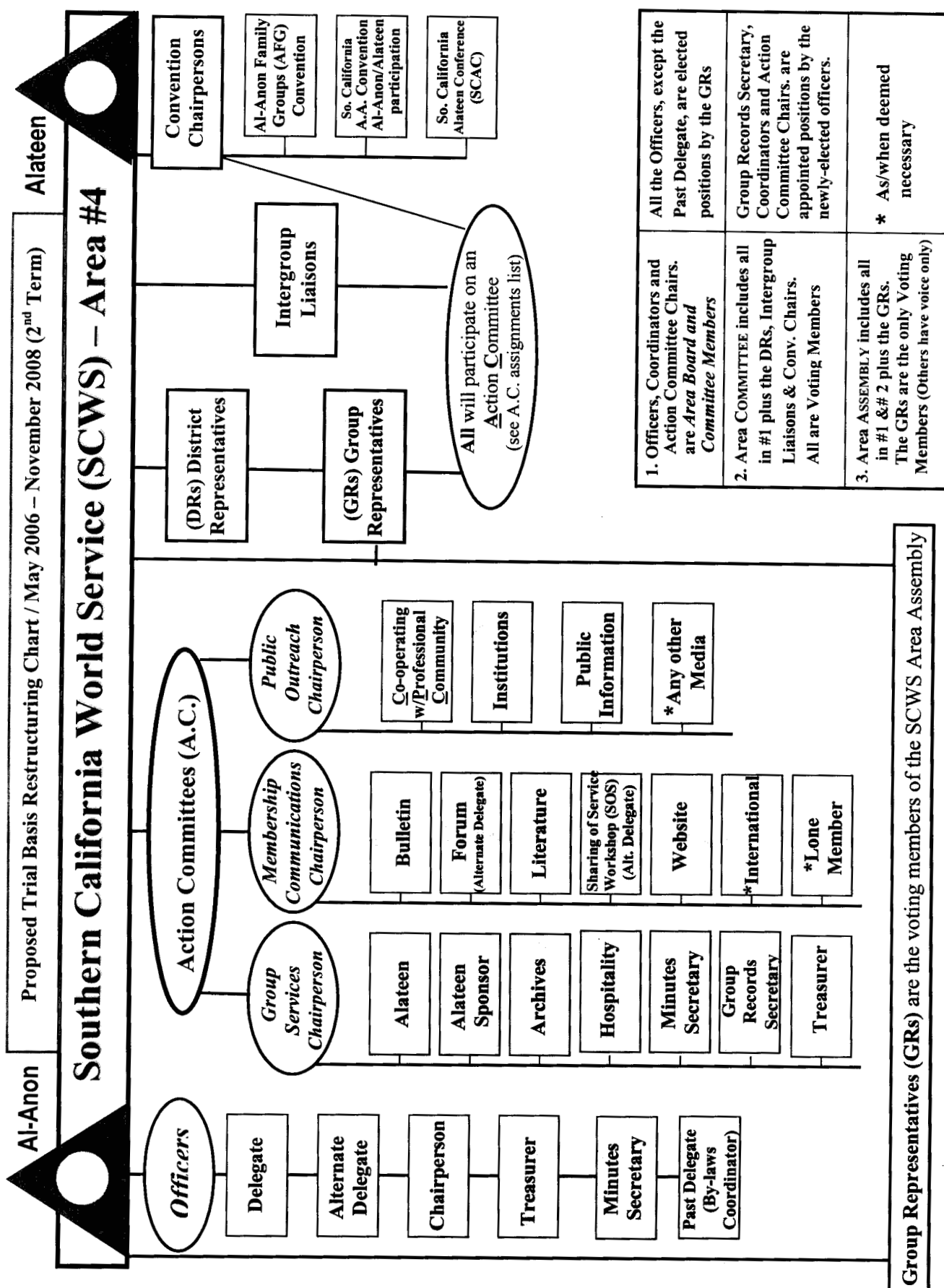
Note from Bulletin Editor: AA is dealing with pyramid sponsorship too. This is the title line of the msnbc article:

A Struggle Inside AA

Recovering alcoholics say a Washington, D.C., group has hijacked the 12-step program's name.

By Nick Summers

Newsweek



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

Changes: ☐ Group Rep (GR) ☐ Alt.Group Rep (AGR) ☐ Contact

(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 _____

Phone _____ E-mail (opt.) _____

Additional Meeting Contact (Optional)

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

Street/PO Box _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (opt.) _____

Changes to: District Officers / Intergroup Liaisons / Convention Chairs

Name _____

Street/PO Box _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (opt.) _____

This person is the: ☐ District Rep ☐ Alt. District Rep ☐ Coord. for _____
(Alateen, PI, CPC, etc.)

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

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72 Bernie S
75 Louise K
78 No DR

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRUSTEE

Winnie S

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Panel	Name	Phone	Email	Years
1	(name not available right now)			1961-1963
4	Cecelia B.			1964-1966
7	Norris R			1967-1969
10	(name not available right now)			1970-1972
13	Elsie Q			1973-1975
16	Betty (R) O	(not available for contact)		1976-1978
19	Pat R			1979-1981
22	(name not available right now)			1982-1984
25	Bob L			1985-1987
28	Hester B			1988-1990
31	Joyce K			1991-1993
34	Kary L			1994-1995
34	Rita M			1996
37	Willie W			1997-1999
40	Kay D			2000-2002
43	Miriam M	Immediate Past Delegate	(see Officers listing)	2003-2005
46	Mary M	Current Delegate	(see Officers listing)	2006-2008

Names of Past Delegates from Panels 1,10,22 are known but not available (requested by PD or family).

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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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Who has Voice and/or Vote?

Area World Service <u>Assembly</u>		Area World Service <u>Committee</u>	
<u>VOICE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>	<u>VOICE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Group Representatives	Group Representatives	District Representatives	District Representatives
District Representatives		Officers	Officers
Officers		Coordinators	Coordinators
Coordinators		Intergroup Liaisons	Intergroup Liaisons
Past Delegates		AWSC Convention Chairs	AWSC Convention Chairs
		(Conventions: AFG, So-Cal AA & SCAC)	
(Intergroup Liaisons and AWSC Convention Chairmen give report only – No voice nor vote unless also a GR.)		Past Delegates	

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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!

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

Group Services
Facilitator: Kathi L.

District Representative**
From Districts
3, 9, 12, 24, 33
40, 48, 57, 64, 72

Group Representatives**
see below

Intergroup Liaisons
Orange County

Board members
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Minutes Secretary
Treasurer
Alateen Coordinator
Alateen Sponsor Coordinator
Archives
Hospitality

Membership
Communications
Facilitator: Cindy R.

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