



Al-Anon –Southern California world Service (SCWS) - Area #04 **Assembly—Saturday, February 16, 2008**

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, CA

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – New Group Representative Orientation – Craft Room

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

Chairperson – David B.

- Serenity Prayer and Welcome

Traditions read by: _____ District # _____

Treasurer's Report – Suzanne P.

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

Delegate's Report – Mary M.

- Updates from the WSO

Alternate Delegate's Report – Sandie E.

- SOS, January 19, 2008
- Ask it Basket

Past Delegate's Report – Miriam McK.

Minutes Secretary – Cathy W.

Minutes from Nov. 16th Assembly Meeting

Old Business:

1.

New Business:

1.

2.

12:00 noon - Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – Reconvene-Please be prompt

Concepts read by: _____ District # _____

Hospitality Report: Mary Lou V. Host Districts: 27, 33, 36, 42, 45

Thank you for all your help.

Convention Chairpersons' Reports

AFG Convention 2007 –Jeremy O.

So-Cal. AA Convention 2007 – Al-Anon – Laura McC.

So-Cal. Alateen Conf. (SCAC) – Ben

Ask It Basket – Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate – Sandie E.

Action Committee Reports:

Group Services: Willie W.

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator: Marcia W.

Alateen Coordinator: Daniel K.

Archives: Martha M.

Membership Communications: Cindy R.

Bulletin: Laurie E.

Literature: Lucia C.

Website: Alvar G.

Public Outreach: Robin J.

Cooperating w/ Professional Community: Sandra W.

Institutions: Shirley M.

Public Information: Amanda C.

District Representatives' Reports

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.

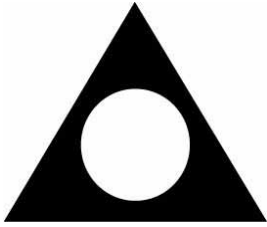
Al-Anon related Announcements (only if time permits)

Closing time - 4:00 p.m. - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

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

REMINDERS:

- **PLEASE LIMIT REPORTS** to 2-3 minutes (does not apply to Officers) – submit printed report and media copy (disk) to the Minutes Secretary.
- **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



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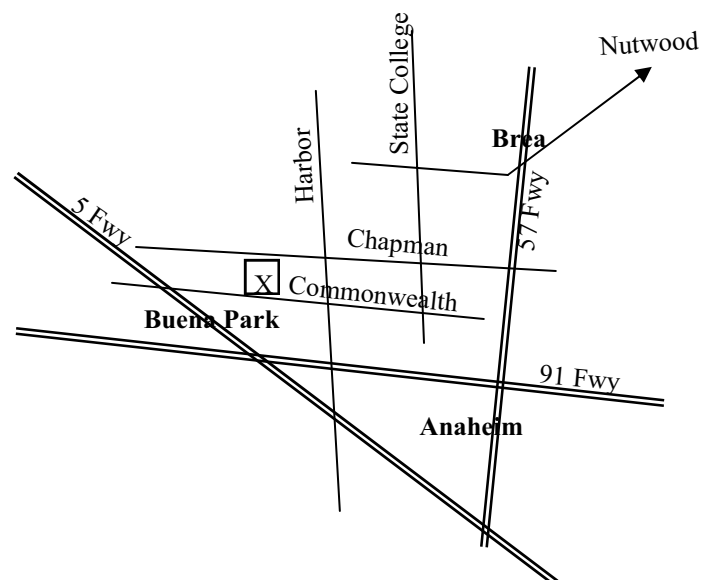
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**Our next Committee meeting is on
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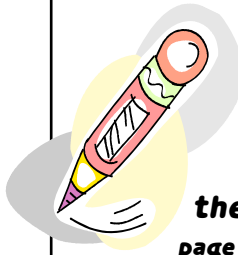
Fullerton Senior Service Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton
Thomas Guide, pg 738, G7
91 Riverside Fwy, exit Harbor Blvd. North
go past Orangethorpe and Valencia, turn
left (west) onto Commonwealth.
OR
57 So. exit Nutwood . Left (south) on State
College Blvd. Right (west) on Chapman to
Harbor Blvd., left (south) to Common-
wealth. Right (west) on Commonwealth, It
is on the left (south) by Amerige Park.



Mark your Calendars!

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 ON the 3rd Saturday of the month. February, May, August, & November (See map—page 3) Please plan on attending for the duration of the meeting to take advantage of all the experience has to offer! - If you are unable to stay please invite the groups Alternate DR with you. And encourage all of your GR's and Alternate GR's to come also.

Southern California World Service Events

2008 – January 19 - **SCWS Area SOS– Sharing of Service**

Registration begins 8:30 am, Hospitality room opens 8:30 am,

First Workshop begins 9:00 am, Potluck lunch begins 12:00 pm

February 16 - **Southern California World Service Committee Meeting**

9:00 a.m.- District Representative (DR) Orientation and Information Session

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Committee Meeting

May 17 - **SCWS Area Assembly Meeting**

August 16 –**SCWS Area Committee Meeting**

Other Al-Anon Events

2008

April 4-6 - AFG Convention in Burbank - Recovery in Paradise

April 13-18 - World Service Conference attended by Delegates and other Conference Members

July 4-6 Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation – Pittsburg, PA

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

Sept. 20, 2008 Longtimers Meeting Fullerton Senior Center

Sept. 22-24 - Southern California AA Convention with A-Anon /Alateen participation San Diego



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

2013 - July Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation – Vancouver, Canada

Flyers - Districts often have special events-flyers announcing such events may be placed in the meeting hall. AFG and So. CAL Convention flyers and registration forms may also be placed there. Feel free to bring any other Al-Anon/Alateen related conventions and events, without limited attendance, and place them on the outer counter in the main entrance lobby.

Check it out!

Our own Southern California Al-Anon web site - <http://SCWS-al-anon.org>

This Bulletin is published 4 times a year. It's purpose is to provide information and announcements regarding Al-Anon/Alateen to it's members in Southern California. All groups with a registered GR (Group Representative) will receive one free copy.

Officers' Reports

Delegate: Mary M.

SCWS Delegate's Report

November, 2007

It is hard to believe that this time next year we will be having our new Board elections. What a privilege it has been to serve all of you and continues to be.

I am looking forward to my third WSC (World Service Conference) in New York on April 13th through the 18th next year. I will be giving my three minute talk to the Conference as will all outgoing Panel 46 Delegates. The Conference theme for next year is "Build Bridges---Energizing Our Spiritual Quest". We will be staying at the Marriott in Stamford, CT.

Thanks to all of you for the opportunity to have members of our Service Board attend other events in lieu of the SWRSS. We have traveled to many other Areas and have gained so much. The enthusiasm for AI-Anon in other Areas is amazing! Hopefully some of us will get to attend events in Arizona and New Mexico this next year.

I had the privilege of attending the Nevada (Area 34) Assembly. I especially liked their voting procedure and the use of cards to count the vote. They had a two day Assembly which begins on Friday with their Area Committee Meeting. I liked their method of contributing to WSO, they give 10% of their profit each year, this way they don't have to vote and if there is no profit there is no donation. For more information please read my separate report.

Sandie and I also attended the NWRSS in Minot, ND.

In fact the Magic of Service could be felt everywhere that weekend. Please read my separate report. They too emphasized the KBDM method of deciding and then voting.

My report will be shorter today so that we can hear from all of the other Board members that traveled and participated in other AI-Anon service Areas.

I have had the privilege once again of visiting different Districts in our Area. My thanks to Districts 39, 30, 48, 66, 3, 12, 27 and the LA Intergroup. While visiting District 3, I had the pleasure of meeting and staying with Helen Woodard, a member for 61 years! Helen was the first Delegate from New Mexico (1961-1964) and she is a walking and talking legend! I brought a picture of the letter she wrote to AA re her husband in 1941 and their response as well as a picture of Helen herself. Also a picture of the first "what is AI-Anon" pamphlet that she helped to develop in Oregon, one of her questions is still in

the current copy. Please come up and see these.

I received the news from the WSO on November 1st that their choice for the 2013 International AI-Anon Convention was Vancouver, BC. What a great place to hold it! I hope that we can bid once again for the International in 2018!

WSO sent the following information: Income was higher for the 1st three quarters of this year. Literature sales were 18% more. Contributions were slightly lower most of the variance was due to bequests. Income from the Forum is down about 9% from last year.

The Policy Committee is discussing and proposing a motion that would:

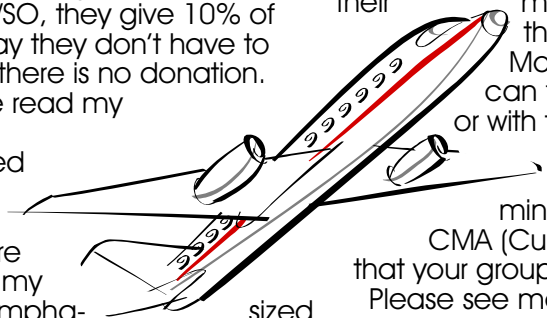
- Allow a one-time bequest to the WSO in any amount desired by the member so long as it is not earmarked.
- Report separately on the Financial State requirements any amount that exceeds 10% of the total revenue of the WSO General Fund as identified in the previous year's audit.
- The WSC would authorize the expenditure of these excess amounts. The Board of Trustees would then administer those expenditures in accordance with the Conference's guidance.

The great news is that our new manual is out! I have it here with me today and as you can see it has a great new look on the cover (all archive pictures!) and it is spiral bound (finally!). The companion to this piece is the booklet "Groups at Work" with an identical cover and what a help this will be to all meetings. I encourage all of you to have all members buy this booklet and use it as a reference at their

meetings. Its pages are numbered the same they as are in the Service Manual starting with page 9 so that we can follow along either with the booklet or with the Service Manual. Hopefully you all will have copies for your groups within the next week. Just a reminder, the group copies go to the CMA (Current Mailing Address) so be sure that your group is current with changes.

Please see me with any ideas that you may want to contribute to the Area Highlights for the Conference (this would be items that our Area has accomplished). Also I would like to have Agenda questions that you feel are pertinent to AI-Anon as a whole, not just our Area, which can be answered on the Conference floor (we can only send in two).

I look forward to working on the Admissions/ Handbook Committee again this year and hope that we get some resolution on the dividing of populous Areas. The task force for this committee is working on a "Big Question" to submit to the Board of Trustees so they might consider taking this question to the Conference for discussion. It is good to remember that the Handbook should promote unity, but is not a set of rules and is a broad guideline for members and helps us stay within the boundaries of unity. The Admissions/Handbook Committee is the protector of the Handbook.



If you have not had one of us from the SCWS come and share at your District, please consider asking us as we are here to serve all of Southern California and attending your District meetings and workshops enables us to meet and serve all of the members of Area 4.

A reminder that the 2008 International will be in Pittsburgh, PA on July 3rd -6th, 2008. If you are planning on attending it is a good idea to be there on the 2nd as they will have all day service workshops on that Thursday. Registration forms can be downloaded from the WSO members' website.

I look forward to this next year and hope to meet and share with all of you throughout 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary M. Delegate
Panel 46, CA (S)

Chair

David B.

No Report

Past Delegate,

Miriam Mck.

Past Delegate's Report at the Assembly Nov. 17, 2007

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. At the May Assembly we asked you how Southern California World Service (SCWS) can best communicate with you. All the suggestions you gave us are included in the May Bulletin and we've tried to incorporate many of them into today's Assembly. Thank you for your valuable feedback and your willingness to be here today and to be of service.

We are completing the second year of our 3-year trial of restructuring SCWS into 3 ACTION committees that meet during the Assembly. An Ad Hoc committee has been reviewing their progress and looking at the ways to make the Action Committees most effective. The Ad Hoc committee also has been looking at any changes to the structure of our board that would result from the addition of these Action Committees.

We have a Chairperson for each of the Action Committees and we chose to make those 3 chairpersons members of the SCWS Board during this trial period. The SCWS Board formally gets together 6 times a year (2 Assemblies, 2 Committee meetings, and 2 Board meetings). Board members are also sent to various training events.

Today we will present a few options that we're looking into regarding the composition of the SCWS Board. We're putting several options in front of you today so that you'll be knowledgeable and able to make an informed group conscience at the next

Assembly, in May, 2008. The committee will continue to study and discuss these options with the Board and we plan to choose one option and make a recommendation to you and ask you to vote in May 2008 about who should be designated as members of the SCWS Board. (It won't be until May 2009 when you will vote about whether or not to make the Action Committees a permanent part of SCWS.) * See Page 29 *

Before we tell you the options, we want to introduce you to these Ad Hoc committee members who have been working together by email for nearly 2 years, discussing Action Committees and now the resulting changes we are considering to the SCWS Board. These are the people that have come up with the options for you to consider. They are: the 3 Action Committee Chairs — Cindy, Robin, and new member Willie, 2 Board members, Shirley and Suzanne, and 2 Group Representative, Marilu and Melissa. The GRs helped the rest of us realize that as GRs, they had no knowledge of how our board works, or doesn't work. Therefore, we plan to come up with a recommendation from those of us involved more closely

and present that to you in May. The recommendation will help you to vote on something that you also have very little direct experience with.

We will put a copy of these options on the SCWS website (scws-al-anon.org) and update it again after we have more discussions, including the discussion with the District Representative at the February Committee meeting. If you're thoroughly confused by hearing about an Ad Hoc committee discussing Action Committees at an Area Committee meeting, you're not the only one. We hope our PowerPoint presentation with pros and cons will help. We're also willing to come to your District meetings to discuss this too. Please contact me and we'll make arrangements.

In addition, we're glad to listen to your ideas about Action Committees because we want to encourage your participation and enthusiasm for carrying the message! We want you to Discover the Magic of Service.

Miriam Mck. Immediate Past Delegate
scws-al-anon.org

Alt. Delegate Sandie E.

November Assembly 2007

Greetings, Y'all: (I just got back from a family birthday, reunion in Austin and it seems like I brought a little Texas back with me.)

It seems so amazing that it is already November, 2007. Just one more year of our commitments left and so much to do. I continue to be so grateful for the opportunity for growth that you all have given me as Alternate Delegate, and to have this chance to be of service to the fellowship that has given me everything.

This morning we held the **Group Representatives' Orientation—Information Session** prior to the Assembly meeting and thank you for all who got up earlier than usual to attend and share with us. It is my intention that this meeting not only welcome and "orient" new Group Representatives (GR), but to provide forum for GRs to share with each other. Nobody can retain everything they need (or want) to know in just one hour, so we hope that even the most experienced GRs will continue to join us at 9 am on Assembly mornings. Thank you for your participation.

It is really neat to be able to present on **The Forum** at the Membership Communications Action Committee today. As GRs you know that you are the Forum Representative for your meeting and can help introduce members to our fellowship's monthly publication.

One of the very valuable services offered at our Assembly is the answering of the **Ask-It-Basket** questions. I always have liked detective stories and we sometimes have to "detect" the appropriate responses. What an amazing way to learn. I especially like this part of my job because since I used to be in the "knowing business" I like to have ALL the answers

and to know everything. Before program, if I didn't know an answer to something asked me, I would make one up. Can't do this anymore in Al-Anon. The fact is that we ALL have ALL the answers right here in our *Service Manuals*.

The annual **"Sharing of Service Workshop"** will be held on January 19, 2008 with registration opening at 8:30 a.m. The day will be filled with informative and timely workshops, great speakers, pot-luck lunch and great fellowship. Help us carry the message to those in your groups. Maybe organize a group to carpool and practice the time-honored principle of "JUST GET IN THE CAR!" Please join us as we "Discover the Magic of Service." Our Registration Chairman, Tarisa R. will be available during lunch to provide you with early registrations.

Using our theme for today's meeting, "Discover the Magic of Service." I want to share about the magic of service for me. For all of 20 out of my 21 years as an Al-Anon member, I have been of service in some capacity starting with my meetings (coffee maker, literature chairman, door greeter, etc) and then by learning about service beyond the group level. And on. And on. Service has changed my life, has given me a life and has opened my world. I have met hundreds of people over this

time, most of whom are also of service. I heard early on "If you want what we have, then come do what we do" and "Hang out with the winners." I'm happy I found out who those people were and learned about what they do. In honor of "the Magic of Service,"

Respectfully,
Sandie E., Alternate Delegate

**AREA 34
Tonopah,**



**ASSEMBLY
Nevada 9/7-9/9/2007**

What an exciting experience it was to have been an observer at another Area's Assembly. There were 77 registered for this Assembly, 51 voting members. All members are paid by their individual meetings or if the meetings do not have enough to cover expenses they can request expense coverage from their District, quite a few cover their own hotel and transportation (which incidentally is by car as there is no other way to get to Tonopah). Their Area does not have any expenses for GRs, in fact, they sell literature through one of their literature depots during the Assembly and also have raffles to cover the expense of the Assembly. Here's a picture of the meeting place (just kidding!).

Nevada has their Area World Service Committee Meeting (AWSC) immediately prior to registration on Friday for their Assembly. They also do this at their Spring Assembly in March.

They opened with a potluck, what wonderful food and at no cost to the Assembly! They gave us all folders with the Agenda, and various important materials that we used throughout the weekend. This was a very helpful tool and was of great benefit to the GRs and to Cindy and I as we were new to their procedure. An idea perhaps that we could benefit from here in CA (S).

Their Treasurer gave a report which I found quite interesting. They presented a graph of donations from each district for the past 4 years. Also they have voted to give 10% of their yearly profit (if they have one) to WSO (this is the difference from Income and Expenses for the year). This year their profit was \$3,293.83 and their donation to WSO will be \$329.38. Their annual budget is approximately \$13,000.

The Assembly opened and then Tina, the Delegate gave a short welcoming talk on their theme "Abundantly Speaking"

This was followed by 6 breakout sessions:

1. What Service Opportunities are available?
2. What is my niche in Service Recovery?
What can I give?
3. Who will help me? What is Service Sponsorship?
4. What does Area 34 voting process look like?
5. What does the Service Manual say about the Area election process? And leadership (Concept 9)?

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6. Who has expressed willingness for Area service?

In answer to question 3, it was suggested that the outgoing person holding a position be the next person's Service Sponsor.

Their Delegate does not give a lengthy talk at the Assembly but rather goes to 2 or 3 locations and gives their talk to large groups of people, usually at an AIS meeting.

The thing I was most interested in was their voting procedure. All GRs register and sign in as they arrive. The DRs are given voting cards for all registered GRs in their District and hands them out to the GRs when a vote is being called. These cards have the name of their group on them which keeps from having any duplicate votes. They had a total of 51 votes. These cards are held up when voting and help to ensure an accurate count.

Interestingly all of the Area positions rotate at the same time as their service board, not the one-third as we do.

Their (4) Action Committees rotate similar to how we rotate, each changing on the 3 year term.

I attended the Membership Outreach breakout session on Saturday and some of the ideas were:

1. Welcome letter to new GRs.
2. Bring a guest to the Assembly.
3. Have flyers for District and AIS Meetings.
(AIS is very integrated in Nevada with the Assembly, I found this a welcome change.)
4. If you are no longer a member in the Assembly are you willing to be contacted for new people? Stay connected.
5. Have a panel on service activities.

The breakout sessions were approximately one hour long.

They held their officer elections on Saturday afternoon and the offices of Delegate, Alt. Delegate and Chairman all passed unanimously. It was quite evident when the "pink" cards were held up. They were able to get all coordinator jobs filled except their Newsletter Editor but by Sunday AM this too was done. I also brought a copy of their Alateen Certification Process (there are only 4 Alateen meetings currently registered in Nevada).

There was a discussion on Public Outreach and one fellow shared the following: "Has anyone seen the pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic in your Life?" Everyone said they hadn't, he let us know that this was a good tool and it was an AA pamphlet.

Other PO ideas: What's the one thing that you're good at, that you'd like to do? Talk to someone that you don't know. Be an Area wide family.

Joan A., previous Delegate from Nevada shared that she has finished compiling their own Nevada Handbook and Guidelines (all 4 books for the Area) and that it is available on their website. Something for us here is CA (S) to think about.

Saturday night was the banquet hosted by Al-Anon for both AA and Al-Anon and Tina, the Delegate, shared her personal story. The AAs held their Assembly this same weekend but this is not neces-

sarily held at the same time each year especially at their spring Assembly which is usually only Friday night and Saturday.

On Sunday, all new members of the Committee were welcomed. They held their raffle. At 10:00 AM they asked for voices from the Assembly and I was very honored that Judy, the Chairman (and newly elected Delegate for 2008) asked me to share during this time.

There is no way I can express the great feeling I received from attending this Nevada Assembly, I was impressed with their enthusiasm, their dedication and the fun that they all put into being in service to their area.

Yours in Service,
Mary M., Delegate



**Hospitality for February 16th
Committee Meeting
Districts 27,33,36,42,45
Thank you for being of Service**

We need your help!
In order to keep costs down if you have any of the following Bulletin issues please contact Jayme, Records Secretary or Laurie E., Bulletin.

- ♦ Duplicate mailing
- ♦ Not a GR or DR any longer
- ♦ Any other issue you feel needs to be

NWRSS – Discover the Magic in Service

What an enjoyable trip it was to attend this RSS! The "International" airport in Minot has only TWO gates! When Sandie and I got off the plane we had to wait for the security people to open the gate to let us out, what a kick! What a beautiful area, with weather when we arrived at 45 degrees and left at 80 degrees.

The Northwest Region (MT, ID, WY, ND, SD, NE, WA, OR and some of Saskatchewan). It is very small compared to our SW Region. They had about 135 people in attendance from all their Area and members from Canada. There were several of us from So. Calif., Tom P., DR District 27, 2 GRs from San Diego, Sandie and myself. Most Areas in the NW have less than 100 meetings and maybe 2 Alateen meetings!

The seminar started at noon on Friday and on Friday evening we heard from the members of WSO that attended including Ric, our Executive Director. The others were Zelda R. COB, Judy D., Trustee at Large, Bob, Communications Director, Suzanne M., Assoc. Dir. Conference and Marsha, International Director WSO. They shared their personal stories with us and once again I was reminded that we are all just members sharing ourselves.

We attended a rap session later Friday evening and we discussed Forum sharings, flow charts and having a business card for the Area with Our Purpose printed on it. We also discussed GR training orientation.

On Saturday Ric told us of some job openings at the WSO: Administrative coordinator, French Bilingual Secretary (2) and a new Webmaster position. Our new book "Opening our Hearts...Losses" will be out in Spanish in June, 2008. By the time of this report we should have received our new Service Manuals.

Zelda gave an interesting financial report. The question was asked re the 15 year assessment of the property ownership and Zelda said that this would be on target and the decision would be by the Conference with review by the Board. She reported that approximately \$226.71 is given to each group in services while the average donation per group is \$20.00. Our money comes from the following: Literature 63%, Forum 6%, Interest 3% and Contributions 28% (down from 32% last year). There are 15,123 groups with 56.9% of them contributing. Of special interest was that there are 50 AI-Anon groups in Iran.

The Region was introduced to KBDM, emphasizing that all decision makers have access to information. Create a culture of trust. Continue the conversation. Some members were familiar with this procedure while others asked questions and a conversation ensued on how KBDM has been working in most areas. I shared in a breakout session on this topic.

Ric gave an excellent talk on the Concepts and what an important part they play in our recovery. He said that the new revised edition of "How Al-Anon Works" will include personal sharings on the Con-

cepts.

The Ask It Basket session on Saturday evening had some very pertinent questions regarding the RSS'. The question I submitted was "Are RSS' still effective as an outreach tool or would it be more constructive to have WSO representatives at different Area Assemblies throughout the year thereby reaching out to a greater number in the fellowship?" The answer was that this will probably be an upcoming topic at the Conference.

I had a really great time at this RSS and it opened my mind to several ideas on future workshops and seminars in our Area. I have a few souvenirs from Minot; just help yourselves until they are gone. Thanks again for letting me be of service to those of you in our Area.

Mary M., Delegate



Rotation Plan for Districts

Motion from November 1974, revised 8/97

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

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

Panel C: 9, 10, 17, 36, 45, 48, 64, 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

**Get your AI-Anon function on the web site
<http://scws-al-anon.org> by e-mailing in the
information to
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Al-Anon Family Groups
Southern California World Service
Presents

"SOS" WORKSHOP SHARING OF SERVICE

January 19, 2008

Fullerton Senior Citizens Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton



Registration begins 8:30 am

Hospitality Room opens 8:30 am



First workshop begins 9:00 am



Potluck lunch begins 12:00 pm

"Down Home Country Cookin'"

(Chili, Chicken, Salads & Pies requested)



Special Speaker(s) begin 1:00

pm

? Q&A begins 3:00 pm, .



For more information contact

Sandie E. Alternate Delegate,

Amanda C., Program Chairperson,



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Coordinator Other

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"SOS" WORKSHOP

8:30 Registration/Hospitality Opens

8:50 Welcome, Introduction to the structure of the day

9:00-10:00

Alateen Sponsorship

Knowledge and Responsibility

Al-Anon Sponsorship

Service Sponsors- Who, What, Where, When & Why?

Public Outreach

Al-Anon/ Alateen Who Are We Reaching?

Website -Elizabeth

SCWS & WSO website basics

Service Manual

What does a healthy meeting look like?

10:15-11:15

Alateen Sponsorship

Stepping up to Alateen Sponsorship

Al-Anon Sponsorship

Recovery vs. Entitlement

Public Outreach -Kay D.

Hospitals & Institutions

Website -Virgil

SCWS & WSO website Intermediate

Service Manual

Exploring the new Service Manual

11:25-12:25

Alateen Sponsorship

The Importance of Alateen Meetings to the Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon Sponsorship

Have a Sponsor-Be a Sponsor

Public Outreach-Frances Raney

The Best of Public Outreach

Website-Jonathan

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Service Manual

Keeping Al-Anon, Al-Anon & How to do a Group Inventory

12:25 Down Home Country Cookin' Potluck lunch

1:15 Speakers

3:00 Q & A

Minutes of Area Assembly Meeting Nov. 17, 2007

David, the Chairperson, opened the meeting at approximately 10:05 am. All new Group Representatives were asked to stand and introduce themselves. The focus of Action Committees is changing to be more about a clearing house of ideas that you can take back to your Districts and Groups and put them into action. Action is done at the District and Group level. Attendees asked to jot down experience in Discovering the Magic of Service. Traditions read by: Tina

Treasurer Report: See Page 17 for a full report. 83% of our group contributions are being credited to the correct group (yippee!!). Everyone doing a great job keeping the group treasurers informed of how and where to make donations, using the WSO Group #. Current bank balance before paying expenses today is \$11,512.74. Would like to consider making two donations as shown below, which is 10% of our annual gross receipts.

- \$2000 for 2006
- \$3500 for 2007

Q (Ron D6) – what is our prudent reserve and cash balance? I think to donation needs to be correlated to our prudent reserve.

A (Suzanne) – I don't have our cash balance. However, nothing has changed substantially since last year. Our reserve is ~\$1,000 more than last year. The reserve has not quite reached \$23,000 but with the addition of the interest, we are close to \$25,000. My opinion is that \$25,000 is our reserve amount and \$11,000 is our operating funds.

Q (Christie D54) – We voted that Area would keep \$25,000 as a reserve. Anything in over this amount is excess. Why are we not sending much more for 2006? Since 2006 excess was \$6700, why not send \$5,000? A (Suzanne) – The reason we did not donate the \$6700 excess is due to known upcoming increased expenses for liability insurance and background expenses so the overage was carried over to help with the expenses incurred in 2007.

Q (Kristen D63) - What is the difference between including this expense as part of the budget which we have to vote on each year versus voting to send 10% each year? I would like to see that we trust our treasurer to do this.

A (Suzanne) - Historically this body has voted to donate the excess. It is not the responsibility of this body donate to WSO, instead it's the groups responsibility to support WSO. This is why we only vote to donate the excess.

Q (Ron D6) – Based on the figures presented, I will make a motion later to donate \$5,000.

A (Suzanne) - Basically that's what I'm proposing \$2,000 (2006) + \$3500 (2007) = \$5,500.

Q (Emilce D45)) – Do we have needs in Southern California where these donations can go versus WSO?

A (Suzanne) - My responsibility is to do what you tell me to do. I tell you what we have and you make the decision on how much to send. Per the Bylaws I'm to propose a donation to WSO at our November Assembly. With regards to sending the money elsewhere, that's fine, we can do that.

Q (Celeste D33) – Where in the numbers did the surplus get carried over?

A (Suzanne) – The bank balance I gave earlier is cash. What we are talking about now is projected income and expenses, not cash. The two have a relationship but they don't match.

Q (Bobby D24) – It's not the end of 2007 yet, I would like to table this topic until we know how much we really have

in 2007 before we make a decision. Would also like to have a guideline as to what "prudent reserve" is. A (David B.) – Assembly does not meet again until May of 2008 so we can't make the decision at the beginning of 2008. Per our Bylaws, the treasurer makes a proposal at the November Assembly.

A (Suzanne) – Recommend between 3 to 6 months of expenses be kept as the Group's prudent reserve.

Delegate's Report: See Page 5 for full report.

SWRDM – Kathy L. is serving as the site chair. Southern California is hosting this event the Southwest Regional Delegates meeting. Current Delegates meet with Past Delegates to discuss what service and the WSC is about, on March 13 -16, at the Doubletree in Santa Ana. There will be speakers on Saturday and Sunday. Need volunteers to drive. Hestor is the chair for hospitality; Kary is the chair for registration. We usually do a fun event on Thursday night.

Alternate Delegate: See Page 6 for full report. SOS registration is \$5.00 for AI-Anon, and \$2.00 for Alateens. Pre-registration is available today. Elizabeth is the Publicity Chairperson and she has flyers available for this event.

7th Tradition was collected.

Past Delegate's Report: See Page 6 for full report. A request was made to solidify the three different options regarding potential changes to the SCWS Board at the AWSO so that DR's can take the information back to the GRs so that they can make an informed vote at the May Assembly.

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

Reports from other AI-Anon Service Functions See Bulletin for full report:

- **Northern California Assembly** (Alvar G.) – Assembly started Friday and lasted through Sunday but they only have an Assembly once a year. Higher % of participation based on the number of their groups. More discussion and research done outside of Assembly. Substantial unanimity required. More time for fellowship. Themes and signs, love gifts and decorations and such. Recommendations: Invite discussion.

- **Nevada Assembly** (Cindy R.) – This was a two day Assembly and those in attendance were so enthusiastic! The entire state and part of California included in this area. Total number was around 70 people in attendance. Every meeting contributes a basket for a raffle. Some of the meetings were very small and contributed things like a lunch bag with an Alateen sticker on it. They have four action committees.

- **Colorado Assembly** (Robin J.) – Three annual Area Assemblies that rotate, held in conjunction with AA. We went to the Assembly held at the Columbine High School. They have such enthusiasm for their Delegate's report. They allow two full hours for their Delegate to present the going's on at World Service. They have a very large Spanish community but are in the infancy with translation services. They also have four action committees.

- **Northwest Regional Service Seminar** (Sandie E.)

– We had an opportunity to interact with Rick, the Executive Director of WSO. The talk that Rick gave on the Concepts was very good. Literature read or interpreted differently based on the person reading. It is our responsibility to read literature as printed – as individuals we do not have the right to change the Steps and Traditions as written.

Southeast Regional Service Seminar (Martha M. for Lucia C.) – Suggest that if anyone has the opportunity to go to an RSS, take the opportunity and go. There is so much information and enthusiasm.

Lunch Break: Sponsored by SCAC Committee.

Action Committee Breakouts

- **Group Services** – David – Main Room/Back
- **Membership Communications** – Cindy R. – Main room/Front

Public Outreach – Robin J. – Hospitality Room

Reconvened at 2:55 PM

Concepts read by Kay D., District 12.

Ask it Basket: See Page 26 for full report.

Hospitality Report: Thanks to all the groups that brought food. Prayed for more help and I had lots of help this morning so thank you!

Action Committees Reports

- **Group Services** (David) – Marcia is the new Alateen sponsor coordinator. Encouraged that the changes made due to the Alateen Safety Guidelines are more acceptable to the Alateens versus something that is “put upon” them. New GRs were encouraged to register. A suggestion was made to create a one-pager that includes information that groups need to know, i.e., how/where to register. Discussed the importance of the GR position. Also had a discussion regarding archives and things we can learn from them.

- **Membership Communications** (Alvar) -primarily discussed the Forum. Found that more people read the Forum versus the number who subscribe to the Forum, thus the Forum is being shared. Some people use the Forum for topics; others share about things they read in the Forum, etc. WSO encourages members to submit writings to the Forum. How to raise awareness: talk about the Forum.

- **Public Outreach** (Robin)-There was a tremendous amount of enthusiasm today. There will be a Public Outreach table at the AFG convention this year.

- **Institutions** (Shirley)- Invited an AA guest to talk about the AA H&I Conference. There is an enormous amount of possibilities in this area for Al-Anons. The H&I Conference is April 25-27, 2008.

- **CPC** (Sandra): There is a tremendous amount of information available either free or at a minimal cost for the professional community.

- **PI** (Amanda): There is a display that can be used at Group, District and Area events.

Past Delegates in attendance: Hestor, Panel 28; Kary, Panel 34; Kay, Panel 40; Joyce, Panel 31; Elsa, Panel 13; Miriam, Panel 43.

Records Secretary & Roll Call

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 2008 Budget

Motion made by Lorie (D54 and seconded by Paula (D27) to accept the 2008 budget as submitted at the November Assembly. Discussion was held. Per Suzanne, **the proposed budget in the August Bulletin is obsolete.** Motion passed

- o Donation to WSO

- o Motion made by Lynn (D75) and seconded by Celeste (D33) to make a \$2000 donation to WSO for the year of 2006. Discussion was held. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Kristen (D63) and seconded by Mary Lou (D72) to make a \$3500 donation to WSO for the year of 2007. Discussion held. **Motion passed.**

Convention Chairpersons' Reports See pages 15-16

Intergroup Liaison's Reports (See Bulletin for full reports) * None submitted *

Alateen: Tree trimming event scheduled for 12/9 – flyers available. Round Robin scheduled for 1/5 at the Covina Alano Club, 502 S. 2nd St., Covina, CA 91723 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

Al-Anon related Announcements

- SOS Registration
- SFVAAC – 2/1-2/3 – Luncheon speaker coming from Texas – Vannoy S.

Adjourned at 4:30 with the Al-Anon declaration (at 4:00, David requested an extension of the Assembly by 30 minutes in order to finish the day's business. No objections were made.)

Discovering the Magic of Service (readings made throughout the day):

- Since I've been participating in World Service my family is happy I am gone all day on the Saturdays that I come here (tee-hee). Best of all, I come here to represent my group, even when things are in turmoil in my personal life! Thank you,
- God is my HP in decision making throughout my day and life.
- Really understating how Al-Anon works and that informed groups are the key to Al-anon survival.
- Great new friends from all over Southern California.
- Developing relationships with those I may otherwise meet.
- Service has challenged me to not quit when things get tough. No running away allowed. Face the conflict and grow!
- I have gained a personal sense of integrity and commitment as a result of the practice of our Traditions and Concepts.
- Al-Anon service helps me find who I am (I got lost in the repercussions of the disease of alcoholism).

- Service has helped me have a great relationships and fun with members of all age groups. We've even had some great slumber parties.
- Going to Assembly keeps me out of self-pity!
- I was pretty smug, self-righteous and dominating when I became a GR. I've owned a successful consulting business and my ideas of leading a meeting was not as a "trusted servant". During the Alateen decision-making about background checks, my life was changed. I knew I'd be in Al-Anon for the rest of my life. Groups were applauding positions regardless of the guidelines not to applaud. I was ready to scream at the "violators". I saw "trusted servants" calmly repeat the guidelines. I knew I did not know how to do that. I was a bully when others disagreed with me. I knew then that service had everything to teach me.
- As a newcomer, I came into service unwillingly, thinking I was just being railroaded into doing stuff others with more time didn't want to do. What I've learned is that the idea that service inspires personal growth is not a platitude! I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know many members of the fellowship, making friends with people I would never have known otherwise. The experience, strength and hope of those in service have been invaluable to me in my journey. I've learned that I am never alone unless I choose to isolate. I've learned to step out when I am afraid, knowing that Al-Anon will hold me up. I've learned that I don't have to know it all first – you will teach me. Service has given me the courage to

Group Services Action Committee



Board members assigned to this Action Committee are:

AC Chair -	Willie W.
Alateen Coordinator -	Daniel K.
Alateen Sponsor Coordinator -	Marcia W.
Archives Coordinator -	Martha M.
Group Records Secretary -	Jayne P.
Hospitality Coordinator -	Mary Lou V.
Minutes Secretary -	Cathy W.
Treasurer -	Suzanne P.

Group Services Action Committee Chair—no report

Alateen Coordinator—no report

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

Hello to my future BFF's: I want to introduce myself; my name is Marcia W. and I will be serving as the incoming SCWS Alateen Sponsor Coordinator.

I am looking forward to meeting a lot of you for the first time at the Assembly on Saturday. And an equally enthusiastic Whoo Hoo! Goes out to those of you "Broken in Buddies" of mine on the Board (I am avoiding calling any of you "old friends" so that's a reference to my favorite pair of Liz Clareborne Pumps. I've had them for years but I still feel real pretty wearing e. C'mon Ladies....we all understand what a rare gift that is. Right?

I love the program of Alateen. I am indebted to the Alateens for their open sharing of their program and themselves with me and my family through a most difficult period of our life. Alateen continues to play a pivotal role in my recovery in Al-Anon today. Initially I was terrified and somewhat resistant when asked to take on this particular commitment. As I have witnessed like many of you, the enormous undertaking and laborious efforts that went into passing the Alateen Safety Guidelines, but after spend-

ing an afternoon with Sandie E. (our Alt. DR) in her home last Wednesday, (she has been fulfilling all of the duties of the Alateen Sponsor coordinator since April 2006, along with the duties of Alt. DR) I realized how accurate my fear and resistance would have been a year ago. Sandie has created an Excel Program that is easy to understand and update with little effort the program tracks the status of every So Cal Alateen meeting and Alateen Sponsors' status with WSO. Standing in her office as she walked me through each process I was (yes, flooded with relief) But also in awe as I understood for the first time the huge contribution that has been made by our past So Cal Alateen Coordinators beginning with Kathy A. Who started this process amidst a lot of resistance in a very emotionally charged environment. So I feel today it very important to recognize these ladies and their dedication and service to our program. Thank you so very much! I know this commitment no longer seems so far out of my grasp because of them. Sandie suggested that I share what I want to bring into this commitment, I want to continue their good works and I am currently serving as one of the AFG Convention Alateen Sponsors. I support these safety guidelines 100%. The Alateens in SoCAI have been made to endure a lot of changes and although many were opposed to these changes I am now hearing them talk about acceptance amore and more. I am concerned as some of them have shared with me that they feel Al-Anon as a whole does not support them and think we are haters. We began this as a loving and responsible obligation to our shared Programs, to ourselves as adults, and to these teens.

I want to encourage each of you to attend every Alateen fundraiser and function including the AFG convention, put any other beefs aside and lets continue what we started by bridging the gap and send our loving reassurance and message to the Alateens that continue on the same acceptance they have with a show of support. Let us be a reflection of recovery! Love in Service,
Marcia W.

Archives Coordinator -

Committee Meeting Nov, 2007

Greetings and wishes for a day full of serenity and peace. In an effort to update our Traveling Archives, I have found a place that makes displays and am currently working with them to try to get some new tri-fold displays for our SCWS Area Traveling Archives. If you have used them, you have seen that they need to be redone and replaced.

The Al-Anon Family Groups Convention has contacted me for reserving the Traveling Archives for next year. Our Area Traveling Archives can be loaned out to any Al-Anon function including meetings, Alathons, Fund Raisers, Conventions, etc. This month District 30 used them for their Alathon on Sat. October 27th. There are some first edition books and other literature first published from the beginning of Al-Anon in Southern California.

If you have any donations or requests for our SCWS Area Archives please contact me by phone or e-mail. All my contact information is located with the list of board members at the back of this Bulletin.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be a trusted servant.

Love in service, Martha M.

SCWS Area Archives Coordinator

Minutes Secretary— see page 9

Treasurer—see page 17-21

Group Records Secretary -

Greetings:

I continue to be in awe of each and everyone one of you and your commitment to Southern California World Service. When I started this position which began almost two years ago I was overwhelmed by the enormity of it all. Area 04 which is all of Southern California is the largest in the nation. Did you know that? I thought I would never understand the data base and the process of registering the groups, the GRs and the DRs. I now know why the positions of the SCWS Board and Committee need to be a three year commitment. It is true that at the end of your commitment you understand what you are doing. I am blessed each time I am of service to all of you.

Are you aware that there are several ways to register your group and your GR? You can now go on line to the SCWS website (which is: <http://www.scws-al-anon.org/index.php>) and register, or if computers aren't your thing you can use snail mail to register. I have even had some individuals fax their registration form to me or email too. I am always available to answer your questions any time.

Are you aware that registering your group with your particular Intergroup does not mean that your group is registered with WSO or SCWS? Are you aware that if your meeting is listed in your Meeting Directory it does not mean your Group is registered with WSO or SCWS? Are you aware that each time your meeting changes GRs you need to notify WSO

in Virginia Beach and with SCWS ?

One of the benefits of having your group registered is a free copy of the Forum each month sent to your GR or your contact person. Another benefit of group registration is receiving the new copy of the Service Manual for your Group.

Keep up the good work. Love in service,

Jayme P.

Area 04

SCWS Records Secretary



Membership Communications

Board members assigned to this Action Committee

AC Chair - Cindy R.

Bulletin Coordinator -Laurie E.

Literature Coordinator - Lucia C.

Website Coordinator - Alver G.

Alternate Delegate - Sandie E.

Chairperson -

Happy Holidays to all-

As my youngest son was graduating to a new belt in karate that afternoon, I want to thank Sandie E. for taking over for me during the MCAC (membership communication action committee) breakout session. And also for the program using the FORUM. I got some feedback that it was wonderful with lots of membership communication. A big thanks to Alvar also for being the note taker. For full reports see Sandie E. and Alvar G. reports.

LIS, Cindy R.

MCAC

Bulletin Coordinator -

I want to thank all of you for the warm welcome and encouragement I received at the Assembly meeting. By taking on this commitment I have really stepped out of my comfort zone and I feel growth happening with every encounter I have with Al-Anons.

I will continue to make the Bulletin fun and interesting to read along with getting it to you in a timely manner. So thank you to those of you who have sent in your reports on time. It really makes my job easier to have everything in hand before I start.

If you have received more than one issue or if you are receiving the Bulletin and you are no longer involved with World Service, please help us keep our records updated and our costs down by contacting Jayme Parker Records Secretary. It is a process, so your patience is appreciated also. It may take a couple of times for the records to be corrected. Southern California area is the largest in the US. We are currently printing 1050 copies to be mailed out and distributed to GR's, DR's and others.

Check out our District Reports and see what cities each District covers. It is fun to put a location to each District to give us a perspective as to where

they are actually located.

Your very Grateful Bulletin Editor,
Laurie E.

Literature Coordinator -

It has arrived!

The 2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) is now available at our area Information Offices or directly from the World Service Office. The price is \$4.00. In addition, the booklet, Al-Anon & Alateen Groups at Work (P-24) is also available for sale and priced at \$1.00. It includes the suggested meeting format, how to register a group, group tips and topics and useful information pertaining to our groups. The Spanish-language Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual will be out at the beginning of 2008. *Public Outreach*

The public outreach magazine, "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2008" can be ordered in English, Spanish and French. The last day to place an order is Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The magazines will be shipped before April 1, 2008. Members can download flyers/order forms on the World Service Website.

Sample Chapter on the Web

The current sample chapter on the World Service Web site (www.al-anon.alateen.org/members) is from In All Our Affairs (B-15) subtitled *Making Crisis Work for You*. The chapter title is "From Denial to Awareness" and there are links to read related articles from *The Forum* and other Al-Anon literature. This is a great meeting topic!

New Literature Project for Districts and Groups In the DR packets are project sheets for utilizing From Survival to Recovery (B-21) for meeting topics. The purpose of the project is to encourage groups to use a variety of Conference Approved Literature at meetings. Please make copies and distribute the sheets to the groups. Originally, the due date to return the project sheets was December 1, 2000, however, now members have until **January 1, 2008** to return the forms by fax, e-mail or regular mail to the World Service Office. The ideas the members send will be posted on the Members' Website and if well received, it is hoped we can continue the project with other pieces of literature.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,
Lucia M. C.

Literature Coordinator

Web Site Coordinator—no report

Alternate Delegate - See page 6

Public Outreach Action Committee

Board members assigned to this Action Committee AC Chair - Robin J.
Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Coordinator - Sandra W.
Institutions Coordinator -Shirley M.
Public Information Coordinator - Amanda C.



Public Outreach Chair—no report

CPC coordinator—no report

Institutions Report

Lew D., AA Chairman for the Southern California Hospital and Institutions Conference, came to our Assembly Public Outreach Action Committee to invite all of us to attend the upcoming conference which is to be held April 25, 26, and 27, 2008 at the Double Tree Hotel, 100 the City Drive, in Orange. This is a working conference which gives AA and Al-Anon members and Institutions providers (treatment centers, prisons, youth detention facilities, jails, courts) a chance to share about the work all of us are doing to reach those who still suffer from the disease of alcoholism. Registration for the event is \$15, the Al-Anon luncheon is \$35.00, and the AA banquet is \$45.00.

Speakers from institutions present on Saturday morning and AA and Al-Anon have panels in the afternoon joining together for the Friday opening and Sunday closing meetings. I hope that those of you active in Institutions work and those of you who would like to be will plan to attend. We have so much to learn from each other and this is the one of the times during the year we can get together to do so.

Shirley M., Institutions Coordinator

Public Information

Thanks to all who volunteer to do service in Public Outreach. Sometimes we get the opportunity to hand fliers out and talk about our stories. Other times we are the silent arms spreading the message of hope by delivering materials blindly wishing that they will reach people who are still suffering. Thank you, thank you.

The 2006 Membership Survey results are available on the World Service Office's (WSO) website at <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/presentation.php#condensed>. Family members and therapists are still the most important influences in referring members to their first Al-Anon meeting.

The WSO has created a Public Outreach file exchange via the internet that area coordinators all receive to pass on information quickly to the District Representatives and Information Service Centers. The WSO is trying to create a quicker stream of communication and I am excited to be able to turn this information around in a timely manner. If you would like to be on the distribution list when I send out information please e-mail me at aman-dalita@earthlink.net.

I was involved in a conference call with the US & Canadian area Public Outreach coordinators in October and one concern that the WSO had was that the "Crying House" bookmark (M-76) has become Al-Anon/Alateen's logo. I thought that was an interesting factoid and am just passing it on for food for thought.

I am still working on getting copies of the "Sketches" Public Service Announcement and if your district or meeting needs a copy let me know.

In luv and service, Amanda C.

Convention Reports

2008 SCAAC Sept.22-24 San Diego
2008 AFG April 4-6 Burbank
2008 SCAC July 4-6 Redlands



2007 SCAAC

Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation

The 56th Southern California Convention was held September 21st through 23, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Anaheim. The convention was a great success. I would like to thank everyone who helped carry the message, sell 50/50 tickets and merchandise. This year the 50/50 winner won \$2171.00.

Laura McC. will be the chairman for the 2008 convention in San Diego on September 19th, 20th and 21st. Corrine E. will be the chairman for the 2009 convention in Anaheim.

Love in Service, Nancy B.

2007 So. California AA Convention,
Al-Anon Chairman

2008 AFG Convention

Hello everyone,

My name is Jeremy O., and as the chairperson of the 2008 Southern California Al-Anon Family Groups Convention, the committee and I would like to invite you to come to PARADISE this year!!! Our topic this year is "Recovery in Paradise". The committee and I are looking forward to seeing you all there this year. This is the only all Al-Anon Convention in California, and is the only one of that represent all of Southern California for the Al-Anon Fellowship. We cover every district involved with World Service. **This is your Convention, so please attend!!!!**

The dates are April 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2008. The location is the Burbank Airport Marriott, in the city of Burbank. Room nights are \$109.00 per night (less than last year). Please stay at least one night as you will find your convention experience to be 100 times better when you stay the whole weekend. Start saving now!!! A couple of dollars a day will pay for the whole weekend if you start now. To book a room call: 1-800-736-9712. Give them the code ALOALOA. This will get you the discounted rate.

Registration fliers were given out at the November Assembly meeting, along with packets for each Group Rep. These packets were handed out to the District Reps. If you did not receive your packet at the meeting, please call your District Rep. to make arrangements to have it mailed to you. You can also register on-line and print out registration forms at: www.afgconvention.org.

You can pre-register for the convention and save \$5.00. You can also buy your luncheon tickets for \$29.00 and banquet tickets for \$37.00 and get priority seating. You can also purchase these tickets online. You can purchase raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets as well. Last years 50/50 gave away more

than \$1500.00. We are also looking for members to be of service at different levels at the convention. You can also sign up to be of service on line or on the registration flier.

Some Highlights of our Convention: This year the nation's #1 Beach Boy's tribute band will be playing for our Friday Night Entertainment. They are so authentic that the actual Beach Boy's had them play their family reunion!!! We also have King Kulukulele as the MC of our event who will be playing his humorous Hawaiian Swing style music during the intermissions. This price of the show is included in your registration so all that is needed is a registration badge.

We are having a "Long Timers Tea" to celebrate all the members of Al-Anon that have been with us for 25 years and longer. All members are encouraged to come. This is to celebrate their recovery, so please make a point to attend this. It always has a great turnout. This is Saturday after the luncheon. The luncheon is Saturday at 11:30am, and our Al-Anon Speaker is Kay L, from Los Angeles/Malibu, and our Alateen speaker is the 2008 SCAC chairperson Ben A, also from Los Angeles. Buy your tickets early because a very, very limited amount will be for sell at the convention.

We have speaker meetings throughout the weekend, with speakers from all over Southern California. Our Friday night speakers are Jean K, from Redondo Beach and Sandy K, from El Segundo. Our Saturday morning meeting speakers are Mary M. (Our SCWS current Delegate). Come and support her and here her Al-Anon story. John H, from San Clemente is also speaking. Our Sunday morning speakers are Katie K, from Oceanside and Carlotta, from Woodland Hills. We have 24 hour marathon meetings going on all weekend, as well as an Al-Anon arts and crafts room. There will be a Banquet on Saturday night with a free dance that will be an "oldies" dance for the first half of the night. The speakers are Charlie C, Burbank (AA), and Jerry W, Ventura (Al-Anon). We also have a whole weekend program for Alateen, AA, and Spanish speaking members as well.

This is the first year every that World Service will have its own Public Outreach booth to help with getting the information about being of service at this level. If you would like to be of service for this please contact Robin J at 949-455-2615.

Please take all the fliers to your meeting and maybe some meetings in your city or surrounding area that you usually don't go to. If you have any questions you can call me at 562-856-3171 or you can e-mail me at jeremyol@verizon.net. There is all the information about the convention and about volunteering to be of service at www.afgconvention.org. Thank you again for those of you who attended last year. Please come back this year and bring a couple of friends with you!!! Come Recover in Paradise!!!

Love in Service,

Jeremy O.

AFG 2008 Chairperson.

Approved 2008 Budget

3rd Quarter Profit & Loss

INCOME:

Bulletin Subscriptions	100.00
7th Tradition	2,000.00
Convention Contributions	200.00
Dist./Intergp. Donations	100.00
Group Donations	35,000.00
Interest Income	450.00
Other Income	0.00
Longtimer Meeting Income	500.00
S.O.S. - Income	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	38,850.00

EXPENSE:

Bulletin Bulk Mail	1,400.00
Bulletin Production Exp.	5,000.00
Comp.Hdwe & Software	100.00
Group Services A/C Chair	100.00
Alateen Co-ord. Exp.	1,000.00
Archives Co-ord. Exp.	100.00
Hospitality Co-ord. Exp.	500.00
Membership Comm A/C Chair	100.00
Bulletin Editor Exp.	100.00
Literature Co-ord. Exp.	250.00
Public Outreach A/C Chair	100.00
CPC Co-ordinator Exp.	500.00
P. I. Co-ord. Exp.	500.00
H & I Conference	650.00
Institutions Co-ord. Exp.	500.00
Lone Member Co-ord Exp.	0.00
Delegate Equalizer Fund	2,200.00
Delegate WSC Expense	550.00
Other Area mtgs (P.R.A.A.S.A., etc)	3,000.00
SWRSS/SW Reg.Serv.Sem.	0.00
SWRDM/SW Delegate Mtg.	1,200.00
DR/GR/Liaison Mileage/Hotel	2,500.00
Officer/Co-ord. Mileage/Hotel	4,500.00
Alternate Delegate Exp.	500.00
Chairperson Exp.	100.00
Delegate Exp.	1,500.00
Minutes Secretary Exp.	150.00
Past Delegate Exp.	100.00
Records Secretary Exp.	500.00
Treasurer Exp.	500.00
Bank Charges & Fees	50.00
Liability Insurance	3,500.00
Misc.Supplies/Oper.Exp.	0.00
NSF Checks/Bad Debts	0.00
Translating Equipment	0.00
Professional Translator	0.00
Corporate Expense	50.00
Website	300.00
Rent - Archives Storage	450.00
Rent - Committee/Assembly	4,000.00
Rent - Hospitality Supplies	800.00
Special Meetings - Other	0.00
Longtimers Meeting Exp.	300.00
S.O.S. Expense	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	38,850.00
SURPLUS Before Contribution to WSO	0.00

Jan - Sep 07

Income

7th Tradition	85.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	50.00
Contributions - CHECKS RETURNED	-12.37
Convention Contributions	110.55
District\Intergroup Contributio	470.00
Forum Subs	85.27
Group Contributions	32,813.32
Interest Income	435.95
SOS Income	717.00
Uncategorized Income	11.33
Total Income	34,766.05

Expense

"Bulletin" Costs	
Bulk Mail	683.16
Production	2,398.50
"Bulletin" Costs - Other	398.16
Total "Bulletin" Costs	3,479.82
Computer	
Hardware\Software	210.65
Total Computer	210.65
Coordinators' Expenses	
Alateen Sponsor\Alateen	3,584.08
CPC	76.00
Group Services Action Comm Ch	37.72
Hospitality	338.41
Institutions	
H&I Conference	101.99
Total Institutions	101.99
Literature	56.89
PI	933.51
Public Outreach Action Comm Cha	27.00
Records Secretary	205.43
Website Expenses	182.24
Total Coordinators' Expenses	5,543.27
Forum Subscriptions	99.00
Meeting Travel\Hotel	
Delegate Equalizer Fund	1,959.00
Delegate WSC	500.00
Other Area Meetings	3,340.02
SWRDM	1,204.92
SWRSS	2,294.86
Meeting Travel\Hotel - Other	608.00
Total Meeting Travel\Hotel	9,906.80
Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements	
DR's\GR's\Liaisons	1,971.40
Officers\Coordinators	3,342.61
Total Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements	5,314.01
Officers' Expenses	
Alternate Delegate	159.19
Delegate	788.43
Treasurer	579.13
Total Officers' Expenses	1,526.75
Other Expenses	
Bank Charges	15.00
Insurance (Liability)	3,453.00
NSF\Returned Checks	17.37
Total Other Expenses	3,485.37
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Rent	
Committee\Assembly Meetings	1,186.00
Total Rent	1,186.00
Special Meetings	
SOS Expenses	1,223.17
Total Special Meetings	1,223.17
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	31,974.84
	2,791.21

WSO ID# - Group	Jan - Sep 07
0000387 - Yorba Linda Mon 10AM Step Study	110.00
0000651	60.00
0000652 - Alhambra Fri 1030AM	27.00
0000653	18.74
0000683 - Monday Night AFG	105.00
0000697 - Al-Anon Stockdale West	20.00
0000700 - Bakersfield Thursday AM	20.00
0000703 - Comenzando a Vivar	40.00
0000713 - Bellflower Sunday 130PM	40.00
0000714 - Paramount Tues 11AM	46.46
0000738 - Sun Night AFG D24	114.48
0000740 - Burbank Tues 730PM	82.50
0000757	13.82
0000757 - Carlsbad Mon Evening	37.71
0000758 - Oceanside TriCity Day	150.00
0000769 - Artesia Monday 730PM	123.33
0000812 - Orange	419.03
0000813 - Costa Mesa Thurs Noon	30.00
0000821 - Mon 8PM Beginners Covina	5.00
0000823 - Covina Friday 730PM	20.61
0000825 - Covina Upfront Wed 12PM	119.75
0000827 - Covina Sat 10AM Grace	14.50
0000854	105.00
0000880 - Encinitas Th 730PM	15.00
0000912 - Fountain Valley Tues 1230	55.29
0000969 - Glendale Fri Night	3.74
0000971	11.00
0000975 - Glendale Wed 830PM	26.20
0000977 - Glendale Fri 1230PM	24.00
0000979 - Glendora Monday Night	40.00
0000984 - Northridge Mon 8PM	39.14
0001025	15.06
0001028 - Thurs 1PM Getaway	19.00
0001029 - Huntington Beach Mon Evening	25.16
0001039 - Inglewood 12 Noon	8.00
0001041	10.41
0001042 - Irvine Mon 745PM HP	10.00
0001052 - La Canada Tues AM	29.00
0001053 - La Canada Thursday 1230PM	15.00
0001054 - La Canada Wed 730PM	47.20
0001058 - Laguna Beach Mon Noon	268.50
0001060 - Laguna Bch Th 430 Women Step	39.13
0001062 - Laguna Hills Wanderers Book	6.00
0001078 - San Diego Monday 1PM Lemon Grov	78.54
0001134 - Arlington Tuesday 8PM	17.80
0001151 - Tues Noon Hollywood Living with	77.50
0001155 - La Puente Fri 7PM	50.00
0001157 - Los Angeles Wed 730PM	38.24
0001162 - Los Feliz Mon 8PM Step	40.00
0001176 - Los Angeles	238.87
0001265 - Sherman Oaks AFG Sunday Night	62.22
0001270 - Northridge Fri 1230PM	162.50
0001298 - Bakersfield Oildale Tu AM	100.00
0001304 - Orange Fri AM	155.43
0001352 - Pasadena Sun 730 PM Hospital	184.76
0001357 - Pasadena	110.98
0001361 - Paso Robles Wed Night	30.00
0001367 - Pico Rivera Monday Night 7PM	10.00
0001372 - Placentia Monday Night	162.80
0001388 - Pomona Monday Morning Serenity	28.85
0001405 - Tues Night No Smoking Rancho Mi	125.00
0001408 - Palos Verdes Estates	125.90
0001420 - Sat 10AM Hermosa Beach	32.00
0001423 - Torrance Step Study	20.00

WSO ID# - Group	Jan - Sep 07
0050214 - Westchester Recovery AFG	25.71
0050262 - Ojai Th Noon	15.00
0050275 - Sherman Oaks	208.92
00503768	7.79
0050420 - Vista	20.00
0050442 - Westchester Sat 10AM	214.87
0050500 - Ventura Fri 1230PM	68.25
0050540 - Mon Nite La Verne Serenity AFG	20.00
0050625 - Escondido Thurs 1030AM	48.06
0050712 - Del Mar Tues 8AM	31.00
0050721 - Del Mar Earlybirds	10.00
0050780 - Canoga Park Monday Morning Women	18.05
0051035 - El Segundo Tuesday Nite Conscio	119.06
0051094 - Laguna Beach Sat Step Study	30.00
0051371	24.00
0051761 - Keep It Simple AFG Lemon Grove	50.00
0052038 - Woodland Hills Tuesday 630PM	187.50
0052081 - N Hollywood Thursday 10AM	15.63
0052240 - Palm Desert Fri 12PM	37.60
0052540 - Anaheim	82.02
0053068 - Lakewood Thursday 615PM	131.10
0053312 - Newport Beach Fri Noon	40.00
0053369 - Los Angeles AFG	180.00
0053412 - Back to Basics AFG	60.99
0053469	30.00
0053521 - Northridge Tues 10AM 4th Step	101.83
0053567 - Woodland Hills	14.23
0054134 - Mi Nueva Vida	30.00
0054169 - Thousand Oaks Mon 730PM	66.25
0054252 - Santa Barbara Fri 630PM	30.81
0054429 - Tustin Sunday 530PM	19.93
0054447 - Easy Does It AFG Santa Barbara	75.00
0054521	12.00
0054521 - Covina Mon 630PM Hospital	40.00
0054626 - Huntington Beach Mon 10AM	104.41
0054717 - Early Thurs Nighters	55.00
0054893 - Waleria Torrance Sat Morning A	100.00
0060021 - Apple Valley 11AM	20.00
0060050 - Pomona Despertar	30.00
0060124 - La Quinta How Al-Anon Works	25.00
0060125 - Blueprint for Progress Palm Des	65.00
0060154 - Accion y Recuperacion	28.00
0060242 - Pismo Beach Tues Night Step Stu	50.00
0060299 - Irvine Wed Evening	24.24
0060303 - Circulo de Ganadores	10.00
0060417 - San Diego Th Noon Easy Does It	24.20
0060494 - Let It Begin With Me Carlsbad	34.45
0060545 - University City Monday Morning	12.50
0060600 - Lompoc Thursday 8PM	10.00
0060605	21.00
0060605 - San Dimas Staying in the Solu	15.71
0060635 - Palm Springs Wed 630PM	35.00
0060857 - Grover Beach	72.30
0061145 - Los Osos Fri Night Lourage to C	94.52
0061259 - Carlsbad Changing Attitudes	75.94
0061334 - Step a Month Mtg	11.21
0061497	31.02
0061605 - Progress Solana Beach Wed 8AM	32.48
0061784	70.00
0061960 - Palm Springs Sat AM	66.50
0062013 - Palm Springs Tues Noon	10.00
0062083 - Sunset Beach Sun 10AM	76.88
0062211 - Pasadena	58.10
0062365 - Oxnard Tues 7PM	13.50

0001457 - Riverside	17.50	0062500 - Monrovia Tues 7PM	68.80
0001464 - Torrance	75.00	0062616 - Pico Rivera Tues 7PM	90.00
0001529 - Clairemont San Diego Daytime	32.00	0062772 - Long Beach Sat 10AM	25.00
0001531 - San Diego Tues AM	51.25	0062947 - Camarillo Wed 7PM	12.50
0001543 - North Clairemont Tues 7PM	75.00	0062948 - Riverside Tues As We Understood	15.00
0001578 - San Juan Capistrano Th AM	95.34	0062996 - Ramona Wed Nite	20.00
0001587 - San Marino San Gabriel AFG	10.00	0063023 - Pacific Palisades Weds 10 AM	120.00
0001588 - San Gabriel Tues 730P	273.11	0063269 - Back to Basics Escondido	22.80
0001628	25.00	0063330 - Alta Loma	9.18
0001639 - Santa Barbara	28.20	0063505	31.00
0001657	18.00	0063505 - Pasadena Mon 6PM Women	40.00
0001663	28.00	0063513	52.00
0001669 - Santa Monica Sun 730PM	30.00	0063844	15.00
0001689 - Seal Beach Th 730	100.00	0063846 - Escondido Renacer MTWF 5PM	30.00
0001739 - Tarzana Open Discussion Thurs.	65.05	0063850 - Alta Loma Thursday Night How Al	140.00
0001741 - Temple City Tuesday 10AM	65.00	0063851 - Simi Valley Friday 8PM	30.00
0001752 - Torrance Tues Night	45.00	0063876 - from group in Dist 66	76.13
0001754 - Torrance Thurs 730PM	55.00	0063948 - Santa Monica Fr AM	246.46
0001756 - Torrance Thurs AM	136.60	0063949	30.40
0001770 - Tustin Mon 730PM	24.20	0064026 - Los Angeles Sun AT Center Griff	408.80
0001773 - Santa Ana Wed 715PM	30.00	0064054 - Willingness to Change San Diego	68.51
0001780 - Alta Loma Th AM	20.00	0064140 - Pacific Palisades Sat 730AM	186.00
0001781 - Claremont Wed Night AFG	70.00	0064141 - Ventura Tues 130PM	27.00
0001797 - Ventura Th 10AM	30.00	0064143 - Lake Forest Mon 7PM	63.00
0001799 - Ventura Wed 730PM	45.00	0064304	15.00
0001824 - West Covina Tues 730P	126.00	0064305	30.75
0001830 - Whittier Tues 7PM	60.00	0064307	25.00
0001842	76.77		
0001844 - Yorba Linda Wed Eve	238.00	0064309 - Morro Bay	10.00
0001856 - Yucaipa Tuesday AM Al-Anon	15.00	0064375 - Atascadero Thurs Step Study	30.00
0004308 - San Diego Mon 7PM Search	50.00	0064376 - San Diego	30.15
0004844 - Inglewood Mon 630PM	6.35	0064469 - Encino Mon Night	40.64
0005393 - How Al-Anon Works Santa Barbara	64.71	0064471 - Claremont San Diego Friday 6PM	92.62
0006017	15.00	0064521	5.00
0006058	10.00	0064581 - San Diego	20.00
0006183	35.00	0064594 - Carlsbad	100.30
0006332 - Long Beach	37.50	0064595 - Tehacapi Mon Night	10.00
0006341	30.00	0064595 - Tehachapi Mon Night	20.00
0006342 - Long Beach	36.00	0064865 - Westlake Village Tues 7PM	45.00
0006610	13.00	0064893 - Laguna Nigel Tu AM	25.00
0006653 - S. Pasadena Th 745PM	36.52	0064900 - Cambria Mon PM	10.00
0006656 - Santa Ana	97.50	0064927 - Fallbrook ODAT	20.00
0006660 - Fountain Valley	30.00	0065007 - San Diego Fri 7PM	9.50
0023953 - Whitter Mon Eve	10.40	0065161	40.00
0023966	112.01	0065210 - Pacific Palisades Sun Mon AM	80.55
0023996 - La Canada Mon 730PM	160.48	0065245 - Indian Wells Th Noon Paths	38.00
0024150 - Mailbu Mon 1230	570.00	0065307	60.00
0024538 - Montrose Tues 730PM	30.00	0065307 - Hermosa Bch Thurs 12PM	30.00
0025401 - Pomona Tues 730PM	49.00	0065399 - Carlsbad Loving Traditions	15.00
0025430 - Venice Mon 7PM Recovery House	31.25	0065430 - Altadena Sat 10AM	62.00
0026182 - Kearny Mesa TLC Friday Night	20.00	0065433 - Parents ODAT 645	70.00
0026344 - Courage To Change 7AM Wed	12.00	0065541	18.00
0026495 - Ontario Sat AM	15.00	0065561 - Santa Monica Thurs 735AM	46.43
0026588 - Bakersfield Tuesday 7PM	60.00	0065666 - Covina Th 8PM	13.50
0026781 - Torrance Gardena Mon 730PM	270.00	0065672 - Griffith Park	30.00
0027131 - Sunday PM Beginners	30.00	0065713 - Marina Pacifica LB	10.00
0027397 - Nuevos Caminos	20.00	0065849 - West Hollywood	26.40
0001457 - Riverside	80.97	0062500 - Monrovia Tues 7PM	31.32
0001464 - Torrance	81.45	0062616 - Pico Rivera Tues 7PM	30.61
0001529 - Clairemont San Diego Daytime	81.94	0062772 - Long Beach Sat 10AM	29.90
0001531 - San Diego Tues AM	82.43	0062947 - Camarillo Wed 7PM	29.19
0001543 - North Clairemont Tues 7PM	82.91	0062948 - Riverside Tues As We Understood	28.48
0001578 - San Juan Capistrano Th AM	83.40	0062996 - Ramona Wed Nite	27.77
0001587 - San Marino San Gabriel AFG	83.88	0063023 - Pacific Palisades Weds 10 AM	27.06
0001588 - San Gabriel Tues 730P	84.37	0063269 - Back to Basics Escondido	26.35
0001629	84.86	0063330 - Alta Loma	25.64
0001639 - Santa Barbara	85.34	0063506	24.93

0029128 - Corona Del Mar Thursday Mens St	245.00	0066407	15.00
0029235 - Los Angeles Mon 730PM	182.45	0066493	10.00
0029412 - Santa Barbara Tues 8PM	10.65	0066508 - Sun City Sat Am Step	10.00
0029519 - El Cajon Tuesday Women	92.50	0066545 - Los Alamitos Sat 530PM	60.32
0029678 - Brentwood Tues Men	31.90	0066711 - Burbank Sunday Women	52.00
0029857 - Long Beach	12.00	0066793 - Los Feliz Wed 1230 Silverlake	283.20
0029945 - Oak View Tuesday Night	15.57	0066846	23.66
0029953 - Whittier Wed Nite	77.34	0066846 - Del Mar Sun 6PM	89.30
0029992	30.00	0066975 - Burbank White Chapel	13.57
0030085 - Covina Sun Morning	55.00	0067048 - Wed 12x12 Atascadero Book Study	15.00
0030284 - Fullerton Tues 730PM	21.75	0067204 - Santa Clarita Tuesday	32.16
0030665	9.00	0067262 - Westlake Vlg Wed 1245PM	144.73
0031730 - Yorba Linda Monday 10AM Step St	30.00	0067329 - San Pedro Tues 7PM Men's Stag	175.00
0032292 - Manhattan Beach Tues Noon	74.72	0075762 - Solana Bch Courage to Change	65.00
0032433 - Womens Al-Anon Action Group Wdl	142.64	0456632 - Santa Paula Tues 7PM	15.00
0032537 - Los Angeles Sat 10AM Yucca	91.00	0487486 - Solana Beach Tues AM Literature	17.00
0032706 - TGIF Spring Valley	45.00	0500482 - Costa Mesa Break Away Parents	23.40
0032748 - Cayucos Mon 10AM	85.00	0500486 - Costa Mesa 730 Parents	182.89
0033829 - Santa Monica Wed 730A	60.00	0500493 - Santa Clarita Fri	21.44
0033918 - Laguna Niguel Friday 1230PM	94.85	0500806	65.00
0034746 - Palm Desert Step Mon12	10.00	0500829	6.90
0035662 - Covina Tues 930AM	31.25	0500857 - W Hollywood Robertson	101.38
0035773 - Westlake Vlg Sun 730PM	60.00	0500920	15.00
0035775	15.00	0500920 - Santa Barbara Sat 11AM	60.00
0036683 - Valencia Mon 730PM	104.29	0501009 - Santee Thurs 7PM	25.00
0037117 - La Jolla Wed 745PM Mom & Pop	100.00	0501208 - Survival to Recovery Fri 8AM	25.00
0037360	15.00	0501295 - Palm Desert Mon 730PM	20.00
0037597 - Sat Am Saugus Serenity AFG	129.49	0501322 - Redlands Tues 730PM	38.60
0038026 - Simi Valley Sun 7PM	15.00	0501377 - Escondido Sat 930AM	19.76
0038198 - Brea Sun 730PM	151.31	0501434 - Riverside Th Evening	26.12
0038928	75.00	0501501 - Monrovia Tues 7PM	5.00
0039133	37.59	0501647 - Laguna Parents	60.00
0039919 - Gardena Sat AM	119.60	0501669 - Vida Serena	175.00
0040348 - Lawndale	112.90	0501725 - Laguna Woods Tues 10AM	20.00
0040529 - Covina Wednesday Night Step Stu	22.00	0501758 - Wofford Heights Friday Al-Anon	16.80
0040624 - Serenity at the Lake	103.86	0502151 - Santa Clarita Sun 5PM ST	91.69
0040844 - Inglewood Mon 630PM	71.78	0502221 - Ventura Mon 7PM	40.00
0041540 - Santa Barbara Fri AM	65.00	0502462	20.00
0041842 - Fri Noon Atascadero	20.00	0502540 - Del Mar Tues 9AM	40.00
0041921	20.00	0502598 - Westlake Vlg Th 730PM	24.00
0042047 - Arcadia Sun 730PM	49.17	0502704 - Wed AFG	28.00
0042172 - Step Study Sat 10AM	99.00	0502729 - Palm Springs Th 7PM Church	20.07
0042684 - Spring Valley Tues 10AM	40.00	0502817 - Solana Beach Mon AM Step	45.00
0042761	74.68	0502884	13.96
0042842 - Glendale Sunday 10AM	19.00	0502996 - Studio City Tues Parents	113.00
0042899 - Hermosa Beach Sunday Literature	80.80	0503020 - Reseda Florenciendo Alanda	15.00
0043570 - Palos Verdes Estates Parents Gr	30.00	0503204 - Holtville	10.00
0043977 - Shell Beach Womens Serenity	121.24	0503210 - Simi Valley Th 7PM	15.00
0044076 - Lemon Grove Adult Children	20.00	0503276 - Bakersfield LOL Frid Night	20.00
0044078 - Lemon Grove Wednesday	20.00	0503292	10.00
0044153 - Laguna Beach Tues Mens Stag	275.00	0503516 - Granada Hills Fri 730PM	40.15
0044242 - Tues Night 730PM Manhattan Beac	90.00	0503532 - Westwood Friday 1030A	150.00
0044442 - Chino Monday 730PM	20.00	0503581	126.00
0044462 - Pomona Sun AM	4.50	0503589 - Serenidad	175.00
0044559 - Cypress	91.30	0503666 - N Hollywood Fri Noon	102.46
0045065 - Crystal Cathedral Friday Night	50.82	0503688	20.00
0045066 - La Jolla Mon 630 Pathways	45.00	0503697 - Monday Meet the Week C to C	10.00
0045275 - Irvine Sunday Marniers Church 7	134.00	0503697 - Rancho Sta Margarita Mon 9AM	50.40
0045518	10.00	0503768	42.28
0045632	15.00	0503910 - Santa Barbara Together We Can	10.74
0045691 - Just for Today AFG	50.00	0503998	20.00
0045693 - Woodland Hills Fri 8PM TGIF	60.00	0504134 - Hesperia Sat 5PM	11.00
0045872 - Baldwin Park Mon Wed 12PM El Nu	10.00	0504207 - Camarillo Mens Stag	25.00
0046148 - La Canada Mon 1230	91.54	3008783	151.30
0046160 - San Diego Friday 1215PM	6.50	30507920 - S Pasadena Sat 9AM	15.00
0046168 - La Canada Mon 1230PM	87.79	30508851 - Laguna Beach Th 430PM Women	60.00

0046148 - La Canada Mon 1230	91.54	3008783	151.30
0046160 - San Diego Friday 1215PM	6.50	30507920 - S Pasadena Sat 9AM	15.00
0046168 - La Canada Mon 1230PM	87.79	30508851 - Laguna Beach Th 430PM Women	60.00
0046199 - Fountain Valley Sun 7PM	11.96	7th Tradition	85.00
0046737 - La Jolla Tues AM Step Study	7.50	9999999	5,804.43
0046773 - Lancaster AFG	200.00	Alateen Sponsors Workshop	43.00
0046821 - Thurs Night 8PM Westchester Ste	194.21	District 45	500.00
0046883 - Encinitas Total Sharing	25.00	District 48	20.00
0046915 - Pasadena Sat Night	120.00	District 6	250.00
0047087 - San Diego Lost & Found	190.95	District 64	250.00
0047234	15.00	Forum Subscription	16.25
0047437 - Irvine	50.00	Orange County Alathon	228.74
0047661 - San Carlos Wed AM	62.23	SOS Workshop	717.00
0047714 - Upland	60.07	VCAAC Convention	110.55
0047916 - Valencia Wed 730PM	11.14	Group Contributions Total	33731.55
0047964 - Costa Mesa Tues AM	44.98		
0048039 - La Canada Thursday Evening	56.00		
0048170 - Sierra Madre Mon 6PM	40.00		
0048228 - Beverly Hills Tuesday Noon	340.00		
0048294 - UC Thursday Lunch Bunch San Die	173.00		
0048361 - Orange Tues 8PM	28.00		
0048478 - La Canada Fri Afternoon	120.81		
0048686 - Sunside Up Al-Anon Solana Beach	20.00		
0048882 - Studio City Mon Noon	256.00		
0048985 - La Canada Wed 530PM	32.60		
0048986 - Tujunga	220.86		
0048987 - AFG Burbank Sat AM	137.86		
0049355 - Lake Forest Tues	17.20		
0049391	120.00		
0049504 - Mar Vista Mon Eve	48.16		
0049565	35.00		
0049832 - N Hollywood Th Eve	30.00		
0050014	47.06		
0050062 - Irvine Tuesday Nite 730PM	31.23		
0050119 - Glendora 630 Thurs	45.00		
00501208 - Solana Beach Adult Children	5.00		

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Who has Voice and/or Vote?

Area World Service Assembly

VOICE

Group Representatives
District Representatives
Officers
Coordinators
Past Delegates

VOTE

Group Representatives

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

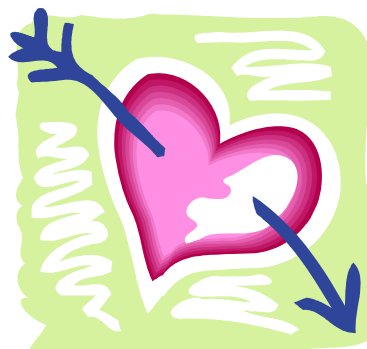
Area World Service Committee

VOICE

District Representatives
Officers
Coordinators
Intergroup Liaisons
AWSC Convention Chairs
(Conventions: AFG,
So-Cal AA & SCAC)
Past Delegates

VOTE

District Representatives
Officers
Coordinators
Intergroup Liaisons
AWSC Convention Chairs



District Representatives' Reports



No reports from District's 11, 12, 21, 24, 51, 60, 63, 64, 66, 69, 78

District 3

Paso Robles, Atascadero, Cambria, Cayucos, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, Nipomo, Santa Maria, Orcutt, Lompoc and Solvang.

A big THANK YOU to Mary M, delegate, for sharing her story at our Speaker meeting in Atascadero. We really enjoyed hearing her experience strength and hope.

We had an Alateen Sponsor workshop in September and many people have filled out the paperwork to become Alateen Sponsors. There is a new Alateen meeting in Santa Maria and Alateen meetings will be starting soon in Arroyo Grande and Paso Robles.

District 6

Basically we encompass the whole of Kern County. Currently the towns in Kern county that have active Al-Anon Meetings are Bakersfield, Shafter, Lamont, Taft and the Lake Isabella area.

Hello from District 6. We have finally found someone to do the Public Information for our District. We are still struggling in trying to find some one to be the Alateen Coordinator. I do not know why our District continues to struggle with the support for our Alateens. Hopefully in 2008 I will be able to concentrate on recruiting more support for our younger members.

We are also planning our participation in the 35th Annual Golden Empire Round-Up. The theme this year is "A New Beginning". AA has decided to move the convention back to the Memorial Weekend, May 23 thru 25. It is also moving from the Convention Center to the Double Tree Hotel. More details to come later.

That's all from District 6
Love in Service
Anita J. DR

District 9

Hi, I'm Myra, District 9 – the geographical center of Area 4 – **consisting of the Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, Lake Hughes, Mojave and everything in between.**

Our district hosted two conventions in the last few months: The Antelope Valley Al-Anon Convention in September, which has been cut back to a one-day convention, was a huge success; and the Santa

Clarita Valley Convention of AA with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation in October, which was also a huge success.

Our district has voted to purchase one of the Al-Anon Display Boards and tablecloths through Public Outreach per Amanda's email. We have had much use for them and are looking forward to putting them into action.

Our Public Outreach Coordinator is still taking panels to Acton Rehab and Genesis (which is an outpatient program) as well as trying to get approval to take panels into Camp Scott and Camp Scudder (two Juvenile detention camps) and Wayside Prison.

We have a very enthusiastic newcomer who is working very hard to get a new Alateen and pre-teen meeting started in the Santa Clarita Valley. She has been contacting certified sponsors and has been in touch with WSO and has already found a meeting place for both meetings.

District 9 rotates its World Service positions at the end of this year and we've all been working hard to spread our enthusiasm. We already have a few of the new Group Rep commitments filled and hope to have everything filled by our next (and last of this term's) District meeting on December 1st.

That's all for now. Thank you for letting me be of service as a District Rep for these last three years. It has been a very rewarding experience and has largely contributed to my growth in this program and my recovery.

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

District 17

Covering the San Fernando Valley West (West of 405 Fwy.)

Our rotation ends December 2007 and our district has had an amazing ride of ups and downs throughout the term. We have had between 35% - 50% of the meetings within our district represented by a GR. My goal was to have 100% representation and I tried to attain that goal by personally attending the meetings within our district that did not have representation. Although I was welcomed with open arms at each meeting, some of the meetings stated that they were having difficulty filling the "basic" positions of secretary, treasurer, etc and that a commitment of 3 years was frightening to some of the members. I suggested that perhaps someone would be willing to take the position for 1 year and then pass it on to another member of their meeting at the end of that year. What I discovered was that they were having difficulty passing the position to another. I realized that I should be GRATEFUL for having 35%-50% of the meetings represented. At this time, a new District Representative has not been elected but I hope that when he or she accepts the position that they find the love, caring, and warmth of the members as knowledgeable and exciting as I have!

Tarisa R. District 17 Representative

District 27

District 27 cuts through a wide swath of Los Angeles from Silverlake in the east, near downtown LA, across Midtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, West Los Angeles, Bel Air, Brentwood--all the way to Malibu, where several of our meetings have had to relocate because of the fires.

District 27 had its annual Alathon on Saturday, October 13 at St. Alban's Church in Westwood, Los Angeles. Almost 100 guests attended sessions every hour from 9 AM to 4 PM. Topics included an Alateen panel, Dealing with Loss, Intimacy and Relationships, speakers who were relatively new to the Al-Anon program and old-timers with more than 20 years. We had a potluck lunch and lots of fellowship.

One of our meetings, the Saturday morning 10 AM meeting in Hollywood, is the only meeting in our District, and perhaps in Los Angeles, which has the entire meeting signed for the hearing-impaired.

Tim P.

District 30

Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, and Temple City.

Greetings from District 30, We welcomed a new GR from the South Pasadena, Saturday morning meeting, Mery P. Welcome Mery, to the world of service beyond the group level. District 30 hosted their Annual Alathon for the 15th year; it was chaired by Helen C who gave birth to the first Alathon in our District, so it was meaningful to have her chair, "Recovery, you can do it, we can help!" It was well attended and everyone enjoyed. On the downside, we borrowed the archive display from SCWS, Archives Coor. Martha (who happens to be our Alt DR). We unfortunately lost some books. We are on a hunt for the two bins; to date, we are unable to locate. We had give-away literature next to the display, so perhaps someone thought the books were to take. HELP....if you mistakenly have the books, please return. Our amends to SCWS.

For several months, we have been challenged at District meetings with dissension and lack of unity by a member, but hopefully by December this problem will be resolved by using our Traditions and Concepts. Thank you to Mary M and Sandie E for visiting our District meeting, not once but twice.

Hugs in Service, Maria L. G.

District 33

Covina, West Covina, Glendora, La Puente, Hacienda Heights, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, City of Industry

DISTRICT 33 HAS BEEN BUSY THIS QUARTER. We meet once a month on the 2nd Thursday and usually have 12 in attendance on average. Most are Group Reps and for many, this is their first commitment above the group level. We have had 2 per-

sons in the previous quarter who had to let go of their service jobs, so although the Treasurer position has been filled, the Newsletter is still open. As this is coming into our third year, I do not stress over the open position. As a District all the work is getting done and I believe the right person, as always, will appear.

We held a 4th step workshop, our second this year, and included a 2 hour slot for sharing about the many areas of sponsorship. The program was informative and beneficial to many who attended. After lunch the writing workshop began. We used the Blueprint for Progress and all persons on the Program for the day in sharing and leading workshops were active members of the fellowship. We have many people in our District willing to be of service. It is a wonderful feeling to be part of the worldwide fellowship of Al-anon in District 33/Area 4.

Our Public Outreach leader Rose, is excited and enthusiastic about energizing meetings and meeting members on ideas she has to reach out to the community. I know our remaining meeting in December will be our plans for outreach in January and February. We have GR's or contacts for all our meetings and know 2008 will be cheery, bright and exciting. I find it hard to believe that we only have 13 meetings left in our terms. Crazy how time flies! Act as if is what we are taught and when you "Get It", then it is time to give back. Suit up/Show up and be of service. Thank you for letting District 33 share. District Rep-Kathy G.

District 36

Alta Loma - Chino - La Verne - Ontario - Pomona - Upland

There isn't much happen' in our corner EXCEPT.... MARY MORRISON will be coming to our November GR meeting and sharing what's happening at SCWS and WE CAN'T WAIT TO LISTEN. We decided to take December off again this year. District 36 has had a very busy year and will be rested to start 2008 with a lot of new and exciting things to do

Love in service, Jay

District 39

Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris, Corona, Norco, Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Yucaipa, Redlands, Loma Linda, Colton, Rialto, Fontana, San Bernardino, Highland, the San Bernardino Mountain communities of Lake Arrowhead, Blue Jay, Sky Forest, Lake Gregory, Twin Peaks, Running Springs, Arrow Bear, Crestline, Big Bear, Fawnskin, Forest Falls, and Oak Glen. Our district was traditionally an unhurried locale, but has now emerged into a major metropolitan area with all of the congestion.

Our August Day in Al-Anon was a huge success on two fronts. We had awesome attendance with superb speakers and great summer fun! This fundraiser brought our district budget over \$2000 for the first time ever!

Yahooo! The monies are being well spent. For a district outreach project we'll place 100 Spanish and 400 English copies of AL-NON FACES ALCOHOLISM 2008 in drug and alcohol treatment centers in our area. We'll provide a SCAC scholarship to each registered Alateen group. We now have a budget for our new District Alateen Liaison Coordinator, Rick Swanson. We're sending two GR's to the Al-Anon International Convention, especially the service seminars on July 3rd. We're hoping to host local Alateen sponsor and Al-Anon sponsorship workshops. We also donated to our local service center.

District 39 reached out to 200 social workers, on Nov. 14th, at the Southwest Valley Provider Faire for Riverside County Children's Services.

WSO, SCWS, our Inland Empire Service Center, and WS District 39 have supplied us with materials to meet the needs of this booth activity. Social workers were attracted to the services AFG had to offer children and families. They especially liked the **referral pad** as well as **AFA 2007/2008**, other information and Alateen tools.

We always meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 to 8 PM, at our Inland Empire Service Center. We usually study the **Concept of the Month**. Summarizing and emphasizing personal application is the focus of the monthly concept when briefly reported about at one weekly meeting. District members share group successes in outreach, program, newcomer welcome, and problem solving that may occur.

Love in Service,
Carolyn S. DR

District 40

Anza, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Idyllwild, Lake Elsinor, Murrietta, Sun City Temecula, Wildomar.

Hi From District 40.

We have been very a very busy district, we had the Spring Fling in April which raised money for the District expenses.

We put together a calendar of local members experience, strength, and hope for each month) and any events we knew about. All proceeds from these calendars were sent to the Colton service Center. We were able to give them \$1,000.00. We are starting on the calendar for 2008. This time we have a committee to work on this project.

In June we were invited to the AA's Founders Day in Sun City. We passed out the forum and directories for the Al-Anon meetings. We had a great time with them Alkies.

We also got the word out by passing out the Forum all over our District. We put ads in the local Cronical and the Easy Ad, letting people know there is help for them if there is an alcoholic living in the home.

This year we started to put out a newsletter so the members can see what we do at the District meetings.

We have had different GR's take home a guideline and then come to the next meeting with a report, we learned a lot from this.

Our big fundraiser was the Alathon, held in September. The theme was Learning to Live from the Inside Out. With Italian food for lunch. Everyone had a great day and we raised \$1750.00 to send to Colton. All the members who helped make the items for the country store had so much fun getting together.

At the last meeting we talked about getting a web page started for Al-Anon/Alateen. Well I think that's about all.

Love in service, Carmie DR 40

District 42

Hello from district #42 It is my privilege to be the new DR for this District. A big thanks to our last DR, Mona B. We in what I like to call one of the warmest Districts in Southern California. We started to have an every other month Speaker Meeting. With two speakers. Also we are having our annual Alathon Heart to Heart on February 2nd, 2008 with speakers, food, 50/50, and raffles for great Al-anon gifts and other surprises.

Our outreach held a "Community Awareness" meeting at our Unified School District and has been to the first annual "Celebrate Recovery in the Desert Day"

We are going to work on starting a Buddy ride system for all who want to come to any of our Al-anon Family group meetings and are without transportation.

It has been just over a year ago are Literature Distribution Center opened it's doors we had a few ruff spots but with help of our Higher Power and great Volunteers it is running smoothly. So on Dec 1 we had our grand opening officially.

Please when you come out to visit our great weather here in the desert come join us at any of our meetings and join us at one of our Friday night speakers meetings.

Love in service
Sam M

A big THANK YOU to all of you who got their reports in on time for publication in this issue of the Bulletin. In order to ensure the Bulletin is printed and distributed in a timely manner, it is imperative that our submittal deadlines be observed. I will be on vacation in March but would appreciate reports in by March 30th so I may complete it upon my return.

Lovin' this Service,
Laurie E., Bulletin Coordinator

District 45

The District elected new officers whose terms begin in January. Our current Alternate DR has been elected to the position of District Representative for the 2008-2010 term. Please join me in a big CONGRATULATIONS to Emilce!!! I know she'll have a lot of fun and bring a tone of service and enthusiasm into the District. The new Alternate DR is Karen F., who has served as GR for the last three years and has also served on our Alathon planning committee for the last three years. Karen and Emilce will make a great team and I look forward to continued service with them. The last three years for me has been a great experience. I've enjoyed serving as DR and, just because my term is up does not mean I'll drop off the face of the earth. In fact, I will stay involved in the District as well as the Area.

Love in Service,
Cathy W.

District 48

Warm greetings from District 48; It has been an enormous spiritual growth serving as a DR for these past three years. The fear of making mistakes had subsided and I have more confidence to relate closer with others accepting that I am imperfect. I'm grateful to Al-Anon's fellowship that has been giving me the opportunity to be at serves. I thank all the board members who have continuously supporting the District by sharing experiences, strength, hope and Al-Anon's insights.

Special thanks to Mary M. our Delegate who visited the District last September along with Lucia who translated. The GRs received a lot of info to their questions. Most of the questions asked were about Alateen and Al-Anon sponsorship, groups' problems and CAL. It was a great experience for all the GRs to participate by interacting with their Delegate. As our fourth Concept says, "Participation is the key to harmony." We all felt harmony and united as Al-Anon as a whole. "Participation makes us part of the group rather than apart from it. Belonging is a deep spiritual need. The harmony created by our active, willing participation encourages others to participate;" (Paths to Recovery, 270). The District thank you again Mary and Lucia for your willingness to serve.

The District welcomes a new Al-Anon (Adult Children) group that started meeting last September around the area. The group's GR is attending the District's meetings and she had requested the District to participate in a Public Information meeting. It is an opportunity not only to pass on the Al-Anon message but also to reach more groups around the area.

I am grateful to my Higher Power for the Al-Anon members who want to commit to serve as Alateen sponsors. The last four months there were two applications submitted for Safety Regulations clearance and today I have to more to give to the Alateen sponsor coordinator. Four members are willing to give their time to our Al-Anon youth who are the future Al-Anon members and it begins with us the Al-Anon members who are making the difference.

The District's yearly gathering is on December 17, will be my last as a DR. We plan to invite the old time Al-Anon member who helped reactivated the District few years back. You're all invited at 3401 E. Florence Ave, Huntington Park at 7:00 p.m.

Last October meeting, the District elected a new DR; Congratulations to Estella R. for her three years commitment. It was a blessing meeting with you all. I learned many positive things from all of you. Love to serve,
Julia T

District 57

Avalon, Long Beach, Lakewood, Bellflower, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Cerritos, Artesia, Belmont Shore, Huntington Harbor, Sunset Beach, Signal Hill ?, Paramount ? (I'm not sure if this city is in our District, but we have a meeting from there that is on our list)

Greetings from District 57!

Plans for our Alathon continue. We had a well attended planning meeting in October. Everyone is working together to help us carry the message in District 57! Our Alathon, "The Heart of Recovery", will be held on February 23 at the Lakewood Community Center.

We held our last District meeting on November 10. Through studying the Traditions and Concepts, and sharing our experience, strength and hope, we continue to grow in service together. We have a round table discussion at each meeting where the GRs can raise any concerns and we use our Service Manuals and CAL to find solutions. We continue to publish our quarterly service bulletins to educate members on strengthening their recovery through being of service. This quarter our topic is "Gratitude in Action".

I want to thank all our District 57 GRs for their continuing service and dedication to our District! Our District meetings continue to provide a nurturing place for us to share our concerns and work toward solutions together as we continue our journey in Al-Anon service.

I am so grateful for this opportunity to be of service!
Adrienne K, District Representative

District 72

Cities covered by our district include: **El Cajon, Santee, La Mesa Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, Bonita, Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Alpine.**

Time flies when you are having fun, so they say. Happy Holidays to everyone (I don't want to be the one who tells you how many days left until Christmas, but you better hurry.) We are very grateful that we were able to get through the recent San Diego County fire storms with little or no major consequences. District 72 extends its deepest and heartfelt condolences to any who may have experienced a loss or injury.

The year 2007 ends with a less than anticipated list of accomplishments, attributed mainly to lower Group participation at the District level. We had some successes with outreach and our participation with local Community Centers and Clergy. The District ordered 400 copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, 2008, which passed on to the Groups for distribution to Professionals and others in need. Alateen activities did not produce any new meetings, in fact the District lost one meeting due to lack of attendance. We will work harder in 2008 to develop needs bring on new Alateen meetings.

Our Long-timers Tea was a success as previously reported and we look forward to a repeat in 2008. Our big disappointment was the last minute cancellation of our Sponsorship Workshop at the end of October due to the fires. We plan to bring this on again early in 2008.

2008 offers many opportunities for growth and outreach. This will be my final year as District Rep. and I looked forward to passing on the tradition to a new DR.

Love and Recovery through Service,
Bernie S. District Rep., District 72

District 75

Greetings all,

We are going through a transition in District 75 with a rotation of many of our officers. Marion B. and Nancy C. served as co-Alternate DR for the last year and now they are moving on. We are extremely grateful for their dedicated, creative and consistent service. Also Barbara B. as secretary and a very active outreach committee member, and Natalie as treasurer (for so many years, we have lost count) are both rotating out of their positions as officers and as GRs. Thanks Marion, Nancy, Barbara and Natalie for your invaluable service!

So when one door closes, at least a window opens and eventually another door. And also sometimes there is that uncomfortable time in the hallway between rooms.....

So we have Carmen who has stepped forward as our new Alternate DR, which is great news. We also have a new GR, Vikki. Welcome Vikki! We are still looking for a treasurer and secretary.

We had a very successful event, "Slogans and Steps", with some great speakers, wonderful framed slogan which were raffled off, and a charismatic MC. There was a good attendance, a wonderful healthy breakfast and lots of fellowship and recovery.

The district is moving forward with outreach, concentrating on Alateen in the schools and outreach to military families.

Our district has voted to send our DR to Pittsburgh and some of our meetings are saving to send their GR to Pittsburgh.
Love in Service,
Louise K.
DR District 75

Ask-It Basket Questions



ALL REFERENCES TO PAGES REFER TO THE 2006-2009 AL-ANON/ALATEEN SERVICE MANUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

November, 2007 Assembly

Q1: Does a person have a group conscience vote if they go to a meeting periodically and is not considered a regular meeting member (this would include a business meeting)?

Q2: Can a person who is not a regular member vote?

Q3: Is it true that if I only visit a particular group and it is not my base group, and I like to participate in their service meetings I have the right to an opinion but not the right to vote?

A1,2,3: Refer to p. 38. "Members who attend more than one group may want to consider at which meeting to vote". . . "keeping in mind that our principles are spiritual." It is within the group's autonomy to decide who has voice/vote in their meetings. A person who does not regularly attend the meeting usually refrains from voting.

Q4: A meeting has a business meeting. Only a few people show up. There are decisions and changes to be made. Do those "few" people vote at the business meeting or should they take it to the meeting and then allow the whole group to vote?

A4: Again, refer to p. 38. "Business meetings are an opportunity for members to share their ideas to increase group membership, express concerns...." P. 38-39. "Our shared experience suggests that announcing the business meeting 2-3 weeks prior to the discussion and voting gives members of the group the opportunity to be informed and helps the group make better decisions, and promotes group unity." As long as members are given ample notice, as suggested, everyone has the opportunity to attend and the business meeting is empowered to make the necessary decisions and changes. If a member chooses not to attend, he has given up his voice and vote.

Q5: What do you do in a meeting that seems to have faltered after a personality difference?

A5: Read "Group Problems and Solutions" on pp. 48-49. Also refer to "Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon" which lists gossip, dominance and the discussion of religion as major problems affecting group unity. Hold a group inventory meeting where these issues affecting the group can be honestly discussed. See also "Taking a Group Inventory" (G-8)

Q6: What is my responsibility as the Group Representative if, during a group conscience a member says that the Traditions are only "suggestions"?

A6: You can direct the focus to the introductory remarks of the Twelve Traditions (p. 17) which clearly state: "Although they are only suggestions, Al-Anon's unity and perhaps even its survival are dependent on adherence to these principles." This is what we refer to as "obedience to the unenforceable." This is vital to the unity of Al-Anon as a whole and is not considered within the group's autonomy. See specifically Tradition Four which says, "Each group should be autonomous EXCEPT in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole." A person attending an Al-Anon meeting anywhere in the world should have the expectation that the principles of the Al-Anon program are being practiced there.

Q7: Although each group is autonomous, what is the position on reading (although pertinent and well-written) non-conference approved literature?

A7: Individual members may read and enjoy any helpful writings they choose outside meetings, HOWEVER, only Al-Anon Conference-Approved Literature (CAL) should be used in meetings. See also answer A6. "CAL is written by and for our members and goes through a thorough review process by numerous Al-Anon members to assure that it conveys the program in a consistent and comprehensive manner." P. 53. Reading non-CAL in meetings dilutes our message and can be confusing to newcomers.

Q9: At many meetings, I hear the phrase, "My best thinking got me here." Is this in Conference-Approved Literature anywhere? I recognize its legacy from AA.

A9: No. Sometimes, common phrases are used in some people's sharing; it is not a legacy, merely repetition.

Q10: Is it a violation of Traditions to repeat phrases after the closing prayer such as, "Keep coming back, it works if you work it and it won't...." This comes from rehab centers I thought.

A10: "Chanting" is not recommended anywhere in our guidelines.

Q11: What do you do when you know that people are using Al-Anon for other meetings that have nothing to do with Al-Anon (such as using CDs from convention speakers)?

A11: This would be an outside issue and there's nothing to do.

Q12: The Service Manual at a meeting I attend has been "defaced" by pages being taped closed and pages crossed out. This does not allow me to read from all pages. What can I do about this?

A12: Recommend a group inventory meeting to discuss this serious issue and speak up. It is not appropriate for a group to modify any CAL literature and service tools in any way. The Service Manual contains information designed to help and guide the groups, explain Al-Anon policy, help members understand the World Service Conference and the World Service structure, and study the Twelve Concepts of Service. Request that this

not be done, that all members have the right to all the information contained in the Service Manual. It has been suggested that each Al-Anon member owns his/her own Service Manual; then it can be brought to the meeting and used instead of the defaced one there.

Q13: In the future, should we lead our meetings (format) from the new meeting notebook or the separate "Groups at Work" section of the new manual?

A13: This is within the group's autonomy.

Q14: Are there any groups that are conducting or have experienced "closed" Al-Anon meetings?

A14: "Generally, Al-Anon group meetings are "closed", limited to members and prospective members (p. 37). See also Tradition Three—"The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend." (p.17) The group may decide to be "open". "An open Al-Anon meeting allows attendance by people who are not families and friends of alcoholics but who are interested in learning about Al-Anon Family Groups." All Alateen meetings are closed, open only to Alateen members and the Area-Certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) who are serving as group sponsors." (p.37)

Q15: Please give a little more insight on what we actually say to new members who ask, "Can I come to Al-Anon even though my loved one is a drug addict, not an alcoholic?"

A15: See "Families with Related Problems" on p. 108. "Many individuals come to Al-Anon seeking help. If these individuals determine they have not been affected by a problem drinker, they may be informed of our third Tradition...." "They may also be informed of other sources of help." The key part of this answer is "If these individuals determine...."

Q16: There have been group discussions about the use of the "Newcomer Message" (sic), which WSO no longer prints or provides. Is it still viable? Is it a matter of group autonomy?

A16: While not CAL, many groups use this way of welcoming newcomers. It is a matter of group autonomy to use this one, one they write themselves or none at all.

Q17: If a newcomer asks if the Lord's Prayer is Conference approved as a closing prayer, what is the proper response?

A17: See p. 18, Q19 in the May, 2007 bulletin. Prayers are not something that is presented at the World Service Conference for approval. The only way a prayer may be considered CAL is if it is within a piece of literature – not by itself.

Q18: It is illegal to have a 50/50 raffle in the State of California. Why do fundraisers still do this? Is it not the responsibility of SCWS to educate the groups on this?

A18: This question was answered in the August, 2007 Bulletin on p. 22, Q5.



Q19: Is there a larger facility available? Looks like our meeting room is too small.

A19: We are *delighted* that there is an increase in participation and representation. This is a trend that everyone would like to see continue! The SCWS Board has already discussed this possibility and has talked about looking at alternative venues.

Q20: Could we limit by time the reports? Even the World Service Conference (WSC) limits speaking time. We can always make a few exceptions. P.S. Mary's report was nicely concise!

A20: The World Service Conference limits discussion and comments by participants on motions to 2 minutes, not necessarily those who present reports. The 2-minute rule is being followed by SCWS on discussion and comments. The WSC has 5 consecutive days in which to conduct business. We have 5 *hours* twice a year in which to do the same. Your officers and coordinators work all year to learn and bring important information to the Assemblies in May and November. Obviously much is packed into those 10 hours. The Board has talked at great length about how to shorten reports—make them timely and valuable—in response to suggestions like yours, and we thank you for your feedback.

Q21: It sounded like the new GRs (Group Representatives) who were introduced at the beginning of the meeting came from lots of different districts with lots of different 3-year rotation periods. I know the question has been asked before, but are all the GRs from each district supposed to start their 3-year commitments all at the same time, and does it begin in January?

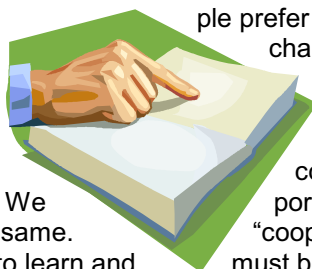
A21: The purpose of the three-year rotation plan is to always have experienced members in the Assembly, so not all District and Group Representatives are new at the same time and that 1/3 of the representation is by those who have two years of experience. Generally, the new GR's term starts at the same time as the new DR's term. A GR may be re-elected for a new term if the full 3-year term has not yet been completed by the time the new DR start his/her term (that usually happens when a current GR had to resign mid-term).

Q22: Is the World Service Office considering changing the 11th Tradition to include "Internet"? E.g. "We need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films and TV." (and the Internet.)

A22: No. It takes a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of all AI-Anon meetings *world-wide* to approve changing even one word in the Twelve Traditions.

Q23: Why are we not taking Action Committee information to our district meetings?

A23: That's a good question...why not? One of the purposes of the Action Committees is to share information. GRs and DRs who attend should be taking the information back to their districts and groups.



Q24: When was the 1st International AI-Anon Convention?

A24: It was held in 1998 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Q25: Can we use the "four-column method" of inventory as part of an AI-Anon District-sponsored 4th Step Workshop? Are there any guidelines for this in our literature?

A25: In a District-sponsored event, such as a 4th Step Workshop, it is important that we use **only AI-Anon Literature (CAL)**. The *Blueprint for Progress* was developed as an aid for the 4th Step and is a useful tool. Some people prefer to use the questions at the end of the 4th Step chapter in *Paths to Recovery* or other ways of conducting an inventory as described in that chapter's text. The 4 columns method is from *Alcoholics Anonymous* and using it, is considered endorsement or affiliation. It is important to remember that our Traditions implicate "cooperation not affiliation" with AA. Thus caution must be taken not to teach from nor use anything other than AI-Anon Literature.

Q26: If the Intergroup position is service between the groups, why can't a dual member serve in that position in view of the fact that the (Service) Manual says that a dual member cannot serve beyond the group level?

A26: Page 57: "It is suggested that the Alternate Group Representative serve as Information Service Representative (ISR) and the Group Representative (GR) serve as the Alternate Information Service Representative." Both positions subject to the policy of AI-Anon/Alateen members who are also members of AA not partaking in AI-Anon service beyond the group level. (pp, 24-27)

Q27: Are there plans to update the Alateen information in the (Frequently Asked Questions) FAQs on the SCWS website? (The current information is from 2004 and does not reflect the changes of the last 12 months.)

A27: Our new Alateen Sponsor Coordinator is working on that right now.

Q28: Will the new Alateen insurance cover an incident at a meeting if only one sponsor is present? OR Does the new insurance mean we must have 2 certified sponsors present at each meeting?

A28: The Southern California World Service Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements, approved by vote at the October 9, 2004, special Assembly, specifies that it is preferable that there be at least 2 certified sponsors at each Alateen meeting. This is a common-sense safety suggestions for the Alateens' and for the adult sponsors' sakes. The general liability insurance policy contains coverage for suits for sexual misconduct.

Q29: Can you please make sure that any SCAC (Southern California Alateen Conference) information on websites does not include location and physical address? (This is per G-16, "Alateen Conference

Please read this. The Ad Hoc committee is working on the following topic and plans to recommend one option for you to vote on at the May Assembly. Updates will be posted on our website scws-al-anon.org. If you have questions please contact Miriam, chair of the Ad Hoc committee.

OPTION	PRO (Positives)	CON (Drawbacks)
#1. Leave the SCWS board as it is: which includes the elected officers (Delegate, Alternate Del., Chair, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary, Past Del.), all SCWS Coordinators and the 3 Action Committee Chairs (ACC), which currently totals 20 members.	Encourages more members to participate in service beyond the group level. Generates more input on topics of discussion. Gives lots of members the opportunity to develop leadership skills.	Difficult to get large group together (where and when). Larger groups generally are slower to make decisions. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to fill vacancies on our Board. Coordinators are not required to have previous SCWS service so it takes more time, training and support to help them understand their position and responsibilities. Supply of available volunteers is depleted by having this large number already serving on Board, leaving less for involvement in projects.
#2. Designate our SCWS Board to be the elected officers and the 3 Action Committee Chairs (ACC), this would be Delegate, Alternate Del., Chair, Treasurer., Minutes Secretary, Past Del. + 3 ACC and would total 9 members.	With fewer positions it may be easier to get qualified and willing members. Because elected officers must have already served as DRs, the majority of this board is ensured to have previous SCWS service experience. Others volunteers can chose to participate in smaller projects, as opposed to a three year commitment as a Board member. The reduction in expense for mileage and/or training with a smaller board. Sometimes smaller groups have better communication.	A smaller Board means we will have slightly less input in discussions (board mainly sets agenda for SCWS Committee meetings). ACC would be responsible for relaying information from Coordinators to the board and taking information back to Coordinators. There may be no financial saving if coordinator are sent to training events and if they meet separately with their ACC. If Action Committees are not voted in 2008 to become permanent part of SCWS, then Board will need to find an effective way to share information back and forth with Coordinators (without using ACC).
#3. Form a new Executive Committee (examples are the World Service Executive Committee and what some of us learned about when we visited the Northern CA Assembly) which would oversee our current board and probably be 5 members.	Guidance from former SCWS service leaders. Possibly better communication with a smaller Executive committee and faster response to issues and changes. Provides oversight with checks and balances of elected officers. Should be easier for this smaller board to meet together at the same time and place. Possible financial savings with smaller board and less reimbursement for board meeting mileage and for training (if not all elected officers and coordinators attend trainings as they currently do).	Can be hard to accept change. Current Board positions may find it difficult adjusting to someone new over them. Creates one more link in dissemination of information (chance for communication difficulties): from exec. committee to elected officers, to coordinators, to districts to GRs to group membership. Not as many different ideas to draw from with a smaller number on board. Would make Election Assembly a longer day (adding 5 more positions). May add costs with 5 additional mileage reimbursements for Assembly and Committee meetings. Would require change to SCWS Corporation Bylaws.
other options . . . As a contingency: If at the May 2009 Assembly, the GRs vote not to continue the Action Committees (that is when the second of the 3-year trial periods ends), then our SCWS board could be any of the above options, but minus the Action Committee Chairs (ACC). Therefore, Option #1 could be $20 - 3 = 17$, or option #2 could be $9 - 3 = 6$ members.		
Should SCWS Appoint or Elect Action Committee Chairs (ACC) in future?	Possible to appoint Action Committee Chairs (ACC) by choosing an officer or coordinator within each committee instead of having chair as an additional position. Or, if ACC appointed, allows more time to search for best qualified persons. But, maybe more candidates would be interested if they stood for election than if appointed. If elected, allows GRs can chose who they think they'd most enjoy working with. But, Election Assembly could be a significantly longer day if also electing 3 ACC.	

SCWS Group Contributions Form

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Group City _____ Day _____ Time _____

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SCWS Group Registration Form

***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.)

• Intergroup Liaison for _____ • Convention Chair for _____

Send to: SCWS Group Records Coordinator (01/06 to 12/08)

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Guideline."

A29: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. This Guideline's suggestion should obviously be followed and will be forwarded to the Alateen Coordinator.

Q30: SCWS is currently sending letters to Alateen meeting locations (such as churches, etc.) notifying them that the meeting is not compliant with sponsor certifications. Isn't it breaking autonomy which is a violation of Tradition Four?

A30: First of all, the World Service Office, not SCWS, sends these letters. The WSO will not recognize or list any Alateen meeting that is not in compliance with its Area Alateen policy. Our Area's policy, "Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements for Alateen Groups, Alateen Sponsors and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service," describes the process by which an Al-Anon member may be certified (including the need for background checks). The Board of Trustees, as ratified by the World Service Conference, has said that a group may not use the Alateen name if the meeting does not adhere to its Area policy. This is within the legal rights of the Trustees and is not a Tradition Four issue, as not adhering to the policy is in itself a violation of Tradition Four, as it affects Al-Anon as a whole. A meeting not adhering to the Area requirements disassociates itself from Al-

locations that the meeting is no longer affiliated with Al-Anon/Alateen.



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Panel	Name	Years
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4	Cecelia B. 55-year member	1964-1966
7	Norris R.	1967-1969
10	(name not available)	1970-1972
13	Elsie Q.	1973-1975
16	Betty (R.) O'B.	1976-1978
19	Pat R.	1979-1981
22	(name not available)	1982-1984
25	Bob L.	1985-1987
28	Hester B.	1988-1990
31	Joyce K.	1991-1993
34	Kary L.	1994-1995
34	Rita McG.	1996
37	Willie W.	1997-1999
40	Kay D.	2000-2002
43	Miriam McK.	2003-2005
46	Mary M.	2006-2008

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

ACTION COMMITTEE - ASSIGNMENTS

for Trial Area Restructure period 1/06 - 5/09

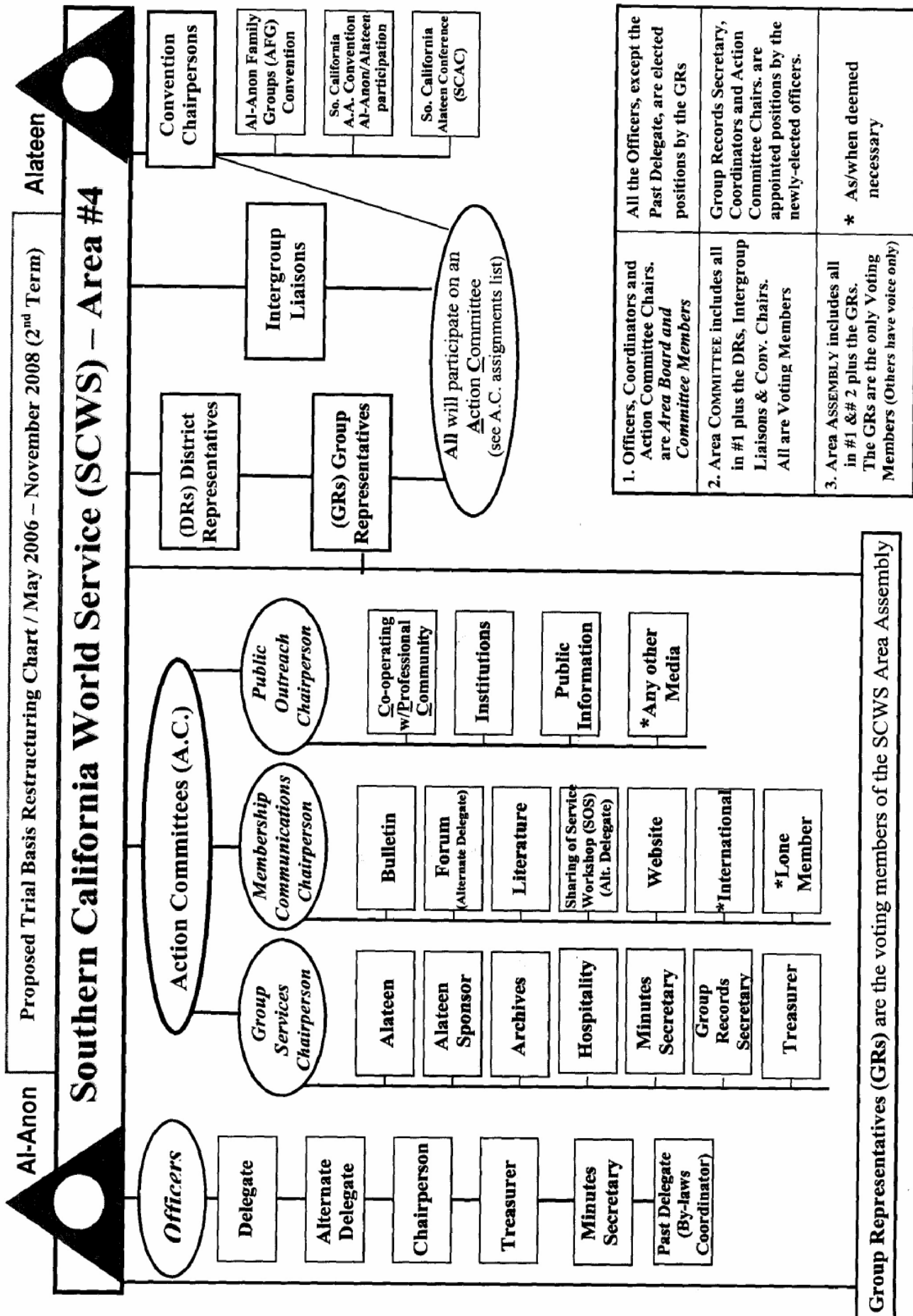
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****GRs may attend any Action Committee they prefer or the one they are assigned to by their DR.**

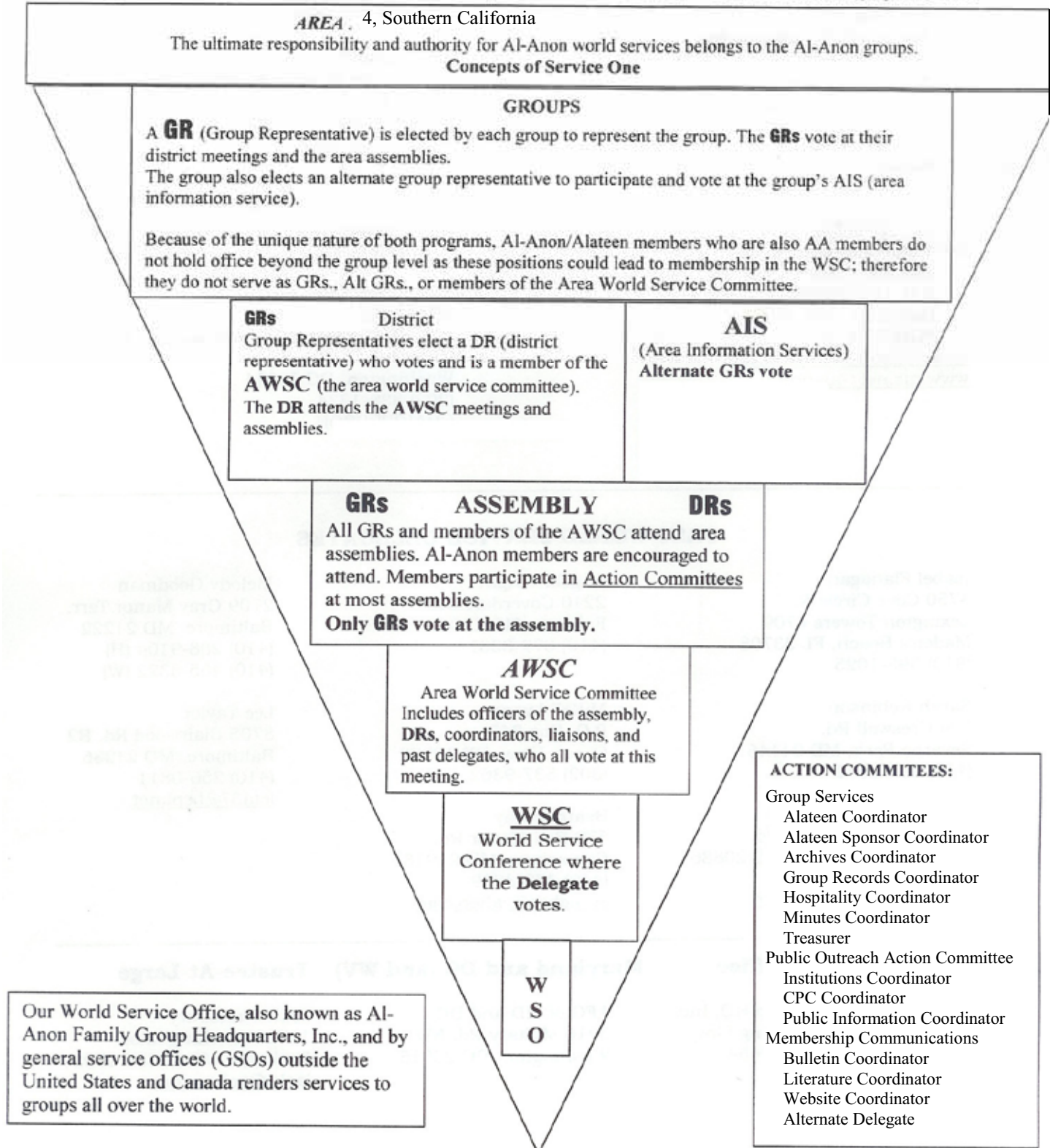
Suggestions: Each District assign at least one GR to each Action Committee to have representation and feedback from all three committees to the District. Each GR attends their preferred Action Committee for the entire 3-year term.

Acronyms Used in Al-Anon/Alateen

AFG - Al-Anon Family Group(s)	LRSP - Long Range Study Panel
AIB - Ask It Basket	NPIC - National Public Information Canada
AIS - Al-Anon Information Service	PFA - Publications Franchises Al-Anon (Canada)
AWSA - Area World Service Assembly	PI - Public Information
AWSC - Area World Service Committee	PO - Public Outreach
CAL - Conference Approved Literature	PSA - Public Service Announcement
CAT - Conference Approved Tapes	RSS - Regional Service Seminar
CMA - Current Mailing Address	RT - Regional Trustee
CPC - Cooperating with the Professional Community	SCAC - Southern California Alateen Conference
	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	SWRSS - Southwest Region Service Seminar
(Countries other than U.S. & Canada)	SWRT - Southwest Regional Trustee
H & I - Hospitals & Institutions	TAL - Trustee At Large
IAGSM - International Al-Anon General Service Meeting	WS - World Service
IR / ISR - Intergroup Representative /Information Service Rep.	WSC - World Service Conference
LDC - Literature Distribution Center	WSO - World Service Office
	Revised August - 2004



Al-Anon's structure is often described as an upside-down triangle, with the Al-Anon Groups at the top. Members volunteer service and act as representatives from the groups to our districts and areas and from the areas to the WSC (World Service Conference). At the narrow point at the bottom of the triangle are our trustees and staff at the WSO (World Service Office). Paths to Recovery, p.249-250



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