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**Expanding our community of
hope by embracing:**

Yesterday's foundations

Today's successes

Tomorrow's possibilities

Assembly Meeting Agenda—Saturday, Nov 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. – Group Representative Orientation – Dining Room

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

Chairperson – Jayme C

- Moment of Silence - Serenity Prayer and Welcome

Traditions read by: _____ District # _____
Observe 7th Tradition (Continue the meeting while baskets are being passed)

Delegate's Report – Sandie E

- Update from WSO

Alternate Delegate's Report – Pat H

- SOS North
- Start passing Ask It Basket & Forum Can

Past Delegate's Report – Mary M

Records Secretary's Report & Roll Call – Kathi L

- DRs please notify Kathi of any change in number of votes for your district.

Minutes Secretary – Amanda C

- Approval of May 2011 Area Assembly Meeting Minutes

New Business

- 1 Election of Area Officers for 3 year term, 1/1/12 – 12/31/14
- 2 2012 Budget – Heidi Tults (during tallying of ballots)
- 3 SCWS Committee recommends Assembly establish Board Position for Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)
- 4 Clarification of Mileage Motion from May Assembly
- 5 Service Manual & Book Sales at Assembly

Lunch Break

- Alateens to provide lunch.

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

Concepts read by _____ District # _____

Hot Topics/New Business Continued

- Area Safety & Behavioral Requirements Document

Hospitality Coordinator: Del L

- Host districts for February 2012 SCWS Committee Meeting

Convention Chairpersons' Reports

AFG Convention 2012 – Lill S

So-Cal. AA Conv. 2012 – Al-Anon – Jean B

So-Cal. Alateen Conf. (SCAC) – Julia B

Coordinators' Reports:

Archives: Kathy G

Website: Ben P

Institutions: Rodger P

Cooperating w/Professional Community: Carolyn S

Literature: Juan P

Bulletin: Truck S

Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator (Acting): Jayme C

Area Alateen Process Person: Rick S

Public Information: Tim P

Intergroup Liaisons' Reports

Inland Empire: Billy M

Intergrupal Hispania: Raquel B

Los Angeles County: Ada G

Orange County: Gloria G

San Diego County: Cherry P

Ventura County: Lalena H

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

Al-Anon related Announcements (only if time permits)

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

Please help clean up.

REMINDERS:

PLEASE LIMIT REPORTS to 2-3 minutes (does not apply to Officers)

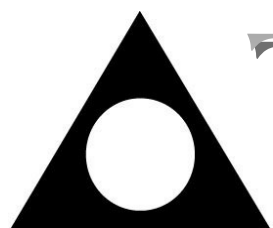
Submit printed report and e-mail report to the Minutes Secretary at

secretary@scws-al-anon.org and then e-mail a copy of the report to the Bulletin

Editor at bulletin@scws-al-anon.org.

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.

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At the time the Bulletin went to press, the financial reports, including group contributions, and Committee minutes were not available. They will be provided at the November Assembly.

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

Calendar of Events

Southern California World Service Area (SCWS) Events

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

2011

September 30 - October 2

60th Annual Southern California AA Convention with Alanon and Alateen Participation
The Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage, CA
www.aasocal.com

October 1

San Diego's Al-Anon Workshop 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
St Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 6556 Park Ridge Blvd, San Diego, CA
www.scws-al-anon.org/documents/calendar_flyers/20111001AlanonWorkshop.pdf



October 8

Long Timers Celebration for California South Area 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
1st Methodist Church of Glendale, 134 No. Kenwood, Glendale, CA
www.scws-al-anon.org/documents/calendar_flyers/20111008LongTimers.pdf

October 14 - 16

Inland Empire AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation
Hilton San Bernardino, 285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA
www.ieaac.org/



October 15

District 51 Annual Alathon 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 10327 Miller Road, Whittier, CA
www.scws-al-anon.org/documents/calendar_flyers/20111015_Alathon-Flyer.pdf



October 21 - 23

8th Annual Santa Clarita Valley Convention of A.A. Al-Anon and Alateen Participation
Hyatt Valencia and Santa Clarita Conference Center, 24500 Town Center Drive, Valencia, CA
www.scvaaconvention.org/

October 29

Sharing of Service Workshop 1:00 - 6:00 PM
A Celebration of Al-Anon's 60th Anniversary
Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley St, Camarillo, CA
www.scws-al-anon.org/documents/calendar_flyers/20111029_SOS.pdf



November 5

Q&A on Revision of Area Safety & Behavioral Requirements for Alateen
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Hosted by District 57, 60, 63, 66,
St. John's Lutheran Church, 18422 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA
www.scws-al-anon.org/documents/calendar_flyers/20111105_AMIAS.pdf



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2011

November 19

Southern California World Service

Area Assembly Meeting

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Glendale First United Methodist Church, 134 N. Kenwood St., Glendale, CA

**Host Districts: 17, 21, 30, 45,
48, 51, 54, 72**

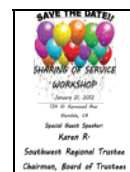
2012

January 21

Sharing of Service Workshop

Glendale First United Methodist Church, 134 N. Kenwood St., Glendale, CA

www.scws-al-anon.org/documents/calendar_flyers/20120121_SOS.pdf



2013

July 5-7,

Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

SAVE THE DATE-October 8th,2011




**1951
To
2011**



Long Timers Celebration for California South!



1st Methodist Church of
Glendale———
134 No. Kenwood- -Glendale,
10-3pm. See you there!

Every 3 years Southern California World Service holds a celebration for its Long Timers. We looked far and wide for members 25 years and over to share their experience, strength and hope. This year, in 2011, we also celebrate Al-Anon's 60th year. So the program will include history of our Area's part in the beginnings of Al-Anon !

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. This is a day to come with friends and celebrate the Al-Anon Fellowship together.



134 N. Kenwood Ave.

Glendale, CA

Special Guest Speaker:

Karen R.

**Southwest Regional Trustee
Chairman, Board of Trustees**

**SHARING OF SERVICE WORKSHOP
& A CELEBRATION OF
AL-ANON'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

***Special Guest Speaker: Ric B.,
Executive Director, World Service Office***

**FEATURING: SCWS Board Entertainment For the FORUM
Subscription Winner (District 12), Pot Luck Luncheon, Cake
and a Great Day of Sharing
Bring a Dish to Share**

***Saturday, October 29, 2011
Camarillo Community Center
1605 Burnley St., Camarillo
1-6 p.m.***

Please R.S.V.P. district12ventura@gmail.com

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Officer's Reports

Delegate

This has been such a great time in my life--the honor of serving and representing you as your Delegate for the 2009-2011 Panel 49.

I have really appreciated the fact that we all hold in our hands the future of the Al-Anon Family Groups with the responsibility to see that our precious program is not damaged, diluted or diminished; that just as the Board of Trustees has the mission of seeing that Al-Anon will survive long into the future and their primary function is to assure that the means for this to happen will be there, that is also our responsibility. We will be adapting to new ways of communicating with each other; new technology, always advancing, will be used to connect distant meetings with larger concentrations of membership; new ideas and the visions of our purpose will fly in ways our founding members never imagined.

Those who choose service beyond the group level, will find themselves in such a world. And just as the members of the Board of Trustees are searching for vital members who possess not only willingness, but experiences, talents, skills and abilities to fill board positions, so we, too, will be asking more of our Trusted Servants. This is an exciting time for all of us who choose service. As the world changes, so do we.

I never expected to participate in e-communities, lightning-fast communication and the challenges of searching for the best possible avenue for bringing Al-Anon into this new age as quickly as possible, while watching out for and protecting our 36 Legacies (our Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service.) The gift I have been given is to have been an active part of just that as your Delegate. During the 3 Conferences I attended, I participated in the creation of a book which tells of the creation of our Service, took steps to protect the Alateen Traditions from changes by a Charter revision which gives the same status as the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service. I participated in the revision of the Policy section of our Service Manual where the policies relative to Alateen were assembled in one place. I took part in the Thought Force that looked into the needs of Areas where some groups do not

follow the Traditions or Al-Anon principles, where readings of material which has not been approved by the Conference is part of a meeting, where individual members of Al-Anon have found themselves elevated to a false status of authority and who use the program for personal and/or financial gain for example. And I have been a part of the vote that ended the trial period of ownership of the World Service Office, and affirmed the continued ownership of the beautiful permanent home of Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc.

It has all changed the person who I am.

Some information since we last met: The new Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Karen R. (our SW Regional Trustee) has sent out the quarterly letter to Conference Members. In it, she shares the work and progress of the Board. Highlights include:

Filling Board positions--there will be 4 Regional Trustee (RT) and 4 Trustee at Large (TAL) positions open. Using the new interactive resume form on the WSO website, applicants will have submitted their qualifications by Aug 15. (If you recall, at the May Assembly I talked about the TAL opening, asking anyone who was interested to see me for the resume form. No one did.) They are also in need of candidates to fill a three-year term on the Exec. Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM).

Next year's Conference theme will be "Our Spiritual Journey--we get as we give"

We are now on Facebook and Twitter (see attachment)

There were 3 TEAM events since April and there are 4 planned between now and April, 2012.

The International Convention will be in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in 2013

The International Al-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) will be held in 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa. Representatives from service structures around the world will be attending this bi-annual event

Progress has been made with online group records submissions

The Unlimited Abundant Resources Skills Inventory Database now lists 1,000 members willing to be of service by offering their special skills and talents to Al-Anon endeavors

Alateen Chat Rooms are in operation...4 in the US and 4 in Canada. Teens can register automati-

cally and this process has been translated into English, French, Spanish and German

12 active blogs are in place--6 English, 3 French and 3 Spanish. The 2 newest are "For Members and Groups" and "Thinking Abundantly in..."

A new Current Mailing Address (CMA) electronic newsletter was sent in July

Literature sales increased 17.9%, contributions rose 4.6%, and the Forum subscription income decreased .1%.

The Policy Committee is continuing to review draft language to the "Public Relations" section of the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies." The 2010 World Service Conference suggested that wording to this section needed revision in light of emergence of new technology and local service arms that are producing "Visual Media" and "Printed Media."

Based on discussion of memorial contributions from the 2011 World Service Conference, the Policy Committee agreed to a Thought Force to explore the possibility of family member memorial contributions in light

of Tradition Five and "giving comfort to families of alcoholics" during times of bereavement.

The Policy Chairperson will appoint a Thought Force to further explore the "Do Not Refer" issue, to determine what the WSO should do when an Area and a group in that Area are in disagreement over whether the group is adhering to the Twelve Traditions. One proposal under consideration was for the WSO to create a "Do Not Refer" list so that operators on the toll-free meeting line would not refer newcomers to groups that Areas have determined are in violation of the Traditions. Delegates shared their experiences with this issue at the 2011 World Service Conference.

The Policy Committee approved a proposal by the Literature Committee to change the name of To the Mother and Father of an Alcoholic (P-16). The Literature Committee determined that this title could be interpreted as non-inclusive and limited to only members who belonged to families with both a mother and a father. Following the

Literature Committee's recommendation, the new name for P-16 will be: To Parents of Alcoholics.

By consensus, the Policy Committee agreed to make available to members of the fellowship a document, "Procedure regarding collaboration with outside researchers." This document explains the internal policies that govern the World Service Office's interactions with researchers examining family recovery from the effects of alcoholism.

The Policy Committee discussed the safety of baby-sitting services at meetings and agreed that wording about this is more appropriate in "Groups at Work" and so the idea was referred to Group Services.

Other Items: There is a employment opening at WSO--Group Services Assistant 1--

Alateen. Check the Members' Website. If you have excellent computer skills, the ability to write

effectively and respond to communications, as well as at least 3 years current, continuous Al-Anon membership and a working knowledge of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts and have Alateen service experience, you

I finally began learning how to delegate authority in Al-Anon service. The balance of responsibility in routine jobs occurred only when I could explain to my successor what I had done, wished the person love, and allowed my successor to carry on in his or her own God-given direction. More times than I care to think about, my successor did a better job than I ever could have done.

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are eligible to apply.

I have information and sharing sheets for the piece of literature (which was approved at the 2011 Conference) that has the working title of "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships." As our literature is written by members' sharings, many responses are needed. Please see Juan or me for more information.

I want to thank Districts 33, 42, 36, 12, 17, 24 and 30 for inviting me to visit them. It has been great meeting members and having great conversations and lively Q and A sessions. I'm still looking for invites from Districts 6, 10, 27, 45, 51, 54, 63, 66 and 69 before my term ends in December.

There is an area of concern that I would like to address as an Intergroup and some districts have recently had a situation where funds that belong to these service arms, intended to provide services to our members and groups have been taken by treasurers. There is a misconception in the understanding of Warranty 4 of the Conference Charter relat-

ing to recourse when this unfortunately happens. Concept 12 states that the Warranties remind the CONFERENCE of its spiritual foundation. Warranty 4 says, "that no CONFERENCE action ever be personally punitive, or an incitement to public controversy;" (Caps are mine for clarity). This protects our fellowship from being governed by the Conference. The CONFERENCE may not take punitive actions. This can be a guide for our meetings as well. This does not refer to our service arms, however, many of which are non-profit (legal) organizations. Please read more on Warranty 4 beginning on page 213 of the current Service Manual. Page 39 in the Service Manual states: "Anonymity is a spiritual principle and cannot be used as a legal basis to shield criminal behavior, past or current. It is wise to remember that Al-Anon and Alateen meetings are not above the law." I spoke with Barbara O. from the World Service Office regarding the actions available to our service arms and it was reaffirmed that appropriate recourse could be taken. If all attempts to recover the funds fail, or arrangements for repayment are not kept, or because a crime (embezzlement) was committed, legal action may appropriate. This would not be personally punitive as the consequence would be the same if anyone embezzled money. It is asked that the name "Al-Anon" not be used and that individual members, as individuals, of a board or officers file the legal report.

One element of this process which was demonstrated by the Hispanic Intergroup when this happened very recently, was transparency and truth. When the theft was discovered, facts were obtained, a meeting of the Officers was held, the treasurer was confronted and admitted her actions. A special meeting of their board was held to tell the members what happened, and immediately afterward, a special meeting of the Intergroup Representatives was held where the matter was revealed and explained and *everyone* in attendance had the opportunity to ask questions, or have their voices heard.

We were given a very descriptive presentation on the distinction and relationship between our spiritual program and the legal entities which serve

our fellowship at our TEAM event last January by members of the Board of Trustees. This helped many understand the function of the two entities--the Al-Anon groups and the service arms (legal entities) which provide necessary services to them.

One last thing: As we look forward to electing our next panel of officers, I want to again say how important it is for those eligible to stand for these positions to look inside to see what they can bring to the table. Willingness is key, however there are certain skills and other attributes which come into play here as we, like the Board of Trustees, would encourage qualified candidates. I'd like to share my experiences in serving in the Delegate position which was not covered in the job description previously published contained. **Time commitment:**

While not consistent, many weeks I put in 10 to 20 hours in related activities (fielding telephone calls, reading and responding to emails, visiting meetings and districts, working on special Area projects or Thought Force assignments, participating in Conference-related assignments and conference calls, reading lots and lots of material sent by WSO, etc.) **Travel:** Each year I arranged my own travel to attend a service training event, the Southwest Regional Delegates' Meeting (SWRDM), and the World Service Conference...at least 12 to 15 days of travel. Visiting meetings and districts requires, at times, long car trips.

Conference preparation: It was imperative to arrive at the Conference prepared to work. This meant that I had to be familiar with background information, refreshed on continuing agenda items, ready with Thought/ Force assignments, issues of relevance to SCWS, and prepare for the Area

Highlights session and the leadership workshops. The Conference days were long (some 9-12 hour days) with

preparation for the next day's session at the end of these long days. **Meetings:** As Delegate, I attended a minimum of 4 Board meetings devoting 4-6 hours each. At each I was expected to present a report. I attended 2 Area Committee and 2 Area Assemblies which required report preparation. For one Assembly each year, I prepared the Delegate's report which sometimes took work over several days to develop. Time spent at these meetings ranged from 7-8 hours each. There were times

If I feel overwhelmed, I may be trying to do too much.

The Forum, July 2002, pg 26

when special officers' meetings were held when an extraordinary issue arose. **Legal responsibilities:** As an elected officer of the non-profit organization of Southern California World Services of Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. the Delegate is party to making legal decisions which effect the organization and its activities. As SCWS does not carry Directors and Officers insurance coverage, there is some legal exposure. **Attitude:** As Delegate, I had to learn that I was not in charge of anything, that I was to listen and report. It was imperative to realize that I needed to be impartial, keeping my opinion out of my reporting, staying factual only. As members of the Conference, Delegates are asked to support and effectively communicate the group conscience of the Conference, even if we were not in agreement with it. **Willingness:** I needed to be willing to do whatever was indicated without limitation, but willingness to admit when I was physically unable to do so, with the knowledge that I was but a servant of the fellowship which I love and to which I owe a debt of ultimate gratitude for returning my life to me.

What I wrote about in the paragraph above isn't intended to discourage anyone from aspiring to the Delegate position, but I wanted to be truthful about what this commitment entails over and above the specific duties listed. I've learned through this that it was my Higher Power's nudge that opened the door to this service for me, that it was the right time in my life to do this, and I have been forever changed by this experience.

With love and respect,

Sandie E

Alternate Delegate

Thanks to all for the opportunity to serve at the SCWS level. Planning is underway for the SOS in concert with District 12 Celebrating Sixty Years of Al-Anon. Flyers are available and the Event will be held on October 29th in Camarillo at the Camarillo Community Center. The S.C.W.S. Board will deliver the performance of an Al-Anon play which you don't want to miss. The day is planned as a potluck luncheon with a Speaker that we hope will represent our World Service Office, as yet unconfirmed. Nothing compares with the fellowship that takes place when good people share good food so get out your recipes and bring it on! The event will be starting at 1:00 and lasting until 6:00pm.

The Camarillo Community Center is located at 1605 Burnley Street so put that in your G.P.S. and mark your calendar for October 29th. We are asking you to R.S.V.P.to

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to enable us to set the room up properly. Cake is promised so Salads, Appetizers, and Main Dishes will be welcomed. Our efforts to bring the SOS to all as far away as Pismo Beach and the farthest parts of the Area make this an event that will be easier for many of us thst find Fullerton and Glendale a challenge to reach. Remember to mark Saturday, October 29th on your calendar.

Looking forward to Sharing On Service

Pat H

Immediate Past Delegate

This year has been an exciting and rewarding experience. The WSO seems to have some very interesting topics that concern us all and they are trying to get us involved at a more personal level in various types of service. If you have some area of service that interests you be sure and check out the "Members Website" as I am sure you will find a topic that will be of interest to you.

While talking to Amanda the other day I became aware of the podcast sites in our World Service Member Site as she was going to be participating in a podcast this week. WSO is continuing to add new topics to the site so be sure and check it out (once in the members site, click on the green and blue box "Members and Groups" and you will see the various topics). Topics range from "our structure" to" how to become a Group Representative". If you are interested in participating just follow the directions to log on to a topic or give WSO a call and ask re your particular topic interest. Hope you all enjoy this new media open to all members.

I am looking forward to participating in the District 12 fundraiser with all the SCWS Board as we present a fun look at our program and congratulate District 12 for having the most Forum subscriptions. Come out and enjoy this event with all of us as "Panel 49 Shines."

These past three years have been challenging and rewarding and I cannot say enough for our Area's World Service Assembly and Committee. I have grown so much and am really appreciative of our Area's challenges and commitments to our Al-Anon program. I would ask that all of you think

about where you would like to be in the next three years and perhaps a commitment that you would like to give to our Area. Being on our Service Board has helped me to grow and change once again as my life changes and I am able to have more friendships and rewards than I would have ever expected.

Give of yourself, volunteer to be of service to others at all levels of our program. Be sure to attend our November Assembly as it is our election for new Board members.

***Yours in Service,
Mary M***

Chair

Greetings everyone. I am a very grateful member of the World Wide Fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Groups and I am also your Panel 49, SCWS Chairman for California South ~ Area 4.

I cannot believe that my job is almost over as your Area Chairman. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Al-Anon fellowship of California South.

We still have lots of business to complete by the end of the year and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Long Timers Meeting on October 8 in Glendale and the SOS North/60th Anniversary Celebration in Camarillo.

At the SCWS Area Committee Meeting in August we presented the draft of the Area Safety &

Behavioral Requirements document. I invited each district to have the members of the Alateen Thought Force to come to your district meetings to do a Knowledge Based Decision Making and a Question and Answer on this document. We will be discussing the document as New Business at our November Assembly. I hope that everyone comes to the Assembly with an informed group conscience regarding the document.

Our November Assembly promises to be a very busy day. We already have a very optimistic agenda. We will be voting for new SCWS Officers and discussing many other New Business items.

In December I will celebrate 32 years in Al-Anon and throughout those years I have held many different service positions, from Group Representative, District Representative, 1998 AFG Chairman and various others, but serving as your SCWS Area Chairman has been the most amazing spiritual service position for me. I have loved being your Area Chairman.

I thank you for the opportunity and for the confidence to allow me to serve as your Area Chairman to you the fellowship of California South.

***Love in service,
Jayme C***

Who has Voice and/or Vote?

Assembly Meeting

Group Representatives VOICE and VOTE

District Representatives VOICE

Officers VOICE

Coordinators VOICE

Past Delegates VOICE

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

Committee Meeting

District Representatives VOICE and VOTE

Officers VOICE and VOTE

Coordinators VOICE and VOTE

Intergroup Liaisons VOICE and VOTE

AWSC Convention Chairs VOICE and VOTE

(Conventions: AFG, So-Cal AA & SCAC)

Past Delegates VOICE

Revised August – 2004

Minutes of Assembly Meeting May 21, 2011

**Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc. (SCWS)
First Methodist Church, 134 North Kenwood Ave., Glendale, CA
Minutes of Assembly May 21, 2011**

Chairperson Jayme P. started the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Serenity Prayer and Welcome.

Introduction of Past Delegates, New DRs & New GRs.

Chairman's Report - See Bulletin for full report.

12 Traditions Read by Michelle, District 72

Treasurer's Report - Heidi T. - See Bulletin for full report.

The 4th Quarter Group contributions are listed in the bulletin.

Record's Secretary Report & Roll Call Taken - See Bulletin for full report.

Roll call taken.

Minutes Secretary - Amanda C. -

Assembly Minutes of November 20, 2010 – Carolyn S., District 39 moved to accept the minutes as read and Ada, District 51 seconded. Motion passed.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Pat H. - See Bulletin for full report.

PRAASA (Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly) Report given.

Past Delegate's Report - Mary M. - See Bulletin for full report.

Went to SWDRM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting) and report given.

Delegate's Report - Sandie E. – See Bulletin for full report, will also put full report on the Delegate's Corner on the SCWS' website.

Observed 7th Tradition

New Business

The Treasurer presented the 2010 Audit Report. Carolyn S., District 39 moved to accept report, seconded by Martha M., District 30. Motion passed.

Continue New Business After lunch

Lunch Break

12 Concepts read by Zilly, District 36

Continue New Business

Election of the SCWS Alternate Delegate for the remainder of Panel 49 (to December 31, 2011). Those who were willing to stand for this service position were Shirley M. and Pat H. The Alternate Delegate position required a 2/3 majority for the position to be filled. Two votes were taken by the GRs with no 2/3 majority reached. Then their names were put into a basket with one name drawn. Pat H.'s name was drawn and will be the Alternate Delegate for the remainder of Panel 49. (First vote was taken before lunch and the remainder of voting occurred after lunch).

Treasurer recommends sending SCWS' surplus funds of \$5,000 as a contribution to the World Service Office (WSO). Motion passed.

Our mileage/hotel reimbursement policy, for attendance at Assembly and Committee meetings, SCWS will reimburse mileage allowance after 100 miles, roundtrip and hotel allowance of \$50 after 200 miles roundtrip, Assembly/Committee members (GRs, DRs, Convention and Intergroup Liaisons) for attendance at Assembly and Committee Meetings

Suzanne P., District 21 Presented Motion, Martha M., District 30 Seconded Motion, Motion Passed.

Hospitality Report: Del L. - See Bulletin for report. Host Districts for August Committee Meeting are: 6, 9, 10

Convention Reports - See Bulletin for full reports

AFG Convention 2011 – Lil S. (Given by Jayme C.)

So-Cal AA Convention 2011 – Al-Anon – Lisa T.

Broke into Hot Topic Discussions: See Bulletin for reports.

KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making)

New Service Manual Changes

How to provide better Public Outreach to Districts

Coordinators' Reports - See Bulletin for full reports.

Archives - Kathy G.

Bulletin - Truck S.

Literature - Juan P.

Cooperating with the Professional Community – Carolyn S.

Institutions - Rodger P.

Public Information – Tim P. (Report given by Carolyn S.)

Website - Ben P.

Closing at 3:55pm with the Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda C

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Group Records Coordinator	grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org
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Ask-It Basket Questions

(All references to page numbers, refer to the 2010-2013 *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*.)

Q: Are member contributions tax deductible?

A: Page 110, *Al-Anon Service Manual* states, “contributions to AFG Headquarters Inc. may qualify as a charitable deduction, but the WSO makes no judgement as to the specific deductibility of a contribution by any member.”

Q: Is it a “have to” to have a service sponsor?

A: No, it is a personal choice, but many people who give service beyond the group level find a service sponsor helpful. Refer to page 47. For more information on service sponsorship read pamphlet in P-88.

Q: Are birthday contributions okay for a district to request?

A: Yes. See page 92.

Q: Do employees at the WSO that answer questions respond using their name and position?

A: Employees at WSO who respond using their name and position but do not serve in a policy-making position. See page 98.

A: All decisions do consider preserving the legacies and wishes of our founders.

Q: Are the Board of Trustees paid a salary?

A: Trustees are not paid a salary. They are *Al-Anon* volunteers and are reimbursed for their expenses only.

Q: Is the *Forum* going to continue to be printed?

A: The *Forum* magazine will continue as long as it is being supported by subscriptions.

Q: Where is information on Crosstalk to take back to our groups?

A: There is no official policy or definition of “crosstalk”. You can go online to WSO website under *Forum* magazine and do a search as there was an article a few years ago. This article represents an individual interpretation, and is not policy.

Q: What is an Intergroup liaison? Who are they liaisons to?

A: A member (usually a Board member of an Intergroup) holds the position of Intergroup Liaison. They attend the Area Assembly and Committee meetings to make a report of their respective Intergroup’s activities. More importantly, they bring information regarding *Al-Anon* as reported at these meetings back to the Intergroup so they have current and correct information.

A: For questions on group conscience, see page 49 under group business, as well as the section on “Group Problems.” Also refer to the *Al-Anon* website and download a free copy of the “Group Inventory” document.

Coordinator Reports

Alateen Sponsor

Greetings everyone. I am a very grateful member of the World Wide Fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Groups and I am also your Panel 49, SCWS Chairman for California South and your Acting Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator.

I am privileged to serve the Area in this capacity until the end of the Panel. The Work Force has been presenting the draft of the Area Safety & Behavioral Requirements document throughout Southern California. We are scheduled with many districts, Intergroups and in some cases districts have combined to have the Work Force present the draft and the Questions and Answers.

We are eager to go wherever we are invited to provide details of the draft document. It is important that all Group Representatives come to the Assembly with an informed group conscience. We will be discussing the document as New Business at our November Assembly. The more we are informed the better it is in making a decision when voting.

I attended an Alateen Sponsor Workshop on Saturday, September 18 in Tarzana given by District 21. It was very well attended and the individuals were enthusiastic.

One question that comes up repeatedly is "what about certified Alateen Sponsors that are mandated reporters"? What should they do if they are in an Alateen Meeting and something is shared regarding child abuse? Please refer to the Alateen Safety Guidelines (G-34) which can be downloaded from the WSO website and also see below the last paragraph of the last page of G-34:

Taken from G-34 Alateen Safety Guidelines:

LEGAL AND TRADITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF AL-ANON MEMBERS INVOLVED IN ALATEEN SERVICE, INCLUDING SPONSORS:

Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service may become aware of instances of child abuse. A dilemma then arises on how

to deal with the problem. If in an effort to protect the Alateen member from further harm, an incident is reported, is the Tradition

of anonymity or confidentiality violated?

The first action is to seek legal advice regard-

ing area requirements and existing state/provincial laws. Child abuse laws relating

to mandatory disclosure usually refer to individuals performing in a professional capacity, and not as volunteers. It is advisable

that the laws in each state/province/country be investigated because they do vary from place to place. Where reporting is required,

there is no choice but to comply with the law.

In most localities, an Alateen Sponsor is not legally required to report instances of

suspected child abuse. Yet, as a Sponsor, we may question what is truly right for the Alateen member in the long run. Sponsors

and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service that are required by law to report cases of suspected child abuse should let the

Alateens know, up front before sharing begins, that they will disclose incidents that are discussed at the meeting or event.

Sponsors and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service who feel a moral responsibility or are compelled by law to report

cases of suspected child abuse to the authorities should contact their area Alateen Coordinator, District Representative, or other

area designated trusted servant prior to reporting. It is important to reason things out through the area process before disclosure,

keeping in mind the Traditions and the Alateen member's anonymity.

Prior to reporting to the authorities, the Sponsor or Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service should also discuss their

intentions with the Alateen member to avoid placing the member in danger and to maintain confidence and trust in the Sponsor/

Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service and the Alateen program. It is important to follow the advice of your local legal

counsel in keeping the identity of the alleged abuser anonymous, since accusations of child abuse are defamatory and could lead

to claims of libel and slander. In order to keep the Alateen fellowship from public controversy, any reporting is done on a personal

basis rather than as an Alateen Sponsor or Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service.

I thank you for the opportunity and for the confidence to allow me to serve as your Area Chairman and also as the Acting Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator.

*Love in service,
Jayme C*

Archives

Hello Area 4!!!

By the time you read this report, our October 8th Long-timers Event will have happened. I want to thank all of you who could attend, the long-timers, Al-Anon members of varying years and the members who stepped up to be of service. I do need to apologize for choosing this particular date as it prevented a number of members from attending due to their personal religious Holiday. I will include in my report for our next archive person what I did not notice, so they can look to future dates with an informed eye.

At this event, I gave each long-timer a questionnaire with a stamped return envelope. Every single Al-Anon member is a part of the legacy of Al-Anon. I want all of you who received a questionnaire to agree to be part of our Area 4 history!! Yet, if you are not yet a long-timer, but wish to submit a questionnaire, do it!!! Now is the time to reflect on your early days and how you came to make Al-Anon a way of life for you! Just open a word document and start typing about your meeting experience, conventions, service and how it changed your attitude! Save and send to <http://scws-al-anon.org-archives>.

I also want to thank Sarah R. for efforts in the late 90's in her District. She got a number of questionnaires filled out from persons who have since passed on. It has been a joy to read about her and her team's efforts and the struggles, but joy they obviously had in the info they got! You can see the project in Area 4-SCWS archives!

My own term of service ends in a few short months. What a joy this has been! To see and read and touch our past in letters, books and in some cases people!! Yes people!! I have had my head filled with archives, long timers and our history for a few years. There is no doubt it was all of our long timers who helped shape our meetings today. I personally have always loved to read and study history. This service met that need tenfold! Meeting those and hearing from those in service for 50 plus years is fabulous!!

To know how Lois felt about long timers, I have this excerpt from Margaret D. -The First Forum Editor (Inside *Al-Anon-Memorial Issue.*, Oct 5, 1988)

Throughout the years, Lois was a faithful servant of the fellowship and when she became a long-timer, she wrote to other long-timers in Al-Anon. Although she stressed their importance to the groups, she talked of the wisdom of giving the active group leadership to newest members.

"Long-timers," she wrote, "should give the continuity but not management, unless it's to be asked to fill a specific function." Lois fulfilled a special function when in 1970 she began work on Al-Anon's Twelve Concepts, guidelines for world service. For two years Lois summarized and rewrote, using AA's Concepts as a guide and adapting them to suit Al-Anon's needs. It is an enduring tribute to her far sighted vision for Al-Anon that the 1972 WSC unanimously adopted them. They are a real tribute to Lois' love and single hearted devotion to safeguarding Al-Anon's future—her real legacy to us all.

As I have read through past letters by some of our very first leaders in service, I wonder what they were like and how they faced the struggles of the early years as our fellowship was shaped year after year. I know we have long-timers who were there in those early days and they know about these members and events that shaped our fellowship of today. Their stories are vital for our historical link to Al-Anon as a whole.

I thank all of you for continuing to suit up and show up to of service for the generations of members still in need of a seat in our meeting rooms! All of us are so uniquely interesting! —Check out-- Many Voices- *One Journey!* Al-Anon's newest book!

Kathy G.

CPC - Cooperating with Professionals

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2012 is here!

From direction of the WSO's tradition, Al-Anon is participating this September with AA and other 12 step groups in National Recovery Month! Thanks to all intergroups, districts, and meetings who ordered and distributed this newest magazine to the professional community. Check out **Al-Anon** on **Facebook**. Each day a different excerpt from **Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2012** is presented with a sharing or an outreach fact and

message.

Take this 2012 publication and other materials to family medical practice offices, district attorneys and family law practices or wherever. Keep up the great work out there!

The 2nd order date for *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2012* is Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 5 PM EST, for an April 1st delivery.

I had the opportunity to speak as a patient and Al-Anon member to a freshman medical school class on religion and medical ethics. I presented the role of "higher power" in recovery and healing. Medical students have a 4 week unit on addiction. Al-Anon is really not part of that instruction. During the senior year in this medical school an addictionology class is an elective the some medical students select. If your district has a medical school, I encourage you to do some outreach toward involvement in medical school instruction.

I am looking forward to planning another CPC panel of professionals at the 2012 H & I Conference in San Diego, April 20, 21, & 22. This is a great service conference for GRs, DRs, and intergroups on outreach to professionals and institutions.

***Love in Service,
Carolyn S***

Group Records

Hard to believe this panel is coming to an end.... I will both miss this job and be glad I don't have to do it anymore.

We currently have **1043 meetings** listed on our database. It is really important that you continue

to notify the Group Records Coordinator if a meeting is no longer in existence. Thank you again to all the districts who have participated in cleaning up the records for their district. I am hopeful that those districts who haven't done so yet, will do so before my term ends at the end of this year. We

only have a few months left.

Please let me know how you like the WSO reports.....

I'm still receiving incomplete change forms. So the following bears repeating: It makes my job so much easier if the following things are included on the change forms:

First and last name of CMA and GR

Full addresses to receive mail

All information regarding the meeting Day(s) it meets, Time, Name of meeting location (Church etc.) and full address including zip code.

Group number if you have it. If you don't have it, it is not necessary to call me to get

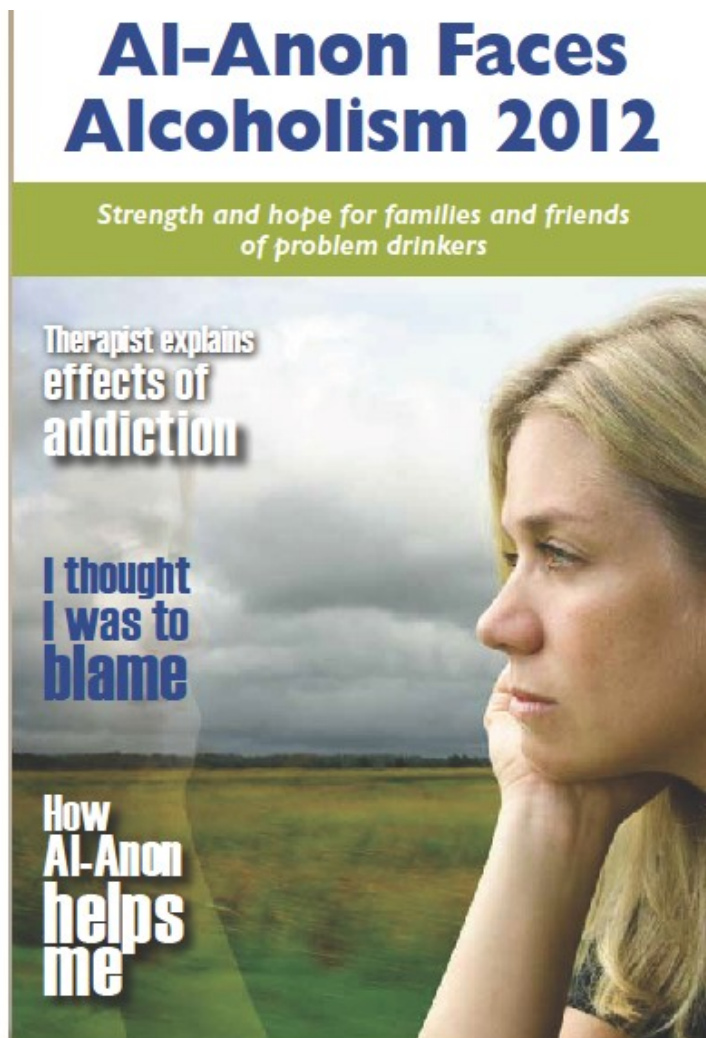
it. I will figure it out when I get your form.

And please include the district number.

You may submit a change either by completing the change form and mailing it to the address listed on it; by submitting the change on line through the SCWS website, or by emailing the information to me. (kathilau2@aol.com) Emails are much easier for me than phone calls.

We are continuing to use the new single form to make changes for SCWS and WSO. I have brought more copies with me. Please help yourself to them. Please remember if you send a change to SCWS you DO NOT need to submit it to WSO.

We have **601 registered GRs**. The most GRs we have seen at an Assembly during this three



year panel is **230** and that was in May of this year... Let's see if we can beat that number.

This is how many Gr's each district had present at the last Assembly

3	7	40	2
6	3	42	9
8	0	45	6
9	10	48	6
10	1	51	3
11	0	54	8
12	13	57	5
17	9	60	19
21	6	63	9
24	7	64	19
27	8	66	12
30	6	69	20
33	8	72	8
36	5	75	12
39	9	78	0

***Jn Service,
Kathi L***

Hospitality

Thank you to Districts 6, 9 & 10 for their breakfast goodies.

Also, the Districts for November will be: 7, 17, 21, 30, 45, 48, 51 & 54

November will be a big meeting because of elections and all. I would like to ask two more districts to volunteer to bring breakfast goodies for November.

Thank you for letting me be of service to you for this panel # 49. Se you all in November except District #12 I will see in October.

***Love in Service
Del L***

Institutions

Howdy, I'm Rodger (Hi Rodger), your Institutions coordinator for SCWS. Part of my responsibility is to be the co-chair for Southern California H & I conference of Alcoholics Anonymous with

Al-Anon participation. In 2012 it will be on the beach in San Diego! WooHoo!!! My goal is to have the focus be on Alateen.

I'm going to need input and help, so if you've got any ideas you can reach me at: institutions@scws-al-anon.org or call me at 661-904-9540.

I'm working with Carolyn (our SCWS Cooperating with Professional Community Coordinator) to put on a professional panel. There will also be a separate panel for alateens and sponsors.

Keep up your panel work! And please contact me with any info needed for finding or starting a panel.

***See you at the next big one
Rodger P***

Public Information

We had a huge flurry of demand for the two table top displays which were used at more than 20 public information and outreach events in the spring and early summer. Lately the number of requests has diminished so I would like to remind DRs to tell their GRs that these displays are available. These public outreach events have included health fairs, hospitals & institutions conferences, an event involving Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, and various Al-Anon and AA conferences and conventions.

Al-Anon has been mentioned in several nationally-syndicated advice columns this spring. I have alerted DRs when these columns have run so that they can spread the word.

Tim P.

Webmaster

Are you looking for Alateen related information? Are you trying to find a meeting? Thinking about becoming an Alateen Sponsor and you're not sure what to do? Have an Alateen related question or concern and you're not sure who to talk to? You'll find the answers to these questions and useful links on the Alateen page at <http://www.scws-al-anon.org/alateen.php>.

You will also find all of the information related to the proposed revision of the Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) application packet. Download the information, review it, and share it at you're meeting so that an informed decision can be made at the November Assembly by the Group Representatives.

As always, if you notice something that is not working on the website or have any questions concerning the website, please contact me at webhost@scws-al-anon.org.

Love in Service,

Ben P.

Conventions

AFG

Good wishes of blessings to all:

Be sure to mark your calendar for the amazing Al-Anon gathering, i.e. Passport to Serenity, the 2012 AFG Convention! The dates are March 30, 31 and April 1, 2012. I am looking forward to seeing you in 2012 in Ontario!

Our planning meetings are located at the following address:

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Morrison Hall
1757 North Lake, Pasadena, 91140

Planning meetings are from 1:00pm—3:00pm on Sundays, the dates are:

August 7, September 18, October 16, and November 13, 2011

December 10, Saturday Walk-Through

January 8, February 12, and March 11, 2012

At the November Assembly, we will have our registration forms, flyers, sign-up sheets and wares to sell. Please be sure to encourage your meetings to select a convention rep to attend the meetings and pass on the updates of their Passport to Serenity.

Love in Service

Lie S

SCAAC, Southern California AA Convention,

My name is Jean B, the 2012 Al-Anon Chair.

I would like to let you know the 60th So Ca Convention was a huge success with 17 past Al-Anon Chairs in attendance.

Much thanks to the 2011 committee and everyone who attended.

Please save the date and plan to join us in a very familiar area, San Diego, at The Town and Country, September 28-30, 2012.

I am personally extending an invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of the 2012 SCAAC planning committee.

No experience is needed, just a willingness, Concept 4, "participation is the key to harmony". The first planning meeting is Sunday, February 19 at 1:30. Contact me at:

lzbeth5500@aol.com

818 993-5182

Location will be announced at the November SCWS Assembly meeting and in the newsletters.

Love in Service,

Jean B

Intergroup

Inland Empire

Service Center Audit

Group Records Audit: In process

Does SCWS want to develop a process to share CMA info as we update our records?

Update Job Descriptions: In process for Service Board and Service Center (Volunteers and Paid Employee)

Service Center Hours: Set hours. In process of extending hours

Public Information

Al-Anon Meditation books have been donated to various libraries in the Inland Empire

January: Participated in a meeting of about 40 personnel who work for the Ontario Montclair school district.

Pamphlets & directories were distributed and a panel shared their personal experiences, strength & hope they have found in Al-Anon.

March: Participated in the Ontario-Montclair School District Parent Leadership Conference.

There were about 40 vendors and we were among the 8 invited to present during the conference.

April: Participated in panel for a Health & Sciences class at the Riverside College in Moreno Valley.

May: Displayed information at a Pow-Wow in San Bernardino.

May: Participated in SPRING INTO HEALTH sponsored by Riverside City College.

June: Presented for an hour at a week-long camp at Perris High School in Riverside for at risk middle school & high school aged students.

Next year:

Each of these events has asked that the Inland Empire Service Center return next year.

Contacting the Norco City College which has a similar Health Fair as Riverside City College.

Ways and Means

Casino Night

August 20th, 5:00 – 10:00 PM

The Fender Center

365 N. Main Street

Corona, CA 92880

New Serenity Sheet Editor

New Group Records Chair

Love in Service,

Dan K, Alternate WSO Liaison

Billy M, WSO Liaison

Orange County

Hi, My name is Gloria G, WS Liason.

At the Intergroup meeting on Aug 18, 2011 the GRs voted to admit District 57 into the Orange County Intergroup.

Respectfully Submitted

Gloria G

San Diego

Al-Anon is alive and well in San Diego!

Our new webpage is up and running at www.alanonsandiego.org. We have added a name free version of the intercom and Board Position Job descriptions.

Our Southern California Delegate, Sandi E., will be attending our November 12- IGR meeting @10:30,

this is an open meeting and is pot-luck. Only about 1/3 of our 150 registered meetings currently have an IGR . We are

brainstorming on ways to increase service beyond the group level.

Our Alateen coordinator has been very busy opening new meetings. We are especially proud of the new meeting at the Polinski Children's Center and the prospect of working with San Diego Youth Services, Teen Options and the La Mesa Probation facility.

Public Information has been doing a bang up job with outreach. We manned a booth at the Del Mar Fair, attended the Homeless Veteran's Stand Down, presented a panel at the Viejas Indian Res-

ervation, have been working with the Navy, and started up a new meeting at the Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital. Way to go Public Information!

Our office continues to operate well with the help of many volunteers. We recently replaced our air conditioner/heater wall unit which was a life-saver this summer. We were also blessed by a volunteer who contributed and installed new shelving, and by others who contributed new bins for storage.

Although we are an extremely frugal group, our donations are down and our spending is greater than our income. We are currently down nearly \$4000.00 for the year. We are looking at ways to increase donations, if each of our area groups were able to increase their donations by as little as \$5.00 per month we would be back in the black in no time.

Yours in Grateful Service,

Charry

Districts

District 12

District 12 Report

Thank you to all the Group Reps of District 12 for all your service and hard work. It has been an honor to be your District Representative and watch District 12 grow over the past three years.

Looking forward to what your new DR will do in the next three years. Good luck and I know it will be awesome. We have a wonderful 60th Al-Anon Celebration with SOS

coming up in October and what a great way to celebrate my last year as District Rep. Looking forward to see ever ody there.

Thanks for letting me be of service

Mike M

District 17

Since I began my position as DR for District 17 we have had 3 district meetings. We have focused on increasing GR membership and handling the administrative issues for the district (e.g. new bank account, updating GR info with World Ser-

When I remember that there is a Power greater than ourselves in charge, I can trust that things will go the way they should. When I can "Let Go and Let God", I can practice acceptance, realizing that the new panel will do things differently than the panel I was on.

The Forum, Sept 2009, pg 31

vice). I feel very fortunate to have new GR's who are both interested and enthusiastic in World Service. Also, now that we have Tarissa Ramserran as our new Alateen Liaison for the district, I feel like our Alateen efforts are expanding. Also, with the help of Rick Swanson, our Alateen sponsor records are up to date!

SCAC success: District 17 received \$2200 in donations received

We provided \$1200 in scholarships for 12 Alateens (6 from Woodland Hills and 6 from Granada Hills). We donated \$440 at the Last Chance Picnic. We also provided \$565 for the SCAC bus and transported approximately 90 Alateens to and from the event.

Tarissa organized the first Alateen Sponsor Meeting for D17 & D21 was held on June 11 and 14 people attended. Main topics discussed were recertification and sponsors needed for several meetings as well as the SFVAA convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation which will be held at the end of January 2012. The next Alateen Sponsor meeting will be a Sponsor training workshop and will be hosted by D21 on **September 17** from 10am to 1pm at Church of the Chimes with future trainings to follow.

On August 9, our delegate Sandi Etheridge attended our district meeting to share her experience and duties as our Area Delegate. We also had an open discussion about various Al-Anon issues that arise at our meetings. Sandi's attendance was most appreciated and we are thinking about having a *Lunch with Sandi* event so she can share her World Service experience with our district's Al-Anon members which in turn may encourage our members to get involved above the group level!

Finally we had a special meeting to discuss public outreach efforts. Carolyn Schultz was going to join us but unfortunately was ill that day. We did meet and had a lively discussion about possible outreach efforts we could make. Since this is new to all of us, in the end we kept it simple and all agreed to distribute the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to hospitals, schools, libraries, and police stations in our district. So far we've been able to distribute brochures to Kaiser Mental Health, CSUN, Pierce College, a police station, a family clinic, and a several libraries. There was a consensus that we need further discussion and it would be good to have a meeting, and include District 21, with Carolyn (SCWS) and our Intergroup rep to

get more information/clarification of each group's efforts so we can better coordinate our public outreach efforts. That's it. Thanks for letting me be of service and I'll be sure to keep coming back!

Cathy L

District 33

Baldwin Park, Covina, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Puente, Monrovia, and West Covina

(East San Gabriel Valley)

I am thankful to my higher power for putting me into service in District 33. We have a GR for every meeting and people are willing to be of service when there is a need. People participate in our district activities, donate generously, and share their experience, strength, and hope. I have witnessed my higher power at work in my own recovery and in those who are committed and willing. Letting Go and Letting God continues to be the answer as we allow others to take responsibility and grow. The encouragement, love, and support from members of the Al-Anon Family Group are unconditional and inspiring. Events and activities always come together, are well attended, and valuable in emphasizing the principles of the program. I feel blessed and honored to be part of our district. I came into service because I want our programs to thrive and be there for those in need. I pray and hope my own family members will find the rooms of Al-Anon when they are ready—a place to be accepted and loved just as they are. As we transition to a new service board that will begin in January, we are in the process of recruiting board members and new GRs. Our elections will take place November.

District 33 is currently in process of planning our next workshop entitled "Finding Your Serenity by Releasing Your Secrets and Shame." Meanwhile, we are encouraging all to attend the SCWS Longtimers' Celebration on October 8 in Glendale. We are also preparing a public outreach activity to connect with professionals and community members about Al-Anon and its purpose. Every meeting now has meeting packet for holding Homebound Meetings for those who are ill or find it difficult to leave their homes. Thank you to Lucy C. for getting this started and helping to coordinate those home meetings. Our Archives Coordinator is also in the process of updating our history of our District 33 Meeting Groups and Longtimers in our area.

I would like to thank Jayme, Sandie, Heidi, and Kathy from the SCWS Board for attending our District 33 Meeting on September 8 to present information about the proposed changes to SCWS Alateen Sponsor Safety and Behavioral Requirements. It was a special treat to hear Jayme give a personal share prior to the discussion. Our board, GRs, and Alateen certified sponsors were thankful for the opportunity to hear about the changes, ask questions, and provide input. It was a fantastic to hear them and get to know them in a different, more personal venue. We truly appreciate their commitment, enthusiasm, and service!

*With love and gratitude,
Trene C.*

District 36

We have our first meeting in September, after taking July and August off. We have invited Area representatives to come to our meeting to inform us about Alateen safety requirements. By the time this is in the Bulletin, we will already have had this meeting, but I'm certain it will be an interesting one.

Then it's time to plan our 2nd Annual Holiday Event. This is so fun, and we donate all the proceeds to the Service Center in Colton. We have a potluck, a speaker, raffles, and, last but not least, the Al-Anon Singers. It will be in December, and we will definitely have flyers and information by the next Assembly in November.

I look forward to seeing everyone, and to reading what you are all doing in your Districts. When I read your reports, I get good ideas for our own area. So everyone keep up the good work!!

*Love in Service,
Beth G.*

District 37

We decided not to do an Alathon this year in favor of concentrating on outreach projects such as:

- placing ads in local community newspapers,
- getting Alateen information to high schools,
- continuing to order and distribute Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism booklets,
- organizing a panel for parents at the Promises rehab facility; and
- participating in at least one large-scale health fair/convention event.

We are particularly excited about our project

to run Al-Anon PSAs, in both English and Spanish, on the Quick Transit TV monitors in LA Metro buses -- 1,890,849 people ride LA buses every weekday!

My term is up, and it has been a wonderful, fulfilling experience. I learned a lot about myself, and I have met a lot of great people whom I would not have known otherwise. I look forward to continuing my service on the Redistricting Thought Force, and I wish continued growth and serenity to all the GRs of District 27.

*Yours in service,
Paula,*

District 42

Our District continues to Carry the Message of Al-Anon Family Groups throughout the Coachella Valley.

Our AIS (Area Information Service) Coordinator Duan M., is completing the mailing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2011 to area professionals in the medical/counseling field.

This last July, our Outreach Coordinator Barbara P., and two other volunteers Rita R., and Cynthia E., participated in the summer session of Desert Strength Academy for at risk middle school kids. This year, the team from the Probation Department combined all of the Coachella Valley so they had a large group of 80 kids. They handed out bags with Alateen literature, meeting lists, candy with pins (made by the volunteers) which the kids can put on their shirts.

Outreach is also working with the Palm Springs Unified School District and the County Mental Health Services for their Networking meetings that will be starting up in September and October. These meetings are so worthwhile for carrying the message of Al-Anon to other organizations and agencies. The Desert Sands Student Advisory Council monthly meetings will also begin in September.

Barbara will also be participating in the Celebrating Healthy Families day at the Indian Wells Tennis Gardens on October 1st. On October 3rd we'll be at the College of Desert for the Health. On October 12th will be the Health Fair at the Josephyn Senior Center which is also flu shot day so a big turnout is anticipated. Mizell Senior Center in Palm Springs will be having their flu shot day and Health Fair in October also but not date set yet.

The 60th Southern California Convention is coming to the desert on September 30-October 2 at the Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage. District 42 is very excited about having this convention here in the desert. The committee (Southern California Al-Anon) has worked very hard this last year and we are really looking forward to the convention.

Last summer (July 2010) our District remodeled our local office to allow us to have meetings at the Center. Since our remodel, we have increased our literature sales by 57%! We know have 33 Al-Anon meetings and three Alateen meetings in District 42. Thank you to all the volunteers in our District that continue to be of service, whether it is volunteering at the Literature Center, Outreach or AIS Coordinator, Group Representative, leader of a meeting, secretary, literature person or treasurer; your support is appreciated.

***With love and gratitude,
Cathy S.***

El Distrito 48

El Distrito 48 tiene 14 representantes de grupo en estos momentos, La mesa de Servicio estara visitando un grupo al mes para motivar acerca de lo importante que es que su grupo cuente con un RG, El mes de Junio se visito un grupo en la ciudad de Lynwood, comparando las necesidades del distrito y el apoyo que se necesita de los grupos eligiendo su RG,

Organizamos una junta de informacion en el mes de Julio con el tema del Anonimato y La comunicacion, Logramos repartir folletos y la revista Alanon se enfrenta al Alcoholismo 2011, con el proposito que se comprometan los asistentes a repartirlas en sus comunidades, escuelas, Iglesias, clinicas medicas etc,

Acabamos de ordenar 400 revistas Alanon se enfrenta al Alcoholismo 2012 para distribuir con los RG y a los grupos, la conciencia de grupo determinara como los distribuiran a las comunidades,

Hemos empezado a coleccionar contribuciones de los grupos para el apoyo de SCAC 2012, Estamos haciendo lo posible para que juntos hagamos la diferencia gracias a los grupos, los oradores, la mesa de servicio y las RGs que apoyan el distrito 48.

***Con Gratitude
Socorro P***

District 51

DISTRICT 51 is having it's annual Alathon on October 15, 2011. We are looking forward to our special meeting with SCWS to discuss the upcoming Alateen Guideline change recommendations. We have 4 Certified Alateen sponsors, but no groups in our area yet. We are hoping to start our 1st Alateen group very soon. We are also planning a 4th Step Workshop for early next year and hope it will be very successful.

***Love in Service,
Ada G.***

District 54

District 54 sends greetings from the South Bay. We continue to see our rooms grow in love for one another.

We had a request from the professional community for an additional 200 copies of Al anon Faces Alcoholism. That will be a total of 700 we have been able to provide to counselors in the area. The hotline for the district was recently updated and continues to receive calls and public service announcement are running in our local papers. The district web site is updated monthly and group reps are able to download fliers for our upcoming local speaker meetings, events and district schedule of 33 al-anon meetings and alateen meetings.

We continue the service of 6 monthly panels to recovery programs and an al-anon meeting/panel weekly to a recovery home. This has been a source of joy for all who have been able to participate over the past year. We were able to send 10 members to the H&I Convention. It was an outstanding time for us to hear the story of hope and recovery.

District 54 will celebrate our Alathon this year April 14, 2012 in Manhattan Beach! Please plan to spend the day with us! More details to follow.

***Blessings and Love,
CB S,***

District 57

Hi from District 57,

District 57 continues to grow. We have two new GRs and a new Alateen meeting in Los Alamitos on Saturday evening!

At our last district meeting, we talked about *suggested criteria for meetings in deciding what flyers can be announced and are Al-Anon related.*

After reading the service manual and having a lively discussion, we determined that (1) only flyers from registered Al-Anon meetings be announced; and (2) as is stated in the service manual, and in keeping with Tradition Six, we only announce events that can use the Al-Anon name and logo, that are connected to the Al-Anon links of service (District, Area, WSO and AA events with Al-Anon participation). Although there are many wonderful Al-Anon get-togethers, retreats, and happy gatherings on the weekend, by using these guidelines and Keeping It Simple we keep Al-Anon strong and undiluted.

The really exciting news in our District is that at the past Orange County Intergroup meeting in August, a motion was made that all of the meetings in District 57 become recognized in the Orange County Intergroup. After a brief history of our District by Jayme C., the person who resurrected D57, and a brief Q&A period, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously!

Thank you, Jayme and the SCWS Board for all your support and assistance to our district. I've had some growing pains these past three years as DR, but it is all about lessons and blessings and I am grateful to be a part of this beautiful program.

***Love in Service,
Sandy P.***

District 72

We are in the final few months of our term. Though it is a program of progress, not perfection – it has been an amazing time of seeing the growth and understanding of the program in our district.

In June, District 72 had their Longtimer's Event. We heard the experience, strength and hope of our speakers' Kay S and Carol B. It was well attended and it is our hope that this event will be an ongoing legacy of our district in the years to come. Monies raised in the silent auction and raffle are being used for Public Outreach, including purchasing the second printing of Al-Anon faces Alcoholism 2012 for next year's panel and providing literature for new Alateen meetings within our district.

This fall, on October 1, 2011, we are delighted to cooperate with District 75 and 69 (our San Diego districts) in our annual fall workshop. This year's focus is on our three Legacies. Since District 75 follows me, I will give them the floor to share more information regarding this.

***Thank you for letting me be of service.
Mariela H***

Acronyms Used in Al-Anon/Alateen

AFG - Al-Anon Family Group(s)
AIB - Ask It Basket
AIS - Al-Anon Information Service
AWSA - Area World Service Assembly
AWSC - Area World Service Committee
CAL - Conference Approved Literature
CAT - Conference Approved Tapes
CMA - Current Mailing Address
CPC - Cooperating with the Professional Community
DR - District Representative
GR - Group Representative (WS)
GSO - General Service Office
(Countries other than U.S. & Canada)
H & I - Hospitals & Institutions
IAGSM - International Al-Anon General Service Meeting
IR / ISR - Intergroup Representative / Information Service Rep.
LDC - Literature Distribution Center
LRSP - Long Range Study Panel

NPIC - National Public Information Canada
PFA - Publications Franchises Al-Anon (Canada)
PI - Public Information
PO - Public Outreach

PSA - Public Service Announcement
RSS - Regional Service Seminar
RT - Regional Trustee
SCAC - Southern California Alateen Conference
SCWS - Southern California World Service
SOS - Sharing Of Service
SWRDM - Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting
SWRSS - Southwest Region Service Seminar
SWRT - Southwest Regional Trustee
TAL - Trustee At Large
WS - World Service
WSC - World Service Conference
WSO - World Service Office

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SCWS Directory

Past Delegates

Panel	Delegate	Phone	Email	Years
1	Aura C	Deceased		1961-1963
4	Cecelia B	Deceased		1964-1966
7	Norris R	Deceased		1967-1969
10	Helen B	Deceased		1970-1972
13	Elsie Q	Deceased		1973-1975
16	Betty (Reed) O			1976-1978
19	Pat R			1979-1981
22	Bernie E	Deceased		1982-1984
25	Bob L			1985-1987
28	Hester B	Deceased		1988-1990
31	Joyce K			1991-1993
34	Kary L			1994-1995
34	Rita M	Deceased		1996
37	Willie W			1997-1999
40	Kay D			2000-2002
43	Miriam M			2003-2005
46	Mary M			2006-2008

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		2nd Phone	email
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Sponsor (Acting)	
Area Alateen	Rick S
Process Person	
Bulletin	Truck S
CPC	Carolyn S
Hospitality	Del

Position	Name	Phone 2nd Phone	Address email
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Literature	Juan P		
Public Information	Tim P		
Group Records	Kathi L		
Web Site	Ben P		

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Hispanic	Raquel B
Ventura County	Lalena H

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AFG	Lill S
SCAC	Julia B
SCAA	Jean B

Regional Trustee

Regional Trustee	Karin R
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D	Name	Street Address email address	Home Phone Other Phone
3	Lani C		
6	Cyndy R		
8	Frank L		
9	Barbara W		
10	Loreina C		
12	Mike M		
17	Cathy L		

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30	Martha M		
33	Irene C		
36	Beth G		
39	Melissa L		
40	Trina T		
42	Cathy S		
45	Jennifer V		
48	Socorro P		
51	Ada G		
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(Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Example: Men, Women, Step-Study, Parents, Gay)									
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(Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Address (CMA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mtg Day	<input type="checkbox"/> GR	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Other						
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Language	<input type="text"/>									
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special instructions, i.e. use back door, etc.										
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(12) Contacts (WSO refers newcomers and visitors to these members for information about your meeting.)											
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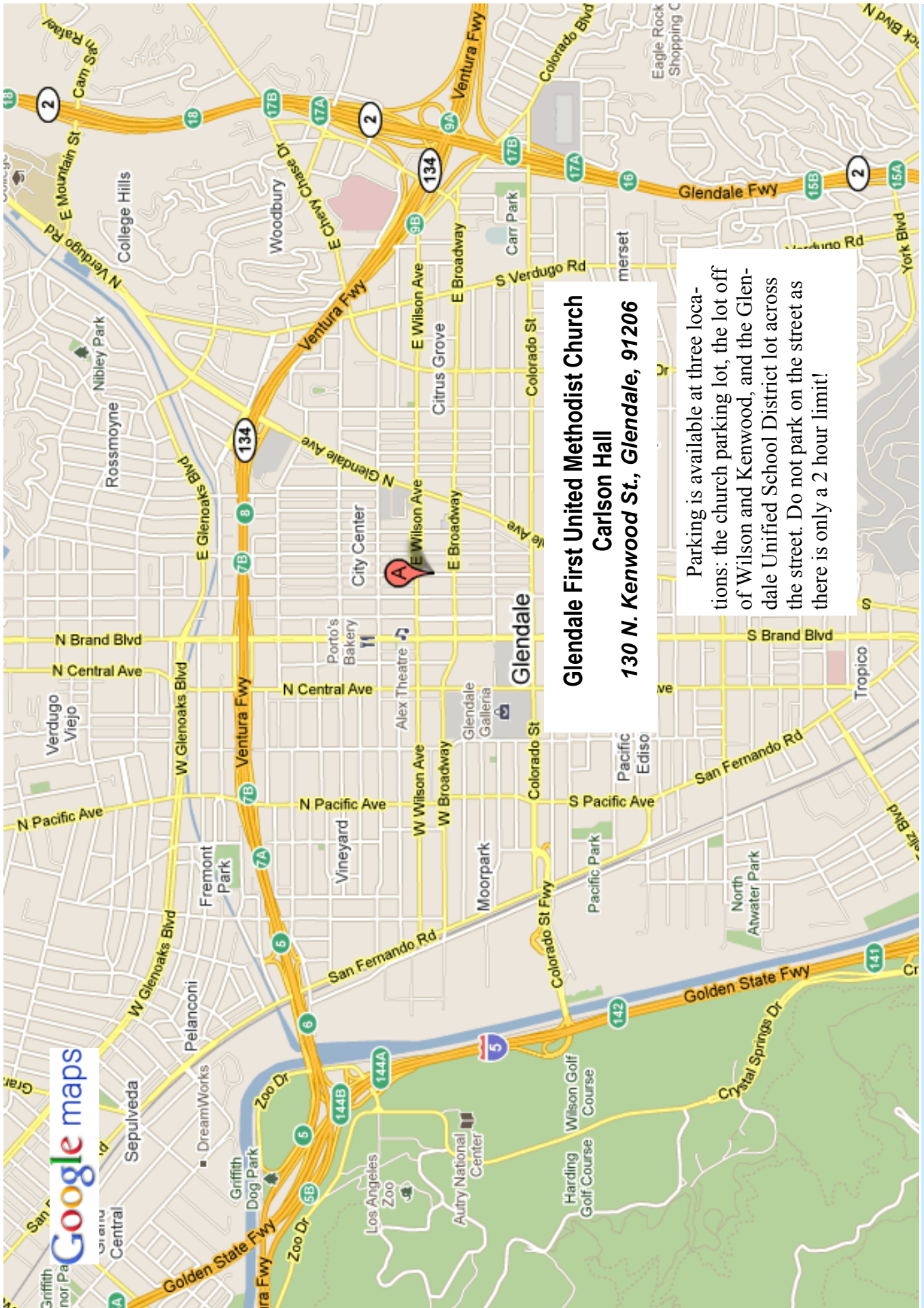
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| 1 | <i>Stay on topic</i> | 6 | <i>When speaking keep it to 2 minutes</i> |
| 2 | <i>No clapping when someone gives an opinion</i> | 7 | <i>Be courteous</i> |
| 3 | <i>No cell phones</i> | 8 | <i>No cross talk</i> |
| 4 | <i>Start and stop on time</i> | 9 | <i>Stick to the agenda</i> |
| 5 | <i>No double opinions</i> | 10 | <i>No perfume or aftershave</i> |



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