



**Al-Anon –Southern California world Service (SCWS) - Area #04  
Committee–Saturday, August 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 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition** (Continue the meeting while baskets are being passed)

**Delegate's Report** – Mary M.

- Updates from the WSO

**Alternate Delegate's Report** – Sandie E.

- Ask it Basket
- Forum

**Past Delegate's Report** – Miriam McK.

**Minutes Secretary** – Cathy W.

Minutes from May 17 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: 9,10,17,21,30,40,48,57  
Thank you for all your help.

**Convention Chairpersons' Reports**

**AFG Convention 2007** –Robin B.

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

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

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

**Action Committee Reports:**

**Group Services:** Willie Wi.

**Alateen Sponsor Coordinator:** ~Position Open~

**Alateen Coordinator:** Daniel K.

**Archives:** Martha M.

**Membership Communications:** Cindy R.

**Bulletin:** Laurie E.

**Literature:** Lucia C.

**Website:** Ben P.

**Public Outreach:** Robin J.

**Cooperating w/ Professional Community:** Sandra W.

**Institutions:** Shirley M.

**Public Information:** Portia S.

**District Representatives' Reports**

**Intergroup Liaisons' Reports**

**Inland Empire:** Beth G.

**Intergrupul Hispania:** (L.A. County) – Patrick B.

**Los Angeles County:** Kelly F.

**Orange County:** Alexandra R.

**San Diego County:** Jeannine B.

**Ventura County:** Cyndy P.

**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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TEMPORARILY MOVED TO PAGE 21.***

# 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 bring your alternate with you. Encourage all of your GR's to come also.**

### Southern California World Service Events

#### **2008** – August 16 –**SCWS Area Committee Meeting**

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

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

#### November 15 - **SCWS Area Assembly Meeting**

9:00 a.m. - Group Rep. (GR) Orientation and Information Session.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Assembly Meeting - Elections

### **Other Al-Anon Events**

#### **2008**

June 12 SCAC Last Chance Picnic

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

July 11-13 –SCAC (Southern Calif. Alateen Conference), University of Redlands([scac@ipbfree.org](mailto:scac@ipbfree.org))

Oct. 25, 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.*

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

**Check it  
out!**

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 Morrison**

May 2008

What a wonderful experience it has been to have served the Southern California Area as the Delegate for the past three World Service Conferences. This last Conference was no exception, what an awesome time I had, the most memorable moment was when we all got to tour "Stepping Stones" the home of Lois and Bill Wilson. I was sure that I would enjoy it but did not realize what an emotional experience it was not only for me but for many of us. Being in their home and reading some of their letters to each other tugged at my heart. I even got to play a few notes on Lois' piano and to sit at the very table where Ebby talked to Bill about staying sober. It so reminded me of my growing up during the 40s and 50s. Please be sure and check out the pictures in my album in the back of the room, not only from this 2008 Conference but the other two as well. Also, in the large plastic box in the back are many "Love Gifts" from the members of the Conference be sure and help yourself to one or two of them, some are really quite unique. I have a booklet of pictures from my panel #46 that Sandi Cox of CA (N) put together, if you would like to see it, I have it here. Thanks again to those districts I have visited this year. There are only a few districts that I have not been too. Give me a call and schedule time for me to visit with your district and participate with your members, this is my favorite part of being Delegate, getting to meet with all of you.

The WSC gave conceptual approval to the Literature Committee to develop a piece of literature on Al-Anon's first 60 years. Also, the WSO has developed a pod cast that you can access by going to the AFG website (English only at this time) and can be downloaded to a MP3 file for beginning meetings. It is really well done and is a typical discussion relating to an introductory meeting, try it out. This is the first of a series of six pod casts entitled "First Steps to Al-Anon Recovery." These pod casts will have a new one every two weeks. Our new book "Discovering Choices" will be available at the International in Pittsburgh, PA. The price is \$15.00. I should have a copy to bring back for you to see at that time. In the meanwhile I do have a copy of the cover. It is in the same format as the "Opening our Hearts, Transforming our Losses" book. The focus of the new book is on relationships and I am looking forward to reading it.

Incidentally I do have forms for the Conference Reunion Luncheon at the International; this is a separate luncheon from the Pioneer Luncheon. The cost is \$45.00 and is open to all past and present

Conference members and one guest. If you are interested please see me for a form. It will be held on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm. I am really looking forward to the International and hope to see many of you attending this wonderful event.

We will be nominating someone today for the SW Regional Trustee position for the next two years; the Trustee for this year is Karen Rimmell from Arizona. Hopefully we will have not only a nominee from our Area, but a backup person as well.

I have had the privilege this past year to work on the first Task Force Committee (a new concept) for the WSO. We (one chairperson, two Delegates, two Trustees and two WSO people) developed a new guideline and it is quite exciting to see it in print (G-41). It took the seven of us eight drafts to accomplish this new piece and we are quite proud of it. It is a really good comprehensive guide to determining how to distribute funds at all levels. Much better than our previous pie chart piece that was out several years ago.

We especially wanted to be sure and not dictate how much donation to each entity as can be evidenced by checking out the back page of the brochure, it has blanks to be filled in by the group when they vote on how to distribute their funds. You can download this guideline G-41 as well as all other guidelines at the AFG website. The WSO is considering using more Task Forces and Thought Committees to accomplish many of our goals, one of which would be utilizing our Past Delegates on a Task Force as they have an accumulation of so much knowledge and understanding of our fellowship. We even talked about the committee I am on becoming a task force and rather than having only a few meetings a year, to use the internet and teleconferencing to communicate our ideas on Admissions and Handbook. I believe this will give more members a chance to become involved in the decision making process for the entire fellowship. This has been evidenced also by Amanda Cole, our previous PI Coordinator who is now on the Public Outreach Committee for the WSO, what a great way to express ourselves and get the ideas and interests of all of us in the Al-Anon family. One of the other Thought-Force ideas resulted in the pod casts that I mentioned and the formation of the Web Marketing program.

In addition to the Task Force I was on, the Conference Committee asked that I chair a workshop at the Conference with Roger C, a new Trustee. We gave a workshop on the Concepts which was very informative and included about 40 participating members. We assigned questions and handed out the Concepts pamphlet (P-57) for the discussion. This new idea of including more Delegates in the Conference program was extremely well received.

At the open Policy Committee meeting we had a lengthy discussion regarding email. Some of the ideas were: Email addresses by officer and coordinator positions rather than by their name. (i.e. scwspochair.org). Have a written guideline for email. Establish a workforce or task force to check

all Guidelines on Anonymity especially at this level. Be sure to use email etiquette. Not a good idea to use your work address, since your employer can access that account it could break the anonymity of those that you send and receive emails from.

The Conference had a considerable discussion regarding the petition that I submitted regarding the expansion and/or consolidation of an Area rather than division by state, province or territory. The entire Conference was receptive to this and I could have placed a motion but felt that more discussion would bring clarity to this proposal, it will be on the agenda for next year's Conference for discussion. My goal for the next three years is to work on the logistics and forming of this proposal in order that it will be considered and changed to fit the needs of all of the fellowship, not just the two California Areas. We need to look at our Area and decide what would be feasible if we do split (geography, diversity, impact on finances, number of meetings, attendance at Area meetings, etc.). We also discussed the impact this would have on outreach and how technology could be used to accomplish this goal. I really believe that there should be no more than 600-700 meetings in an Area and this would give us and other Areas better representation and participation.

There were 93 voting members at the Conference this year. The motions that were submitted this year all passed including the motion for the Bequest to be any amount rather than 10% of the total revenue of the previous year (pg 85). The Conference will be given approval on how to spend the excess funds over the 10% figure and will decide how and when this overage will be spent. The proposal is to use 25% of the overage each year for four years until depleted and this will be discussed and decided at the 2009 Conference. I did go to the mike several times with questions on this motion and felt that they were answered fairly. The vote on this motion was 70 for, 23 against. One of the other motions was a policy motion on the text on Pg. 83-84 regarding anonymity; this was for better clarification of the wording. Several of the motions were made for clarity in the text of the Service Manual.

Once again we had a workshop on KBDM and how this process of discussing issues leads to an informed group conscience and builds bridges throughout the fellowship. One of these topics was how to reach families of A.A. members. Communication between spouses works well. Go to A.A. meetings (open) and share Al-Anon after meeting with those perspective members. Build a relationship before and after meetings. Dual members – tell A.A. members what Al-Anon is, what it isn't.

The Charter changes were discussed in regards to protecting the Alateen Traditions as we passed them last year. The Charter will reflect that they too are protected from word changes.

Our SCWS groups donated in excess of \$66,000 to AFG this past year. I do have a list of the contributions which I will give to our Treasurer. Contributions to WSO were slightly above last year (\$297,000). Also income from The Forum is up

about \$1,000. The property should be paid by 2010; we still owe approximately \$220,000. In 1961 55% of our groups contributed to WSO, almost the same today. WSO cost to groups is \$3,503,000 for services provided, this is a per group cost of \$228.33.

One of the memorable events at this year's Conference for me was when one of the delegates asked my name while we were having lunch at Stepping Stones, when I told her my name she said "oh, yes, you are the one always at the mike!" Another delegate said to associate a word with my name so she used mike to remind her of Mary and every time she saw me throughout the week she would say mike, Mary. I really did enjoy participating this year at the Conference and once again it seems that at the end of our term we really start to understand what it is and what we can do. I had a great time in Panel 46's skit; we divided into 5 groups and dressed like 5 of the topics we had discussed over the 3 years term. Of course, I was in the part on pyramid sponsorship and three of us dressed up like Egyptians and came out dancing to "Walk Like an Egyptian." What fun. I especially enjoyed all the three minute talks from the members of my panel (46). These talks will be in the Conference Summary in the fall.

We had three visitors with voice but no vote this year. Inge from Germany. She stated that their GSO started in 1967; they had their first Alateen meeting in 1973. Today there are 880 groups, 41 Alateen groups and 65 adult children groups. Nydia from Mexico said that their Conference was formed with 73 groups in 1973. Today they have 3300 groups, 420 Alateen groups and their office has 17 staff members and 36 delegates. Louise from So. Africa also attended and she said that this was the first time that they had the money to send someone. Their GSO was started in 1963 and their first Conference was in 1964. In 1996 they structured their conference using our model. In 2006 they received a substantial bequest that gave them the opportunity to have a full time administrator and become a tax-exempt organization. In 2007 they decided to own property. The history presented by these three members was very interesting and rewarding and to hear their struggles to get to where they are today.

Many good ideas have come out of the past three Conferences, one of the best was the website called "The File-Exchange" there are several categories within this such as Conference, Public Information, Archives, etc. This site provides those of us with a position in our Area to up-to-the-minute information and guidelines plus access to any new literature, etc. Over the past three years the WSO and AFG Trustees have opened up and been more helpful and receptive to our questions and ideas than at anytime in the past. I truly have enjoyed working with all of them and perhaps will get an opportunity to do so again, maybe on a task force or other committee for past delegates.

There was a question as to whether there will be future RSS's. The discussion was that perhaps we



could have one day seminars at an Area meeting and have WSO members bring the seminar to our Areas and thus be able to reach out to more members.

The Chosen Agenda Items this year were: "How the Al-Anon Alateen message can reach families of active A.A. members and attract those family members to our meetings" and "What bridges can we build between all members of the WSC and between the WSC members and the fellowship?" Also, "Attracting (and keeping) other cultures to Al-Anon." The discussions on each topic were carried out by a WSO member and a Delegate and these discussions were very informative perhaps we could use these topics for discussion at a future S.O.S. I have some examples of "Hot Topic" sheets which we could use for our workshops.

Norma from Utah gave us a new thought, "The Three B's: Be brief, Be brilliant, Be Gone!" Next year's (2009) World Service Conference will be in Virginia Beach.

Whether we agree with one another we must strive to preserve our Traditions and find ways to bring Al-Anon to those we have yet to meet. Current membership is the link to keeping our fellowship alive.

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

**Chair**  
**David B.** No Report

**Past Delegate**  
**Miriam Mc K.**

The Action Committee Ad Hoc Committee presented 3 suggestions to the November 2007 Assembly regarding possible changes to the composition of the Southern California World Service (SCWS) Board. The Ad Hoc Committee and the SCWS Board have considered all options and now recommend that the SCWS Board remain basically as it is. **Therefore, no motion is proposed and no vote is needed.**

If you would like additional background information on how we reached this decision, it was presented and is printed in the Past Delegate Report for the Feb. 2008 Committee meeting. Members of the Committee are: 2 GRs, Marilu and Melisa, 3 Board members, Martha, Shirley and Suzanne, and your 3 Action Committee Chairs, Cindy, Robin and Willie.

What we do want to make clear to you is **how YOU can serve** as a member of the SCWS Board: (about 20 positions)

Five board positions will be elected at this November's Assembly, using the basic guidelines in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (therefore, elected

from those who have served as District Representatives).

The other positions, which are Coordinators (and possibly Action Committee Chairs), are appointed by the new Chairperson and the other newly elected SCWS officers. You can express your interest to serve as a Coordinator (or possible Action Committee Chair) by submitting a resume form. The forms are on our SCWS **website at [scws-al-anon.org](http://scws-al-anon.org)** and will be available at the Assembly. Please call current board members if you are interested in their position so that you can ask specifics about their roles and responsibilities. All phone numbers are listed in the blue Bulletin. **To be considered for a Coordinator, or possible Action Committee Chairperson position, submit your completed resume form to the newly elected SCWS Chairperson following the Nov. 2008 Assembly.**

The SCWS elected Board positions are:

Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary (outgoing Delegate serves as "Immediate Past Delegate")

SCWS appointed Coordinator positions (and possibly 3 Action Committee Chairs):

Alateen, Alateen Sponsor, Archives, Bulletin, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Group Records, Hospitality, Institutions, Literature, Public Information, Website (potentially, Coordinators could also be appointed to serve as their respective Action Committee Chairs)

A second Ad Hoc committee has been reviewing the SCWS Bylaws for any updates that need to be incorporated from this 3-year term (2006- 2008). Members of the Committee are: Bernie S., Beth G., Kathy G., Martha M., Melisa P., Shirley M., Suzanne P., and Willie M. We are updating the bylaws to incorporate motions that were made during the past 3 years. We plan to be presenting those updates to the District Representative at their meeting in August and then including them in the Bulletin so that the Group Reps will be prepared to vote on them at the Nov. 2008 Assembly. At this time, we don't plan to introduce new ideas in those revisions, only to add in things we've already voted on (and only those motions that must be included in our SCWS Corporation Bylaws). Because we are incorporated we must have bylaws but the bylaws are meant to "follow us", not to lead us. We are lead by our Service Manual, our group conscience and our Higher Power.

Growing in Service, Miriam McKenna, Immediate Past Delegate (chair of Action Committee Ad Hoc committee and chair of Bylaws Ad Hoc committee) 619 461-8686

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## Alt. Delegate Sandie E.

Thank you to all the Group Representatives who attended our information meeting at 9 this morning. To the new GRs, WELCOME TO SERVICE. I hope you will join us again at the November Assembly. Remember, District Representatives, that we have a meeting just for you before the August Committee meeting. See you there.

**THE FORUM:** Today, as always, we will circulate the can for *The Forum* Subscriptions drawing. We have had such a great response that we have had five and six winners the last several meetings. GRs, remember that you are your meeting's connection to *The Forum*, and you can have a subscription drawing at your meetings provided you get a group conscience. It's fun and you help carry the Al-Anon message.

**ASK IT BASKET:** The ask-it-basket will be sent around for your questions. I have loved this part of my Alternate Delegate job because I get to learn so much as I research the answers to the questions submitted. Keep 'em coming.

**SHARING OF SERVICE WORKSHOP:** What a great event this always is. At the Committee meeting in February, an ad hoc committee was assembled to research the viability of holding TWO Sharing of Service Workshops beginning in 2009. The recommendation of the committee is to hold a northern and southern event with the location not more than a 2 hour drive for most attendees. A motion will be submitted for voting today. We look forward to the possibility of reaching the most Al-Anons possible in our service outreach.

**MY ALATEEN HAT:** We have submitted a bid for the World Service Alateen Advisory Committee to hold their meeting at our November Assembly this year. We are one of several bids sent from our Region for this opportunity, and we should hear the decision next week. WSO has also requested applications for Al-Anon AND Alateen members who are interested in serving on this Alateen Advisory Committee. More information and resume forms are available. I continue to fill in as the Alateen Process Person, working with the certification process for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). We continue to receive new applications every week and currently have 379 certified Alateen Sponsors and 77 Alateen meetings in California South. (I think we have the most of any Area.) We are currently in the middle of the annual re-certification process, verifying all the records, comparing what we have

to what WSO has on record. We also are verifying all meetings and those AMIAS who are sponsoring those meetings.

We have revised the AMIAS application process. Beginning now, please discard any and all application forms you may have. They are all OBSOLETE. To make the paperwork process easier for everyone, there is now a packet titled **"Application Packet for Al-Anon Members Involved in Service."** Copies are available today and are distributed to the District Representatives to duplicate for use in each District. The forms will also be downloadable from our website soon. Remember, use **only** these forms, effective immediately.

I want to tell you how honored and privileged I am that you selected me to be of service as our Area's Alternate Delegate. I have learned so much during my time with this position, and have met many people who are also in the same capacity in other Areas. We share similar goals, dreams, ideals and hopes for our Al-Anon and have enormous respect for our service process. As the last year of our 3-year service commitment term continues, I am reminded how ordinary people can do extraordinary things together and hope you will carry the enthusiasm we all have cultivated back to your meetings and share with your members. The door is open to all who enter and what we find inside is the most exciting opportunities to be had. Love in Service,

*Sandie E.*  
Alternate Delegate

### 10 Assembly & Committee meeting Suggestions

1. *Stay on the Topic.*
2. *No clapping when someone gives an opinion*
3. *No cell phones*
4. *Start & Stop on time*
5. *No double Opinions*
6. *When speaking keep it to 2 minutes*
7. *Be Courteous*
8. *No Cross Talk*
9. *Stick to the agenda*
10. *Please no perfume or aftershave.*



## **Minutes of Area Committee Meeting**

**May 18, 2008**

### **Minutes of Area Assembly – 5-18-2008**

David, the Chairperson, opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer. Introduction of board members, committee members and Past Delegates were made. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Alvar G.. All new Group Representatives were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Traditions read by: Zoie, D72.

**Treasurer Report:** (Suzanne) - See Bulletin for a full report.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was collected.**

**Delegate's Report:** See Bulletin page 5 for full report.

**Alternate Delegate:** See Bulletin page 8 for full report. There were 41 members attending for GR orientation this morning. We have representation from far away places, such as Calexico, Ridgecrest, Barstow, San Luis Obispo and San Diego. We currently have 379 Al-Anon members who are certified members involved in Alateen Service. We have 77 registered Alateen meetings in our area. An ad-hoc committee formed with members from both northern and southern regions of Area 04 to review SOS events. A motion will be presented later in the day to hold two events per year, with both events having the same agenda. Both events will also be open to the whole area, not just the region they are held. There is a Spanish component to SOS and main events are normally translated. We like to integrate the languages as best we can.

**Past Delegate's Report:** See Bulletin page 7 for full report.

**Minutes Secretary:** Cathy asked if anyone had any corrections to the minutes of November 17th. Minutes were approved as written.

**Knowledge Based Decision Making** – Q&A regarding items to be voted on under new business.

**Topic:** Add a second, SCWS Area-sponsored **Sharing of Service** Workshop (SOS) annually, to be held in the northern part of CA(S)-Area 4 – preferably located within a 2-hour drive for most of its attendees. The Alternate Delegate will continue as the overall chairperson of the SOS Workshop and the SOS committee members are to be selected from all of Area 4.

**Q&A** (Q=Question, A=Answer, C=Comment)

Q (Holly D21) – how will event be funded?

A (Sandie Alt Del) - Costs \$783 to put on one SOS. To do two would cost \$783 \* 2. The last SOS was self supporting.

Q (Laurie D54) – Do you mean 2-hours from prospective attendees?

A (David) – SOS north should be somewhere in the northern part of the southern CA: Bakersfield, Ojai, etc.

C (Ron) - In 2007 SOS had a loss.

C (David) - Rent in this area (Fullerton) is rather expensive. Expenses may be less if events are held elsewhere.

Q (Gloria D30) – historically had this event in January. Will this continue?

A (David) - Probably

C (Shirley) - SOS is about service and getting people excited about service. If we can get more people to attend, get them hooked, then they will come and participate in other areas of service

Q (Beth) - Have we considered raising the price of SOS?

A (Sandie) - Yes, we can consider. Although, we did recently increase the price to \$5.

Q (Tina D21) - Can we add verbiage about revisiting this motion if it doesn't work out?

A (David) - Any motion can be turned over by another motion.

Q (Kim) – found SOS to be a really good tool for service. I don't think a lot of people know what it is or what it means. Can there be more budget allocated for advertising this event?

Q (Holly D21) – I like the idea of having two but would like to know exactly how much it costs.

A (Suzanne) – SOS has pretty consistently not broken even.

Q (Carolyn D39) – I have easier time getting people to come to SOS than I do to Assemblies. I think it's a really important outreach activity. Can we have more than two?

Q (Julie D3) – I've never attended an SOS and would like to know how many attend.

A (David) – roughly 200.

Q (Loren D45) – What other outreach activities do we have during the year and what do we spend on them?

A (Sandie) – the only other outreach activity we conduct is the Alateen Sponsorship workshop, which also has not had a lot of attendance. The fact is we do have enough money for our Area and the income that we have coming in offsets the cost of putting SOS on, which seems to be well worth the effort.

Q (Oscar D24) – Was the feedback on SOS positive and educational for all Al-Anon members? Why are we letting money divert us from our primary spiritual aim?

A (Sandie) – Yes, very positive feedback. All feedback has been positive.

**Convention Chairpersons' Reports** (See Bulletin pg. 15 for full reports)

**SoCal AA Convention**– Laura – Stand up display with top 10 reason to "get in the car" to be displayed at your meeting. We really want to personalize coming to the convention. Bring newcomers! Al-Anons are 40% of the convention. August 23<sup>rd</sup> is our fundraiser – glamorous Hollywood night. Speakers, comedian, dinner – come join us!

**Don't forget to bring this Bulletin with you to the next Assembly meeting, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> in Fullerton.**

**SCAC** – Ben – Came from Ventura to make your lunch today...more palatable and with “real” seasoning. I have packet for you to take to make an appeal to your Al-Anon group to help with donations for SCAC scholarships. Would like money by June 14<sup>th</sup>, which is at our Last Chance Picnic. Registration is \$100.

**Lunch Break:** Sponsored by SCAC Committee.

**Action Committee Breakouts:**

- **Group Services** – Willie – Main Room/Back
- **Membership Communications** – Lucia for Cindy – Main room/Front

**Public Outreach** – Robin J. – Hospitality Room

**Reconvened at 2:40 PM**

**Concepts read by Loren,** District 45

**Ask it Basket:** See Bulletin page 32 for full report.

**Hospitality Report:** Mary Lou Villa – Districts asked to bring food for the August committee meeting: 9, 10, 31, 34 40, 48, 57, 17. Thanks to all the groups that brought food for this meeting.

**Action Committee Reports:** See Bulletin page 21 for full report.

**Group Services** – Willie W. – This break out session was different from the last time whereas many of the other committee members were not present so we implemented “Plan B”, which was to talk about Alateen. Danny was able to share his experience with Alateen groups and the plan to send letters to each of the conventions in our Area a letter requesting that they adopt the Safety Guidelines Jet from District 27, took notes.

**Membership Communications** – Lucia C. – Talked about groups using Knowledge Based Decision Making. There were several groups that used this tool when taking group consciences and found that it worked well. Talked about the new Reserve Fund Guideline and how to introduce it to our groups. Also, discussed various means of meetings, i.e., face-to-face, online, etc, and bridging the gap between older and younger members. It’s about balance.

**Public Outreach** – Robin J. – Reaching out to the senior community came up as an idea. Putting Al-Anon plugs into religious papers, going to open AA meetings. The Crying House bookmark is going up as a billboard. The cost of one is normally around \$8,000, but through working with the organization and explaining that we are a non-profit organization, the cost will be \$500. For more information regarding this Public Outreach project, contact Maria at [mariaserenity@aol.com](mailto:mariaserenity@aol.com). If you’re interested in information as to how to take Al-Anon information into Institutions, Shirley knows how to get into Institutions (and she knows how to get out, too). Information packets have been put into each District folders.

**Records Secretary & Roll Call** – Miriam filling in for Jayme. Miriam has coordinator resume forms for those wishing to be of service to the area for the next term, beginning in January.

**Election of a nominee for the SW Regional Trustee:** Resume form is on Page 37 of the February Bulletin.

Commitment requires approximately 60 days per year. Regional Trustee description begins on page 123 of the Service Manual.

Nominations:

1. Mary M. was nominated by Christie R – Mary declined due to requirement that she be off the Board for 2 years.

Zoie C. was nominated by Melissa in D72 – Zoie was asked to decline because of the clarification made about having held positions at the Area level as described on page 38 of the February Bulletin. No nominee was brought forth.

**Old Business:**

Christie D54 – would like to ask about the 2007 audit. It’s very important to have a review of our records and I am concerned because this activity has not been completed. Our By-Laws state that such an audit be completed and be presented at the May Assembly. **Motion: That the audit be completed and presented to the committee meeting in August, in the form of hard copy reports. Seconded by MaryJane, District 9.**

David: There has been a disagreement that has not been resolved within the last 6 months between the auditor and the Treasurer. Auditor wants internet access to the bank accounts, which has been denied.

Christie D54 – a big chunk of the income side is unidentified due to groups not entering their group IDs, which means the audit consists of looking at more of the expense side.

C (Shirley) - SOS is about service and getting people excited about service. If we can get more people to attend, get them hooked, then they will come and participate in other areas of service. Q (Beth) - Have we considered raising the price of SOS?

A (Sandie) - Yes, we can consider. Although, we did recently increase the price to \$5.

Q (Tina D21) - Can we add verbiage about revisiting this motion if it doesn’t work out?

A (David) - Any motion can be turned over by another motion.

Q (Kim) – found SOS to be a really good tool for service. I don’t think a lot of people know what it is or what it means. Can there be more budget allocated for advertising this event?

Q (Holly D21) – I like the idea of having two but would like to know exactly how much it costs.

A (Suzanne) – SOS has pretty consistently not broken even.

Q (Carolyn D39) – I have easier time getting people to come to SOS than I do to Assemblies. I think it’s a really important outreach activity. Can we have more than two?

Q (Julie D3) – I’ve never attended an SOS and would like to know how many attend.

A (David) – roughly 200.

Q (Loren D45) – What other outreach activities do we have during the year and what do we spend on them?

A (Sandie) – the only other outreach activity we conduct is the Alateen Sponsorship workshop, which also has not had a lot of attendance. The fact is

Kristen D66 – who made the decision about going online? What's the difference between having the information online or in hardcopy form.

David – it was the Treasurer's decision not to give online access.

Debbie D24 – I would not give out access to my on-line account if I were being audited. That's like giving out my SSN. If the auditor needs to see physical checks, the treasurer can print them out.

Kay D – I know that Xeroxed copies have been given to the auditor. It is the chairperson's job to make sure the audit is complete. There is no money missing. The argument is about giving access to Al-Anon's banking information.

Heidi D24 – Concern about the auditor going online. We voted in Suzanne as the Treasurer, we have not voted in Ron. Can we be assured that no money will be moved around as this audit is in process?

Mary M – I have helped with audit for several years. We don't need access to the bank account but then we need access to all the hard copy records.

Willie W – The motion before us is not addressing the real issue. We can vote on this motion but it does not solve the issue about online access. There are other ways to get information to conduct an audit other than granting online access. Banks can provide access to the source documents. The bank account belongs to the Board of Directors. If the Board wants to take the responsibility, they can go to the bank and request that they give access to the auditor. In addition, the auditor and the treasurer can meet in a central location and the treasurer can download whatever documents the auditor wants.

David – believes that the issue at hand is the audit and that the audit needs to be completed.

Linda D75 – called the question. Christie seconded.

Sheffra D60 – objects to calling the question. Believes the problem is accessing the accounts.

A vote was taken on the question.

Christie – does not wish to rephrase the motion.

**Motion carried.**

Beth – wanted to see if anyone had done anything about the questions that came up at the last meeting about WSO investments.

David – committed to getting that information and having it printed in the Bulletin.

#### **New Business:**

Carolyn D39 – made a motion that SCWS hold two Sharing of Service Workshops per year, one in the northern part of the Area and one in the southern part of the Area. The workshops will be located within driving time of attendees in mind. The AD will be overall chairman of both events, with the program chairman and committee members selected from each region.

Seconded by Barbara W. in District 9.

Point of Information: forever or just next year. Answer: until it changes.

Discussion: None. **Motion carried.**

Sheffra D60– Moved that a different auditor work with our treasurer to conduct the audit by August, in the name of harmony. Seconded by Kay D.

Dave – as the audit is already in process this motion should be tabled until the next Assembly. Is there a group conscience to go past 4:00? Vote to go passed 4 PM failed.

Sandie – there are four Forum winners.

**Intergroup Liaison's Reports:** (See Bulletin page 15 for full reports)

LA County (Kelly F., Ex-Officio) – 1) Los Angeles Central Office is in need of a new phone system for recording messages, forwarding calls, and after hour meeting information. LA Intergroup is taking this information back to their meetings for a vote to replace the system with a new system at a cost of no greater than \$7,000. 2) Institutions: Oscar and Darien are doing a great job getting new panels started and maintaining the existing ones. 3) Alateen: Liz has been focusing on supporting the Los Angeles Alateen groups by asking groups to donate funds for SCAC. 4) Central Office: the staff has been very busy running the office and getting the literature orders out. Thankfully they have had plenty of volunteers to help them out.

**Adjourned by 4:05 PM** with the Al-Anon declaration  
Respectfully submitted: Cathy Watson

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## Group Services Action Committee



Board members assigned to this Action Committee are:

AC Chair -	Willie W.
Alateen Coordinator -	Daniel K.
Alateen Sponsor Coordinator -	<b>Open</b>
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** - ~ ~ Position Open ~ ~

**Alateen Sponsor Coordinator**—no report

**Group Records**—no report

**Archives Coordinator** - no report

**Minutes Secretary**—see page 9

**Hospitality** -

A BIG Thank you to Districts 3,8,11,12,24,39,54,& 60 for help at the Committee meeting. There were many of you who volunteered to help and it made the job fun and easy. For our Assembly meeting on May 17th **I would like help form the following Districts; 9, 10, 17, 21, 30, 40, 48, 57.**

Mary Lou V.

**Treasurer**

I would first like to thank Ann and Heidi from District 24 and Gail, District 21 for their willingness to help with this service position. I don't have to do it all by myself anymore, and it is a lot more fun to include others. Thank you! I would also like to thank our Board for their encouragement and support – we need to work together sometimes to get through some interesting situations and I appreciate all that each of you bring to the table. Even when we don't agree!

Now for the business – sharpen your pencils (or you can read all of this in the Bulletin)

Our checking account balance as of 5/10 is \$8392.47 The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2008 shows a net gain of \$4571.38 and our Certificates of Deposit total \$24,462.26.

Contributions for the first quarter are \$10,553 compared to last year, at the same time, of \$12,027, down about 12%. In comparison, our expenses are about the same, but some of our larger expenditures, like meeting space rent and storage, are paid in advance for the year.

Again, please remind your group treasurers to include the WSO id numbers with their contributions so we can credit them with the contribution. You may want to check the report to make sure your group contributions are being made on a regular basis.

The Audit Committee met in February and the report is forthcoming.

Because the Southwest Regional Delegates Conference was held in Orange County this year, I was able to attend on my own. I spoke with one of the Past Delegates from Northern California, who shared with me that their Area Assembly has a paid bookkeeper, accountant for taxes and an outside auditor. I would suggest that we discuss these possibilities at our District and Board meetings. Anyone who is interested in standing for the job of Treasurer at the November must have served as a District Representative. They should also have bookkeeping experience, using QuickBooks and Excel as well a familiarity with our Al-Anon Traditions and Concepts. A good service sponsor is an added bonus.

. Thanks again for this opportunity to be of service.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne P.

SCWS Treasurer

## Membership Communications



Board members assigned to this Action Committee

AC Chair - Cindy R.

Bulletin Coordinator -Laurie E.

Literature Coordinator - Lucia C.

Website Coordinator - Ben P.

Alternate Delegate - Sandie E.

### Membership Communications Chair

The Membership Communication Action Committee held a lively "brainstorming" session. Topics and ideas discussed included: 1) Does your group utilize Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KDBM)? Give examples. If not, suggest ways in which KDBM would be useful in arriving at a consensus. 2) Copies of the new **Reserve Fund Guideline** (G-41) were distributed and read. Ideas regarding how to share the information contained in this guideline as well as the guideline itself were discussed. 3) From the 2007 Conference Summary: "Where do we see Al-Anon in the next 5 years?" Several members shared that younger people are coming to Al-Anon and shared ways in which the membership can encourage this trend. 4) From the 2008 Conference Agenda Items: "What bridges can we build between all members of the World Service Conference and between the World Service Conference Members and the fellowship?" The World Service Office is encouraging more committee work to be done "on-line." Can you think of how the internet can be utilized to build bridges at all service levels? What pitfalls might be encountered? Members provided wonderful "food for thought" but all agreed that *balance* would be the key in the use of the Internet.

The aforementioned topics are to promote ideas for thoughtful discussion, collaboration and action in our Groups and Area. Let's "talk to each other and reason things out with someone else." (Al-Anon closing)

Approved Literature at meetings! The project consists of using the Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage (B-4) to select a meeting topic. The index may give you some ideas. Members are to choose a topic, then select a brief quote from the book on this subject consisting of one paragraph or less. We are asked to include the page number. Copies of the project form are in the District Representative envelopes. The form will also be posted on the Area website. Kindly return completed forms via e-mail, fax or regular mail to the World Service Office by July 15, 008. (Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Fax: 757-563-1655 e-mail: [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org), Attn: B-4 Lit. Project) Selected topics and questions will appear on the CAL Sample Chapter at [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members) from October through December 2008.

Take a peek at the Al-Anon World Service Website to view the current sample chapter "Picking Up the Tools" from the book, From Survival to Recovery. Related reading materials from other Al-Anon and Alateen literature are also referenced. What a great source for meeting topics!

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

### **Web Site Coordinator**

I was honored to be asked to take over the SCWS Web Coordinator position left vacant by Alar's unexpected passing. I miss him dearly and undoubtedly will wish he was around to consult with over the next few weeks and months as I figure out how he set up the web site.

I will be working to get the latest information posted on the website over the next few weeks as well as reconfigure the web master related parameters (email address, etc). In the near term if you have any requests or wish to report any difficulties you may have with the website, please email me at [....](mailto:....) or call me .  
Love in Service,  
Ben P.  
SCWS Web Coordinator

**Alternate Delegate**—see page 8

### **Bulletin Coordinator -**

Spring is here and I am finding it difficult to sit down and put together this May edition of the Bulletin. And it seems many of you are in the same mind set since I am not getting many reports in. So I know the next issue will be huge with all of the catching up we will all be doing! I enjoy reading all of your reports as I put them in. There is always so much recovery going on in Area 4. You will find in this issue, some job descriptions for the positions that will be opening up in November. I will be putting the rest in the August issue. So start thinking what position you would like to take on for yourself and World Service.  
Luvin' this service,  
Laurie E.

### **Literature Coordinator**

World Service has a new project to encourage members and groups to use a variety of Conference Approved Literature at meetings! The project consists of using the Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage (B-4) to select a meeting topic. The index may give you some ideas. Members are to choose a topic, then select a brief quote from the book on this subject consisting of one paragraph or less. We are asked to include the page number. Copies of the project form are in the District Representative envelopes. The form will also be posted on the Area website. Kindly return completed forms via e-mail, fax or regular mail to the World Service Office by July 15, 008. (Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Fax: 757-563-1655 e-mail: [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org), Attn: B-4 Lit. Project) Selected topics and questions will appear on the CAL Sample Chapter at [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members) from October through December 2008.

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## **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—Portia S.

**CPC coordinator**—no report  
**Action Committee Chair - Robin J.**

Summer Greetings! This Public Outreach Action Committee meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever! We welcomed our new Public Information Coordinator, Portia S. at this meeting and are delighted to have her fresh input and enthusiasm. Sandra, our CPC Coordinator, was on the East Coast celebrating her daughter's college graduation – and our hearts and heartfelt joy were with her. Lee, who has served in this capacity in the past, kindly stepped in for Sandra and generated a lot of lively discussion and ideas for all to take back to their areas. A real highlight came from Maria G., District Rep for District 30, who shared their project with all of us. They thought it would be wonderful to have a billboard along our busy Southern California roads giving information about Al-Anon. Their commitment went beyond the idea to real "Action".

The cost for this is generally around \$8,000. However, they pursued the idea resulting in their billboard dream coming to fruition – soon! Somehow they were able to work their “magic” with the billboard company resulting in the much-reduced cost of \$500. It is coming to a street or freeway (perhaps the #605) soon with the “Crying House” image. Our congratulations to District 30 for proving that the “impossible” can be accomplished with real Public Outreach enthusiasm and commitment. They also told us that the approximately cost of an Al-Anon public service display at a bus shelter was in the area of \$275. There were a multitude of wonderful ideas ranging from the simplicity of going to open AA meetings and quietly being a program of attraction to bringing meetings to our aging population in senior communities.

Shirley M., our Institutions Coordinator had a wealth of information regarding prison outreach – with packets for each District containing detailed information. She suggested we consider inviting the Intergroups send both a liaison and an outreach person to attend our Assemblies while we are still in our Action Committee Trial period. Unfortunately, the other Action Committee breakout groups finished early, so we cut our meeting short, leaving a good deal of Shirley’s information for our next Assembly.

As is always the case, I left the Assembly with a full heart and much gratitude for the generosity of my fellow Al-Anons in their varied commitment to our program.

With love and gratitude,

Robin J.

Public Outreach Action Committee Chair

**Institutions Coordinator -  
2008 Southern California Hospital and Institutions  
Conference with Al-Anon Participation was held  
April 25, 26, and 27 at the Double Tree Hotel, Or-  
ange/Anaheim.**

The SCWS Institutions Coordinator has the privilege of serving as the Al-Anon Chair for the second and third year of his/her term and the first year of the panel which follows his/her term. The purpose of the conference is threefold:

*1. To improve the mutual understanding and cooperation between Alcoholics Anonymous and hospitals and correctional and treatment facilities within Southern California H&I Intergroup.*

This year professional speakers from County of Orange Healthcare; Rustin Berlow, M.D. – Psychopharmacologist, Clinical Instructor, Dept. of Psychiatry, University of California, San Diego was the keynote speaker Friday evening; Denise Hicks from Metropolitan State Hospital; speakers from Orange County Correctional Programs; and speakers from the Orange and Riverside Juvenile Probation shared and took questions from AA and Al-Anon participants on Saturday.

*2. To enhance communication between H&I committees of Southern California H&I*

*Intergroup and A.A. as a whole through workshops, panel presentations, speakers, general sharing, and fellowship.*

Both AA and Al-Anon presented speakers involved in H&I work. Danelle M. (Al-Anon) from Santa Ana shared with her daughter Tara E. (AA) Friday evening. David T. (AA) and Cheryl T., (Al-Anon) son and mother, active in Institutions work in the San Diego area shared at the Al-Anon luncheon. Some of our Al-Anon Intergroup Institution Coordinators (Rachel L., Inland Empire; Charlyn S., Ventura County; Oscar C., Los Angeles County; and Teresa C., San Diego County) shared as presenters on the afternoon Al-Anon panel. Thanks also to Robin J., Mission Viejo; Cristina P., Fullerton; Kay D., Ojai; Karen B., San Juan Capistrano; Diane R., Huntington Beach; Helen B., Camarillo, and Lydia V. for serving as leaders and readers.

*3. To provide enjoyment and gratification of the A.A. members who give of their time, Energy and money throughout the year, carrying the message to the confined alcoholic.*

Everyone was invited to attend an Al-Anon play written and directed by Wendie S., Newport Beach, and produced by Espie P., Costa Mesa on Friday night. Saturday night fun included A.A. Jeopardy and a dance hosted by AOCYPAA on Saturday night.

Thanks also to Cristina P. and all of you wonderful Al-Anon members who answered the call and supported the AA fundraiser for the conference by bringing desserts. The AA members are still talking about your great desserts and asked me to thank you again.

**Mark your calendar for 2009 – April 24, 25, and 26 . I would like to see all of you who participate in institutions work or are thinking about it to join us at the Double Tree in Orange/Anaheim.**

**At our May Assembly Action Committee Break Out**

Maria G., District Representative for Area 30 reported on one of their successful outreach projects. The area approached the bus company and placed posters on buses and also in bus shelters in their area for a period of time. While it was not an inexpensive project, they were able to do for considerably less because Al-Anon is a non-profit. Contact her for more information. And, bring your own best outreach suggestion to the next Assembly.

Al-Anon has developed three new PSAs (like the Sketches) and plans to distribute 1,000 to top television markets throughout the U.S., Canada, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico. Broadcast quality PSAs will be available for purchase and distribution to additional television stations. The Nielsen reports ranked Al-Anon’s airplays in the top ten percent of all public service announcements in throughout the U.S.

Al-Anon is also offering podcasts to families and friends of people who have a drinking problem. The podcasts are entitled “First Steps to Al-Anon Recovery” and are available as a public service at [www.Al-AnonFamilyGroups.org](http://www.Al-AnonFamilyGroups.org). An Al-Anon Family Groups Communication bulletin was passed out at the Action Committee and I will be sending it out by



e-mail, also.

Thanks to an AA member at PRAASA, I have been attending a Twelve Step State Advisory Committee with representatives from AA, NA, CA, and Al-Anon North. District Representatives and Institutions Coordinators were given contact information for Parole Offices, State Prisons, and Friends Outside Visitor Centers at the Action Committee Breakout session. Those who were absent were sent them by mail. If an Intergroup or District is interested, it is hoped that we will be able to reach out to families through these Parole Orientation meetings which are held in many communities in Southern California. Every person who is released from prison must attend an orientation meeting during his/her first thirty days after release. Friends Outside suggested that Al-Anon attend and present the parolee with information which can be taken back to his/her family. Please contact me, your DR, or Intergroup Institutions Coordinator if you are interested in participating.

Shirley M., Institutions SCWS

Oscar C., Los Angeles Intergroup

Cheryl T., San Diego Intergroup

Teresa C., San Diego Intergroup-North

Karen B., Orange Count

Rachel L., Inland Empire

Charlyn S., Ventura County

Love in Service, Shirley M.

Public Information - no report  
2008 Southern Cal. AA Convention

## Convention Reports

2008 SCAAC Sept.20-22 San Diego

2009 AFG April 2-4 Ontario

2008 SCAC July 4-6 Redlands



Save the date – the weekend of September 19-21! The 2008 Southern California A.A. Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation will return to San Diego at the Town and Country Hotel & Convention Center. This is the oldest convention in Southern California, celebrating its 57<sup>th</sup> year with the theme "Celebrate the Journey."

There will be marathons celebrating our journey in recovery and wonderful speakers. The luncheon speaker is Susan B. from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Michele W. from Van Nuys is the opening speaker and Kay B. from West Covina will be our closing speaker. The family meeting will focus on marriage in recovery featuring couples in longtime recovery and those newer to the journey. You can immerse yourself in your own journey of recovery, seeing old friends and making new ones. The Town and Country Hotel has a wonderful relaxed feel to it that invites us to slow down and enjoy the weekend.

I want to personally invite you to "get in the car" and come join us for some fellowship and fun in the

sun. I encourage you to be the one to invite a carload from your home group to join you for the weekend. You can register on line at [www.aasocal.com](http://www.aasocal.com). If you need registration brochures for any meetings you attend, call me! We'll get them to you. I look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful granddaddy-of-them-all convention. Come on down to San Diego!

In love and service,  
Laura McC.  
SCAAC Al-Anon Chair

### Al-Anon Family Groups Convention

The 2009 AFG Convention committee is forming now and we will start our planning meetings on August 17<sup>th</sup>, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month until April 2009. The convention will be held on April 3, 4, and 5, 2009 at the Double Tree Hotel in Ontario. We are excited about our new location. Among the great changes that come with this new location are, FREE PARKING all weekend, rooms that will sleep up to 4 people for around \$105.00, and a great directly off the 210 freeway location. Registration will remain the same, \$25.00 for the entire weekend.

I am still taking volunteers to be on various committees so contact me. I would love to have you join us and come help us come up with a theme and logo at the first meeting.

Love in Service,  
Robin B.

### Southern California Alateen Convention-

Some Important upcoming dates for SCAC are:

**SCAC Picnic on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Balboa Park in San Diego from 1-4**

**SCAC Bash (campout) May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at Emma Wood State Beach**

**SCAC Last Chance picnic (LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER) June 16<sup>th</sup> Wardlow Park in Long Beach 2:00-5:00**

**SCAC Beach Party in Huntington Beach on June 20<sup>th</sup> For more information and fliers go to [scac.ws](http://scac.ws) or e-mail me.**

Thanks for your support!  
Ben A.

**Get your Al-Anon function on the web site**

**<http://scws-al-anon.org> by e-mailing in the information to [listmyevent@scws-al-anon.org](mailto:listmyevent@scws-al-anon.org)**

# Intergroup Reports



Inland Empire Beth G.  
Los Angeles Kelly F.  
Orange Alexandra R.  
San Diego Jeannine B.  
Spanish Intergroup Patrick B.  
Ventura Cyndy P.

**Los Angeles County Liaison**, –see page 11  
**Spanish Intergroup** - no report  
**Inland Empire** - No report

## San Diego Liaison, Jeannine B.

One of the goals of the 2008 San Diego Intergroup Service Board is to increase the number of Al-Anon groups that have an intergroup representative. Our project is to have every group that does not have an IGR visited by a board member. We have 19 GR's and service board members who have signed up for this opportunity.

On May 10 we had a celebration of Al-Anon and Alateen's birthday that featured a crock pot cook off, raffle and speakers from both Al-Anon and Alateen.

This summer we are planning a carnival in Balboa Park. This will be a change from our usual summer picnic.

Our San Diego group has been very active in institutions and public information. We have a panel that goes to Rachel's House on Thursday afternoons. Rachel's House is a facility for homeless women. We conduct a meeting at Rancho La Brie in Dulzura the first Friday of every month. On May 14 we had a table at a wellness fair for the employees of United Behavioral Health in Mission Valley. We will be participating in "Healing our Communities Health Fair in Barrio Logan focusing on Women's Health.

This summer we are giving a presentation at Barona summer youth program. We are participating at Mission Bay High School health fair and San Ysidro High School Health fair.

We hope to have an information table at the Del Mar Fair. We give information at Turning Point and Salvation Army.

We need more volunteers to answer phones at the office. Our treasury is up and down and always seems to even out. We have two new Alateen sponsors for a new Friday night Alateen meeting in Chula Vista-one week there were 17 kids there. We have an Alateen meeting at New Alternatives which is a locked unit for teens.

Our intergroup board is saddened that Bernadette P. passed away 5/23/08 Bernadette was a SCWS

Liaison for San Diego County Intergroup. She will be greatly missed.

Cards can be sent to:

I am so proud to be on this great service board.!!  
Love in Service,  
Jeannine Bell

Hi Everyone,

It's me Cyndy your Ventura County Intergroup Chair and a very grateful member of Al-Anon. We've been really busy (and we've gotten so much better).....

On April 12th we had our lasagna dinner to support our Serenity by the Sea Round up and raised \$600.00. It was a big success and we all had a great time. Serenity by the Sea Round up was April 25-27th. It was a great experience and you could see, and feel the teamwork with the AA committee members. Sandy Ethridge our alternate delegate was our spiritual speaker and it was an honor having her there.

Round Robins have been very successful, we have had two this year with two more coming up in June and July. Irv H. is our coordinator and is doing a great job!

Institutions.... we've been branching out all over the county...going to schools and adding a new panel at the local Rescue Mission.

Alateens.....participated in a beach campout fundraiser for SCAC. Our Julie H. was there with our Alateens and they had a blast.

VCAAC is coming up Sept. 5-7th and will be held at the Westlake Hyatt in Westlake. Our very own Mike M. is Chair for the Al-Anon/Alateen part of the convention and he is doing an awesome job!

We invite you to all our events and if you'd like any further info. please go to our website [www.alanonventura.org](http://www.alanonventura.org).

We look forward to seeing you in Ventura County.  
Love In Service,  
Cyndy P.

## Inland Empire Liaison, Beth G.

The Inland Empire Service Board is made up of dynamic Al-Anon members, and we are continuing to make plans for our area.

One of the biggest changes for us is coming in June, which is that our Service Center is moving. It will still be located in the same building, but it will be in front and has bigger windows. One reason why this is an important detail is because our location next to an alley was scary when the time changed, so we are hoping that we can attract more volunteers because they will feel safer, even when it is dark. Friday is our hardest day to find volunteers, and we will be looking into changing our hours of operation on that day. Our goal is to have it open as often as possible, but also keep our volunteers needs in mind.

Our Alateen rep, Loreina, gave us updates on the SCAC convention. In June there are events for teens where they can register for SCAC. Alateen is also

Marilyn, our Archives and By-Laws rep, is continuing to work on the by-laws. Some of the positions need updated descriptions, or need to be added, and other sections need to be re-written so they will be easier to understand.

The Hospital and Institutions rep, Rachel, attended the H&I convention in April that was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange. She made contacts with police officers who may request panels in the future. She also had information on other locations that have requested Al-Anon panels.

Our Hispanic Liaison, Marlene, has been very busy with her goal of attending Hispanic groups in our area. She has gone to some that are listed but no longer there, and has gone to some meetings that are there but not in the directory. Some Spanish speaking members are interested in volunteering at the Service Center.

Casino Night is on June 21st at the Chino Senior Citizen Center. Our Ways and Means rep, Anne-marie, is asking for help with all aspects of putting on this event. There will be speakers and entertainment. This is a fundraiser for the Service Center in Colton, and everyone is invited.

Our Treasurer, Joy, attended a seminar on non-profit organizations and charitable events. We are also purchasing an accounting program for her to use when she prepares the monthly spread sheets. Thank you to everyone else on the Board who was not mentioned here. Thank you Lisa for being a level-headed chairperson. We also added a new member to the Service Board: Thank you Marcia for becoming our Public Information Liaison.

Also, Thank you Jay for putting the Serenity Sheet together for us every month. If you don't currently subscribe, please contact the Service Center in Colton.

Love, Beth—Inland Empire World Service Liaison

Hello to all Al-Anon families in Southern California! From the beautiful County of Orange we have lots of news to report:

- The Orange County Fair is coming up from July 11 through August 3rd. This is one of the most important events in the PI area for us since we get so much exposure to people who need help. The event takes place in the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa and we are still recruiting volunteers to man the booth.

- Our Information Office will be holding its Annual Fundraiser that will be held in September 6 at the Crystal Cathedral. We'll have food, fellowship and great speakers

- After a strong campaign, we've successfully managed to increase the Round Robin meeting participation which has helped our Information Office tremendously.

Our Alateens are as busy raising money to sponsor SCAC (Southern California Alateen Conference) coming up in July. There will be a Last Chance Picnic Fundraiser in June 14.

The new Service board for Orange County takes over this coming month so this will be my last report.

Being a liaison in this area has taught me so much about the importance World Service and all

the hard work that goes into keeping our invaluable fellowship going. Thanks to all of you that keep the ball rolling so that the rest of us can reap the benefits of recovery!

Alex R

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Orange County Liaison

## ***Bits and Pieces***

***≈ The old Glateen certification forms are no longer valid. Please be sure you have the new updated packet available on our web site.***

***≈ You will find it helpful if you bring along to our next meeting two Bulletins. This one and the last one.***

***≈ Did you know that Our Area is the largest in the US and Canada with 1300 meetings!***

***≈ Discovering Choices, a new book will be available in July. Be the first in your home meeting to have one! It will be debuted at the International Convention in Pittsburgh.***

***≈ A new Guideline on Reserve funds is now available online.***

***≈ Also online are 6 new Public Service podcasts.***



# Group Contributions

On the following pages are the Group Contributions for the year of 2007. Please check with your meeting Treasurer and make sure that the contributions match their amounts and that they are sending them to the right address and with the appropriate identification number. It is the same number used for WSO contributions.

	Jan 1 - Mar 30, 08		
0000387 - Yorba Linda Mon 10AM Step Study	60.00	0005393 - How Al-Anon Works Santa Barbara	25.35
0000652 - Alhambra Fri 1030AM	30.00	0006317	15.00
0000683 - Monday Night AFG	15.00	0006332 - Long Beach	25.00
0000697 - Al-Anon Stockdale West	20.00	0006653 - S. Pasadena Th 745PM	58.79
0000703 - Comenzando a Vivar	10.00	0023996 - La Canada Mon 730PM	110.00
0000733 - Buena Park Fri 8PM	28.00	0026495 - Ontario Sat AM	10.00
0000740 - Burbank Tues 730PM	33.75	0026588 - Bakersfield Tuesday 7PM	20.00
0000769 - Artesia Monday 730PM	37.50	0028401 - Santa Clarita Wed	10.72
0000812 - Garden Grove Th 8PM Crystal Cat	132.00	0028501 - Santa Clarita Sat	10.72
0000813 - Costa Mesa Thurs Noon	17.00	0028601 - Santa Clarita Sun	10.72
0000821 - Mon 8PM Beginners Covina	11.00	0028701 - Santa Clarita Mon	10.72
0000823 - Covina Friday 730PM	25.00	0029235 - Los Angeles Mon 730PM	29.80
0000825 - Covina Upfront Wed 12PM	20.00	0029953 - Whittier Wed Nite	150.00
0000854	50.00	0030085 - Covina Sun Morning	20.00
0000880 - Encinitas Th 730PM	15.00	0032292 - Manhattan Beach Tues Noon	37.50
0000979 - Glendora Monday Night	10.00	0032537 - Los Angeles Sat 10AM Yucca	25.00
0000984 - Northridge Mon 8PM	5.50	0032706 - TGIF Spring Valley	23.25
0001028 - Thurs 1PM Getaway	10.00	0032748 - Cayucos Mon 10AM	60.00
0001029 - Huntington Beach Mon Evening	6.28	0033829 - Santa Monica Wed 730A	40.00
0001052 - La Canada Tues AM	240.00	0035773 - Westlake Vlg Sun 730PM	45.00
0001053 - La Canada Thursday 1230PM	36.00	0036683 - Valencia Mon 730PM	10.52
0001054 - La Canada Wed 730PM	40.00	0037302 - North Hills Mon 7PM	21.20
0001058 - Laguna Beach Mon Noon	90.00	0037360	45.00
0001078 - San Diego Monday 1PM Lemon Grov	21.50	0037597 - Sat Am Saugus Serenity AFG	13.23
0001155 - La Puente Fri 7PM	19.00	0038025	30.00
0001162 - Los Feliz Mon 8PM Step	23.50	0038825	60.00
0001176 - Los Angeles	101.00	0038944 - Canoga Park Th 630PM	100.00
0001265 - Sherman Oaks AFG Sunday Night	34.92	0039655 - La Canada Mon 530PM	12.36
0001304 - Orange Fri AM	32.42	0039918	43.95
0001357 - Pasadena Sunday Noght	105.86	0040348 - Lawndale	42.29
0001367 - Pico Rivera Monday Night 7PM	20.00	0040529 - Covina Wednesday Night Step Stu	10.00
0001372 - Placentia Monday Night	62.00	0040624 - Serenity at the Lake	59.48
0001388 - Pomona Monday Morning Serenity	20.00	0041249 - Ventura Noon AFG	6.30
0001408 - Palos Verdes Estates	125.00	0041538 - Santa Paula Sat 930AM	7.50
0001420 - Sat 10AM Hermosa Beach	25.00	0041540 - Santa Barbara Fri AM	25.00
0001461 - Riverside Wed PM	24.05	0041921 0 Fullerton Mon Night	60.00
0001529 - Clairemont San Diego Daytime	29.00	0042684 - New View Tues 10AM	25.00
0001543 - North Clairemont Tues 7PM	25.00	0042761	28.55
0001578 - San Juan Capistrano Th AM	150.00	0042842 - Glendale Sunday 10AM	162.84
0001587 - San Marino San Gabriel AFG	10.00	0042899 - Hermosa Beach Sunday Literature	50.00
0001588 - San Gabriel Tues 730P	27.97	0043526 - Camarillo Mon 10AM	12.00
0001665 - Santa Monica Fri 8PM Chelsea	250.00	0043977 - Shell Beach Womens Serenity	53.10
0001702 - D3 Easy Does It Fri 10AM	100.00	0044078 - Lemon Grove Wednesday	40.00
0001739 - Tarzana Open Discussion Thurs.	23.89	0044101 - Corona Del Mar Tues 7PM	56.00
0001741 - Temple City Tuesday 10AM	10.70	0044153 - Laguna Beach Tues Mens Stag	93.00
0001754 - Torrance Thurs 730PM	5.00	0044212 - Whittier Sat 9AM	130.00
0001756 - Torrance Thurs AM	66.11	0044242 - Tues Night 730PM Manhattan Beac	45.00
0001773 - Santa Ana Wed 715PM	7.32	0044283 - Pt Loma Sun Nite	50.00
0001780 - Alta Loma Th AM	10.00	0044442 - Chino Monday 730PM	20.00
0001781 - Claremont Wed Night AFG	20.00	0045065 - Crystal Cathedral Friday Night	37.83
0001799 - Ventura Wed 730PM	45.00	0045691 - Just for Today AFG	27.80
0001824 - West Covina Tues 730P	56.00	0045872 - Baldwin Park Mon Wed 12PM EI Nu	10.00
0001844 - Yorba Linda Wed Eve	150.00	0046160 - San Diego Friday 1215PM	25.00
		0046168 - La Canada Mon 1230PM	120.00
		0046199 - Fountain Valley Sun 7PM	5.00
		0046773 - Palmdale Walk Like You Talk	14.97
		0046821 - Thurs Night 8PM Westchester Ste	54.09
		0047087 - San Diego Lost & Found	41.55
		0047437 - Irvine	20.00
		0047661 - San Carlos Wed AM	42.30
		0047714 - Upland	14.91
		0047954 - Torrance AFG en Espanol	25.00
		0048039 - La Canada Thursday Evening	150.00
		0048294 - UC Thursday Lunch Bunch San Die	68.00
		0048882 - Studio City Mon Noon	60.00
		0048985 - La Canada Wed 530PM	52.36
		0048986 - Tujunga	116.17





# 2008 1st Quarter Profit and Loss Report

Jan - Mar 08

## Income

7th Tradition	49.50
Convention Contributions	100.00
Forum Subs	33.76
Group Contributions	10,453.19
Interest Income	94.51
SOS Income	817.00
Uncategorized Income	165.08
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,713.04</b>

## Expense

<b>Coordinators' Expenses</b>	
Alateen Sponsor\Alateen	550.03
Archives	1,313.56
Hospitality	126.62
Literature	56.79
PI	60.49
Records Secretary	158.79
Coordinators' Expenses - Other	55.36
<b>Total Coordinators' Expenses</b>	<b>2,321.64</b>

Forum Subscriptions	33.00
<b>Meeting Travel\Hotel</b>	
Delegate WSC	500.00
Other Area Meetings	682.52
SWRDM	581.48
SWRSS	309.48
<b>Total Meeting Travel\Hotel</b>	<b>2,073.48</b>

<b>Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements</b>	
DR's\GR's\Liaisons	338.40
Officers\Coordinators	1,138.07
Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements - Other	213.00
<b>Total Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements</b>	<b>1,689.47</b>

<b>Officers' Expenses</b>	
Delegate	79.07
Past Delegate	12.25
Treasurer	81.62
<b>Total Officers' Expenses</b>	<b>172.94</b>

<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Corporate Expense	42.25
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>42.25</b>

<b>Special Meetings</b>	
SOS Expenses	783.88
Special Meetings - Other	25.00
<b>Total Special Meetings</b>	<b>808.88</b>

<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,141.66</b>
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<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,571.38</b>
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## PRAASA

In March, I was privileged to be able to attend the pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly in Anchorage, Alaska. Yes, it is cold in March, but not as cold as I thought it would be.

The Al-Anon program focused on the traditions and cooperation with AA. We talked about practicing the programs with our families as well as the other families of alcoholics. And reaching out to everyone in our meetings.

A man shared that he had relocated to a remote village with his family. Alcoholism was about 100% in the village. He went to the Area Assembly and brought back some literature. When he returned to the Assembly, the following year, he shared that he was reading Alateen literature with his kids. They liked it so much, that they shared with their friends. Soon their friends were coming over to hear about Alateen. Now that's carrying the message!

We also talked about how Bill asked Lois for help and, later, how they traveled together all over the country to "carry the message" to alcoholics and their families. There was a discussion about how we can communicate with AA more effectively. Some comments were -

It is a two way street

Treat each other with respect, honesty and tolerance

Practice personal recovery

It is helpful to have AA, Al-anon and Alateen meetings at the same location

And - "we are all just hurt human beings,

Fear is the problem with our communication."

Al-Anon attendance was SCA 3 members, NV 1 member, NCA 1 member, and AK 10 members. AA attendance was down as well, largely due to the location and expenses for travel.

The banquet speaker was Greg, who is retiring from the AA General Service office this year. He talked about how important it is for the alcoholic, doing Twelfth Step work, not to neglect the family, even if the "prospect" doesn't want help; they have a responsibility to us. He also emphasized that their GSO (like our WSO) acts at the will of the Board of Trustees.

It was a long trip and I was happy to get home, but very grateful to have had the experience. Next year's PRAASA will be in Oakland, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne P.

AWSC Treasurer



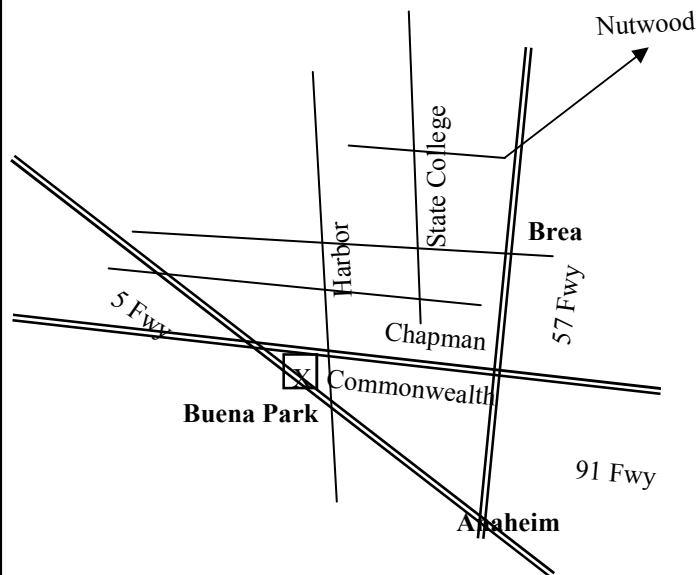
# DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE FULLERTON MEETINGS

**Our next Committee meeting is on  
Feb. 16, 2008**

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.



## ACTION COMMITTEE - ASSIGNMENTS

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

<p><b>Group Services</b> <b>Facilitator: Willie W.</b></p> <p><u>District Representative**</u> From Districts 3, 9, 12, 24, 33 40, 48, 57, 64, 72</p> <p><u>Group Representatives**</u> see below</p> <p><u>Intergroup Liaisons</u> Orange County</p> <p><u>Board members</u> Group Records Secretary Minutes Secretary Treasurer Alateen Coordinator Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Archives Hospitality</p>	<p><b>Membership Communications</b> <b>Facilitator: Cindy R.</b></p> <p><u>District Representative**</u> From Districts 6, 10, 17, 27, 36 42, 51, 60, 66, 75</p> <p><u>Group Representatives**</u> see below</p> <p><u>Intergroup Liaisons</u> Inland Empire Ventura County</p> <p><u>Board members</u> Alternate Delegate (Forum &amp; SOS) Bulletin Coordinator Literature Coordinator Website Coordinator</p>	<p><b>Public Outreach</b> <b>Facilitator: Robin J.</b></p> <p><u>District Representative**</u> From Districts 8, 11, 21, 30, 39 45, 54, 63, 69, 78</p> <p><u>Group Representatives**</u> see below</p> <p><u>Intergroup Liaisons</u> Los Angeles County San Diego County Spanish Intergroup of L.A. County</p> <p><u>Board members</u> CPC Coordinator Institutions Coordinator Public Information Coordinator</p>
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## CHAIRMAN'S DUTIES

The position of Chairman is an elected office for a three (3) year term; the Chairman is one of the Officers on the SCWS Board as well as a Director of the Corporation. It is a job that requires patience, good organizational skills, ability to listen objectively, ability to keep meetings running smoothly (and on time), and the willingness and availability to put in many hours of work (it is in the giving that we receive).



The main duties of the SCWS

Chairman are on page 145 of the 2006-2009 **Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual as well as in the By-laws of Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc.** as follows:

- Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 6
- Article V, Section 3, Section 4-C
- Article VIII, Section 2 (the Chairperson conducts the Elections - or may delegate that responsibility to someone else)
- Article IX, Section A-1
- Article XI, Section 2

Familiarize yourself with the Bylaws and have in-depth knowledge of the Al-Anon 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service.

In addition, the Chairman's duties include the following:

•**SCHEDULE** all SCWS Area Board, Assembly and Committee Meetings

•**AREA COMMITTEE & ASSEMBLY MEETINGS**

1. Reserve the meeting facility for all meetings, one year in advance.
2. Work with the Area Treasurer to arrange rental payments.
3. Chair all the Area Board, Committee and Assembly Meetings.
4. Prepare and give a report at each meeting and give to the Minutes Secretary and an electronic version to the Bulletin Coordinator.

•**AGENDA**

1. In conjunction with the Minutes Secretary, prepare an agenda for all the meetings.
2. Communicate with the Minutes Secretary which of you two will make ample copies of the Agenda (and any other items) to bring to the meetings.

•**EXPENSES** - Keep track of Area service-related expenses and submit them, with receipts, to the Area Treasurer for reimbursement. The Chair attends: SWRDM and PRAASA annually, and the SWRSS once during the 3-year term.

•**MINUTES & BULLETIN**

1. Proofread both, and make edits, corrections, etc., as necessary.

•**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. If an officer other than Delegate resigns before the term is up, the Chair appoints a current or past DR to fill the office until an election takes place at the next Assembly.
2. If a coordinator resigns or is unable to fulfill the position during the term of office, the Chair appoints

another person to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

**AT ALL TIMES:** As an Officers of the Board it is vital to remain impartial and not give personal opinions during a Committee and/or Assembly meeting – state facts only. When invited to share at District or Inter-group meetings, the challenge is to decline stepping into a "police" role instead, share experience based on the application of Al-Anon principles, utilizing the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.

And, at all times, remember..... "GOD'S IN CHARGE"

## DELEGATE'S DUTIES

•Duties

◦Read the Service Manual to find specific duties and requirements of Delegates (new text is coming in next printing after 2004)

◦The main duty of the SCWS Delegate is to carry information to and from WSO/WSO.

•Register with Al-Anon World Service Office (WSO)

◦Register yourself (usually done for you by outgoing Delegate).

◦Register SCWS Officers and Coordinators (Delegate's duty, but coordinate this with Records Secretary).

◦Update the WSO whenever addresses or people change.

•Submit nominees

◦Submit official Resumes for Regional Trustee Nominee and Alternate and Trustee-at-Large from SCWS, by Dec 31 (next should be 2008)

•Information from WSO

◦Receive, read and review emails and information from WSO and pass on pertinent information to the DRs, who in turn pass it on to the GRs in order to have a well informed Assembly members.

•**Attend World Service Conference (WSC)**

◦Usually 4 or 5 days, held for two years at WSO in Virginia Beach, VA, and one year near Stepping Stones in New York, late April. Delegate's "Equalized Expense" is paid by SCWS Area.

◦Submit, annually, (about Feb) question/topics from SCWS for "Chosen Agenda Items" to be determined for discussion at WSC

◦Share WSC information (that you receive from WSO) with Alternate Delegate, as needed, in case Alternate needs to attend WSC

◦Participate as requested by your assigned WSO Committee

•Attend **SCWS** Area Board, Committee & Assembly Meetings

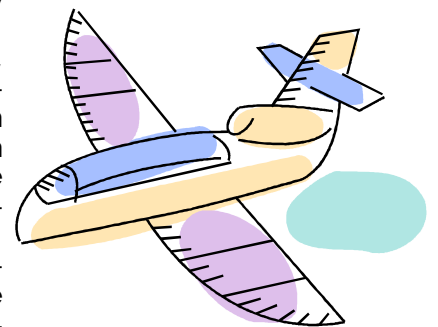
Verify all SCWS meeting attendance and other reimbursement details with Treasurer

◦Board meetings (SCWS Officers & Coordinators)

□Attend Board meetings

□Review Board email correspondence

◦Committee meetings (3rd Saturday in Feb and Aug)



°SWRSS. Triennial. South West Regional Service Seminar (SWRSS) (next one probably in 2009)

°International AA or Al-Anon Conventions (as determined by SCWS) (next Al-Anon in 2008, next AA in 2010, usually over 4th of July weekend)

°SWRDM. Annual. Southwest Regional Delegates' Meeting (SWRDM) usually second full weekend in March

°PRAASA. Annual. Pacific AA Regional Service Assembly (PRAASA) (as determined by SCWS) usually first full weekend in March

°Longtimers' meeting. Triennial SCWS meeting. Longtimers are members with 25 or more years

•Other suggestions:

°Pray, sleep, keep up with your regular Al-Anon meetings, pray, meditate, pray . . .

°Consider getting a Delegate Sponsor who can listen and understand your new service issues

°Make new friends, enjoy the experience, grow, grow, grow . . .

°You may register with Delegates on Line (DOL) (optional, & usually done for you by the outgoing Delegate)

## **IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE'S DUTIES**

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Must have served as most recent Southern California World Service Delegate.

The Immediate Past Delegate continues by serving as a Board member on the SCWS Area Assembly for the next 3 years. The job is to support the Assembly, the Delegate, the elected Officers, the Board, and the Area Committee. You bring experience and information from the previous panel as helpful insight and continuity for these bodies.

### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1.The Immediate Past Delegate attends Area functions: two Area Assemblies (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in May and November), two Area Committee Meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in February and August), the Board Meetings (usually January and July, or as called)

2.The Immediate Past Delegate meets with the newly elected Delegate prior to Conference (WSC) to turn over papers and file cabinet to the new Delegate and aid the transition. Also, to explain confidential Conference procedures and policy items that are currently in progress

3.Serves as needed in an ad hoc capacity as appointed by Chairman (including chair of Bylaws Ad Hoc committee that suggests any revisions needed at the end of the next 3-year term, and recently as chair of Action Committee Ad Hoc committee during the trial period)

4.Attends regional events as representative of SCWS Assembly (per previous Assembly votes, currently):

• SWRDM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting), usually 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March

• Attend a service event as determined (by the Board) i.e., another Area's Assembly or Committee meeting or PRAASA (Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly with Al-Anon and Alateen participation, usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend in March), or as determined by Assembly or Board

• RSS (Regional Service Seminar) in our region (once

in 3 years)

## **ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S DUTIES**

The position of Alternate Delegate is an elected office for a three (3)-year term; the Alternate Delegate is an Officer on the SCWS Board.

The main duties of the SCWS Alternate Delegate are outlined on page 139 of the 2002-2004 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. Additional information can be found in the Bylaws of Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc., under

Article V, Section 4-B

Article IX, Section A-1

Article XI, Section 2

It is important to be familiar with the Bylaws in its entirety, as well as the entire Service Manual, especially the 12 Concepts of Service.

The Alternate Delegate's duties also include the following:

**Work** closely with the World Service Delegate to participate in Area World Service activities and to replace the Delegate if the latter cannot fulfill his/her three-year term. (2002-2004 AFG Service Manual, p. 109)

**Board Meetings** – Prepare and give a report to the Officers and Coordinators

**Area Committee Meetings** –

Conduct the District Representative orientation prior to the regular committee meeting. (*See Alternate Delegate's binder for more specific information*)

Prepare and give a report to the Committee.

Pass the Forum Can, handle the drawing of names and send the subscription information (along with payment) the WSO.

Circulate the Ask It Basket and get help from individuals to respond at the microphone and in writing to the questions. Submit the written questions and answers to the Bulletin coordinator for printing.

**Assembly Meetings** –

Prepare and give a report to the Officers and Coordinators

Pass the Forum Can, handle the drawing of names and send the subscription information (along with payment) the WSO.

Circulate the Ask It Basket and ask individuals to respond at the microphone and in writing. Submit the written questions and answers to the Bulletin coordinator for printing

**Annual Sharing of Service workshop** - Chair the SOS, usually held the third Saturday of January. Appoint whatever committee members are necessary and oversee planning for the event. This includes arranging for a guest speaker, if desired. (*See Alternate Delegate's binder for more detailed information*)

**Communication** – Stay in contact between meetings by telephone, email or in person with board and committee members, especially. Supporting and encouraging service in our area is part of the Alternate Delegate's responsibility as well. **Expenses** - Keep track of Area expenses and submit them, with receipts, to the Area Treasurer for reimburse-

## **MINUTES SECRETARY'S DUTIES**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Takes minutes at the SCWS May and November Assemblies, February and August Committee Meetings, and all Service Board Meetings. Submit the minutes to the Chairperson as soon as completed. Minutes become the legal documents for SCWS.
2. In conjunction with the Chairperson, prepare agenda for Assembly and Committee meetings.
3. Prepare copies of various materials needed for meetings; always check with the Chairperson for any items (s)he needs for the meetings.
4. Collect reports at Assemblies, Committee and Board Meetings for inclusion with the minutes for the Archives. Make copies of all reports turned in and mail them to the Bulletin Editor along with the minutes.
5. Prepare an envelope containing minutes, reports, and other pertinent material, label, and pass on to the Archives Chairperson prior to leaving office.
6. Support the chairperson in any matters requested.
7. Form and express personal opinions on matters brought before the Board.

### **Suggested Experience:**

Ability to sit for hours; ability to extract information.

### **Special Skills:**

Ability to pay attention, focus.

### **Special Equipment:**

Computer capable of preparing Word documents, opening e-mails in most shared formats, and having the capability to make discs and CDs.

## **ARCHIVE Coordinator's DUTIES**

Attend SCWS Board Meetings (min 2 per year). Attend SCWS Assemblies (min 2 per year).

Attend Committee Meetings (min 2 per year).

Attend annual SOS workshop.

Prepare reports for Assembly, Committee and Board meetings.

Secure (rent) storage unit for archives for three-year term.

Coordinate and schedule traveling archive display.

Chair Longtimer's Meeting (one per three-year term).

Collect and file SCWS archive material.

Special skills: Computer literacy. E-mail communication saves time and expense.

## **CPC (Cooperating with the Professional Community) Coordinator's DUTIES**

The Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Coordinator informs the professional community about Al-Anon/Alateen as a resource for friends and families of alcoholics in their time of need.

Key responsibilities:

1. Serve as an Al-Anon/Alateen link to the professional community.

2. Distribute information received from the World Service Office to the districts.

3. Exchange ideas and information with other Al-Anon members and service arms.

4. Speak at District Meetings, Intergroup Meetings, and various other functions.

5. Write and present reports for Southern California World Service Committee and Assembly Meetings.

6. Attend SCWS Board, Committee and Assembly Meetings.

7. Educate Group Representatives about Public Outreach work and implement Public Outreach projects through the CPC Action Committee at SCWS Assemblies.

## **BULLETIN Coordinator's DUTIES**

Prepare and distribute a quarterly newsletter (The Bulletin) to Area Committee members (Officers of the Board and Area Coordinators and Action Committee Chairs), registered groups (via the registered GR), and subscribing members.

One Bulletin is prepared for each of the 2 Area Committee meetings and 2 Area Assembly meetings per year. A free copy is sent by nonprofit bulk mail to the people mentioned above. This amounts to approximately 1000 copies per mailing.

Each Bulletin is a collection of reports submitted at one meeting, and contains the Agenda for the upcoming meeting. Thus, the February Bulletin contains the reports submitted at the February Committee meeting and the Agenda for the May Assembly meeting. The May Bulletin contains the reports submitted at the May Assembly meeting and the Agenda for the August Committee meeting. ...etc.

Each Bulletin contains Officers' reports, Treasurer's reports, Coordinators' reports, DR reports, Agenda, Terms, SCWS Area-supported convention reports, and Directory (addresses and phone numbers of officers, coordinators, action committee chairs, intergroup liaisons, convention chairpersons, district representatives, Southwest Regional Trustee, past delegates, and information service centers).

Collect reports. Receiving reports electronically (by e-mail or on a disk) will avoid errors generated while re-typing. Format reports in a word processing program. Assemble Bulletin in publishing program (Currently using Microsoft Publisher).

Send PDF version to Area Chairperson for proofreading to find edits/corrections. Send file to Printer either in PDF or PMD format, as requested by Printer. Obtain mailing labels from Records Secretary. Printer delivers copies to Mailing Service for bulk mailing. Pick up left over Bulletins and take to next meeting to distribute to new GR's and DR's. Time required per newsletter will change as you get more proficient.

4-6 four-hour days for typing reports

WSO publishes guidelines for newsletter editors.

Bulk mailing now done by Mailing Service

Bulletin Coordinator still obtains (renews) bulk mail permit for SCWS, and bulk mail postal account.

# The Audit Report of Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc.

<b>To:</b> The Delegate The Alternate Delegate The Past Delegate The Chairperson	<b>The Treasurer</b> Tax Return Preparer The Minutes Secretary The Bulletin Coordinator
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**Dated: June 7, 2008**

**Subject: Annual Audit, Calendar year 2007**

We have reviewed the books and records of the Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc. for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005. Our review was limited to the Balance Sheet accounts, which included a bank reconciliation of the Cash and Cash Equivalent Accounts. We believe the Balance Sheet accounts are fairly stated as of December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005.

Due to the nature of the collections of the revenues, we were unable to perform testing of those Revenues as recorded in the books of account. We did limited testing of the disbursements (expenses) made through the checking account. Consequently, we cannot offer an opinion on the Statement of Revenues and Expenses, nor the Financial Statements as a whole.

We prepared a Statement of Cash Flow for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005. Due to the limited scope of our review, we cannot express an opinion in regard to the Comparative Statement of Cash Flow.

There were no irregularities discovered throughout our review. Our current recommendations are presented in a separate letter to the Treasurer and other Officers.

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Bill McN.

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Ronald L. S.

## Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc. Comparative Balance Sheet December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005 **ASSETS**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash in Checking Account	2,936.11	8,988.23	2,827.41
Business Savings Account - #04859-00463	-	-	-
Certificate of Deposit #1 - #04854-00560	13,291.39	12,959.94	12,599.21
Certificate of Deposit #2 - #04858-00624	5,481.93	5,314.61	5,213.30
Certificate of Deposit #3 - #00646-02464	-	-	5,190.82
Certificate of Deposit #4 - #00649-01222	5,532.08	5,308.56	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents:	<u>27,241.51</u>	<u>32,571.34</u>	<u>25,830.74</u>
<b>Total Current Assets and Total Assets</b>	<b><u>27,241.51</u></b>	<b><u>32,571.34</u></b>	<b><u>25,830.74</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
Equity:			
Net Equity at January 1	32,571.34	25,830.74	32,955.83
Add Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expenses	<u>170.17</u>	<u>6,740.60</u>	<u>(7,125.09)</u>
Sub-Total	32,741.51	32,571.34	25,830.74
Less:			
Contribution to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Equity at December 31	<u>27,241.51</u>	<u>32,571.34</u>	<u>25,830.74</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b><u>27,241.51</u></b>	<b><u>32,571.34</u></b>	<b><u>25,830.74</u></b>

Prepared from Books and Records without Audit

# Audit Letter of Recommendations

**Dated:** June 7, 2008  
**Subject:** Statement Presentation, Accounting Procedures,  
And Audit Procedures

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# District Representatives' Reports



**No reports from District's 10,11,12,17,21,24,27,30,  
36,40, 51,60,63,64,69,78**

## District 3

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

We have some great events happening on the central coast for those of you willing to drive to any lengths for al-anon!! The Lopez lake women's campout will be June 27, 28, 29, 2008. The 22nd district aa convention with alanon participation in San Luis Obispo will be held August 22-24, 2008. For the Registration flyer go to [www.sloaa.org](http://www.sloaa.org). The 52nd district aa convention with Alanon participation in Santa Maria will be held September 12-14 2008 For the Registration flyer go to [www.centralcoastroundup.org](http://www.centralcoastroundup.org). Hope you can join us! Julie

## 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 are getting ready to participate in AA's Golden Empire's 35th Annual Round Up with Al-Anon participation over Memorial weekend. It should be a great weekend of recovery for all who attend.

We are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of Al-Anon in Bakersfield on June 21 2008. We are having a Pot Luck along with a Speaker from SoCal Kay B from West Covina. We will be having a long time member talking about the history of Al-Anon in Bakersfield.

As the Rep for District 6 I am trying to figure out a way to get more people involved in service and have them understand the importance of service to the survival of our Al-Anon groups as a whole.

Love in service

Anita J.

DR District 6

## District 8

### Santa Barbara area

I have just a few things I'd like to share from District 8.

We've just completed a business card size meeting guide. It's going to be distributed through our AA central office and Al Anon meetings.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS  
hope for families & friends of alcoholics

Al-Anon Family Groups District 8 (805) 899-8302  
SB Alanon [www.alanonsantabarbara.info/](http://www.alanonsantabarbara.info/)

Sunday 11am 1102 East Montecito Street, SB\*\*

Monday 12pm 671 Cold Springs Road, Montecito\*\*

Monday 6pm 227 E. Arrellaga St., Santa Barbara\*\*

Monday 6pm 126 E. Haley Suite A-12 SB (chapel) g1 \*\*

Monday 7:15 pm E. Arrellaga St. SB (introduction meeting)

Tuesday 12pm 227 E. Arrellaga St. Santa Barbara (chapel)

Tuesday 6pm 21 East Constance (Men's Staphinfo)

Tuesday 8pm 909 N. La Cumbre Rd. Rm 301 Trinity Church\*\*

Wednesday 7am 227 E. Arrellaga, Santa Barbara (chapel)\*\*

Wednesday 6pm Garden Court at 1116 De la Vina 20's 30's Gen XY

Wednesday 8pm Presbyterian 6067 Shurrell Wy (off Fairview) Rm 6\*\*

Thursday 6pm First Christian Church 1915 Chapala Street upstairs

Friday 10am 5444 Hollister Ave SB Saint Raphael's Church Conference Rm (behind church)

Friday 12pm 227 E. Arrellaga St SB (in the Blue House)

Friday 6pm Presbyterian 6067 Shurrell Wy (off Fairview) Rm 6\*\*

Also through our Alateen coordinators / sponsors started a meeting on one of the local campuses. As more develops Cheryl will share how it works in their meeting and on the school grounds.

Second Saturday of every month at the Faulkner Gallery we have our speaker meeting starts at 7:00 pm. 40 E. Anapamu St. Santa Barbara

Our web coordinator is in the process of updating our web site with the links to the new WSO communication; PODCAST.

We're planning a public outreach day and we'll update the Area as more information is developed.

Mark H.

District 8

## District 9

**Consisting of the Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, Lake Hughes, Mojave and everything in between.**

Our second meeting of the 3-year term proved to be even more exciting than the first! We decided to follow suit with the SCWS idea of having a bit of "fun" at our meetings. Some of the business items included:

Doing a personal inventory to remind our GRs and alternates of the responsibilities of their positions.

Asked for volunteers to share their experience with service at conventions and other Al-Anon events and activities with Al-Anon participation.

Forwarded a report on the Area Committee Meeting of Feb. 16 to all the GRs/Alternates and asked for questions or comments.

Distributed the AFG Survey Regarding New Members and discussed how our District could implement getting as many responses as possible back to AFG in Virginia Beach.

Encouraged passing the SCAC can at *all our meetings* so that Alateens in our district can attend the upcoming convention in July.

We plan to continue our "fun activity" at future district meetings and asked for volunteers to come up with ideas for future meetings.

After the "business" of District 9 was taken care of, we

had a raffle among ourselves and everyone had great fun!

Willie M., District 9 DR

#### District 10

Greetings from the Hi Desert

#### District 11

**Death Valley/ Furnace Creek, Ridgecrest, Lone Pine, Bishop Independence**

#### District 12

#### District 17

**Covering the San Fernando Valley West (Woodland Hills-Van Nuys)**

**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 re-locate because of the fires.**

#### District 30

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

This month's report includes a very exciting project voted on by the Group Reps in District 30. After attending the Assembly and learning the many ways we can do outreach and spread the message that Al-Anon is an answer to families who have been affected by the disease of alcohol, we voted to purchase billboard space from ClearChannel. The idea was sparked from a member of the fellowship, Alice, who returned from visiting Florida and brought a bulletin showing a picture of a bus with the crying bookmark advertised on the back of the bus. It was very exciting. After doing the footwork, we learned that purchasing space on a billboard would give us the opportunity to spread the message. To date, we have worked with the World Service Office, Clearchannel, Public Affairs, Anne, and the graphic artist and hopefully, we will go live in July. In addition to this District project, we ordered "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" Crying House bookmarks, prescription pads for our professionals for distribution in our community and the new Sponsorship bookmark for members of our fellowship.

In the planning stage is a Alateen Sponsor Workshop for the new sponsors in our District and surrounding districts. We welcome Mary, GR, and her alternate, Sandy for the Pasadena Saturday night meeting. We never have to do anything alone. I encourage alternates for all positions. Lee A., Treasurer, and I are attending the International Convention and look forward to a fun, learning and exciting time. That's it for now....thank you to each one of you for allowing me to be of service, Maria L. G. District 30 Rep

#### District 33

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

Hello from District 33,

Another fabulous quarter has come to an end. This February's committee meeting reminded me why I come to Al-Anon. I sat next to 2 long time Al-Anon members still being of service, next to someone stepping up to cover for the D.R., across from and down the table from 2 new D.R.s. and across the room from a long timer who took up the D.R. roll with much enthusiasm after no one else would. This is only what I heard about my fellow D.R.'s. I know all of them are why I am accounted for and present. The link between S.C.W.S. would be diluted without the direct links of people willing to carry the message. So many good ideas were shared by the other Districts, it was not hard to find an idea or two or three to take back and share. It is all done in the spirit of "for fun and for free". Together we carry the message. I am grateful to be part of the link.

In our District, we are busy meeting and planning for our 25<sup>th</sup> annual, give or take a few. J Alathon. Our 2008 Chairperson is a little nervous, but she has selected and asked an energetic and enthusiastic group of people from a variety of District meetings who are reading to be of service. It will be a day filled with speakers, food, participation meetings, food, raffles, entertainment, food and fun. It seems most Districts host their own Alathon's these days and if they do not yet or even if they do...please visit the SCWS website to see where ours is and the date. We would love to see any of you wanting to share in a day of hope and fun. A half a day of experience, strength, hope and food goes a long way in personal recovery.

Other than this, we are doing the things that all Districts are working on. We are working in PI to share our message at schools, counseling offices and social community programs that need our message. Lisa V. I a long time panel leader and Rose who is our P.R. person both carry the torch for carrying the message in District 33. We all know it is a never ending road to find those who need and want what we offer. The disease of alcoholism and its effects on the family never ends. Never.

District 33 has started a new Alateen meeting in Monrovia and has 2 other Alateen meetings in West Covina and Azusa. An Alateen sponsor is a diamond. We are grateful to our long time sponsors and our new one for committing to this service. They actively work towards complying with the guidelines now in place with commitment and willingness.

Our newsletter continues on quarterly with our 42<sup>nd</sup> issue in April, and we will include your fun stuff if we find it on the SCWS website. Helping you carry your message too. Thank you for letting us be of service. Good times in Service, Kathy G-District 33 D.R./Lucy C. Alt. D.R.

### District 36

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

### 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.**

Since February 2008, we have been demonstrating to our groups what the role of a WS District is and what it does for them.

We're currently planning our *REGAINING JOY 2008* event for Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am to 2pm, at The River Church in Redlands.

Thanks to help from our Delegate, our district developed a solution for our 2 Spanish groups from Fontana (Aprendiendo A Vivir, and Nueva Vida) who experienced, from the Inland Empire Spanish Inter-group, weekly disruptions from individuals who prevented the commencement of their meetings.

On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, our "Have a Sponsor, Be a Sponsor" service workshop at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Riverside was a huge success. Veteran members shared with newcomers how sponsorship works and facilitates recovery through the steps and maintains of our program in our daily lives. Surveys requested more service workshops in the future.

This month our district's GRs are distributing 400 English copies and 100 Spanish copies of *AL-ANON FACES ALCOHOLISM 2008* in drug and alcohol treatment centers throughout our geographic area. Individual meetings continue to provide these to other parts of our communities such as libraries, schools (elementary, middle and high schools, colleges, medical, dental, nursing etc), hair salons, medical, dental and mental health offices, churches, and other places.

Soon, new Alateen groups will be opening in Big Bear, Moreno Valley, and Fontana!

District 39 includes Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris, Corona, Norco, Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Yucaipa, Redlands, Loma Linda, Colton, Rialto, Fontana, San Bernardino, Highland, and 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.

Love in Service, Carolyn S., DR

### District 40

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

### District 42

**The cities my district covers are from Landers to Blythe, 29 Palms, Yucca Valley, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta, Indio, Bermuda Dunes, Joshua Tree, Desert Center, Indian Wells and any city from Indio to Blythe but no meeting there yet.**

Hello from the warmest district in southern Ca District # 42. From my last report to Area 4, a lot has happened here. We added 2 new Alateen sponsors and have 4 going through the certification process now. We have been working with the Palm Springs Unified School District and Desert Sands Unified School District to set up a new Alateen group. The Palm Springs group will start by the end of June and with God's help the Palm Desert Area Alateen group will start by Sept of this year. We will also be celebrating the 2 year anniversary of our literature center. On August 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>, District 42 Al-Anon and Palm Springs, Palm Desert AA groups will be putting on Madd Dog Days convention at the Doral Hotel in Cathedral City. Our chairperson Kathy S. who has just moved from the South bay area to the Desert has told me we will have 2 great speakers and a great Al-Anon luncheon.

This year our district will be sponsoring 4 Alateens to go to SCAT in Riverside, CA.

Love in Service,

Sam M. DR 42

### District 45

Hi everybody!

Our district met and read concept 3 and share on it. We started planning our yearly Alathon called Serenity Bowl It will take place in January 2009 we will have flayers for the Assembly in November. This events purpose is to have a full day of recovery, fun, and to collect funds for SCAC. We will have speakers all day, ruffles, food and baby seating. This event has helped us in the past years to donate \$800 toward the bus rental for SCAC. We also started collecting donations from meetings for Scholarships and money is already coming in.

There are few new GR'S in our group and it is very exiting to see them wanting to grow and be at service. I see the importance of rotation of leader ship. We also have a set of banners the long ones of the Steps and Traditions that we order for our Alathon last year but we have a printing problem the letters are too small for the location were we meet people can not read them from their seats. So we would like to know if there is a small meeting interested in this banners. We are also offering them to Alateen but think they might say no because the wording. If you



are interested please let us know. We could offer payments too.  
Love in service  
Emilce L.  
District Rep.

#### District 48

I am Estela R. I represent the 48th District of Al-Anon.

I am very happy to perform this service. At this time the Committee and I have been visiting different groups in the last month. Our District also has registered several Sponsors of Alateen.

I am pleased that we have had an 80% GR turnout every month.

Sincerely  
Estela R. D48

#### District 51

#### District 54

Greetings from District 54,  
This has been a busy year so far. Our public outreach program was so successful we are doing it again. "2008 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" this time we are getting 250 in English and 250 in Spanish with labels in both languages. We have a hotline that list meetings in our area and we are updating that with a Spanish message and contact. We also publish a one page local directory of meetings which will still be done. We are updating that also by setting up a District 54 web page which I will give you the address of when it is done.

I want to thank all the generous members of District 54. We collected enough money to send 25 people to SCAC and provide the funds for 1/2 of the bus we are sharing with District 27. I also extend my heartfelt thanks and mucho kudos to Jean K. our Alateen Liaison. We are also sending literature to SCAC so the kids have it.

Our delegate Mary M. will speak at our meeting Thurs Nov. 20, 2008 at 7:00PM. We meet at the Unity Church of South Bay 2545 237<sup>th</sup> St. Torrance. We'd be happy to see you.

Love in service,  
Linda L.

#### 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)**

#### District 64

Hello, warm wishes from District 64, Hispanic District.

#### District 66

Our last district meeting included a discussion about newcomers. Marian M. led the discussion and many suggestions were discussed. A summary list of these suggestions was created and distributed to GRs via email for discussion with the groups which they represent. District 66 has centralized electronic communications though a single e mail address [district66@gmail.com](mailto:district66@gmail.com). Ellen was selected as our district Alateen coordinator. We have also allocated a brief section of our district meeting to cover procedural or service manual topics called "Tools for Attractive Meetings". The first installment was taken care of nicely by Alternate Group Rep Carol. Thank you all for your service.

Chris C.

#### District 69

#### North County Dan Diego

In planning for our District fall event, I am guided by two ideas. One is, "How can we get more people involved in their own recovery?" The second is that I don't need any help in making my life more serious. I can do that pretty well all by myself.

How about a Karaoke Recovery Party, where each group/meeting performs a song, but each one rewrites the lyrics to describe the process of recovery, or better yet, the Al-Anon perspective of life within the family disease of Alcoholism.

That's the show kids, gag gifts for crazy categories, in this American idolatry on our favorite theme. We're still in planning, but stage time should be around Halloween.

Service is Faith,  
Jeff P. District 69

#### District 72

#### El Cajon, Santee, La Mesa Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, Bonita, Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Alpine.

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

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

We now have an Alateen Liaison Person for our Dis-

trict, Susan Waller. She is one of the Districts' Alateen Sponsors and volunteered to participate as our liaison person. Susan also brought along our first Alateen Group Rep. Her name is Kristina G. Good things come in bunches.

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

Our District's "Sereni Tea" (Long-Timers Tea) scheduled for June 3, 2007 had to be rescheduled to June 23, 2003. I believe it will be posted on the SCWS Calendar and there may be some flyers available. Come on down for an afternoon Long-Timer Serenity.

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

Bernie S.

District Rep. District 72

### District 75

**Allied Gardens, Clairemont, College Park, Hillcrest, Kearney Mesa, Kensington, La Jolla, Loma Portal, Mira Mesa, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Point Loma, San Carlos, San Diego, Tierrasanta, University City, University Heights**

Dear friends in the program,

As part of our ongoing outreach projects, District 75 Group Representatives are working with San Diego City Schools to bring Alateen information and meetings into the schools. San Diego City Schools invited our District 75 Al-Anon/Alateen Family Group Outreach Committee to present Alateen information to high school journalism students on February 27, 2008. Kathy our District 75 Alateen Liaison shared the Alateen message to the student newspaper representatives. Two schools have expressed an interest in starting Alateen meetings as part of their after school programs. The first meeting in a high school will begin soon at Madison High School in the Clairemont area of San Diego.

Furthermore, in our outreach this year, we are also focusing on military families. For this second outreach mission, we had an opportunity to share information with the San Diego military families at an event that took place on April 10, 2008. It was an all-day event with several hundred service groups attending. Outreach packets were put together and about 100 distributed mostly to professionals who service the military/schools. These packets included information and a contact phone number on the front.

Our Alateen liason, Kathy A., had her Alateens decorate contribution cans and these were distributed to the GRs to be taken to meetings to raise funds to support scholarships to help send Alateens to SCAC.

Carmen P., our ADR, worked with our secretary Vikki and treasurer Lynne N. to prepare a newsletter to be sent out as a District version of the Intercom, these will be mailed out to the secretaries of the various meetings. We got this idea from the sharing of other DRs as to how to this helped them to build service participation in our District.

Joyce Beers Community Center is booked for the last Saturday in September (September 27) and we are starting the process of planning a Fall event. One of our new GRs, Mary Kay agreed to chair the event. It will be a speaker meeting with potluck food and refreshments. It will not be a fund raiser. Its focus will be directed more towards step study and sponsorship. We are talking with Bernie from District 72 about the possibility of collaborating. There is a lot of positive energy in District 75 and we are learning new ways to do things, be innovative and have fun and fellowship in the process.

Love in service,

Louise K.,

District Representative, San Diego

**Hospitality for May 17th  
Assembly Meeting  
Districts 9, 10, 17, 21, 30, 40, 48, 57,**

**Thank you for being of Service**

# Ask-It Basket Questions



## ASK IT BASKET—May Assembly Meeting 5/17/08

ALL REFERENCES TO PAGES REFER TO THE 2006-09 AL-ANON/ALATEEN SERVICE MANUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

**Q1: Even though all meetings are autonomous, in your Al-Anon opinion, what is the best way to hold group elections and keep it simple?**

**A1:** Rotation of leadership is one of our important principles. Some groups ask for volunteers to assume the service positions while others use a nomination process.

**Q2: Is it correct to celebrate Al-Anon members' anniversaries in the group?**

**A2:** This is within the group's autonomy.

**Q3: Can an Al-Anon member use the Al-Anon logo on an envelope with her name and her husband's name (he's in AA)?**

**A3:** The intended use of the logo is explained on page 96. It is for "easy identification of stationery, service tools, and other Al-Anon material. Al-Anon/Alateen service arms (such as Areas, districts and Information Services) and conventions with Al-Anon/Alateen participation may use this logo without alteration for identification on printed materials.

**Q4: Comment: Personal expenses for GRs continue to increase with the ever-mounting need for a personal computer, personal printing costs, driving expenses, etc. I come from a low-income group and geographic area. Why is this happening? What happened to "service available for all who want to be of service?"**

**A4:** It is said that it shouldn't cost someone money in order to be of service to Al-Anon. The Group Representative's expenses should be paid by the group. Page 134 cites: "Each group provides its GR with sufficient funds to fulfill the GR duties including participation in the Assembly. Expenses may include meals, transportation, accommodations, and registration fees." Although having a computer is helpful in today's information age, it is not necessary for a GR as all official communications are mailed.

**Q5: What is my responsibility as the GR to encourage my group to keep on topic and share from the Al-Anon perspective? A member recently shared**

**on several occasions during the meeting that members are treating the meeting as group therapy rather than an Al-Anon meeting.**

**A5:** The Group Representative can be helpful in the facilitating of a group inventory meeting (p.48) where these matters can honestly be discussed. Also see "Taking a Group Inventory" (G-8). "A rededication of the group to its primary purpose, a study of the Traditions and Concepts of Service as they apply to the problem at hand and discussing problems at district meetings are all good methods of overcoming group difficulties.

**Q6: My group is confused about the role of the business meeting. For example, they feel uncomfortable with the business meeting group conscience on financial matters.**

**A6:** Page 38 introduces the purpose of the business meeting and pages 39 and 40 discuss financial matters specifically. Realizing that every member's voice should be heard and a matter should be discussed until all questions are answered, encourage group harmony.

**Q7: It was mentioned [at the Assembly] that the WSO (World Service Office) acts at the will of the Board of Trustees. Isn't our organization run from the bottom up? Doesn't the Board act on the will of the meetings?**

**A7:** This is explained in detail in the Twelve Concepts of Service. Concept One states, "The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups." Concept Two says: "the Al-Anon Family Groups have delegated complete administrative and operation authority to their Conference and its service arms." Concept Six says: "The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility of the Trustees." Concept Eight: "The Board of Trustees delegates full authority for routine management of Al-Anon Headquarters" (World Service Office) "to its executive committees." Obviously, thousands of groups cannot manage the day-to-day operations of the World Service Office. The World Service Office is a legal entity (while the *program* of Al-Anon is not.) The legal entity is required to have a Board of Directors (or Trustees). The meetings communicate through their delegates at the Conference and the Conference delegates to the Trustees the routine management of this entity.

**Q8: As a new district treasurer, all checks are made out to me personally from group meeting reps. This is because we are not able to use the WSO non-profit number. What is the best way to let group**



**reps know that I am the new treasurer for our district?**

**A8:.** The best way to communicate with the groups is through the district meetings.

**Q9: As an Alateen co-sponsor, what should my response be to a parent who requests that I encourage her Alateen to talk to her if she (the Alateen) is struggling?**

**A9:.** The sponsors of an Alateen group are there to help facilitate the Alateen meeting keeping in mind the confidentiality of each member.

**Q10: I've heard there is some question about the insurance coverage for Alateen liability. Can we get a copy of the coverage so we know exactly who is covered, what is covered, etc. Members hesitate to sign up without a clear statement of their protection.**

**A10:.** Our general liability insurance policy includes a section covering sexual misconduct. Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) are covered under this section and the policy will cover legal challenges in a sponsor's defense up to \$1,000,000. This coverage does not apply to a guilty party. In order to be included in this coverage, a member must abide by our Area's Safety and Behavior Requirements, which includes signing an agreement to follow the policy and a background check authorization. The newly-revised "Application Packet for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service" is now available on our website, [www.scws-al-anon.org](http://www.scws-al-anon.org).

**Q11: When asked to speak at a convention or conference, the convention or conference is to pay for the speaker's expense. What if you are part of a play that was the opening night entertainment at a convention and another convention or conference has asked the cast to perform. Does the convention or conference pay for the expenses incurred?**

**A11:.** This falls under the reimbursement policy of the particular convention or conference. The cast can request coverage of their expenses, but payment would be up to the individual conference's policy.

**Q12: We provide hearing-impaired service through a sign-language interpreter (a paid position). We have voted to keep this service, but are seeking advisement, immediately, from any group or individual member who can provide either 1) suggestions on how to maintain the service and perhaps lower the cost, and 2) volunteer or other methods and 3) anyone wanting to be of service as an interpreter.**

**A12:.** Your group is offering a very specialized service to its members and is to be commended. There really is not a precedent for methods of dealing with the questions you raised, although perhaps a member reading this will be able to lend your group their experience, strength and hope.

**Q13: Will the treasurer present a 2009 Budget for approval at the November Assembly?**

**A13:.** Yes.

**Q14: Isn't banning perfume an outside issue? The people who are allergic to sugar take care of themselves, so why don't we allow the people aller-**

**gic to perfume (or peanuts) take care of themselves?**

**A14:.** The difference is that an allergic person can avoid consuming sugar (or peanuts) themselves, but are unable to control their surroundings completely. Obviously in a confined area (such as a meeting room or the Conference) consideration for others is a kind and loving thing. Perfume isn't banned exactly, but it is suggested that we be considerate of others.

**Q15: At our Service Board meeting, we were informed that 50/50s could not be held by tax-exempt organizations. Please share your thoughts on this topic.**

**A15:.** Page 87 states: "Raffles/lotteries are subject to state/provincial laws. If it is determined that the proposed raffle and/or lottery falls within the legal restriction of the area where it is to be held, additional precautions need to be taken so that we are not diverted from our primary purpose and do not imply endorsement. Distribution and sale of lottery/raffle tickets should be limited to Al-Anon/Alateen meetings and events." Southern California World Service has not researched state laws as it relates to this type of fund-raising...that would be the responsibility of the individual group, service arm, conference, etc. to clarify the law as it applies to them.

**Q16: Website issues: [listmyevent@scws-al-anon.org](mailto:listmyevent@scws-al-anon.org) My computer cannot process this email address nor the WSO's domain email addresses.**

**A16:.** With the unexpected loss of our webmaster, we will be experiencing a brief time of transition. We appreciate your patience and these issues should be resolved soon.

**Q17: Suggestion: Locate the microphones in front and in the middle of the room with an aisle up the middle.**

**A17:.** Thank you. We will make sure the Chairman (who is responsible for room set up instructions) sees your comments.

**Q18: I would like to see this Assembly recycle. I have been told that this is an outside issue—but we are the ones generating the trash. Suggestion: make this an Alateen fundraiser. Just a few trash cans with "recycle" marked on them would work well. Please think this over, we need to be responsible.**

**A18:.** Thank you for your suggestion, which is a great idea. All that would be needed is a volunteer to set up the recycle cans and handle the recycling and turning the cans into cash. So far, no one has volunteered for this endeavor.

**Q19: Can GR's who take the train to the assembly be reimbursed for their cost? If so can they use the Mileage Reimbursement Form?"**

**A19:** The answer is "Yes, and yes. The current process is to submit for reimbursement for attendance at required meetings, when they travel over 100 miles, roundtrip and SCWS will reimburse at 40 cents per mile. This is for Group Reps, District Reps, Intergroup and Convention Liaisons.

# Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc.

## Comparative Statement of Cash Flow

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>\$32,571.34</u>	<u>\$25,830.74</u>	<u>\$32,955.83</u>
Equity Increases (Decreases):			
Excess (Deficit) Revenues over Expenses	170.17	7,202.55	(7,125.09)
Contribution to AFG, Inc. (Virginia Beach, Va.)	(5,500.00)	-	-
Unlocated Differences	-	(461.95)	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Equity	<u>(5,329.83)</u>	<u>6,740.60</u>	<u>(7,125.09)</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$27,241.51</u>	<u>\$32,571.34</u>	<u>\$25,830.74</u>

Prepared from Books and Records without Audit

### Who has Voice and/or Vote?

#### Area World Service Assembly meetings

##### VOICE

Group Representatives  
District Representatives  
Officers  
Coordinators  
Past Delegates

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

##### VOTE

Group Representatives

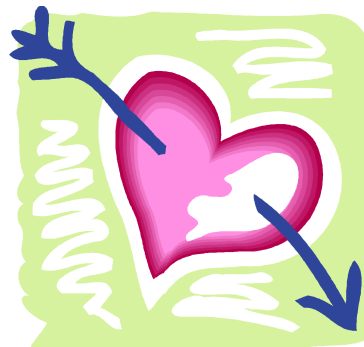
#### Area World Service Committee meetings

##### VOICE

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

##### VOTE

District Representatives  
Officers  
Coordinators  
Intergroup Liaisons  
AWSC Convention Chairs



# SCWS Group Contributions Form

**Please Print**

(For use during the term 1/1/06 - 12/31/08)

\_\_\_\_ Al-Anon \_\_\_\_ Alateen Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Group City \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

WSO ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Group Address \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: The WSO ID number is on the mailing label of the Bulletin.

**Make check or money order payable to: SCWS**

**Mail Contributions to:**

Treasurer - Suzanne P.

questions? sap-afg@adelphia.net

PO Box 350

North Hollywood, CA 91603

## Bulletin Subscription Form

**Please Print**

For use during the term 1/1/06 - 12/31/08

\_\_\_\_ New Subscription \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ Correction

Cost: \$4.00 per year Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ Years

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check or money order payable to: SCWS**

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North Hollywood, CA 91603

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)

Jayme P., Group Records Secretary, PO Box 350, North Hollywood, CA 91603 \* (714) 821-1839

# SCWS Directory

## OFFICERS

Delegate, Panel 46	<b>Mary M.-</b>
Alternate Delegate	<b>Sandie E.</b>
Chairperson	<b>David B.</b>
Treasurer	<b>Suzanne P.</b>
Past Delegate (P43)	<b>Miriam McK.</b>
Minutes Secretary	<b>Cathy W.</b>
Group Records	<b>Jayne P.</b>

## COORDINATORS

Alateen	<b>Daniel K.</b>
Alateen Sponsor	<b>OPEN</b>
Archives	<b>Martha M.</b>
Bulletin	<b>Laurie E.</b>
CPC	<b>Sandra W.</b>
Hospitality	<b>MaryLou V.</b>
Institutions	<b>Shirley M.r</b>
Literature	<b>Lucía C.</b>
Public Information	<b>Portia S.</b>
Website	<b>Ben P.</b>

## ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Group Services	<b>Willie W.</b>
Public Outreach	<b>Robin J.</b>
Membership	<b>Cindy R.</b>
Communications	

## INTERGROUP LIAISONS

Inland Empire	<b>Carmie F.</b>
Los Angeles	<b>Kelly F.</b>
Orange	<b>Alexandra R.</b>
San Diego	<b>Jeannine B.</b>
Spanish Intergroup	<b>Patrick B.</b>
Ventura	<b>Cyndy P.</b>

## CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS

AFG 2009	<b>Robin B.</b>
SCAA 2008	<b>Laura McC.</b>
SCAC 2008	<b>Ben A.</b> <a href="mailto:scac@ipbfree.org">SCAC site:scac@ipbfree.org</a>

## THINK

*T- Is it Thoughtful?*

*H - Is it Honest*

*I - Is it Intelligent?*

*N-Is it Necessary?*

*K - Is it Kind?*

*If so then it is probably okay for me to say it.*

## INFORMATION SERVICE CENTERS

<b>Al-Anon Inland Empire Service Center</b> 1012 East Cooley Drive, Suite J-2, Colton 92324	(909) 824-1516 <a href="http://www.ca-inlandempire-alanon.org">www.ca-inlandempire-alanon.org</a>
<b>Oficina Intergrupala Hispana de Al-Anon, Inc. L.A. County</b> 11627 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Santa Fe Springs 90670	(562) 948-2190
<b>Intergrupala Hispana de Al-Anon, Inc. Inland Empire</b> P.O. Box 5665, Riverside 92517	(951) 689-4084
<b>Al-Anon Information Service Kern County</b> Post Office Box 894, Bakersfield 93302	(805) 322-1102 <a href="http://www.mykernlife.com/179/">www.mykernlife.com/179/</a>
<b>Los Angeles County Al-Anon Family Groups</b> 4936 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood 91601	(818) 760-7122 Los Angeles (213) 387-3158 <a href="http://www.alanonla.org">www.alanonla.org</a>
<b>Al-Anon Information Service Office of Orange County</b> 12391 Lewis Street, Suite 102, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 748-1113 <a href="http://www.orangecountyalanon.org">www.orangecountyalanon.org</a>
<b>Al-Anon in the Desert</b> 73-441 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert 92260-2866	(760) 674-9554 (888) 512-0061
<b>San Diego Al-Anon Office</b> 3108 Fifth Avenue, Suite E, San Diego 92103	(619) 296-2666 <a href="http://www.alanonsandiego.org">www.alanonsandiego.org</a>
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<b>Ventura County Al-Anon Family Groups</b> Post Office Box 6754, Ventura 93006-6754	(805) 495-0270 <a href="http://www.alanonventura.org">www.alanonventura.org</a>

**\*\*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
DR - District Representative	SCWS - Southern California World Service
GR - Group Representative (WS)	SOS - Sharing Of Service
GSO - General Service Office	SWRDM - Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting
(Countries other than U.S. & Canada)	SWRSS - Southwest Region Service Seminar
H & I - Hospitals & Institutions	SWRT - Southwest Regional Trustee
IAGSM - International Al-Anon General Service Meeting	TAL - Trustee At Large
IR / ISR - Intergroup Representative /Information Service Rep.	WS - World Service
KBDM - Knowledge based decision making	WSC - World Service Conference
LDC - Literature Distribution Center	WSO - World Service Office

Revised August – 2004



# **DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- 03- Julie Rench
- 06- Anita Johnson
- 08- Mark Hayden
- 09- Willie Meyers
- 10- Gail Nixon
- 11- Twiggy Goodwin
- 12- Lea Reimers
- 17- Tarisa Ramserran
- 21- Holly Hilleary-Gross
- 24- Heidi Tults
- 27- Tim Paulson
- 30- Maria L. Garcia
- 33- Kathy Goblirsch
- 36- Jay Pace
- 39- Carolyn Schultz
- 40- Carmie Fox
- 42- Sam Miller
- 45- Emilce Lopera
- 48- Estela Rodriguez
- 51- Irene Lopez
- 54- Linda Lester
- 57- Adrienne Keane
- 60- Truck Smith
- 63- Chuck Buchanan
- 64- Juan E. Pech
- 66- Chris Cook, Jr.
- 69- Jeff Papendieck
- 72- Bernie Scapparro
- 75- Louise Kelly
- 78- No DR-

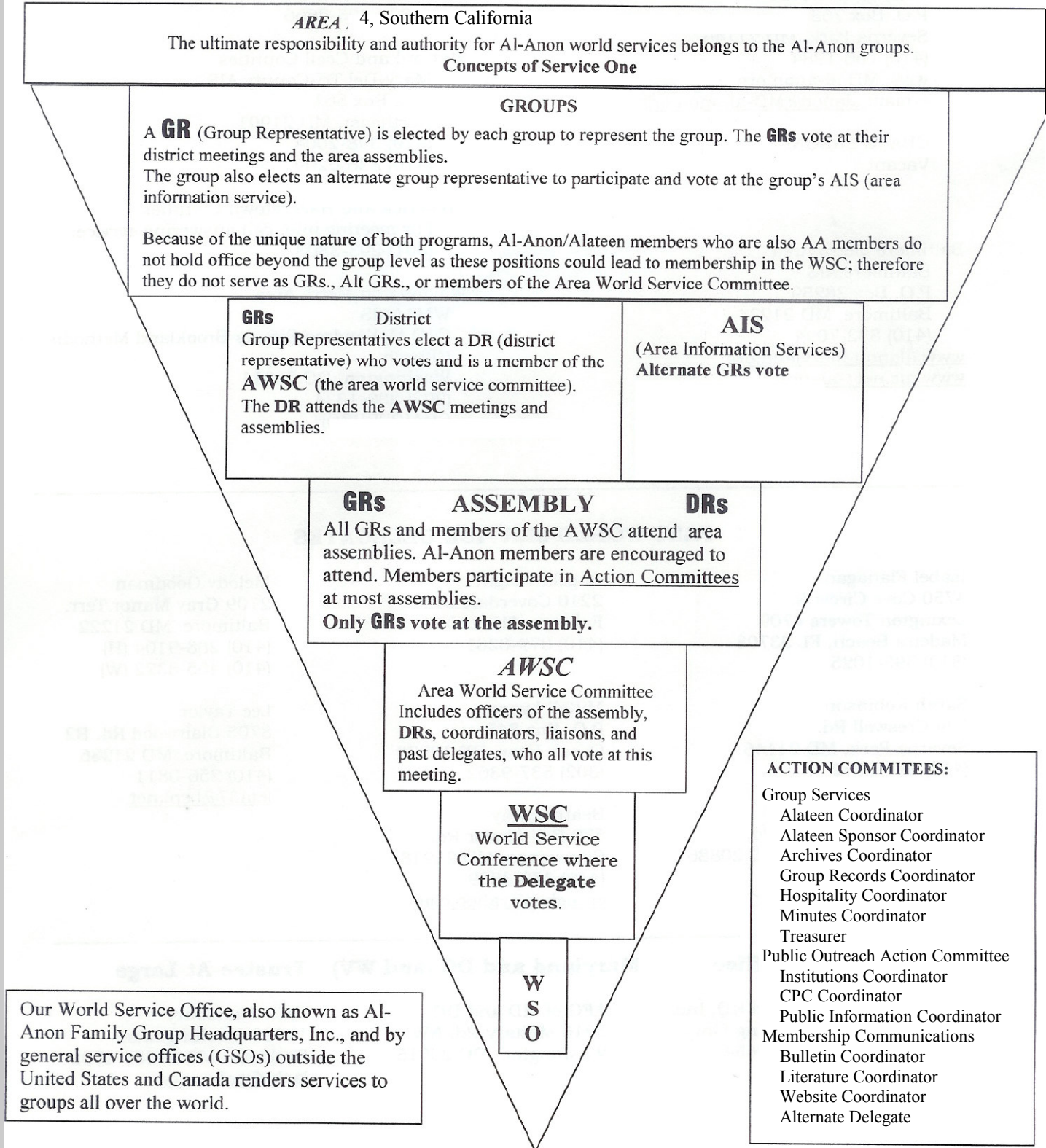
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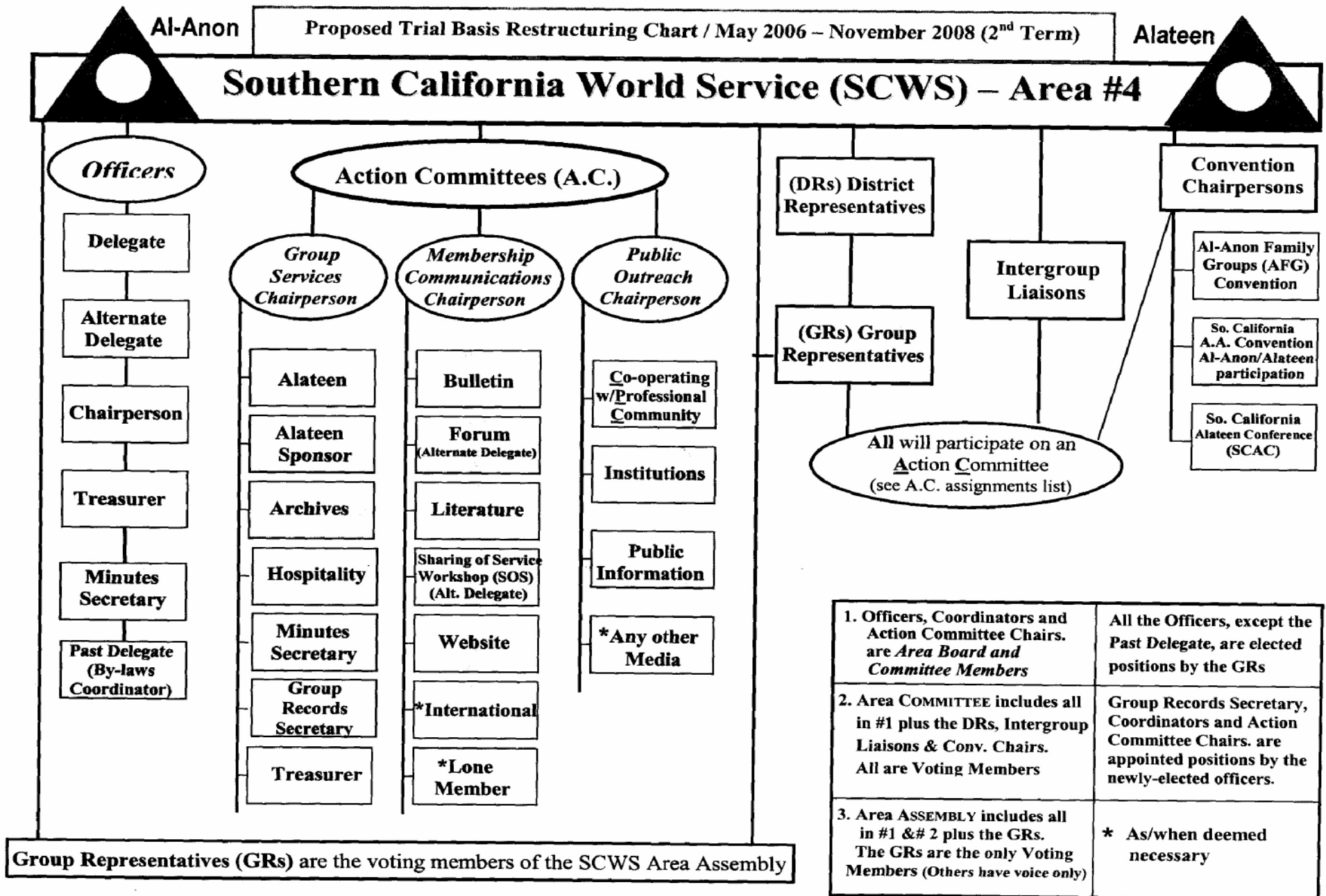
# **PAST DELEGATES**

Panel	Name		Years
1	Aura C.	Deceased	1961-1963
4	Cecelia B.	55-year member	1964-1966
7	Norris R.		1967-1969
10	Helen B.	Deceased	1970-1972
13	Elsie Q.		1973-1975
16	Betty (R.) O'B.		1976-1978
19	Pat R.		1979-1981
22	Bernie E.	Deceased	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.	Immediate Past Delegate	2003-2005
46	Mary M.	Current Delegate	2006-2008

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



# Proposed Restructuring Chart



# COORDINATOR RESUME (and/or possible Action Committee Chair)

For SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)

DO YOU HAVE THE DESIRE AND WILLINGNESS TO BE OF SERVICE AS ONE OF OUR AREA COORDINATORS FOR THE NEXT 3-YEAR TERM? (2009 – 2011)

If the answers are *yes*, then communicate that desire and willingness with the outgoing coordinators to see what is involved in the positions you are interested in. This is a three year commitment and requires your attendance at the Board, Committee and Assembly meetings (minimum of 6 to 8 meetings per year). *Thank you* for your willingness to be of service.

After completing this form you may give it to the current Chairperson, or the newly elected Chairperson at the Nov 2008 Assembly, or mail it to SCWS no later than December 1, 2008. (mail to) SCWS Attention Resumes P.O. Box 350 North Hollywood, CA 91603

Name (in full) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mark the 3 choices of positions you are interested in (1 to 3, in order of desire)*

Alateen Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Alateen (must be an Alateen member) \_\_\_\_\_ Archives \_\_\_\_\_ Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) \_\_\_\_\_ Group Records \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Institutions \_\_\_\_\_ Literature \_\_\_\_\_ Public Information (PI) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_ Action Committee Chair for Public Outreach \_\_\_\_\_ Action Committee Chair for Group Services \_\_\_\_\_ Action Committee Chair for Membership Communications \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you are interested in any of those 3 positions

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How many years are you an active member of Al-Anon/Alateen? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of your home group \_\_\_\_\_ District or city \_\_\_\_\_

Below please list your service experience in Al-Anon/Alateen:

Current Service Positions	Previous Service Positions (with approximate dates)

Anything else you'd like to add? (You may use the back side or submit extra sheets.)

# Elections will be held in November 2008

## Election Process

The only requirement for membership in AL-Anon is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend

Voting members of the SCWS Area Assembly are those chosen to be the Group Representative (GR). Or the alternate GR may vote when the GR is not present. Each group may only have one vote and any GR may only represent one group (one vote).

No member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) may serve beyond the group level as defined in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. No member of AA may serve as GR to SCWS Assembly Area.

Regular elections are held every three(3) years beginning with the November Assembly in 2008.

Cumulative voting for the election of officers shall not be permitted. Each voting member shall cast only one vote, with voting done by written ballot; except when there is only one candidate for a position and then a motion can be made to confirm them by a show of hands.

At the start of an election Assembly, the procedure is described. A vote of acceptance of the method is taken before balloting begins. The process used is based on the World Service guidelines.

Those who are or have been District Representatives are asked to express their willingness to serve. Those who affirm their willingness for the position stated, then become Nominees.

Beginning with the position of Delegate, the first to receive 2/3 of the written ballot votes is elected as Delegate.

The Alternate Delegate is elected next following the same process.

The other officers are elected by a simple majority starting with Chairman, followed by Minutes Secretary and Treasurer.

If an elected Officer is unable to complete his/her term, the Chairperson may appoint someone to fill in until an election is held at the next assembly to elect someone to complete the remainder of the term.

See the Al-Anon World Service Handbook for further election information and policies regarding vacancies.

**"When people are serving,  
life is no longer meaningless"**

**John Gardner**



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