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Yesterday's foundations
Today's successes

Tomorrow's possibilities



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Committee Meeting Agenda—Saturday, Aug 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. – New District Representative Orientation – Craft

Room

10:00 a.m. - Starting time- Please be Prompt
Traditions read by:

Officers Reports

Chairperson – Jayme P.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi T.

Delegate's Report – Sandie E.

Alternate Delegate's Report - Pat H

Past Delegate's Report – Mary M. Minutes Secretary – Amanda C. Records Secretary's Report & Roll Call - Kathi L.

Old Business:

New Business:

Observe 7th Tradition

(Continue the meeting while baskets

are being passed)

unch Break

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

Concepts read by:

Hospitality Report: Del L. Host districts for May Committee Mtg.

Convention Chairpersons' Reports

AFG Convention 2010

So-Cal. AA Conv. 2010 – Al-Anon So-Cal. Alateen Conf. (SCAC)

Coordinators' Reports:

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator:

Alateen Coordinator: Anita S.

Archives: Kathy G.

Bulletin: Truck S.

Literature: Juan P.

Website: Ben P Cooperating w/Professional

Community: Carolyn S.

Institutions: Rodger P.

Public Information: Tim P.

District Representatives' Reports Intergroup Liaisons' Reports

Inland Empire

Intergrupal Hispaña: (L.A. County)

Los Angeles County

Orange County:

San Diego County

Ventura County

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

Al-Anon related Announcements (only if time permits Closing time - 4:00 p.m. - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

<u>Please help</u> 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 e-mail report to the Minutes Secretary at secretary@scws-al-anon.org and then e-mail a copy of the report to the Bulletin Editor at bulletin@scws-al-anon.org.

<u>DISCUSSION</u> on a motion - <u>please keep to 2-3 minutes</u> 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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Calendar of Events

Southern California World service Area (SCWS) Events SCWS Web-site: http://scws-al-anon.org

2011

July 29 - 31

8th Annual AA Mountain Conference with Al-Anon participation Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA For more information, visit http://mountainaaconference.com

July 29 - 31

19th Annual Foothill Round-Up Flintridge Preparatory, 4543 Crown Avenue, La Cañada-Flintridge, CA For more information, visit www.foothillroundup.org/.

August 20

Southern California World Service, Area Committee Meeting 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Glendale First United Methodist Church, 134 N. Kenwood St., Glendale, CA Map and directions on page XXX

September 17

Alateen Sponsor Training, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church of the Chimes, 14115 Magnolia Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA For more information, http://www.scws-al-anon.org/documents/calendar-flyers/20110917AlateenSponsorTraining.pdf.

September 30 - October 2

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

October 8

Long Timers Celebration for California South Area, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 1st Methodist Church of Glendale, 134 No. Kenwood, Glendale, CA For more information, download the <u>flyer</u>.

October 21 - 23

8th Annual Santa Clarita Valley Convention of A.A. with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation Hyatt Valencia and Santa Clarita Conference Center, 24500 Town Center Drive,, Valencia, CA For on-line registration and more information, visit http://www.scvaaconvention.org

2013

July 5-7, 2013

Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Officer's Reports

Delegate

51st Annual World Service Conference April 11-15, 2011 Virginia Beach, VA

EXPANDING OUR COMMUNITY OF HOPE BY EMBRACING:

Yesterday's foundations Today's successes Tomorrow's possibilities

When I was elected, a past delegate said to me "...this will change your life." The first year, I thought "Hmm, it was a really neat experience but life changing?" Last year, as I was more familiar and comfortable, I saw the conference, as if a fly on the wall, act with love, honesty, honor, humor and humility as we reasoned things out and made decisions that would affect the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen. I saw our 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service work and the process was so impressive. This year was my last to serve CA S as your delegate. My life has forever changed.

The path to the World Service Conference began with a stop in Stamford, CT. On Sunday, April 10, Panel 49 was taken to Katonah, NY for a visit to Stepping Stones, the home of Bill and Lois Wilson. The visit to this historic place left a profound feeling in my heart as I looked at their home, offices, belongings, collections and the evidence of the greatness of what they, in their own way, contributed to the world. I knew something important happened there on those grounds and that home.

Bill W's office, named "At Wit's End" is at the top of a rocky and hilly rise on the property. I sat at the desk where he wrote AA's <u>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</u>. The ride to the top was interesting on my scooter as the delegate from Florida South helped push me up as we dodged rocks, dips and tree stumps. The ride down was a lot more interesting with no speed control. I remember yelling, "we're gonna die!"

Bill and Lois' home is a lovely, cozy place. The furnishings and sweet decorations and collections displayed reminded me of a grandmother's home. There was music in that home evidenced by the grand piano and cello in the living room. There are only two places in the house where flash photography is allowed: the kitchen, with its original old appliances, china and cup collections, and breakfast table....

And Lois' desk on the second floor. Lois liked collecting things as you can see by the objects on the desk. Just next to this was her collection of dinosaurs. On the second floor were certificates. mementoes, books,, the master bedroom, Lois' tiny little sewing machine and many other personal items. Obviously, the stairs presented a problem, being steep and narrow, but through the persistence of the AA husband of the delegate from Manitoba, Canada, who would not take no for an answer, I was surrounded by my fellow panel members and their energy got me up to the second floor. I was carried down the same narrow stairs on the back of Vince Reilly who was like a fireman. I'm sure the view was interesting going up and going down.

This sweet picture of Lois serving coffee speaks for itself.

Next, we were transported to La Guardia airport in New York where we waited through several weather-delayed flights before we could go to Norfolk, VA where the vans were waiting for us for hours at the airport. The highlights of the wait at the airport? Rousing games of Apples to Apples, a Thought Force meeting, good conversations, fair food, a rehearsal of our closing show and 3 massages. And, of course, a meeting on patience.

The Conference work started on Monday, April 11th with Thought and Task Force meetings, setting up love gift areas, Conference registration and assembling additional pages into the binder. Reunions with old friends was also a great way to get into the Conference. There were a set of Goals for the Conference and its members

GOAL 1: The spiritual tone of the Conference will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct as its members presume goodwill.

GOAL TWO: The Conference members will understand the purpose of the Conference and the relationships within the structure.

GOAL THREE: Knowing that our Higher Power is present in the expression of our group

conscience, Conference members will be able to support and communicate Conference decisions.

We also learned the Conference Rules

The existing 2010 Task and Thought Force Topics are shown here. Each made a presentation at various times during the Conference. Mine was entitled, "Thought Force Support Areas Dealing with Groups Whose Activities Fail to Consider Al-Anon and Alateen as a whole.

The 2011 topics are listed here. I'm not assigned to one this year.

Sharing Area Highlights is an event on the first day of the Conference which is not a formal Conference event. It is put on by and for delegates only. Trustees and staff who are members of the Conference are allowed to sit in, however.

Monday night was our Opening Dinner. I sat with Maddie P., who is the delegate from Iowa and my "mentee". Being a Conference mentor for a new delegate was a great assignment and lots of fun as well. Each mentor presents their "charge" with their Conference pin. We had great seats, joining Ric B. and Mary Ann R. along with 2 other delegates.

By now, after airport delays, little sleep, our first "after hours" rehearsal and up early, Tuesday felt like Friday.

This is the agenda for the first half of the day. This is a typical day, beginning at 6 am for those who wanted to attend an Al-Anon meeting, breakfast was at 7 am and the day's session began at 8 am. Members from Panel 49 shared their 3-minute talks at each session.

This is the agenda for the second. I participated on Tuesday as part of the presentation of the TEAM Task Force. The other delegates who had TEAM events in 2010 and early 2011 shared and answered questions. Dinner was at 6 pm and then back to work. After our session closed, there was an Al-Anon meeting at 8:30. After that very full day, Panel 49 rehearsed our closing entertainment...not without grumbling.

AFG, Inc. 2011 Budget v. 2010 Actual Income and Expense statement.

New literature was presented. The soft-cover <u>How Al-Anon Works</u> was unveiled at the Conference. The idea of this version is to give members an inexpensive version for themselves, or possibly, meetings could buy some with the purpose of giving a copy to newcomers. This idea is similar

to AA's Big Book and the way it is used with new-comers

Many Voices, One Journey is an absolute treasure trove of information about our fellowship, from its early days, to the formation of Al-Anon Family Groups to the future of the program. The first 10,000 books which are sold will contain a commemorative book plate.

Not really to single anyone out, but Tom C is the person responsible for getting our CAL created and published. He was given the mandate in 2009 to facilitate the creation of a book which would "...offer a glimpse of how previous generations pursued their own spiritual growth as they built a service structure and strengthened our worldwide fellowship."

Wednesday's highlights included a tour of the WSO. The busses were greeted by the Board of Trustees

The entrance of the World Service Office

Thursday's highlights were the Conference Approval to produce a piece of literature on intimacy, specifically sexual intimacy, in alcoholic relationships; and the vote authorizing continued ownership of the WSO building and property. The motion passed and the vote count was 94 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions

We talked about many topics during the Conference. They are listed here and I will go into more complete explanations and discussion of these during my visits to the districts

Group statistics

I was asked to participate in the TEAM Report, Friday's Serenity Prayer and by giving the outgoing delegate's 3-minute talk

Sandra, the delegate from Ohio, is showing us examples of Al-Anon literature used in other countries. Our CAL is translated into 130 languages

The speakers at Friday's closing dinner were Ramona Condie, delegate from Illinois N and Mary Ann Reid, Chairman of the board of Trustees. As an outgoing delegate, I received a Certificate of Appreciation which I will mount in a certificate frame and intall in my office at home.

Panel 49 entertained the Conference after dinner. We were representing a "Special Focus" Al-Anon Group whose members suffered from the effects of alcoholism by wearing shiny, flashy, gaudy, tacky clothing and the meeting was gifted with the Area Delegate's report. All this was

shared in words and music. We hope we were left or other gathering where we can go in depth on with some recovery.

On Saturday, in honor of the 60th Anniversary of Al-Anon Family Groups, an afternoon Open House was held. The ceremony to burn the "mortgage" was held on the courtyard off the main lobby. That evening, a banquet was held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center attended by over 500 people. I saw my Conference mentor there, as well as Jayme, Mary and Shirley who had traveled to Virginia Beach at their own expense to attend this event. I want to thank you for covering additional costs so that I could also attend this amazing event.

Other Delegate's news: I thank you for allowing me to attend the SW Region Delegates' meeting held in Honolulu prior to the Conference. The new delegates were welcomed by the current and past delegates, trustees and others attending this conference. This was the last time some of us were in the company of Hester Bachellor, whom we lost several weeks ago. Although she was ill, she came to this event, which almost always coincides with her birthday, enjoyed seeing her old friends and then went for a few days' rest in Kauai before returning home where she passed away.

Ric Buchanan sent our Area a note of condolences at her loss.

KNOWLEDGE-BASED DECISION MAK-

ING: At the Conference every Thought and Task Force used KBDM as a basis for all of their presentations. It was amazing to see this in action over and over every day. Sometimes, as a result of the contents of the presentation the conference members suggested more work be done and brought

back, sometimes we had a motion to accept the group's recommendations (re: motion #5 approving the new piece of literature

based on intimacy, or after hearing the presentation, we decided that we didn't need to accept the recommended strategies brought forth by a Thought Force and by consensus decided to do nothing.

I am so sold on this way of doing business that I am going to put together a workshop presentation night was also the night of the tsunami warnings on KBDM as a useful tool at the Group, District, Area and Conference level. I hope you invite us to join you on a day of workshops, district meeting,

this topic.

District visits: I would like to thank Distrito 64 for inviting me to share with them (sometimes in my Spanish) on May 14 at their district meeting, and thanks also to District 21 for inviting me to address their district meeting on Tuesday, the 17th. They only got a sample of the Conference report and love gifts were shared with them. I have dates set with Districts 33, 36, 17 and 24 coming up. HOWEVER, I still have not fulfilled my goal of visiting all districts in California South. Not to single anyone out, but I would love to visit you, Districts 6, 8, 9, 10, 40, 45, 57, 54, 63, 66, 69 and 72. I would really like to have the opportunity to visit with you, meet your GRs personally, and talk about service.

A life-changing experience? You have no idea.

> With love and respect, Sandie & Delegate, Panel 49, CAS

Immediate Past Delegate

I don't have to wait on some else's disease in

The Forum, July 2002, pg 19

order to start living myself.

It is with gratitude that I thank all of you for the privilege of once again attending SWRDM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting). I was the program chair for this year and it was quite a challenge. I especially want to thank Truck for all his effort in helping me with the publication of the program, without him it could not have been as great as it was. The topic was the same as our World Service Conference this year (Expanding our Community of Hope). There were approxi-

> mately 60 people in attendance in Honolulu, HI. According to the

evaluation turned in, the best part of the

conference was the Area Highlights and the Trustee's Report (Karen R, our Trustee had a fabulous presentation.) SWRDM next year will be in San Jose, CA. Hopefully more of us will be able to attend.

The event started with a bang, as the opening for all of the Hawaiian Islands. What excitement! It sure seemed strange to have the city evacuated, those of us in hotels were the only ones in the city

and seemed strange to look out my room window and see all the streets abandoned. The two speakers for this event were Tom B. from Colorado and Cecily from Hawaii, theyu did a marvelous job.

The program went well and almost every member had a part in it. I was especially happy to see Hester there and to be able to walk and talk with her, we have been friends for over 30 years and to think that she is no longer with us is very difficult. I know our Higher Power is looking over all of us and I can still feel her presence pulling on my skirt to tell me how to conduct a meeting. She will be missed.

Additionally Pat and I both attended PRAASA this year as it was the weekend before SWRDM. Judy Philson was the chair for the Al-Anon portion and her theme was "Resolving Conflict Using Al-Anon Principles." Pat and I shared on one of the topics and it was well received. The speaker was the current Delegate from Hawaii, Kay. She invited us to come to her home meeting in Kona, and the four of us had the opportunity to do so as we took some of our own vacation time to visit Kona for a few days (Sandie, Jayme, Pat and I). The speaker was the current Delegate from Hawaii, Kay. She invited us to come to her home meeting in Kona, and the four of us had the opportunity to do so as we took some of our own vacation time to visit Kona for a few days (Sandie, Jayme, Pat and I).

As usual not too many in attendance put the 40 or so of us really enjoyed all the sharing.

I have been on the ad hoc committee for upgrading our Alateen guidelines and am so glad that we have completed them, whether they are adopted or not is up to all of you. I believe that they are one of the really great accomplishments that this Board has finished.

Jayme and I decided that we would take a trip on our own to Virginia Beach for the 60th Anniversary of Al-Anon. How amazing was this! We were there when they "burned" the mortgage and then that evening the dinner at the Arena was quite an event. Thanks to my Higher Power for giving me the opportunity to see our WSO in action. We were able to buy the new book (Many Voices, One Journey) and also to purchase the revised book "How Al-Anon Works" in softback cover for only \$5.00 (what a deal!). I bought several to give to friends. Note: This event too had its weather, as high winds were all around us during the dinner

but Ric assured us all that the many windows would hold up (the following week is when all the tornadoes hit Virginia and the surrounding states!).

It is an honor to be a part of Panel 49 for our Area and to serve has been a privilege.

Love in Service (LJS), Mary M

Chair

Area Chairman's Report:

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

Your SCWS Board works very hard to prepare for this May Assembly. Our last Assembly was November 2010 and there has been lots of Al-Anon work to do in between Assemblies. We meet. We discuss. We hold Conference Calls. We accomplish so much and our hearts are always with YOU the fellowship. Our goal is always one thing "IS THIS FOR the good of the fellowship".

We have a new Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator: Chris Cook. H could not be here today for this May Assembly. He loves Alateen. He is a past District Representative and Group Representative.

I attended SWRDM in March. Our Area sends the Delegate, the Alternate Delegate, the Past Delegate and the Area Chairman. It is always such a valuable experience. We spent one night waiting out the Tsunami. But all was safe in Honolulu.

I attended the 60th Anniversary of Al-Anon in Virginia Beach with our past Delegate, Mary Morrison. The Area DID NOT send us. It was an amazing experience. It was a very spiritual experience too. While we were there the Virginia Hurricane was there! What an experience!

We are the largest Area in the United States. We hold our Assemblies only twice a year. We have over 1100 – 1200 meetings in Southern California. As a comparison there are 54 meetings in the ENTIRE STATE of WEST VIRGINIA! Imagine the difference? In the state of Hawaii the Assemblies are rotated from island to island and the Group Representatives have to FLY to their As-

semblies. The meetings are responsible to reimburse the GRs for their airfare. We complain about driving to Glendale for those of us who have had the longer commute today! I would ask that everyone put this all into perspective.

Our HOT TOPICS for the May Assembly are:

- 1. KBDM......2. New Changes to Service Manual.....
- 3. Public Information How can we provide better public outreach to the districts?

Thank you once again for the confidence you had in me to appoint someone on an interim basis in the position of Alternate Delegate. Pat Hill was appointed and then elected at the May Assembly.

Pat's term will be until the end of the year 2011. Work closely with the Delegate to participate in Area World Service activities and to re-

place the Delegate if the Delegate cannot fulfill her term.

If you are attending an Al-Anon meeting where there isn't a Group Representative pleases reminding that Group that their voice and vote are not being represented here at the Assembly. Encourage them to get a Group Representative.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege to serve as your SCWS Chairman. It is a very humbling and daunting. I pray that I serve you all in a most exemplary way.

Remember our motto for this Panel is: PANEL 49 SHINES!

Yours in service, Jayme C.

SAVE THE DATE-October 8th, 2011

Long Timers Celebration for California South!





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

1951 To 2011 Every 3 years Southern California World Service holds a celebration for its Long Timers. We looked far and wide for members 25 years and over to share their experience, strength and hope. This year, in 2011, we also celebrate Al-Anon's 60th year. So the program will include history of our Area's part in the beginnings of Al-Anon!



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

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Minutes of Assembly Meeting May 21, 2011

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

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

Serenity Prayer and Welcome.

Introduction of Past Delegates, New DRs & New GRs.

Chairman's Report - See Bulletin for full report.

12 Traditions Read by Michelle, District 72

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

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

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

Roll call taken.

Minutes Secretary - Amanda C. -

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

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

PRAASA (Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly) Report given.

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

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

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

Observed 7th Tradition

New Business

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

Continue New Business After lunch

Lunch Break

12 Concepts read by Zilly, District 36

Continue New Business

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

Treasure vice Office (Our mile SCWS will t

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Ask-It Basket

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

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

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

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

Convention Reports - See Bulletin for full reports

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

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

Broke into Hot Topic Discussions: See Bulletin for reports.

KBDM (Knowledged Based Decision Making)

New Service Manual Changes

How to provide better Public Outreach to Districts

Coordinators' Reports - See Bulletin for full reports.

Archives - Kathy G.

Bulletin - Truck S.

Literature - Juan P.

Cooperating with the Professional Community – Carolyn S.

Institutions - Rodger P.

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

Website - Ben P.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda C

Minutes of Committee Meeting Feb 19, 2011

<u>Chairperson</u> - Jayme C. began the meeting at approximately 10:02a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read by Kathy District 75.

<u>Chairperson</u> – Jayme welcomed the new DRs and asked them to stand and introduce themselves.

She introduced the interim Alternate Delegate – Pat H. (The GRs will vote at the May Assembly to have a regular Alternate Delegate for the remainder of Panel 49, which ends December 31st, 2011).

Jayme introduced Rick S., who is our Area Alateen Process Person. He will be the point person for processing all of the Alateen paperwork until the end of Panel 49.

Hot Topics vs. Job Fair, will be discussed in new business.

We will discuss the SOS Team Event.

Jayme discussed the idea of what the past participation of the three convention chairs are (AFG Convention, So Cal AA Convention w/Al-Anon Participation and So-Cal Alateen Conf), and their roles and purposes. Do we continue to have them on the SCWS Committee and should we have a thought force to enhance their role, change their role or is it needed?

Our Archives Coordinator, Cathy G., will be setting up a Longtimer's Meeting this year.

Roll Call Taken - Amanda C.

<u>Minutes Secretary</u> - Amanda C. - Asked for changes, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of Committee Meeting of August 21, 2010, Minutes to be accepted as written by Martha, DR 30, seconded by Anna, ADR, Motion Passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Heidi T. – See Bulletin for report.

<u>Delegate's Report</u> - Sandie E. - See Bulletin for full report.

The 51st World Service Conference is April 11-15 in Virginia Beach and the conference theme is "Expanding our community of hope by embracing:

Yesterday's foundations

Today's successes

Tomorrow's possibilities"

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

Past Delegate - Mary M. - See Bulletin for Report.

Host Districts for May Assembly: 3, 24, 27, 42, 60, and 64

Observed 7th Tradition

Convention Chairperson Reports

AFG Convention 2011 – Lynn A.

So-Cal AA Conv. 2011 w/ Al-Anon participation – Lisa T. given by Jayme C.

So-Cal Alateen Conf. (SCAC) – Robert D.

Lunch Break

Concepts read by Jaime, Orange County Intergroup Liaison

Old Business

New Business

Discuss to have only one SOS per year in Area 004. (Discussion ensued). Motion to place on the agenda by Beth, DR 36, Tim, Public Info 2^{nd} . Favor -7 Opposed – 21. (Will not be not on the May Assembly agenda).

A job fair and two hot topics Favor-6 Opposed -19. (Will not be on the May agenda).

Add a fourth Hot Topic that is always related to Public Outreach – Carolyn CPC Made Motion, Tina 2nd Favor – 9 Opposed – 16. (Motion does not pass, will not be on the May agenda)

The Committee discussed which Hot Topics they would like to have at the May Assembly. Each Committee member votes three times to see what topics they would like to have at the May Assembly. After the vote the Hot Topics the Committee decided were:

KBDM with

Truck, Bulletin Editor, Facilitator

Cathy, DR 42

Paula, DR27

Margo DR24

Public Outreach with

Carolyn, Facilitator

Tim

Rodger

Tina, DR 21

New Service Manual with

Billy, Inland Empire Liaison, Facilitator

CB, DR 54

Jennifer, DR 45

Ben, Website Coordinator

Other Discussion

Paula, DR 27 is looking to split their district as their district is too long geographically. They are doing more research and will get more information to bring back to SCWS when they are closer to having the GRs discuss splitting their district.

Coordinators' Reports: See Bulletin for Reports

Public Information (TEAM Event) - Tim P.

Archives - Kathy G.

Literature – Juan P.

Website - Ben P.

CPC – Carolyn S.
Institutions - Rodger P.
District Report's - See Bulletin for Reports
Ask-It-Basket Questions
Announcements
Meeting ended at approximately 3:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda C

Ask-It Basket Questions

- Q. Was there any discussion about recognition of phone meetings (30+ meeting for several years and growing!) to have representation a voice and a vote in the conference structure?
- A. This was not discussed at this year's conference. However, please refer to the Service Manual, pages 36-37 and page 80 which explains the Al-Anon policy on electronic meetings. Also, please read "Fact Sheet for Al-Anon Electronic Meetings" (S-60) and "Electronic Al-Anon Meeting Guideline" (G-39).
- Q. On a couple of the Delegate Report slides under the logo it said, "Helping friends and families of problem drinkers" instead of saying "Helping friends and families of alcoholics". Is this an official change?
- A. The "tag line" may change from time to time this is the latest statement used in printed media and the WSO stationery.
- Q. Could we create a situation where we can have a program social networking site that abides by Tradition 11 and maintains anonymity?
- A. This question is one we are not qualified to answer. Know that the Board of Trustees, WSO and the Conference are keenly aware of the need to keep abreast of advances in technology and the needs and wants of the membership.
- Q. What is the definition of a "Long Timer?"
- A. There is no "official" definition of this term. Many use 25 years in Al-Anon as the delineation point.
- Q. How many employees work at Al-Anon Headquarters?
- A. It varies, but currently there are approximately 50 employees.
- Q. The new book development proposal on sexual intimacy: will it be a new book or a revision of the booklet Sexual Intimacy?
- A. We are not sure what form this will take.
- Q. Are we going to vote on keep the property?
- A. This was covered in the Delegate's report to the Assembly. Our Area consensus, taken at the Assembly last November and again affirmed at the Committee meeting in February was to end the trial period and finalize the ownership of the WSO building and property. At the World Service Conference in April, members voted to continue ownership.
- Q. Who do we request that Al-Anon literature be made available electronically (ie. Kindle) for those with eye and reading diseases? AA literature is already available.
- Q. Can we get Al-Anon literature on the Kindle?
- A. This was covered in the Delegate's report. WSO is researching all kinds of ways to provide new forms of literature. Right now it is not financially because the majority of WSO's income comes from literature sales. See the Delegate's Report which is now posted on the SCWS website for further information.

- Q. I hear the board members say "Job Descriptions" and "Job Fair" when referring to the positions on the board. Are these jobs or commitments? Is it still spiritual at that level?
- A. This question asks for an opinion. The Delegate's opinion: we are responsible for the effective and lawful conduct of the business of the non-profit organization Southern California World Service, Inc., which is the legal aspect of the service arm which serves the meetings and fellowship members of California South. Some of our service positions require special abilities, skills, work or life experiences, time commitments, and attributes to be able to competently carry out the efforts of serving the Area. In my opinion, this service is the most spiritual I have ever experienced.
- It is important that someone considering a position at this level understand what the position requires in the way of skills, time requirement and expectations.
- Q. How does the Board justify making decisions like if SCWS could possibly have the 2016 Al-Anon International Convention? Isn't that an Assembly decision?
- A. With the 12/31/2011 deadline for proposals, there would not have been enough time to obtain all of the information required to apply. The Board believed that are too many unanswered questions to commit our Area to host a convention of the size of an International Convention which would be attended by 8,000 to 10,000 people related to member volunteer support, finances and the selection of site.
- Q. I'm a relatively new GR (second Assembly meeting). I'm confused about the organizational responsibilities. What is Panel 49. Who actually elects WSO Board of Trustees? A large organizational chart on an easel at meetings would be helpful. Also eliminate all the acronyms please use the whole name.
- A. Please attend the newcomer orientation given by the Alternate Delegate an hour before each Assembly. Many questions may be answered there. The Service Manual contains answers regarding the organizational structure, selection of Board of Trustees, etc. Attending your District meetings will also help you understand these questions. Panel 49 refers to the 49th World Service Conference which was the beginning of our Delegate's and other board members' 3-year terms.
- Acronyms—sorry. We try to remember not to use acronyms thank you for the reminder.
- Q. What is the SCWS Structure? I'm concerned how we define 'Structure' with regard to how we spend our money! My District, I believe some groups think that Alateen is part of our structure so they want to give part of their group funds to Alateen SCAC. Reference pg 96 "Use of Group Funds", Rent & other group expenses... structure.
- A. The Service Manual, pp. 53-55 and 96 speaks to the appropriate use of group funds. Alateen is a part of Al-Anon, however, the Southern California Alateen Conference is a convention just as AFG Convention and Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation are. SCAC is a convention, not the program of Alateen. Providing group funds to SCAC is not an appropriate use of group funds, however, individual members may donate as they wish.
- Q. I'm confused. Are we discussing the "Do Not Refer" handout today? If not, what was the result at the conference? How were these questions answered?
- A. The "Do Not Refer" information was an example of some of the discussions which were held at the World Service Conference. The discussion highlights will appear in the 2011 Conference Summary which will be available in August. The result at the Conference discussion was that this will go back to the Board of Trustees for further review. A thought force will probably be formed and this will come up again at the next Conference.
- Q. How does your group get a vote if you are the District Representative (DR)?
- A. Page 149 in the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2010-2013 speaks to this question. If you are a District Representative as well as the Group Representative for your group, your group gets a voice and vote. If the DR is not also a GR, the group needs to elect a GR in order to be represented.
- Q. Do we have a World Service to Intergroup Liaison Position? If not how to we go about creating one?

- A. On Page 158 in the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2010-2013 it shows the World Service Conference Structure. The Al-Anon Information Service Centers (Intergroups) have liaisons who attend the SCWS Assembly to exchange information and are part of the area's communication process.
- Q. A long-time member has developed some type of disorder (took out some descriptive items/yet describing a disruptive member), what do you suggest we do?
- A. The November 2009 Hot Topic on Disruptive Members, which is on the SCWS website, Bulletin section, covers this question. Some suggestions from that Bulletin are to: Chair a meeting with a topic that focuses on whatever principle is being violated; Chair a meeting on Tradition One; Take a Group Inventory G-8; or Chapter 24 "Application of the Twelve Traditions to Group Problems" written by Lois W. The Service Manual, p. 79, "Group Problems" suggests any group unable to solve a problem should seek guidance from its district or Area Assembly."
- Q. I am the trusted coordinator for an anniversary celebration of my group. Some members of the group are pursuing the recording of the speaker and sale of CDs. Do you have any suggestions on how to proceed with this?
- A. Page 80 in the 2010-2013 Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual discusses this in the Audio Tape Recordings section.
- Q. What do you think of/what have you done or personally received as/for gift/gratuity for a guest speaker at a meeting/convention (i.e. not expenses, a present)?
- A. Personal opinion given by Mary M. Past Delegate. My gift is the gratitude I convey for being in this program.
- Q. Can we get the Bulletin sooner?
- A. Yes and No. There are many variables. The Bulletin has to wait for a majority of reports and especially the significant reports of Board Officers before it can be put together. In some cases this delays the assembly of the Bulletin past the time scheduled to put it together.
- Q. How can I propose new business to the Assembly? I'm a GR.
- A. There are two ways in which to propose new business at the Assembly. You can discuss the subject with your District Representative and request that the DR bring it up under New Business at the AWSC Committee Meeting. The DR can request it be placed on the agenda for the Assembly. Or, as a Group Representative, you can bring up any new business when the Chairman asks for New Business at that portion of the Assembly. As our Area uses Knowledge-Based Decision making, it is suggested that anyone proposing new business to the Assembly provide background information and facts as to the reason for the suggestion and questions and discussion precede a motion being made.
- Q. Our district would like to encourage working the steps. Has any district ever hosted a 4th Step Workshop? If so, what is a good way of doing so?
- A. Many districts have hosted 4th Step Workshops. Most recently was District 33, 36 and 66. The District Representative works with the Group Representatives and they design and format the Workshop. Districts have had Writing Workshops in addition to 4th Step Workshops. The District can work in conjunction with the Blueprint For Progress Workbook and design a workshop. A location is needed and hosting committee, registration, publicity, etc.
- Q. Are there any special considerations concerning opening a meeting in a gated community with limited access (public restricted)?
- A. Please refer to page 77 in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2010-2013 in the section titled "Registrations of Groups." It states, "The World Service Office (WSO) will register any group designating itself as an Al-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and meetings will be open to any Al-Anon member." As what you describe as a meeting held in "public restricted" location, it would not be registered as an Al-Anon meeting.
- Q. Sitting for 2+ hours without a break can be rough on some of us, could we have a 5 minute break every hour?

- A. Unfortunately a 5 minute break usually turns into a 30 minute break. Due to the limited time available for our Committee and Assembly meetings, it has been the format not to have breaks except for the lunch break. It should be noted that at any time individuals can take a break, get up and walk around if necessary, get a coffee/water, etc. There is not a problem with that.
- Q. How are tasks set up at these meetings? Does each district have an assigned place and pre-printed sign? How do you know how many seats to assign per district?
- A. There is open seating at all of our Area meetings. The District Representatives usually arrive early at the Assemblies and reserve seats for their Group Representatives. The signs are made by the individual Districts.
- Q. How can an individual member make a donation to World Service check O.K.? Yes. Please see page 92 of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2010-2013 for more information regarding direct contributions to WSO.
- Q. Should the district treasurer have 2 signatures on all checks that go out? Each district is autonomous and by group conscience decide on the signers of any bank account belonging to the district. Please see pages 54 and 55 of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2010-2013. Banks no longer oversee signatures, however, it is just common sense and good practice to require two signatures. That way, there will be checks and balances and more transparency with your district funds.
- Q. Does Al-Anon have a 501c3 status? Are the contributions tax deductible?
- A. Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc. and Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. both have 501(c) 3 status and yes, all contributions made to either organization are tax deductible. For information about Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc., please see page 110 of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2010-2013. For information about Southern California World Service of AFG, Inc., please go to our website at scws-al-anon.org and click on By-Laws.
- Q. Can we increase per mi expense to \$0.51 per IRS guidelines?
- A. As a group representative, you have the right to make a motion during the "New Business" part of the agenda during any Assembly.
- Q. Our military are changing: women going on the front line: LGBT are getting rights. Can (\$) 5,000.00 be spent to help the Al-Anon's in the service, or part of the military?
- A. Per Traditions 6 and 8 and the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2010-2013, page 96, "Group funds are used for group purposes only, not for personal gifts to members". It is inappropriate to use Al-Anon funds for any outside endeavor.
- Q. Can we have access to WiFi at the group Assembly meetings? What is the password?
- A. While the facility does have WiFi, we will have to check with the church to see if they will allow us to disseminate the network connection information.
- Q: I did not get a copy of the Delegate's Report. Can it be put on the website so I can take it with me to my Meeting?
- Q: Can we get Delegtae's report from the website? Please consider posting it.
- A: The Delegate's report will be published as part of the Bulletin which is placed on the website. Additionally, the Delegate's report is published on the Delegates blog on the website.

2011 1st Quarter Profit and Loss

	Jan - Mar 11
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
7th Tradition	137.00
Forum Subscription Collection	12.25
Group Contributions	7,226.25
Interest Income	22.01
Sharing of Service Workshop	2,674.00
Total Income	10,071.51
Expense	
Assembly Expenses	20.00
Bad Debts	28.00
Bank Fees	28.00
Background Checks	504.00
Bulletin Bulk Mail	1,994.84
Bulletin Production	1,722.76
Equipment	156.84
Hotel and Lodging	955.56
Hospitality Supplies	329.67
Insurance Expense	646.50
Literature Purchases	297.34
Meals	2,965.81
Mileage	0.00
Mileage	2,511.79 610.64
Office Expenses	428.26
Printing and Reproduction	1,795.51
Rent Expenses SOS Expenses	2,529.81
Special Events	165.00
Storage Expense	97.92
SouthWest Delegates Regional	1,110.00
Travel Expenses	3,049.95
Website Expenses	29.91
Total Expense	21,978.11
Net Ordinary Income	11,906.60
Net Income	11,906.60

Working 2011 Budget

1ST QTR 2011 January to March

INCOME

10,071.51	57,950.00	TOTAL INCOME
2,674.00	3,000.00	S.O.S Income
0.00	200.00	Longtimer Meeting Income
12.25	0.00	Other Income
22.01	200.00	Interest Income
7,226.25	50,600.00	Group Donations
00.0	1,000.00	Dist./Intergrp.Donations
00.0	800.00	Convention Contributions
137.00	1,500.00	7th Tradition
0.00	20.00	Bulletin Subscriptions

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Bulletin Bulk Mail	2,200.00	1,296.70
Bulletin Production Exp.	00.005,9	0.00
Comp.Hdwe & Software	200.00	00.00
Alateen Co-ord. Exp.	3,000.00	532.53
Archives Co-ord. Exp.	300.00	00.00
Hospitality Co-ord. Exp.	00.009	169.81
Bulletin Editor Exp.	150.00	0.00
Literature Co-ord. Exp.	250.00	00.00
CPC Co-ordinator Exp.	00.007	180.00
P. I. Co-ord. Exp.	200.00	0.00
H & I Conference	00.006	0.00
Institutions Co-ord. Exp.	300.00	0.00
Web Site Co-ord. Exp	150.00	0.00
Delegate Equalizer Fund	1,950,00	00.00

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Delegate WSC Expense	500.00	00.00
Other Area mtgs	5,000.00	1,203.57
SWRDM/SW Delegate Mtg.	5,000.00	3,825.44
DR/GR/Liaison Mileage/Hotel	3,500.00	229.60
Officer/Co-ord. Mileage/Hotel	5,000.00	2,330.19
Alternate Delegate Exp.	100.00	148.67
Chairperson Exp.	1,000.00	139.16
Delegate Exp.	1,500.00	183.00
Minutes Secretary Exp.	250.00	7.00
Past Delegate Exp.	500.00	74.58
Records Secretary Exp.	400.00	113.04
Treasurer Exp.	2,500.00	37.78
Bank Charges & Fees	100.00	28.00
Liability Insurance	3,000.00	646.50
NSF Checks/Bad Debts	400.00	28.00
Translating Equipment	0.00	0.00
Professional Translator	200.00	0.00
Corporate Expense	200.00	0.00
Website	100.00	29.91
Rent - Committee/Assembly	5,000.00	835.50
Rent - Other (Storage Facility)	1,000.00	177.93
Special Meetings - Other	500.00	0.00
Longtimers Meeting Exp.	500.00	0.00
S.O.S. Expense	3,500.00	6,540.51
TOTAL EXPENSE	57,950.00	18,757.42
Year End Profit before Contri- bution to WSO	0.00	(8,685.91)
Prudent Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00

District/Group	City	Group ID 1st Qtr
D03 Open Hearts AFG	Arroyo Grande	30527684 61.10
D03 Oaks Beginners	Paso Robles	1361 100.00
D06 Monday Night Tehachapi	Tehachapi	64595 10.00
D08 Be Good To Yourself AFG	Carpinteria	30545452 9.00
D08 Keep Coming Back	Santa Barbara	29412 19.80
D08 Keep It Simple AFG	Santa Barbara	30557154 28.22
D08 One Day At A Time	Santa Barbara	53469 31.05
D08 Santa Barbara Friday Morning Center	~ W	00100
10 AM	Santa Barbara	41540 45.00
D08 Step-A-Month Study Group	Santa Barbara	61334 34.20
D08 Sunday Morning Serenity Group 11AM	Santa Barbara	1639 30.00
D09 Abre Las Ventanas Al Amor	Palmdale	500784 30.00
D10 Courage to Change 630 PM	Hesperia	503304 5.00
D12 Camarillo Thursday Night Group 730 PM	Camarillo	25424 20.00
D12 Courage to Change AFG	Camarillo	43526 15.00
D12 Tuesday Night Al-Anon 700 PM (Rehab)	Simi Valley	29992 17.00
D12 Woman's Writing Group 730 PM	Thousand Oaks	54169 30.90
D12 Sunday Night Step & Tradition Study		
5 PM	Ventura	45277 10.00
D12 Ventura Thursday Night Newcomers		
730 PM	Ventura	1798 15.00
D17 Encino Monday Nite Literature Study	Encino	50014 30.00
D17 Have Al-Anon Will Grow Meeting	Encino	64469 30.70
D17 Granada Hills Monday Night AFG	Granada Hills	30534687 10.00
D17 Monday Night VA Hospital 7PM	North Hills	37302 65.00
D17 4th Step Study Tuesday 10AM	Northridge	681 30.00
D17 From Survival AFG	Reseda	30531750 40.00
D17 Tarzana Thursday Evening AFG St. James	Tarzana	1739 13.52
D17 Tradition 5 Friday Night	Woodland Hills	45693 25.00
D17 Tuesday Night Book Study 630PM	Woodland Hills	52038 25.00
D17 Wed Night Parent Focus Group	Woodland Hills	503581 223.00
D17 Women's Stag Action Group		
Thursday 10AM	Woodland Hills	1842 15.00
D21 Hope for Today 815AM	North Hollywood	500515 25.60
D21 Wake Up and Smell the Coffee	North Hollywood	64305 31.71
D21 Serenity on Sunday AFG	Sherman Oaks	1265 15.89
D21 Sherman Oaks Parent Focus Friday Night	Sherman Oaks	75762 60.00
D21 Monday Noon AFG 1st Christian Church	Studio City	48882 100.00
D21 Parents Focus	Studio City	502996 20.00
D24 Altadena Saturday 10AM	Altadena	65430 20.00
D24 Burbank Sunday Nite 7:30 PM	Burbank	738 92.28
D24 Sunday Twilight Women's Meeting	Burbank	66711 20.06
D24 Tuesday Evening Little White Chapel	_ wa ~ water	20.00
7:30 PM	Burbank	740 15.00
D24 La Canada Blue Print for Progress	~ui vulli	. 10 13.00
Mon AFG	La Canada	46168 81.78
D24 La Canada Parents Group 1030 AM	La Canada La Canada	51517 410.00
D24 La Canada Wed Step Study 730PM	La Canada La Canada	1054 27.00
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D24 Monday Al-Anon Meeting	La Canada	39655	38.16
D24 Monday Night AFG	La Canada	23996	54.00
D24 Thursday 7 O'Clock Let's Rock Men's Star			193.41
D24 Thursday Afternoon Step Study 1230 PM	La Canada	1053	100.00
D24 Saturday 9AM Step & Tradition Study	La Canada	1030	100.00
AFG	Montrose	48986	37.80
D27 Step Into The Solution AFG	Beverly Hills	30538124	
D27 Brentwood Sunday AFG Step Study	Brentwood		132.14
D27 Friday Night Women's Meeting	Los Angeles	502681	70.00
D27 Los Angeles Beginners Meeting Arlington	Los Angeles	1134	34.00
D27 Los Angeles Wilshire	Los ringeres	110 1	C 1.00
Wednesday Night AFG	Los Angeles	1157	6.00
D27 Thursday Los Angeles Civic Center	200 111190100	110.	0.00
1215PM	Los Angeles	49565	35.00
D27 New Beginnings AFG	Pacific Palisades	63023	87.00
D30 Alhambra Friday 1030 AM Step Study	Alhambra	652	20.00
D30 Wednesday Morning Discussion Group	Alhambra	651	31.25
D30 Nuevos Caminos Monday and Thursday	Pasadena	43698	8.62
D30 Pasadena Monday Night Womens AFG	Pasadena	63505	30.00
D30 Pasadena Saturday Nite	Pasadena	46915	5.00
D30 San Gabriel Tuesday Night (Roses Road)	San Gabriel	1588	64.00
D30 San Marino Al-Anon	San Gabriel	1587	12.00
D30 Wednesday Night Open Discussion	Sierra Madre	29861	15.00
D33 Covina Friday 10am Living in the Solution	Covina	500806	12.00
D33 Covina Up Front			
Wednesday Noon Al-Anon	Covina	825	38.80
D33 Young At Heart AFG	Covina	65666	19.00
D33 Hope to Share	Monrovia	30527674	5.00
D33 West Covina Men's Stag 730	West Covina	1824	42.75
D36 11th Step Meeting - Brown Bag	Claremont	63330	20.00
D36 Changing Format AFG 7:30PM			
St. Marks Church	Upland	47714	10.00
D36 Saturday Family Afterward AFG	Upland	35775	10.82
D39 Al-Anon Book Study AFG	Riverside	62045	6.80
D39 Riverside As We Understood	Riverside	62948	13.00
D40 Family & Friends Alcoholics	Hemet	32470	10.00
D40 Hope for Today	Murrieta	30531203	
D40 Thursday Morning Literature Study	Temecula	30504289	
D42 Friday Noon Courage to Change	Bermuda Dunes	52240	24.00
D42 How Al-Anon Works - Tuesday Noon	Indian Wells	60124	80.86
D42 Hope for Today	Palm Desert	30533315	7.86
D42 Palm Desert Friday			_
Courage to Change AFG	Palm Desert	24079	8.10
D42 Paths To Recovery Saturday 10:00 AM	Palm Springs	61960	31.36
D42 Wed Night AFG Discussion Group			
6:30 PM	Palm Springs	60635	10.00
D42 Wednesday 630 Women's Meeting	Yucca Valley	500442	9.14
D45 In All Our Affairs Women's Stag			

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	630 PM	Inglewood	40844	17.89
D45	Serenity Peace and Joy Al-Anon	Mar Vista	28686	45.00
	4th & 5th Step Writing Meeting 11:15AM	Santa Monica	1663	30.00
	Al-Anon Firday 10 AM Meeting	Santa Monica	63948	63.10
	MWF 735 AM One Day At A Time	Santa Monica	33829	32.68
	Santa Monica Monday Evening	Santa Monica	30536885	
	Tuesday 735 AM Al-Anon Meeting	Santa Monica	61784	68.20
	Monday Night Recovery Group 730PM	Westchester		166.20
	Sunday 7PM	Westchester		20.00
	Downey Thursday Nighters	Downey	854	25.00
	Mon Evening Al-Anon	Pico Rivera	1367	30.00
	Nuevo Despertar	Santa Fe Springs	48601	25.50
	East Whittier/La Habra Tuesday Night	1 8		
	7PM	Whittier	1830	36.10
D51	Whittier Wednesday Night 700 PM	Whittier	29953	24.00
	Tuesday Nite Conscious Contact 7:30 PM	El Segundo	51035	8.97
D54	Gardena Saturday AM 12&12&12 Meeting	Gardena	39919	38.88
D54	Hermosa Beach Thursday 12 PM	Hermosa Beach	65307	125.00
D54	Women's Courage to Change Study			
	Al-Anon	Lomita	61723	50.00
D54	Manhattan Beach Tuesday Nite AFG			
	7:30 PM	Manhattan Beach		12.50
	Steps to Serenity Tues Noon	Manhattan Beach		20.00
	Peninsula Hilltoppers AFG	Palos Verdes	1408	80.00
D54	Monday Morning Step Study 10AM	Rollings Hills		
		Estate	1464	60.00
	Del Amo Orientation AFG	Torrance	1752	75.00
D54	Thursday Nite Back to Basics AFG		44	•••
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D54	Torrance Podium Participation	T	2/501	00.00
D54	Monday 7:30	Torrance	26781	80.00
D54	Torrance Saturday Morning Walteria	Тошина	£4002	21 12
D <i>5</i> 4	9 AM Townson Thursday 10 AM	Torrance	54893	31.13 20.00
	Torrance Thursday 10AM Saturday Morning Group	Torrance Long Beach	1756 62772	75.00
	Tuesday Morning Faith In Action	Long Deach	02//2	73.00
DSI	Family Group	Long Beach	30521517	30.00
D57	Tuesday Night Paths to Recovery	Long Deach	30321317	30.00
DST	Step Study	Long Beach	30515689	2.00
D57	Wednesday Nite Co Ed Stag AFG	Long Beach	32208	40.00
	Monday Night In & Out Step Study	Seal Beach	30516645	
	Buena Park Thursday Night Al-Anon	Buena Park	23971	2.30
	Tuesday Night 730 St Irenaeus Church	Cypress	44559	30.00
	Monday Night AFG 730 PM	Fullerton	41921	26.03
	Wed 1230 PM Al-Anon	Fullerton	954	15.00
	La Habra Wednesday Nite Al-Anon	La Habra	63268	20.00
	Orange Friday Noon	Orange	1304	14.00
	Saturday Night Al-Anon of Orange	Orange	65488	20.00
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D60	Yorba Linda Tuesday Evening Men's Stag	Yorba Linda	37360	5.00	
	Yorba Linda Tuesday Night	Yorba Linda	66240	35.00	
	Tuesday Aladay Al-Anon 12:30 PM	Fountain Valley	912	16.29	
	Meeting of Hope AFG	Garden Grove	405065	15.00	
	Thursday Night Men's Stag AFG 8 PM	Garden Grove	812	49.00	
	Huntington Beach Thursday AFG 7PM	Huntington Beach		15.00	
	Monday Morning Attitude Adjustment	9			
	AFG 10 AM	Huntington Beach	54626	37.00	
	Monday Night Fogcutters -12 Step Study	Huntington Beach		42.23	
	Tuesday Nite Men's Stag	Huntington Beach		20.00	
	Santa Ana Monday Evening AFG	Santa Ana	51371	12.00	
	Keep It Simple On the Beach 10AM	Sunset Beach		100.00	
	AFG How It Works Step Study	Tustin	54429	25.55	
	Monday Night Literature Study	Tustin	1770	38.00	
	Parents Hope for Today				
	Al-Anon Family Group	Tustin	30508020	15.50	
	Gratitud Y Fe	Chino	53918	40.00	
	El Nuevo Horizonte Al-Anon Group	El Monte	45872	14.00	
	Forta Leza y Libertad	Hacendia Heights	60494	10.00	
	Hawthorne Sunday 2PM				
	Accion y Recuperacion	Hawthorne	60154	12.00	
	Orta Comienza AFG	Los Angeles	61968	20.00	
	Armor Fe Y Esperanza	Oceanside	30506037	10.00	
	Un Nuevo Amanecer	Palmdale	65518	16.00	
	Arcoiris	Pico Rivera	503453	20.00	
	Circula de Ganadores	Van Nuys	60303	20.00	
	Friday Night Capo Beach Al-Anon Meeting	•		33.60	
	Break Away Parents Meeting	Costa Mesa	500486	25.91	
	Courage to Change	Costa Mesa	30567379	45.00	
	Survival to Recovery Study 10AM	Costa Mesa		105.00	
	Irvine Sunday Night AFG	Irvine	45275	29.73	
	Irvine Tuesday Nite 7:30 PM	Irvine	50062	15.59	
	Laguna Beach Men's Al-Anon	Laguna Beach	44153	253.00	
	Saturday Night 700 PM	Laguna Beach	30552293	57.37	
	Laguna Niguel AFG	Laguna Niguel	39918	22.75	
	Lake Forest Thursday Night	Lake Forest	30517302		
	Come Saturday Morning Al-Anon				
	Parent Meeting	Newport Beach	63876	133.17	
	Parent Al-Anon Meeting 6:30	Rancho			
	6	Santa Margarita	502884	23.00	
D69	Carlsbad Monday Night Discussion 730 PM	_	757	15.00	
	Changing Attitudes 8:30 AM	Carlsbad	61259	25.60	
	Working the Steps, Traditions & Concepts		66846	36.77	
	Saturday Morning Discussion	Oceanside	61150	33.75	
	Courage to Change	Solana Beach	501479	10.00	
	Vida Serena	Vista	501669	40.00	
	Tuesday 7PM Women's Closed Al-Anon	El Cajon	29519	8.66	
	Imperial Beach Al-Anon	Imperial Beach	30555474		
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D72 La Mesa Monday 1PM			
East County Daytime	La Mesa	1078	29.60
D72 La Mesa Sunday 9AM			
Serenity At The Lake AFG	La Mesa	40624	18.86
D72 Al-Anon Recovering Adult Children	Lemon Grove	44078	65.00
D72 North Clairemont Al-Anon Group 700 PM	San Diego	1543	25.00
D72 Tuesday Morning New View Al-Anon	J		
10AM	Spring Valley	42684	70.00
D75 Clairemont Day Time AFG	Clairemont	1529	15.00
D75 Clairemont Friday Night Al-Anon 6PM	Clairemont	64471	22.50
D75 Lost and Found Al-Anon Group 5:30PM	Clairemont	47087	32.00
D75 Hillcrest Friday 12:15PM Fireside AFG	Hillcrest	46160	10.00
D75 Come As You Are AFG	La Mesa	502116	12.50
D75 Courage to Change Step Study	Point Loma	1634813	50.00
D75 Drop the Rock AFG	San Diego	67038	11.00
D75 Mind Your Own Business	San Diego	47661	15.46
D75 Monday Lunch Bunch Step Study	San Diego	30555026	20.00
D75 Working the Program:			
Steps, Traditions and Sharings	San Diego	64053	25.00
D75 University City Thursday Lunch Bunch	University City	48294	13.25
D75 Unique Character of AFG Step Study	University Heights	64581	6.00
Holly Jolly Alathon	Orange		306.20

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Who has Voice and/or Vote?

Assembly Meeting

Group Representatives VOICE and VOTE
District Representatives VOICE
Officers VOICE
Coordinators VOICE
Past Delegates VOICE

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

Committee Meeting

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

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Coordinator Reports

Archives

Hello fellow Al-Anons,

I hope all of you are enjoying your meetings and learning more about yourselves. I know I do every day that I choose to continue being part of this fellowship. Grateful for the 60 years Al-Anon has been here.

Now let us talk. Do not forget October 8th, our long timers celebration event! We will have speakers, a panel, a wonderful archives table and time for you to learn about Area 4, California south, and our part in the starting of Al-Anon 60 years ago. It is amazing as I look through our history and see how the steps, traditions and then concepts shaped our fellowship as they were written to do. Members just like us, year in and year out at meetings, assemblies and intergroup made motions and took votes. First it was between the meetings in California and the WSO and then it became meetings to their Districts and then to assemblies, then to the WSO.

In the beginning, the great leap at first was after the convention in 1960!! Not to mention the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines back in the 40's and fifties that talked of alcoholics and their "families". Alcoholism was being talked about and a method of recovery talked about that was proving to work. The "families" were meeting in homes and rooms near AA meetings for years before Al-anon Family groups came to be in 1951. So many enterprising men and women who saw the help the program gave to a drunk and thought how it just might work for them too. It goes to show all of us how one drunk talking to another got one family member talking to another until they decided to form their own group. From state to state, this after a vote by all of them became Al-Anon Family Groups! And now we are going strong after 60 years!!! Amazing!

All of this and no one is hired or paid or even in their jobs for longer than 3 years. Rotation of leadership brought fresh energy, thoughts and voices back then to meetings, assemblies, intergroup, conventions. Just as it does today. Two of the names you see in the early days are Flossie Lewis and then Martha Parsons. Both ladies were on committees starting in the 50's and both were of service till they could no longer do service.

They helped at intergroup when it first was started and were on the first convention committee for Al-Anon in long Beach. Sadly, these two have passed on. I met and heard Martha speak a number of times and without a doubt, she loved alcoholics and never lost her sense of humor or her love of both fellowships, even though her husband never got sober.

Al-Anon is a program for the friends and families along with Alateen. It is for our recovery. So that is why we honor our long timers. All those who were here 60,50,40,30 years ago are our Areas "movers and shakers", who helped lay the foundation of our fellowship. Many are being given papers to answer questions about the past. We have lots of history in our area, but not so many personal stories of member's journeys from the beginning. And we all continue to age, so time is of the essence. Please help our District talk with the long timer and get their stories. Then share with all of us October 8th.

Absolute love in service, Kathy G.

Group Records Coordinator

Wow, it was pretty exciting to be meeting for the first time in our new location. I was really wondering what kind of difference it would make in the number of GR's present at an Assembly. So here it is The number of GR's present for Assembly over the last 5 Assembly meetings:

May 09 - 196

Nov 09 - 213

May 10 - 175

Nov 10 - 229

May 11 - 230

And what I find really interesting is that Orange County and San Diego, who now have farther to go both maintained about the same number attending.

District 60 however is the winner with 19 of their 23 GR's present for 83%.

District 9 had 10 of their 13 GR's present for 77%

And District 17 had 9 of their 12 GR's present for 75%

And District 69 had the most GR's present with 20.

As to our other numbers: We currently have 1032 meetings listed on our database. It is really important that you continue to notify the Group

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

I am still very excited about the improvements that WSO continues to make with the Group Records Database. It is my hope that in the next couple of years we will only be using WSO's database instead of needing to enter everything twice, once for us and once for them. I haven't received much feedback from those of you who have received the Reports that I have generated using WSO's database...

I'm still receiving incomplete change forms. So the following bears repeating:

It makes my job so much easier if the following things are included on the change forms:

First and last name of CMA and GR Full addresses to receive mail

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

Group number if you have it. If you don't have it, it is not necessary to call me to get it. I will figure it out when I get your form.

And please include the district number.

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

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

It is important to remember that the name of your group has some criteria in order for it to be in accordance with our Traditions. The group cannot be named after the facility where it meets: i.e. St. John's AFG meeting. It also cannot make a promise that we cannot keep; i.e. Solve all your problems AFG meeting. Please keep this in mind when naming or changing the name of your group.

Thank you again for letting me serve. Kathi L

Institutions

Hey fellow AFGers. After the Hot topic on public outreach at the May Assembly it's obvious that there's alot going on all over SCWS stomping grounds. The creativity and energy is overwhelming. I learn so much from you all. My passion is for panels, but the spin that gets put on PO is amazing. You wiil be reading for this for the Nov. Assembly, and this is my last one, although I'm still the AFG chair for the 2012 H&I Coference, I am honored to have this position. I've been "over my head", which is my AFG service story.-

Rodger P

Public Information

There has been a flurry of activity with the Al-Anon table displays. They have been traveling all over Southern California for use at various public information events. Here are just a few of the places they have been used: The AA Hospitals and Institutions weekend in April, a children's health fair in Hollywood, both table top displays were used at the Southern California Al-Anon Family Groups convention and a Mothers Against Drunk Driving event in Orange County.

District 42 has commissioned a stand-up banner that can be taken to all public outreach functions. They are bringing the display to the Assembly for all to see.

World Service has reported that Al-Anon has been mentioned recently in Dear Abby, in Oprah Magazine and on General Hospital and I have passed this information on to the DRs.

I have worked with Carolyn S, CPC, and Rodger P, H&I, on the Public Outreach hot topic session at the May 21 Assembly.

Please phone me at 323-462-4746 if you need the table top display and I will send it for use at your district outreach project.

Tim P.

Webmaster

Do you know about all of the Al-Anon events taking place in the Southern California area? It's constantly changing so make sure you check the Calendar of Events page at http://www.scws-al-anon.org/calendar.php to find the latest information. If you have an Al-Anon related event you would like added to the area Calendar of Events page, just use the "click here" link near the top of the page to send any event flyer and contact infor-

mation to me.

Are you thinking about being of Service above the Group level? You will find the job descriptions of the Southern California World Service Board positions on the website. We created a new "Duties" blog topic and each job description is a separate posting within the topic. If you have any questions or comments about the duties and responsibilities of a position, please post a comment against the job description and someone from the Board will respond to your request. Your comment and the responses will be available for all to read. You will find our blog site at: http:// www.scws-al-anon.org/blog/. Just select the

"Duties" topic listed on the top right hand side of the page to review the duties and responsibilities of each Board position.

The job descriptions are also being published in the Bul-

letin for those of you who are web adverse.

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

adventure

Love in Service, Ben P.

Conventions

AFG

Greetings

It seems like almost yesterday since I was sitting in these rooms as a board member, but it has been almost 6 years since I ended my 15 year stretch of being of service with you wonderful Alanoners.

I have returned as the 2012 AFT Chairman; it is great to see so many friends that I have not had a chance to see or remise with for some time now. I ask that you please mark your calendars for March 30, 31 and April 1, 2012. That is the date for your next Al-Anon party! The planning meetings will be located in Pasadena and begin in July, exact info to follow.

> Love in Service Lil S and to some Lily Bear

Intergroup

Inland Empire

SERVICE CENTER RELOCATION

The Inland Empire Service Center in Colton relocated April 1st. The new address is 1016 E. Cooley Dr., Suite C-2, Colton, CA 92324. The new location is across the parking lot from the former location. The landlord had a need for the original space and requested we move. It turns out we got more space and a significant savings over the term of the lease. The move, though we were given little notice, was accomplished within a sin-

> gle weekend with the help of many enthusiastic volunteers from throughout the IE. We continue to look for volunteers to cover the phones and receive visitors at the Service Center.

can transform a mundane chore into an exciting The Forum, Sept 2009, pg 32

I find that a good leader needs to have ideas

and to be open minded enough to listen to the thoughts of others. Working in harmony and be-

ing willing to find the best way to complete a job

WAYS & MEANS

A "CASINO NITE" fund raiser has been scheduled for August 20 at the Fender Guitar Museum (365 North Main Street, Corona, CA 92880) from 5pm to 10pm in Corona. It will be a potluck with raffles and speakers – a gala event – all are invited.

The annual "GRATITUDE DINNER" has been scheduled for November 5 in Yucaipa at the same location (Faith Lutheran Church, 12449 Califonia St., Yucaipa, CA 92399) as last year.

HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS

The IE has continued involvement in local hospitals and institutions. There is active outreach ongoing and have added a number of panels.

WEBSITE

Our website address is www.ca.inlandempirealanon.org. We continue to get over 500 hits on our web site each month. We're excited that the internet can facilitate added contact with families in need.

> Love in Service, Dan K, Alternate WSO Liaison Billy M, WSO Liaison

Orange County

I would like to congratulate the new OC Service Board Members:

Chair Elect: Chris C

District 60:

Gloria G. World Service Liaison

Steve F. Institutions

District 63:

Chuck C Round Robin/Phone

Daniel G. Orange Blossom

District 66:

Casey E. Public Information

Steve M. Alateen Coordinator

Spanish Liaison is Judith!

The OC office can always use help with calls during the weekend. Please call the office at 714-748-1113 with a daytime phone number.

Thank you. Jaime B.

San Diego

We are so fortunate to have an efficient well stocked service center, staffed by our extremely knowledgeable long time employee Sandra, as well as many volunteer members.

We are currently trying to replace our air conditioning unit, a necessity in our 300 square foot jewel.

While many of us love our service center, she is old and needs TLC.

Unfortunately we continue work with a negative budget.

We have a prudent reserve, and we do have faith.

Districts

District 12

I can't believe I only have one SCWS Committee meeting left and one Assembly left. Yes!! It feels like it going too fast and there is so much more to do. I am so glad to serve as DR and see our District so strong and the GR's committed to service. So enough of that here is what is happening in our District.

District is the midst of planning for the 60th Al-Anon Celebration in Ventura County. It will happen, God Willing and doesn't kill me, in September or October. We will have speakers and give away prizes and possibly a skit. Plus Refreshments and food. More will be reveled. By the time this is published we will have more details at the SCWS Committee meeting. So stay tuned and

hopefully I will have flyers for it as well.

Our funds for District have dwindled which is good for we are using the money to support workshops and public outreach. Since District put the word out that our funds have dwindled we have received funds from our local convention "Serenity By the Sea." I hate asking for money but it does work. Now District 12 can continue being of service to our local groups.

We will be ordering the 2012 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to be used in public outreach and for GR's. The last batch was picked up by the GR's and taken back to the meetings for members who want to leave them in various places.

At our next District meeting we will be visited by our Delegate Sandie E. Looking forward to hear her recovery and service.

I want to say I have enjoyed my position as DR but that is not the truth. I had to struggle and get pissed off and let go and give it to God. And when the end comes honestly I am glad to have served. It was not easy and could not have done with out the support from my District and SCWS. So those who are new DR's, you are not alone and hang in there, for this too shall pass.

Mike M Recovery through Service

District 21

EAST SIDE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: North Hollywood, Valley Village, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, Valley Glen, Mission Hills, Sylmar, Sunland and Arleta.

SCAC COLLECTION was alive and very generous in OUR district. Our G.R.'s did great work in explaining WHAT SCAC IS and keeping the collection to a 4 week period. Today is June 6th

(after Last Chance Picnic) and District 21 supported 13 scholarships for the Alateens in our district and 2 sponsor scholarships. The parents of our Alateens donated \$80.00. There was \$155.41 dollars donated from the "10th Anniversary Celebration" our one Alateen Meeting. We had \$ 181.41 left over to contribute to the 2 buses that will transport Alateens back and forth to USC Riverside. Districts that SUP-

PORTED the rentals of buses are DISTRICTS 27, 54, 45, 17, L.A. Intergroup and us D21.

One final BRAVO..goes out to the "10 Year Alateen Meeting Celebration" at the end of April. The Alateens wanted to make it a "fund raiser" for SCAC and it happened with the SUPPORT of the these ALATEENS, ALONG with their PARENTS, Grandparents,

relatives and neighbors. Plus we had a GREAT SUP-PORT from our district, about 35 members attended. 'Gracias'!!!

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE was attended by 10 members from our district. We voted to send 10 plus me, the DR to the luncheon and provided registration. Roger and Carolyn did a "WONDERFUL JOB" with making an interesting program and fabulous speakers. It was quite moving to hear the impact that Al-Anon is so needed in hospitals AND rehab's. Each member that went said 'they were so grateful to have gone', truly! Now, we all get to share at our meetings, our own excitement and concerns about 12 step work. My experience at the H & I Conference was hearing the strength and courage of "all the A. A. Panelists" that shared about their particular service. I believe we can learn from the A.A.'s about "commitment to service" They all spoke of Patience along with Tolerance at these facilities is a big part of this service. They reminded us that we are invited guests! It just seems vital that Al-Anon participate at this convention. We haven't even scratched the surface of moving Al-Anon Panels into Hospitals AND Institutions. So glad to see we had 10 members learn about the possibilities in service! We meet an Al-Anon Coordinator from Northern Calif. that has gotten Al-Anon in a prison in Salinas, what joy she expressed in that service. A.A. had a Panel Coordinator speak about his commitment at the Veterans Hospital in Northern California. The impact of his talk was "how welcomed" the veterans are to have the panel. He said that ALONE keeps him coming back for that panel service.

DISTRICT 21's MEETING IN MAY We had scheduled Sandie our Delegate to visit us and our meeting! We treated her to a dinner to meet and greet US...that was fun! Sandie had coordinated with Jayme, who was in Glendale that day to finish up ends at our new location. So we had BOTH of them at our meeting. Of course, we heard about the

W.S. Conference 11' and some facts that the Conference discusses about 'our future'. It really is special to have that time just with our delegate to get a perceptive of how the Conference works. During this week at Conference, Sandie did share that there are many hours of communicating with one another from all over the United States. After Sandie's share, we conducted 'our district meeting.' We had a time for group problems and it was good for us to hear the experience of Sandie and Jayme about their particular district solutions. We THANK YOU BOTH for coming to the Valley!

AREA ASSEMBLY we made it to the new location, bravo! And Bravo to the Assembly with that big change, change is not always easy for some of us but it is A GOOD Change!

We had a lunch session to help the DRs and Treasurers understand this 'new way' to take care of the SCAC donations. Change does bring up lots of issues! Plus Money matters has the same effect. We have the opportunity to learn from one another.

FINALLY We are looking and listening to our GR's about what's important these last 6 months of our service. A couple of ideas have popped up. Group Problems, how to help the G.R.'s with solutions for that. The Service Manual was the FIRST BIG Answer. Some of us reminded our G.R'.s that a long time ago, G.R.'s were encouraged to bring their own manual to their meetings each time. This practice is to encourage the members that 'that is where the anwers lie.' So perhaps we'll work from that. A workshop on the Service Manual was suggested. Participation is the Key to Harmony came up too....how to invite members to STAY at the Group Conscience. There is more to learn about ourselves in service!

This group of G.R's has been an attraction to Service. The Alternate DR, the District Treasurer and I are very GRATEFUL to have come this far with the participation and interest from these G.R's.

Happy in Service Tina S. DR and Donna E. Alt. DR

District 27:

As the Oscars say, "For your consideration": District 27 raised \$1,951.25 for SCAC!!! We funded 9 full scholarships and several partials, including a contribution to help pay for buses from the Los Angeles/Valley area. And now, we are gearing up for our annual Alathon.

See you there! Paula K. P

District 33

Baldwin Park, Covina, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Puente, Monrovia, and West Covina (East San Gabriel Valley)

First of all, I want to thank Barbara C., our 2011 Alathon Chair, and her committee for the highly successful 2011 Alathon held on June 11, 2011, in Glendora. It was our 28th Alathon event, and we had a full house for most of the day. All enjoyed food, fun, fellowship, raffles, entertainment, speakers, and meetings with a new leader every hour for this full-day event. Gerry V. from Wildomar and Lucky and Del L from Pomona were our speakers who shared their experience, strength, and hope. I have received numerous positive comments about this fantastic event.

Welcome to our new GR who has joined our District 33 Service Board—Macelda representing the Tuesday Night Monrovia meeting. At our last district meeting on June 9, we were grateful to have our Area 4 Delegate, Sandie E., present to our Service Board and GRs about her experience at the SCWS level and her recent participation in the April World Service Conference in Virginia Beach. Sandie was truly inspiring and enthusiastically received by all who attended.

Our Archives Coordinator is in the process of updating our history of our District 33 Meeting Groups and Longtimers in our area. Thank you to Agnes for her hard work and efforts. Thank to Kathy G. as well as she continues to do a great job with our quarterly newsletter. guidelines were issued by the SCWS Committee for all contributions to SCAC go through each District Representative versus sending directly to SCAC. I contacted the Alateen Sponsors of our three Alateen meetings and we had each Alateen pay a portion of the cost to attend SCAC, along

With love and gratitude, Jrene C., DR

I wish that more Al-Anon members would

take the initiative and become Alateen sponsors.

You have no idea how much it helps us teens to

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have more local meetings and more people we

can talk too, if we need the support.

District 36

We had our 3rd annual "What's God Brewin?" in May at our new location, and it was a success. The cookies, as usual, were

delicious, and the speaker, Val N., was also very good. There were raffle prizes, and various goodies inside each cup. We were able to contribute \$800.00 to our Service Center in Colton; we love our Service Center and hope to continue to support it.

Our next event won't be until December; it's our Holiday Potluck featuring the Al-Anon singers.

As soon as we have a date set we will be passing out fliers.

Our last meeting before our summer break is in June, and we have invited Sandie E. to come and share her experience, strength and hope with us, as well as answer questions we may have.

I can't believe I have already been the DR for almost 3 years now. It doesn't seem like that much time has gone by. But soon it will be time to move over and let someone else take the position. Service is a key component to my Al-Anon program, and I know I will find other positions to fill.

Love in Service Beth G

District 42

Our District purchased a new Outreach Banner through WSO and brought it to the Assembly to share with the other Districts. We are so glad to have this tool available for our Outreach Coordinators

District 42 voted to donate \$500 to SCAC (Southern California Alateen Conference). The \$500 would be designated for any Alateens from District 42 and a portion of funds would be allocated towards scholarships. This last year new guidelines were issued by the SCWS Committee for all contributions to SCAC go through each District Representative versus sending directly to SCAC. I contacted the Alateen Sponsors of our three Alateen meetings and we had each Alateen pay a portion of the cost to attend SCAC, along with our \$500 contribution. Last weekend the SCAC Committee had their final fundraiser called the "Last Chance Picnic" and along with our \$500

contribution and contributions from various Districts in Southern California, District 42 will have 18 Alateens attending SCAC, along

with three Alateen sponsors. The SCAC Committee is so appreciative of all the Districts and we all know our Higher Power was in charge. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Our Outreach Coordinator Barbara P., continues to attend the May meetings for Networking West and East. Barbara P., and her co-chairman Rita R., attended the last meeting for the school year for the Desert Sands Student Assistance Advisory Council hosted by the district at Shadow Hills High School on Jefferson - a beautiful new school. We were shown PSA's on tobacco, alcohol and drugs made by the Desert Sands high school students and then given the opportunity to select the ones we thought presented the best message - what a creative job they did - very impressive.

Barbara P., also received word that the desert chapter of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT) has been able to get their monthly meetings started again. This is a great opportunity for visibility of our Al-Anon program with the professional community.

We received a request from the County Youth Accountability Team in Riverside to present our

skit on "Detachment" at their boot camp (similar to our Desert Strength Academy) in Perris. Last summer they saw us do our presentation at the Armory in Indio and thought we really made an impact on the kids. Perris is part of the Inland Empire Intergroup so their outreach committee will be joining us and agreed to pay our expenses. They were very excited that we included them - sort of a training session and they can take care of future requests in their area. through the Al-Anon/Alateen 2010-2013 Service Manual; the Southern California World Service bulletin "Ask-It Basket" questions; and the World Service Conference Summary "Ask-It Basket." Two of the Traditions that address this issue are "Each group should be autonomous, except in material at the Armony in Indio and thought we really made an impact on the kids. Perris is part of the Inland Empire Intergroup so their outreach committee will be joining us and agreed to pay our expenses. They are also and the World Service Conference Summary "Ask-It Basket." Two of the Tradition 7. Tradition 4 and Tradition 7. Tradition 4 as a whole." and Tradition 7 states: "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside."

Have a safe and wonderful summer. Cathy S

District 54

The Southbay area, district 54, sends a summer breeze hello.

Our spring Al-Athon theme was "We Will Laugh More" and laugh we did as the day was filled with songs, plays, sharing, pot luck, and marathon meetings. The funds that were raised will benefit our outreach programs. Thank you to Marie, Linda and all of our 33 meetings for outstanding particiation and fun.

We have 500 copies of Alanon Faces Alcoholism ready to be distributed to counselors and health care professionals. This is our target group for 2011.

38 Alateens have registed for SCAC and the district is sharing the cost of bus transportation to Redlands. You can sense the excitement of the teens as they look forward to this great weekend. Many scholarships were provided generously from our groups. Thank you to all for making this time happen.

Heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Keep practicing the principals in all your affairs.

CB S

District 57

Hi, Everyone!

At our last district meeting, the GRs brought back information about what kind of workshop the members in their groups wanted to have, but sadly, when it came to nominating a Chair for the workshop, no one accepted the position. However, as always, we learned a lot in the process and after all it is all about the journey....

One of the meetings in our district inquired about insurance for groups and asked me to find out about it, so I'm sharing the result of that in my report for those who are interested. I searched

Manual; the Southern California World Service bulletin "Ask-It Basket" questions; and the World Service Conference Summary "Ask-It Basket." Two of the Traditions that address this issue are Tradition 4 and Tradition 7. Tradition 4 states: "Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon of AA as a whole." and Tradition 7 states: "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." The short answer is that most Al-Anon groups and/or districts do not have the funds to purchase insurance and the area has not been able to get any insurance that extends to groups. The discussion from the WSO is a suggestion that groups contact their meeting facility and see if a rider can be added to that facility's policy. If that's not possible, it may be necessary to find another meeting place, or there might be insurance companies willing to handle not-for-profit groups and/or provide insurance for a "one time" event if a group is interested in holding a workshop, for example. Groups might research to find those companies.

From the Al-Anon/Alateen 2010-2013 Service Manual it states: "Insurance. Many meeting places require liability insurance and "hold harmless" waivers from Al-Anon groups. The U.S. and Canadian laws do not allow for the WSO to provide blanket insurance coverage for groups and service arms. Groups requiring this coverage are encouraged to first contact their district or Area as there are some that can provide liability coverage for groups. Where this is not the case, several groups that meet at one place might be able to combine their resources and obtain one policy. Laws differ from place to place and it is suggested that groups contact someone in their locale regarding liability insurance. Paying for insurance should not jeopardize the group's ability to fulfill the spirit of the Traditions and support the Al-Anon and Alateen service arms. If a group is not able to take care of its immediate needs, it may need to reconsider its choice of meeting locations."

Gratefully. Sandy P.

District 63

Greetings! District 63 sponsored a successful Alateen Workshop entitled, "Would Alateen work for your family?" There were 70 attendees, and it

was held on May 14, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at a spacious location in Costa Mesa, CA. There were two awesome panels: one panel consisted of three Alateen speakers who shared their stories, and the second panel had three Alateen sponsors who shared their personal experience with Alateen groups.

After the break, the workshop covered how an Alateen meeting works and how to start an Alateen meeting, presented by an Alateen Sponsor and an Alateen Coordinator from SCWS. There was a 50/50 Raffle held by the Alateens and a 7th tradiiton collected. The winner of the raffle donated his winnings back to the Alateens. All proceeds from the workshop went to SCAC.

Thank you, Elaine D.

District 72

We are fast approaching the end of our three year term. I have been so blessed in getting to see my District grow in leadership and being of service to their groups and area.

We have been busy as a district contributing to our groups several hundred copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, planning our Longtimers' Event (which is set for June 25, 2011) and our Alternate District Representative Erik is working in the preliminary stages of our joint venture with District 75 for our Fall Event – a workshop focusing on Al-Anon's Three Legacies.

We lost a very dear member of our District – Hester B. She was my service sponsor and an amazing example of Al-Anon and giving back to the program that gave her such a freedom and serenity. I am grateful I got to know her these past six years of my own journey in Al-Anon.

We look forward to continuing to be of service to our groups at the end of our term. It has been a wonderful time of growth.

In love of the program, Marilu H.

District 75

District 75 now has twenty one Group Representative out of forty four meetings. Our experience is that our groups needed to be asked to elect a representative. We made an effort to visit unrepresented meetings and took along a description of what a representative does for the group and what the group does for their representative. I'm

pleased to report that we had twelve GR's in attendance at this last Assembly. This is almost a completely new panel and this was a first Assembly for most. We are still sharing and digesting the Hot Topics and planning to take this information to our groups.

Marie H. our alternate District Representative is heading up a Workshop committee with District 72 cooperation for our Fall Workshop scheduled for October 1. The topic is Alanon's Three Legacies. Our first planning meeting will be July 21st. Our goal is to go to our groups with an outline and clear list of needs.

We are happy to report three new Alateen meetings, an institutional meeting at the Polinsky Children's Center, an open Alateen meeting opposite the men's meeting on Wednesday evenings, and an Alateen Step Study opposite the Detachment meeting at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center.

Looking ahead for Alateen and working with our Intergroup Alateen Chair, we are working on a plan to have the San Diego foster care administrating agency stipulate that children placed in foster care be taken to Alateen meetings. We hope to enroll Voices for Children and the Promises to Kids foundations in providing transportation for foster children to Alateen meetings to assist in this goal.

Military outreach is coming together thanks to the efforts of Ken M. who brings thirty years of work experience in navy public relations and we hope to have several new Alanon and Alateen meetings near military housing in the near future.

Service at our district level is teaching us that sometimes a long train trip and a long day is a great way to deepen our program and benefit from the experience, strength and hope of some extraordinary members of our fellowship. It is also teaching us to listen for guidance from our Higher Power and dare to dream about expanding the influence of the Alanon and Alateen program.

Public Outreach Hot Topic

How can SCWS provide better Public Outreach education to Districts, GRs, Intergroups and likewise improve the communication and sharing/exchanging of activities/insights each locale is doing?

SCWS has 3 Public Outreach Coordinators. We in theory work seamlessly with each other. All three of our jobs involve gathering and communicating what the SCWS is doing in Public Outreach. On WS conference calls its great to share what we are doing as an area. We assist districts and intergoups with public outreach projects and events. We know most districts and intergroups are doing fabulous Public Outreach, but we don't know what they're doing.

When asked about how we can facilitate the sharing and exchange of ideas, two suggestions were 1) creating a SCWS Public Outreach blog and/or 2) creating a SCWS Public Outreach Yahoo Group, but majority were not in favor of these suggestions. They preferred the sharing and collaborating at assemblies.

We briefly shared Public Outreach Coordinator job descriptions. All three of our jobs include suggesting appropriate Public Outreach literature plus encouraging all meetings, districts, and intergroups, and the SCWS board to order and distribute *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* twice a year.

What does the Institutions Coordinator do?

Our Institutions Coordinator, Rodger P, gave a job description of what the Institutions Coordinator role is with assisting districts, intergroups. This job also includes being the SCWS Al-Anon Chair for AA's yearly So-Cal Hospitals and Institutions Service Conference. He explained that each coordinator will have there own strength and focus on this job. He shared his inspiration and success with panels locallly. Here is his magic formula:

He recruits 8 month to 2 year members. They remember to share all of the immediate relief and tools that are really working in their trauma.

He follows up with the panel members to reinforce and focus on what they got out of the experience.

Members usually get huge spiritual growth from this service.

4) If you are in charge of a panel, you must make sure that panel members show up to the institution. Panel members not showing up, is a major deterrent to institutions cooperating with Al-Anon.

What does the CPC Coordinator do?

The CPC=Cooperating with the Professional Community. 40% of new Al-Anon members come from professional referrals.

This job overlaps with both Institutions and Public Information. CPC coordinates requests from the WSO for local contact and assistance to professionals. It also includes being available to districts and intergoups who request assistance, a presentation, appearance, help at an event. At the suggestion of the WSO's, Associate Director Communications – Professionals, Claire Ricewasser, SCWS CPC had a panel at the So-Cal Hospitals & Institutions 2011 Service Conference. So AA calls SCWS's CPC the Al-Anon Co-Chair. This is the first time SCWS Area has done this. Many Al-Anon Areas throughout the US and Canada have both a CPC Panel and an Institutions Panel along with an Al-Anon Luncheon at their AA H & I Service Conferences. AA was so delighted with AFGs increased participation and attendance that they are providing Al-Anon with its own service program room in 2012. We're planning to have both types of panels! Whoo Hoo! If monies are available, we can lead a few service oriented marathon meetings, have a speaker or discussion on Friday and Sunday.

What does the Public Information Coordinator do?

This coordinator was unavailable, so Shirley M and Sandra W briefly shared how they, respectively, served and focused as Institutions and CPC Coordinators during the previous panel.

Open sharing and questions

This was the most inspiring discussion. People loved sharing what they're doing and enjoying the inspiration of new ideas.

How and where do we go to organize a large Southern California Area Public Outreach project? Anwser: SCWS. GRs have to make motions 1) for a project and 2) to allocate the funds.

Why doesn't SCWS do more whole area Public Outreach projects? Answer: same as above plus cooperating and participating in AA's H & I Service Conference is already one yearly SCWS Public Outreach training project for members, GRs, DRs, IRs, local PO coordinators. Many districts and intergroups are paying for up to 10 or 12 GRs/IRs to attend all day Saturday and the Al-Anon Luncheon.

How do I get more public Outreach materials? Answer: Your local intergroup office can donate, your district can purchase some more from the intergroup. For districts that are financially unable to fund enough call one of the SCWS PO Coordinators. They can authorize and allocate to the DR a specific amount (usually \$25) that can be purchased at your local LDC/AIS. Then the coordinator has to fill out the SCWS reimbursement form with the DR to get monies reimbursed. Another way for large amounts of PO materials is to order directly from the WSO. There are a lot of free things that only cost \$8 for shipping.

Encourage meetings, all service arms/groups to purchase the most current edition of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* to go with your other PO literature twice each year. Get them out in the public muy pronto! Order 1st Wednesday in July and February for delivery by September 1st and April 1st.

KBDM Hot Topic

KBDM stands for Knowledge Based Decision Making. It is the way Virginia Beach and the Annual Conference reach an informed group conscience. We are implementing it in Southern California World Service.

KBDM is based on five principles:

- Open communication
- Dialogue before deliberation
- All decision makers have access to all information
- We are all Trusted Servants
- We operate in a culture of trust presume good will

The process of KBDM begins with gathering information. A "thought force" is a small group formed to gather information on a particular issue and present it to the group. The thought force researches and answers six questions:

- 1. What do we know about our member's needs, wants, and preferences that relate to this issue?
- 2. What do we know about our resources that relates to this issue.
- 3. What do we know about our "culture" or "environment" that relates to this issue.
- 4. What are the implications of our choices? (pros and cons)
- 5. What do we not know about this issue that we wish we knew?
- 6. How do Al-Anon's legacies (Steps, Traditions and Concepts) apply to this issue?

The thought force then prepares a "framing" presentation of the information it gathered. This is distributed ahead of time to all participants and presented to the group.

The thought force does not make any decisions or present a motion. It does not do any work to implement processes or procedures.

The group begins discussing the issue. The thought force may be requested to provide more information. The group reviews and discusses possible solutions.

Once all participants are ready for a decision, then a motion is made, seconded and voted on.

The panel discussed three examples of KBDM. (1) Another area used KBDM to decide whether to purchase an LCD projector, (2) Southern California World Service used KBDM to decide on how to replace an Alternate Delegate who resigned, and (3) District 42 gave an example where KBDM would have been useful in dealing with the sale of the answering service they used. In the second example, no motion was needed, because there was a consensus.

In conclusion, the panel noted that the principles of KBDM are spiritual principles to remember and to remember patience when trying to introduce KBDM to your District or Group. Education is necessary, since most members are familiar with the process Motion-Second-Discussion-Vote from Robert's Rules of Order and may feel uncomfortable with the KBDM process where the motion comes after the discussion in the order Discussion-Motion-Second-Vote or you may not even need a motion or vote.

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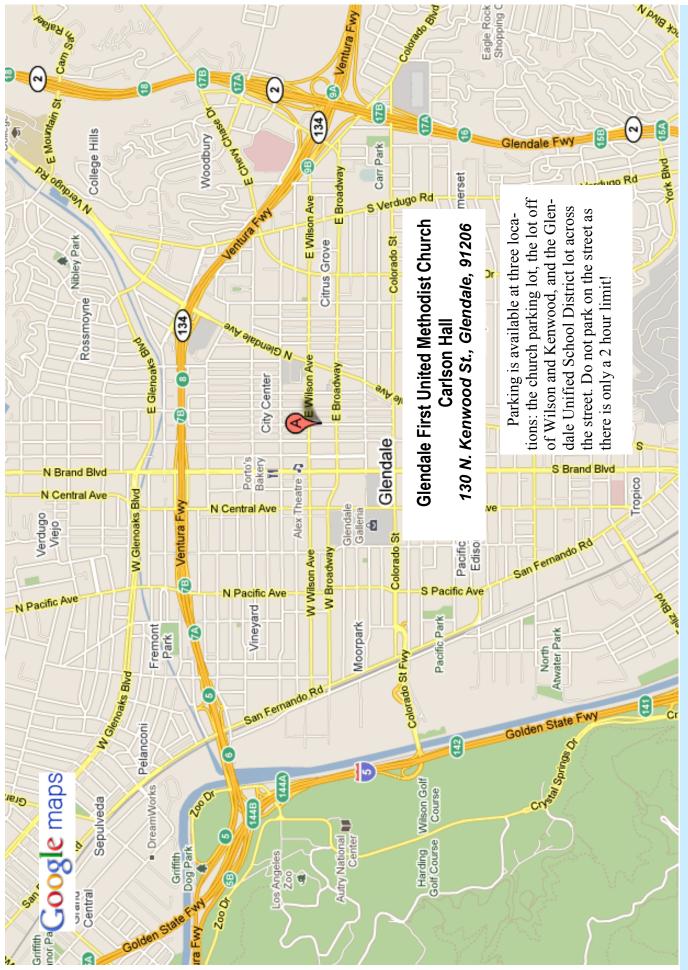
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