

**Spring Assembly 2016**  
Sleep Inn, Miles City, MT  
Saturday, April 30, 2016

Connie W opened the assembly by welcoming everyone to the Spring Assembly and leading the Serenity Prayer.

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, Warranties and the Montana Area Vision and Mission Statements were read.

Announcements

Secretary's Report - Lori K. presented the Area Assembly Secretary's Report from September, 2015. The minutes were approved as read.

**Old Business:**

Treasurer's Report - Pam C.

Hello, on January 9, 2016, Lori K., Connie W., Pennie K. and myself met in Bozeman to have lunch and exchange positions. I handed the Area Secretary over to Lori, and Pennie handed the treasurer stuff over to me. Connie, Pennie and myself did an audit of the books and everything balanced.

Pennie & Connie (I think) went into the Wells Fargo in Helena and I went into the Wells Fargo in Billings. We had to close out the old account because of becoming a 501 (c) (3) company with a new EIN number and reopen a new account with the new information.

Somehow along the way, the checks did not get ordered for the new account. I think it was the banker at my end as I remember her asking me about design, etc. So on February 25<sup>th</sup>, I spent about 2 hours on the phone trying to get checks ordered. I finally managed to accomplish this. Somewhere in March, I still hadn't received the checks. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, our account was debited for the checks.

Knowing how well the phone service works, I went into a different location in Billings to see about the checks. They said I should have received them, which I hadn't. One of the managers ordered me checks with a rush order on them as I explained I really needed them to take care of some business. He said he would reverse the charges for the most recent checks along with the rush charge, which has been done.

I finally received the checks on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Then I felt like a real treasurer.

In the meantime, I ordered Quickbooks through my Amazon account as my MT AFG debit card was not<sup>1</sup> matching the address I put in for the business and would not work. So I purchased with my personal and reimbursed. I was now ready to get everything set up.

The Quicken program Pennie had used would not convert no matter what I tried so I decided to leave Quicken as it was the end of fiscal year for 2015 and set up Quickbooks to begin in 2016.

The Checking account as of April 26, 2016 has a balance of \$3,339.63. The Savings account as of April 29, 2016 has a balance of \$3,015.67.

I have handed out spreadsheets with Closing of 2015 and so far for 2016.

Yours in Service,

Pam C.

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**-Montana AFG, Inc.** Connie W. gave a brief update that the taxes had been filed and other necessary forms filed and all the bills paid. She also gave a brief history of the process of obtaining our 501 (c) (3). We became a non profit in June of 2015. The Board members are: Connie W., Elaine D., Carol S., Pam C., Lori K and Cindy C.

**-AWSC meeting/conference call in between meetings - Connie W.** explained that the members of the AWSC held a conference call between assemblies to set the agenda for Fall Assembly so the DRs have time to pass this on to the GRs and to their groups before the next assembly. Connie plans to schedule the conference call the end of June with the Agenda to be out for Fall AWSC & Assembly around the end of July.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Guideline Committee - Carol S.** There is a need for one more member to service on this committee with Carol. Pennie K volunteered. They will make the updates to the Guidelines from Fall 2016. Carol will be sending out updates via email as available. Please contact Carol S if you would like a complete copy of the guidelines.

**Area Speaker Thought Force - (Pennie K, Irene S, Judy, Lori K) Pennie K gave report.** The Second Annual Montana Area Speaker meeting will be tonight at the Range Riders Museum. Dinner will be served at 6pm with speakers at 7pm. Pennie K and Lori K will be sharing. The committee is raffling off 2 dinner tickets for tonight. Thanks to Carol D and the ladies from Miles City for making all the arrangements for tonight.

There is a need for two more member to be added to this committee. Doreen and Peggy W. from Kalispell volunteered to serve on the committee. Irene S is going off the committee.

### **TEAM (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) Event - Report read by Shannon S.**

TEAM update since Fall 2015 Assembly:

Oct-Dec 2015--Idaho invited to participate via phone & email communications with the Area 13 Delegate, Nancy Jo W. WSO fact sheets and TEAM participation information provided.

Jan 2016--TEAM topic will be placed on Area 13's Agenda Spring Assembly in May.

Feb 2016--AWSC Pre-Assembly conference call; consensus to begin venue research while waiting for Area 13 to discuss and respond.

March 2016--WSO contacted, 2016 TEAM Event dates filled. Dates to avoid and presentation topics discussed. Committee updated with TEAM sub-committee chair position descriptions.

April 2016--compiled list of Area 32 and Area 40 (AA/Al-Anon) existing event dates, shared with committee. Contacted 3 Missoula hotels for general information, meeting room capacity and maps. Venue prices cannot be quoted without more information.

After Spring Assembly, we will begin holding conference calls and make decisions about dates, number of days, agenda activities, meals, etc. Anyone who wants to join in, contact Frances.

The TEAM Committee will need a Co-Chair, Treasurer and 6 other sub-committee positions. We are hoping Idaho Area 13 will join us in this exciting and fun Area-wide event, and we will move forward with planning our TEAM Event for 2017. Yaaay TEAM!!

With thanks to all the committee members, and sending hugs from Hamilton,

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Donna E also gave a brief overview about what TEAM events are and how they work. Cindy C also shared on the TEAM Event in Billings.

**Thought Force on getting DR's and GR's involved at the Area Level** (Sue T, Carol D and Cindy C.)  
Report given by Cindy C.

- 1) Districts take turns at Assembly - take a Concept and/or Tradition and demonstrate how this works at the Area, District and/or Group Level. Could even be at a personal level. The demo could be a skit, an act or play. This could be an incentive to help districts encourage their members to come to assemblies. Also demonstrate how fun service can be and promote unity.
- 2) Break out sessions at the area level. Each coordinator could chair a breakout group. Groups could be formed by counting off, then going to designated areas of the room, discuss pros and cons of whatever the group they are in.

A great way to get to know each other & get ideas to take back to your district.

A Task Force was created: Katy K, Pennie K, Carol S, Cindy C to develop these ideas further.



### **Delegate's Report - Elaine D.**



Montana Area Spring Assembly  
Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Delegate's Report

There are no words to express my gratitude for the honor of serving the wonderful area of Montana at the World Service Conference! Thank you so very much! I met so many wonderful Al-Anon members from all over the US, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico. The Conference theme for 2016 was "Realizing Our Spiritual Potential"

It is with our "Best Wishes" for health and happiness that Al-Anon Family groups announces the retirement of Executive Director, Ric B.. Ric was the Executive Director for 20 years. Currently, Al-Anon member, Mary Gregory has been selected as the Interim Executive Director and will maintain that position until the new Director is selected. With changes taking place, there will be a re-structuring taking place at the World Service Office. These are exciting times!!!

### **2015-2016 Task Force Committees:**

-  Acceptance of Communities, Cultures and Beliefs
-  Communication and Strengthening the Links of Service

-  Meeting Types
-  Technology and Anonymity

### ***2016-2017 Task Force Committees:***

-  Spirituality in Group Money Discussions
-  Spirituality in District Money Discussions
-  Spirituality in Area Money Discussions

### ***2016 Meet the Board Event***

The 2016 Meet the Board Event will be held in Fayetteville, AR on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Chancellor Hotel.

The purpose of “Meet the Board” is to take the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee members to a local Area, hold its “Board Week” there, and then on one day of that week meet with local members. The Board meetings are attended by Board members only, but the extra day for “Meet the Board” is an opportunity for the WSO volunteers and Area members to share a day of connection. Through talks and various discussion groups, members learn how the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee serves our worldwide fellowship.

The second “Meet the Board” event was held Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Nisku Conference Center, near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Twenty-two Trustees and Executive Committee members traveled to Edmonton for the week.

Feedback revealed the following:

Of the 43 local members who attended, the majority had ten or more years in Al-Anon. Only eight had fewer than five years.

Obviously, this event did not attract newcomers. Everyone attending was involved in some type of service, 13 at the Area level and 34 at the group or district level.

Members were overwhelmingly positive about the day, but many expressed regret that the attendance was so low for their Area.

We asked for detailed feedback with a survey to be submitted at the end.

Key themes were:

Members had a greater understanding of the work of WSO.

They felt much more aware of the Board’s role and its dedication to world service.

They appreciated what we had in common as members, and recognized how everyone can grow through service.

They were grateful for a day of connection, and happy to learn Trustees are available to visit Areas.

Many said local members missed a rare opportunity to learn so much more about how Al-Anon works.

The feedback revealed that we achieved our goal of personalizing the WSO.

Members also made specific suggestions:

The overwhelming response was to work toward better attendance—get more members to register and participate.

They wanted to know what Areas Trustees and Executive Committee members come from—there is a mistaken idea that all volunteers live in Virginia Beach. They suggested introducing everyone at the beginning and having name tags with identifying information.

Members loved the “intimacy, energy, and enthusiasm” of the event, as well as time for questions and answers.

This year’s event will be held in October, not July like the past two years.

The main reason for the change: July is the first Board meeting for new Trustees. It is important that they travel to the World Service Office for orientation and introductions to staff. Otherwise, they would not connect with the WSO until October.

“Meet the Board” has been a three-year trial: 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Since this is year three, the Board carefully evaluated all factors and feedback, seeking answers to the following questions:

Did we meet our goal and accomplish the purpose of the event?  
Did members, as well as the Board, benefit from it?  
Is the event financially feasible to continue in the future?  
Does the event further our mission and vision for Al-Anon Family Groups?

Based on our information, the Board voted to extend the trial another three years, from 2017 - 2019.

### ***New Literature***

#### ***NEW DAILY READER*** (working title):

Various notices and articles were placed in Al-Anon publications throughout the year to encourage members to submit writings for this book, so that it can be completed in time for the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention. In addition to an insert of the first writing guideline in the July issue of The Forum, a new guideline with additional details was inserted in December. It was also added as a download on the Members' Web site, where members can submit sharings on-line. The December issue of The Forum featured an "Inside Al-Anon Family Groups" article detailing what the Conference intended regarding a daily reader "that reflects the diversity of the Al-Anon fellowship." The WSO has received over 530 sharings from the fellowship so far for this book.

#### ***INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS*** (working title):

At this point, the WSO has received over 1,170 sharings. Notices in WSO publications and requests to Literature Coordinators encouraged further writing throughout the year. A request for proposals from freelance writers/editors for this project was announced to the fellowship in August and September, bringing in 41 bids, which staff is currently reviewing.

#### ***PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF YOUNG PROBLEM DRINKERS*** (working title):

The WSO has received over 180 sharings for this pamphlet. Notices in WSO publications continued to encourage members to write—especially regarding the Twelve Steps from the perspective of parents and grandparents. A request for proposals from freelance writers/editors for this project was announced to the fellowship in August and September, bringing in 18 bids. Staff is currently reviewing each proposal.

#### ***Literature Committee Recommendation - "Prayer for Today"***

At the 2015 meeting, The Literature Committee began discussing requests from Al-Anon members in different areas for changes to the "Prayer for Today." This prayer is included in the *Just for Today* Wallet Card (M-10) and the Bookmark (M-12), as well as on page 101 of *How Al-Anon Works for Families & Friends of Alcoholics* (B-22, 23). (It is on page 103 in additions printed prior to 2008).

The current wording of the "Prayer for Today" is as follows:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light and where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that are born to eternal life."

It was recommended at the December 2015 meeting that if the Conference agreed to remove the "Prayer for Today," the text on the bookmark and wallet card could be enlarged without adding any other material, and that page 101 in *How Al-Anon Works* could end with a quotation from the last paragraph in *When I got Busy I got Better* (P-78), so that it would read as follows:

"*When I Got Busy, I Got Better*," offers invaluable information about this crucial area of recovery. Perhaps nowhere is the spirit of Al-Anon service more clearly articulated than in the last paragraph of this booklet:

"We have the opportunity to contribute not only what we can *do* but, more important, who we can *be*. By sharing our recovery, we strengthen its workings in our own lives. By seeking to allow a Higher Power to work in and through us, we come to feel, more fully, the presence of that Power.

“In giving, we receive.”

The 2016 World Service Conference asked that we continue the discussion and vote to the 2017 World Service Conference so that the Membership have additional time for discussion.

There is so much more information to report and I would so much welcome invitations to present a more in depth report!

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine D.  
Area Delegate  
Montana Panel 56

## **District Representative Reports:**

### **District 1 - Kalispell - Peggy W.**

District 1 Report for Area Spring Assembly April 2016

District 1 is comprised of Kalispell, Whitefish, Columbia Falls, Big Fork, Eureka, and Libby.

We have 11 groups with a total of 14 meeting per week.

As the new DR I hope to visit each of the groups and share the importance of being involved in the Area Assembly and keeping them updated on the new changes with AFG, as well as sharing my experience strength and hope.

In March we had our “Day in Al-anon” event. There were 33 people in attendance, with a profit of \$314.85. We served Gluten free/vegan tortellini soup, Chili, Chicken veggie and rice soup as well as Chicken noodle soup, sweet kale salad, Asian salad and rolls as well as gluten free bread. Coffee and cookies were available throughout the day as well. We raffled off a canvas print of a swan, a print of a wheat field with the Serenity prayer on it (both by local photographers), a spring silk flower vase, serenity bead bracelets, Huckleberry pottery vase and God Jar (by a local pottery creator), all of which were donated by our group members. We had two speakers, one from Hot Springs and one from Eureka, both had amazing stories of experience strength and hope.

Alateen is inactive at this time due to a lack of youth attendance. We are in need of a district Alateen Coordinator at this time. We are re-evaluating our Alateen program and hope to restart it up again soon, this time possibly within a school rather than at a church for easier access for the students.

Public outreach is keeping the local rehab centers up to date with meeting list and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism. This position will become open in July, we are hoping to have two members tag team to fill the position.

Our Information line receives about 1-3 calls a week, usually looking for meeting list or to confirm if a meeting has closed to due to a holiday on or around that day.

I am thankful for the opportunity I have to be a service at the District level, and look forward to attend more Area events in the future.

In Service,

Peggy W.

District 1 DR

District 1 Public Outreach

Hope for a New Beginning GR

## **District 2 - Eileen F given by Donna O**

District Report #2

We had a great Dinner & Fellowship shared with AA in December last year to celebrate Christmas.

We have meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month if we remember.

Donna O

**District 3 - None**

**District 4 - None**

**District 5 - None**

**District 6 - Miles City**

District 6 Area 32 April 2016

At our district meeting in October Al-Anon business cards were made that could be left on restaurant tables with a tip. There are some examples and for further instruction call Carole D.

We gave donations to Area and WSO which was a small amount of \$5.00 to WSO and \$10.00 to Area.

Some of our workshops have been on Communication from our CAL.

We celebrated Lois's birthday by making Love gifts and we had ordered our lunch from Wendy's and some members picked it up. We also had small cupcakes & lemon cheesecake (recipe was Gluten Free)

Public Outreach: Copies of Al-Anon faces Alcoholism were left at the clinic in Lamedeer.

Hope Al-Anon: Mid Rivers TV was asked to include information on the community channel about places, days & times of Al-Anon meetings. The ad is free but we need to contact Mid Rivers TV each month. Information has been aired in Feb, Mar, and April.

Distribution of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016:

Booklets with inserts of paper containing places, days & times of Al-Anon meetings in District 6 distributed to Wagner Chiropractic Clinic, Midtown Hair Fashions, Creme Beauty Salon, Billings Clinic in Miles City (waiting lobbies and copies given to three doctors to place in their patient's rooms),

Stanley Chiropractic Clinic and Big Sky Pharmacy.

The police department and waiting rooms were given Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism by Colstrip.

There was a discussion to have a picnic in July at either a park or Spotted Eagle so that family and friends could go swimming.

Hope Al-Anon did a mighty fine job of putting on a Gratitude noon luncheon with a very large assortment of soups. They served dinner rolls and coffee also. Guests were to bring desserts. We had two great speakers from Billings. (One was AA and other Al-Anon). They also did a 50/50 raffle that was very helpful to cover expenses. There were also some book covers that were sold.

Hope Al-Anon increased the purchase of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism from 100 copies to 200.

It was brought up to have something referring to Sponsorship read at each meeting to follow after, "You will come to realize that there is no situation too difficult to be bettered and no unhappiness too great to be lessened."

There is discussion as to how it should be stated. Maybe some of you have examples for us?

## **District 7 - Billings - Deb L.**

### **District 7 Spring 2016 Assembly Report April 29, 2016**

District 7 is comprised of Billings and the surrounding area, which includes Hardin and Pryor. Billings has 15 registered AFGs, two of which meet twice weekly. We also have registered groups meeting in Pryor and Hardin. Hardin currently has two registered groups and a third group that has been meeting and is working on getting registered.

District 7 support three Institutional meetings:

New Hope NewComers AFG, Serenity Sisters AFG and Rimrock Meeting-on-Wheels.

New Hope NewComers is self explanatory; it is chaired by two volunteer (elected) chairpersons; groups throughout the district sign up to support the meeting by attending the meeting during a specific month.

Serenity Sisters AFG meets at Passages, which is a pre-lease treatment facility for Montana female offenders. Volunteers chairing the meeting are required to attend annual training at Passages; two trained Al-Anon members chair this meeting. I have been volunteering at this meeting since its beginning in May 2014. The meeting is well received by the women who attend. I get so much out of this meeting as a volunteer chair - I strongly recommend to areas that have such facilities that they consider starting an Al-Anon meeting there.

Rimrock Meeting-on-Wheels is the meeting taken into Rimrock Foundation treatment center; it is chaired by two Al-Anon members and is also supported by members who sign up; this meeting takes place every three weeks during Rimrock's family week; this is an informational session with the family members of individuals in treatment at Rimrock.

District 7 created an Event Chair officer position a few years ago. The Events Chair plans events that are supported by the district. Last year events included a winter fellowship potluck with speaker meeting and a summer picnic potluck with an A.A. and Al-Anon speaker. Our newly elected Events Chair for 2016-2018, is planning themed events or gatherings. On March 5th, a speaker/potluck meeting was held to celebrate Al-Anon's 56th Anniversary and commemorate Lois W.'s March 4th birthday. Another summer picnic is being planned. A.A. members and their families are usually invited to attend these events.

Individual groups also hold special meetings from time to time.

Friday Night Serenity AFG held a candle-light Gratitude meeting last fall the week before Thanksgiving. A desert/snack potluck made the meeting even sweeter than the candle/flash light/cell phone light did. The meeting was very well attended with about 20 persons there.

Stepping Up to Serenity AFG held an anniversary celebration on March 15, 2016 to commemorate their 5th year. members of the group provided a pizza dinner with cupcakes for dessert. The group rented the WSO DVD, "Lois and the Pioneers" and viewed it.



Other groups may have held special events of which I many not have been aware. My apologies to any groups of my district who did hold an event that I did not comment on in this report.

District 7 is busy planning for the 2017 Spring Roundup being held in Billings, MT. Brett H. is our Roundup Chair. Decorations, Food and a Raffle are working on assembling their committees and starting their tasks. District 7 is looking forward to having a great time participating in this Roundup. I hope to see all of you there; May 19-21, 2017 at the Big Horn Resort.

Alateen is a priority for District 7. We currently have two registered Alateen meetings. Area 32 Alateen Coordinator, Patty K, held an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member In Alateen Service) training Thursday 4/28 with five Al-Anon members attending. District 7 AMIAS' monitor the online Montana live chat Alateen meeting.

I am a new DR; I took office in January of this year. I have participated for several years as district secretary, liaison to A.A. and Alternate DR. From this past experience, I already know that District 7 has many members who actively participate in service. I am blessed to have such a crew supporting me. I look forward to a great three years.

Respectfully yours in service,

Deb L  
District 7 DR

## **District 8 - Bozeman - Katy O**

District 8 Report for Spring Area Assembly 2016  
Prepared by Katy O

We have had a great start to the year in District 8! Our District encompasses the Bozeman area all the way west to Ennis and east to Livingston. We have a meeting everyday of the week but Sunday, and have two meetings on many days of the week. Some of our meetings are small, averaging 3-10 attendees, and some are quite large, averaging 40-60 attendees. We have two groups that host newcomers meetings.

We initially had trouble filling the role of DR for our District, and there was talk of having to fold our District temporarily. Thankfully, we now have all our District positions filled and are carrying on as we have been! I am here as the new District Representative. Our filled service positions include: DR, Secretary, Treasurer, Hotline Coordinator, Archives, Alateen Coordinator and PICPC. The only position we are still looking to fill is Alternate DR.

We have had some wonderful events in our town this spring including a speaker celebration for the anniversary of our Saturday Morning Group and a panel on "Alcoholism and Finances" held by our New Leaf Meeting. Our District is looking forward to providing Al-Anon participation for the Fall Roundup which will be held in Bozeman this year. We have two co-chairs for that event who have reached out to each group to help sponsor a portion of the meetings and panels. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Alateen in our District is continuing. We do have a few children and early teens showing up for weekly meetings but the Alateen Coordinators are finding it difficult to consistently have AMIAS available for that meeting. They have established an on-line sign up with reminder emails which does make it easier. Recently, many of the AMIAS are reporting being busy with other activities during the meeting time. We hope at our District to discuss how to enhance our Alateen Program for children in our towns and are waiting for a meeting when the Alateen Coordinators can join us at District to have this discussion.

Our website continues to function well under the care of our new Archivist. Our hotline has a message with local meeting information and contacts if the person with the phone is unable to answer. We receive an estimated 30-45

calls per year. Our Outreach activities have included a panel for counselors as well as a panel with AA for nursing students at the local college. We are lucky to be invited to do these panels for the students every year.

In past years our District has had not only an ample reserve but ample spending money, even after donating to Area and WSO. We have been able to use this money for programs such as Alateen crafts and snacks, offering free "How Al-Anon Works" books to newcomers and public outreach. This year our District finds itself lower on funds and in order to keep an ample reserve we have had to have discussions on how much to budget for our various programs. Traditionally, our District has had one large fundraiser a year and this year we are looking into other possibilities for fundraising in our District.

I am grateful to be here and appreciate this opportunity.

In service,  
Katy O

## **District 9 - Butte - Chris K**

Hello, my name is Chris a grateful member of Al-Anon. In Sept 2016 I was nominated District Representative for a second term. The Group Representatives are all new to District. They represent the 3 groups in Butte, Deer Lodge, Dillon and Anaconda have contact people. Dillon has a small group that meets at the Book Store and members must confirm attendance at the meeting and the owner will stay open for a meeting. Deer Lodge meets at the Depot Church and Verna is the contact person. Verna said they have a small attendance that fluctuates in the summer. Verna is a long time member of Al-Anon. Anaconda has one group that meets on Tuesday at noon at the Presbyterian Church and a second on Thursday evening at the Community Center. They are close with AA there and have many activities together. Butte has three meetings. Monday night is primarily double winners. Wednesday is open and have a fluctuating variety and old timers. The Thursday group is a Woman's group but they say they won't turn the fellows away. We do not have an active Alateen group. We have held Fall meetings up until Thanksgiving but did not have attendees. We have posters and bookmarks for the upper grade schools and set up a Alateen Display on the schools family night. After our District meetings we send the minutes and posters of events to the contact people. After Fall Assembly 2015 we lost our dear friend and long time member Sharon Mc, She was a member of the Caring and Sharing group on Thursday night. She was the District Rep for 6 years and held Area Coordinator positions off and on for the past decade. Courageous. She was active at the Institutions and Alateen for many years. She was Secretary/Treasurer for District 9 for the past three years. Sharon encouraged me to go to the Area Assemblies the past 10 years. I knew her story and she knew mine which we exchanged on trips to Area. I worked closely with Sharon on our Italian Dinners, Halloween Parties and the Summer picnic. She participated in Alateen until our meetings ceased. Sharon fought a courageous battle with cancer until the end. She planned to attend our October District meeting. We were anxiously awaiting her arrival when another Thursday night member walked in to inform us that she had been taken to St. James Hospital. She died three days later. Al-Anon was very important to Sharon and we will miss her. We are grateful for her friendship, leadership, outreach and abundance of Service work in District 9. In October we had a Halloween party for the children of Al-Anon and A.A. We always have pizza, pop and snacks. It is relaxing and fun for the grown ups too. In November we held our District meeting for the incoming and outgoing G.R.s to go over the G.R. guidelines and to allow them to ask questions. We ordered them all Service Manuals. In January we had our Business Meeting for District and nominated a new Secretary/Treasurer. Our District Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month so we celebrated Lois W.'s birthday with Pineapple Upside down cake and read articles in Lois Remembers. We held our Italian Dinner on April 2, 2016 at the Aldersgate Methodist Church. Our Speakers from AA and Al-Anon were new ones. We had a 50/50 drawing. This is our main fundraiser and AA supports us 100%. They even help set up and clean up. We have Pastas, Chicken, garlic bread and desserts. Everyone looks forward to this event and one AA member said "I love this, it is like coming home." I totally agree with him. This year we shared an event with AA doing a presentation on the pamphlet Alcoholism, a merry go round named denial. There were 3 Al-Anon and 3 AA speakers that spoke about the roles in the story. It was well attended. We have a hotline phone we pass to each group for 4 months. There is a recording with all the District 9 meetings on it. Most calls are people looking for a Al-Anon or AA meeting. This year has passed quickly with many changes. The new District members all have full time jobs and are much younger than me. They like to "keep it simple" and are full of new and fun ideas. I look forward to working with them. As always, thank you for

the support you have extended to me and District 9. I love coming here---you are all beautiful people. My heart overflows with gratitude for the gifts my Higher Power passes on to me through all of you!

In Service,

Chris K

D.R. 9.

### **District 10 - Missoula - Sylke L.**

District 10 meets monthly for 90 minutes. We are discussing to go for 2 hrs, as we are almost always short on time.

All our service positions are filled, including phone line, Alateen, and special events coordinators, which were hard to fill in the past.

Currently, our biggest topic are the Roundup in May and public outreach for Alateen. We have volunteers speaking in high schools, introducing Alateen to students, teachers and staff.

There is one Alateen meeting in Missoula and one in Hamilton.

We are introducing Al-Anon to family members at the Recovery Center during Family Day, every other week. We only have 20-30 minutes there, so it is really just a short introduction by one or two members from our groups.

Inspired by Great Falls, we arranged for Al-Anon information to be included in a package that is handed out by law enforcement in domestic disturbances.

We had a district-wide potluck followed by a candlelight meeting in January.

Our Al-Anon information phone line is currently disconnected and we are looking into other options (such as Google Voice or an answering service). We had difficulties with housing the physical phone, as well as members signing up to take the phone.

My main goal is to increase participation by outlying groups. District meetings and events are mostly attended by GRs from Missoula and the Bitterroot Valley. I am also looking for ideas on outreach to the Native American communities.

I am very interested in and open to experience, strength, and hope from other DRs on any of the topic above.

### **District 11 - Helena - Ann L. given by Libby**

#### **DISTRICT 11 SPRING 2016 UPDATE REPORT** (as amended by Libby G.)

District 11 Elections were held. All service positions have been filled with the exception of the Al-Ateen coordinator. We are currently working on new ideas for Al-Ateen as, while we have AMIAS, we have no teens.

We have ten meetings a week in our District and a Friday night speaker meeting. This had been a First Friday meeting, but, as our community has other First Friday events, the meeting has been changed to the Fourth Friday starting in May.

We have a Literature Center so groups and individuals can purchase books and other Al-Anon materials. We use the literature center for our answering machine. The Center recently moved and has an expanded schedule.

Our Outreach Coordinator will have a table at the Corrections and Treatment work shop which Al-Anon participates in in cooperation with AA.

In November 2015, we participated in the Attitude of Gratitude in cooperation with AA. The Al-Anon raffle raised over \$1200.

In March 2016, we participated in Pockets of Enthusiasm in cooperation with AA. An out of state speaker, Kerry K, shared her story. There was a good turn out for the event, but of the 90 participants, only 13 were Al-Anon members.

Yours in service,

Ann L.  
District 11 DR

### **District 12 - Great Falls - Kay S.**

District 12 for April 30, 2016 by Kay S

1. We enjoyed our January brunch with food, fellowship and gift giving/taking.
2. Cascade County health fair was not held in March & there is uncertainty about its future. District 12 partnered with Victim-Witness assistance to provide Al-anon meeting lists and CAL for 500 packets that are distributed to law enforcement.
3. *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* pamphlets continue to be placed in Little Libraries in 9 city parks, at NW clinic and intermediate care.
4. Alateen remains inactive.
5. Distributed CAL at New Year's eve celebration with AA and do the same at Founder's Day June 11.
6. Safety has been discussed with groups and suggestion made for possible change in location and locking door 15 minutes after start of meeting. Law enforcement was emailed meeting list information with request to patrol regularly.
7. Groups have been discussing CAL pamphlet, *Opening Our Hearts-Transforming Our Losses* and *Reaching for Personal Freedom*.
8. Grateful for District Representative Connects discussions that are generated in the US/Canada and WSO.

### **District 13 - None**

### **District 14 - Red Lodge - Katy K.**

District 14 Assembly Report

April 2016

We have four meetings: Absarokee, Red Lodge, and two in Laurel. All are going well, although as happens, there are ebbs and flows. Red Lodge and the Laurel Wednesday evening groups have about ten active members each; the Laurel Monday afternoon group has five regulars who also go out to lunch occasionally. They are a lively group. The Absarokee Wednesday group is ebbing a bit but has an active core group.

We had our annual Christmas Party and Raffle the first Saturday in December. Charlotte made a beautiful quilt, which is a huge deal, because this party is also our annual fundraiser. Attendance is always good. It's for families, and many faithfully attend every year. There was a snafu this year, though.

Somebody with the Gaming Commission complained to the Laurel Golf Club about our bingo game and it's taken awhile to straighten the whole thing out. We don't charge money for the bingo, as it's a family game. The Commissioner did not check on these things before warning the Club. We thought we were going to have to apply for non-profit status and register with the state because of this. As it turns out, we're fine.

The best part is that we don't have to apply for non-profit status, which would have been expensive.

Our next district meeting is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Laurel Golf Club. Luckily for them, we only play bingo at our Christmas parties.

Submitted by Katy K, District 14 Representative

## **Coordinator Reports:**

### **Forum - Kay S**

#### **April 2016 The Forum report by Kay S**

Total number of subscriptions mailed to English speaking Al-Anon/Alateen groups in United States/Canada for:

December 2015                    19,464

March 2016:                    19,690

#### **Gain of 226**

Total number of groups:

December 2015                    14,044

March 2016                    14,140

#### **Gain of 96**

**(These number do not include free issues mailed to groups)**

#### **Montana:**

Subscriptions: December 2016: 114                    March 2016: 115 Gain of 1

Groups: December 2016: 118                    March 2016: 115 Loss of 3

The Forum Connects is a valuable tool to contact coordinators in US/Canada and WSO. Suggestion has been made for individual groups to purchase their own *The Forum* subscriptions. Current display has *The Forums* from 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s.

Mail you sharing to *The Forum* 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617; at [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org); or at [al-anon.org/members](http://al-anon.org/members)

### **Public Outreach - Carole D given by Judy T**

Public Outreach Report

April 11, 2016

I'm sorry that I'm not with all of you this weekend. I also thank Judy for giving this report.

Public Outreach Coordinator: I'm slowly learning what some of my responsibilities are:

1. To make presentations or hold workshops.

2. To educate the fellowship about the need to attract those; that are still suffering.
3. To encourage your districts and GR's to carry projects and information to groups.
4. To distribute service projects and information from WSO to area- assemblies, districts and AIS.

The best resource tool for this is our AI-Anon Service Manual, and some Guideline sources (P 90).

I did request information to other districts as to what they had to report and got just one from Katie K.

3/12/16

Hi Carole: Honestly, District 14 is so small we're working on just staying viable right now. That may be a little pessimistic, actually, as we have 4 meetings that are very solid. As far as outreach, we're weak, but are working on distributing copies of "AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism" to local hospitals, doc offices. Of course our meetings are listed online and here in Red Lodge we do get new people on a regular basic. We've had two new people in last month and one of them is now a regular participant. The other meetings have about the same number of new people from time to time: Mon. afternoon Laurel, Wed. night Absarokee and Laurel. Red Lodge meets Thurs. eve.

Hope this helps and gives you an idea about where we are with outreach. Of course as District Rep. I'd to improve the situation and would love tips on leadership because it seems I try but our members have so far not been very interested in outreach. I'm rambling!

Hope AI-Anon in Miles City also was busy:

Midrivers TV

(for the community channel)

Places, days, & times of AI-Anon Meetings

February----All AI-Anon meetings in District #6

March & April-----AI-Anon meetings in Miles City

AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016

Booklets with insert of paper containing places, days, & times of AI-Anon meetings in District 6 distributed to:

Wagner Chiropractic Clinic

Midtown Hair Fashions

Creme Beauty Salon

Billings Clinic in Miles City (waiting lobbies and copies given to three doctors to place in their patient rooms)

Stanley Chiropractic Clinic

Big Sky Pharmacy

Hope AI-Anon ordered 200 copies of "AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism" and they have been distributed to other groups in our district.

There has been the question of using outdated "AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism"? It was suggested that you use the current issues first. However; how do any of you use them?

Please let me know if there is any way that I can help you in your district.

Thank you for letting me be of service to you!

Your Public Outreach Coordinator

Carole D.

## **Group Records - Libby G**

### AREA 7 GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR REPORT

Currently there are 149 Groups registered with WSO. Of these, 24 are designated "inactive" and 10 described as "marked for deletion."

The list of registered groups was passed around. GR's were asked to check that the information listed was correct and to either make changes on the form or send in a form "GR-1" for making changes. There were some in the folder.

The e-mail, phone number and personal address of the Coordinator were also listed to facilitate communication.

Yours in Service,

Libby G.  
Area 7 Group Records Coordinator

## **Internet/Web - Brett H.**

### Website Coordinator Report Spring 2016

I assisted Irene with the website starting after Spring Assembly last year. The program we are using is Adobe Dreamweaver. The current site was designed and developed by Lorelle D. and I believe it "went live" in 2011. This is my first experience working with a website so I have learned A LOT!

I have gotten several requests to change information for groups, and I do respond back after changes have been made so the information can be checked for accuracy.

One major issue I am having is that there are multiple copies of every page; some are very old, some are "in the cloud" and some are on my computer/disk. Because I have no previous experience with Dreamweaver, or with how everything links together, I don't know exactly how to fix this. I have been deleting old pages as much as I am able to determine their location, but this is a time-consuming process. If you have looked at the website recently, you may have noticed that old pages are still popping up, and some links are broken.

With this in mind, I have been looking at a different program which Irene suggested to me last year. The alternate program is WordPress, and it is much more "user-friendly" than Dreamweaver. WordPress is based on pre-made templates, so there is less need to know and understand computer language. I have started copying some of the information from our current site and experimenting with a WordPress site. At the same time, I am trying to keep with the basic design that Lorelle developed. There are many other similar programs, and I am just starting to get some understanding of all this.

The other major change coming this year for our website is that we will soon need to pay for our own domain. The World Service Office has provided web hosting for Area websites for several years, but as of August 5th of this year, that will no longer be an option.

Other ideas I've had for the website:

I would like to add pictures of meeting places to the maps for each district. You can help me by searching for or taking pictures of the building, preferably looking at the entrance for the meeting. Please send them to me at the email address listed on the Montana website ([mtalanon@hotmail.com](mailto:mtalanon@hotmail.com)). Don't forget to designate which meeting each picture will be connected to. If you want to see examples, go to the map for District 7...all the meeting sites have pictures.

You may have noticed a new feature on the Events page: events specific to a district or neighboring area. If you have flyers for local events, please forward them to me and I will keep working on that. Right now, I have the flyer up for Spring Roundup, and one up for the Coeur d'Alene Convention. If I get flyers from a lot of other districts, I will probably have to rethink what this should look like. Posted flyers will be targeted to Al-Anon Area or District sponsored events (or AA with Al-Anon participation), that are open to anyone in the program.

Please look at the information for your district and let me know if anything has changed, and let me know if links don't work.

Love in service,  
Brett

### **News n Views - Shannon S.**

News n Views Coordinator Report Spring Assembly 2016

The news n views is such a treat to be able to create and connect our members with information on AlAnon.

My goal is to make the News n Views something that you look forward to reading, full of interesting facts, humor, and entertainment.

I would love to encourage all of you to participate in the creation of this newsletter. Please send in content to fill the newsletter. Some examples are: pictures from events (no faces), district events, members' comments, any thoughts & comments. Please share with the members of your district who want to be informed and enjoy reading.

Soon to come the newsletter will get another facelift which will hopefully be a nice easy read.

I just received some interesting historical facts and newsletters and hope to bring some of that information into the newsletter in the future!!!

The system that we use always provides the ability to create and send surveys. If there is. Survey that you or your district are interested in doing, please contact me and we can create it.. I love data and information, so would love to assist you with your survey.

I will send the newsletter most months out of the year, currently I do not have a schedule for this, but would love to send monthly if the content is available. If you have information that you want to get out, I will gladly send a News n Views to get your information out anytime..



Thank for allowing me to serve, Shannon S.

## **Alateen - Patty**

Area Alateen Coordinator and Process Person Report from January 2016 to April 2016

### ***WSO phone trainings***

I've attended two World Service Process Person phone conferences, both dealing with the technology and process for certifying AMIAS through the World Service Group Record site. I continue to be impressed by the assistance World Service offers. They respond quickly to cries for help and are patient and non demeaning in guidance. They are great examples of principles in practice.

Area 32 (Montana) had 60 certified AMIAS. I sent out forms for recertification on March 6. I have recertified 20. I will send out another appeal in May. The deadline for certification is July.

### ***AMIAS Chat Room***

Maribeth from Bozeman and Norma from Billings have been the group sponsors for the Montana chat room for the last three years. Maribeth has stepped down. Norma is training me. I have someone else from Missoula who is willing and been given access to the chat room by WSO. She is willing to attend twice a month. Neither of us is willing to attend every week. We need others to step into this position. I would like four others who are not in service to an Alateen group to be willing to take up this service.

I am struggling with how I feel about the chat room. When there are two adults and one teen in the room, it can feel close to giving advice. The focus is on the teen and the teen "issue". The group sponsor does an excellent job of keeping the focus on the principles of the program. But because we are typing our comments, the shares tend to be one liners rather than fully developed shares that come with speaking.

I would like to find out why World Service chose the chat room format over a telephone meeting. Telephone meetings feel more like a face-to-face meeting.

### ***Alateen Outreach***

Please spread the word that a chat room is available. Also, Alateen has a Facebook page, which is an EXCELLENT introduction to the program.

Alateen Facebook page called "Alateen WSO."

There are teens on You Tube talking about how Alateen has helped them. These can be used in outreach. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBwWpoAvf-c>

In Missoula, we have AI-Anon members who are also adult children of alcoholics going to school classrooms, telling their stories and how AI-Anon has helped them.

We have ads in school newspapers.

We have contacted school counselors. Two AMIAS wrote a letter being used to reach school personnel. (Letter is attached)

Posters are in schools and churches. (Posters attached)

Youth pastors associated with large church youth groups have been contacted. Posters and pamphlets are given to them.

### ***AMIAS training and certification***

My first training in the Area Alateen Coordinator position was in Billings on April 28 (Thursday).

### ***Alateen Coordinator Goal for Three Year Position***

I would like to see 80% of Area 32 (Montana) Al-Anon districts offer Alateen.

In Service,

Patty K.  
406-543-6407  
Missoula MT

Alateen Poster

<file:///Users/pkelly67/Downloads/alateenposter%20St%20Paul%202.pdf>

Letter written by Missoula AMIAS

<file:///Users/pkelly67/Downloads/Alateen%20contact%20letter.pdf>

### **Archives - Sue T**

*2016 Spring Assembly Archives Coordinator report 04 30 2016 (revised 9/11/2016)*

— Report given by Sue T, Archives Coordinator 2016 - 2018

Hi everyone!

I am the new Archives Coordinator and share this responsibility with the Area Archivist, a position recently filled by Pennie K. To get started, there has been a transfer of knowledge and materials in the past few months, mostly from the previous Archives Coordinator, Frances M.

Anything you ever wanted to know (or find) about Montana Al-Anon is probably available in the Area Archives. We collect Area Directories, Programs, Flyers, Workshops, Delegate Reports, Guidelines, Minutes, Newsletters, Maps, Motions, Financial reports, Agendas, Correspondence, Schedules, Histories, Skits, and more.

There is a box with folders in the back of the room for Coordinators. If you have any of these items that we want in the Area Archives, you can put them in the folder labeled Archives. If you have electronic copies, please email those to me as well.

We have a Speaker CD Lending Library in a box I have at my table. There is a notepad in the box if you would like to return a CD or check one out. If you have any Al-Anon recordings to share with Archives, let me know.

Frances started a project of "Oral interviews" and met with 3 longtime members—gathering over 100 years of MT history to remember "how it was".

The bulk of the archives are in a storage unit in Great Falls. Original Archivist, Jeanne H., paid six months' rent out of a special fund she created and that ended in November (2015). Pam and Pennie are following up on this.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sue T.

Archives Coordinator, [dtmmba@gmail.com](mailto:dtmmba@gmail.com)

**Literature Distribution Center - Jill M.**

Montana AFG Spring AWSC Meeting  
Sleep Inn, Miles City, MT  
April 26, 2016

Literature Distribution Chair Report

Submitted by Jill M

**Activity:**

Number	Items Sold	Pice	Paid In Full	Contact Person
Several	Books and newcomers packets + shipping	105.00	NO	Genevieve K. Missoula, MT
Several	Alan Faces Alcoholism booklets	38.35	YES	Kay, Great Fall, MT
1	ODAT	11.00	YES	Doreen, Miles City MT

**Inventory** will be listed after Spring Area meeting and a new order will be placed depending on supply and demand.

**Cash on Hand before Spring Assembly:** Total \$44.77

Paper Cash: 41.00      Quarters: 3.25      Dimes: .20      Nickel .25      Pennies .07

**Checking Account balance:** \$250.75

**Roundup Reports:**

**Spring 2016 - Sylke**

**“The Age of Miracles”  
May 6-8th, 2016  
Holiday Inn Parkside, Missoula, MT  
or register online: [www.ru40.org](http://www.ru40.org)**

**Fall 2016 - Bozeman, MT - Katy O.**

**“Rocketed into a Fourth Dimension”  
Sept 30-October 2, 2016**

Best Western Grandtree Inn/Holiday Inn  
Bozeman, MT  
[www.bozemanroundup.com](http://www.bozemanroundup.com) to register & more info.  
Several speaker panels, AA , Al-Anon & Alateen speakers  
Randy K., Atlanta is the Al-Anon speaker  
Crafts for sale to support Alateen/Alakid pizza party  
Bingo Night - Swag Bag

**Spring 2017 - Billings - Brett**

**Billings Roundup - Save the Date flyer on website!**

**May 19-21, 2017**

Big Horn Resort

Billings, MT

[www.aa-montana-org](http://www.aa-montana-org)

### **New Business:**

**Area Budget** - Pam C., presented 2015 financial information and our proposed budget with amendment  
\*\*See attached 3 pages.

**MT Website** Brett H. WSO will no longer be hosting the Montana Area Website as of August. A Task Force was formed to find a new host for our Area Website, investigate other software options that may be more user friendly, look into password protected site, etc. Task Force members are: Deb, Sylky L, Shannon S and Brett H.

**Re-election of Donna E** Donna gave a brief report on what the trustees do as the legal entity of Al-Anon; the committees she serves on and about the process.

\*\*Motion C 218 — That we nominate Donna Eubanks  
as Northwest Regional Trustee.\*\*

**Compilation of Past officers (Pennie & ? )** There is a need to have a listing of past officers available so that if needed we can draw on their experience, strength and hope. Lori K volunteered to help Pennie compile this.

**Should officers be payoff for registration? (That amount is reimbursed in the submitted expenses) (i.e. currently \$15 registration includes \$10 for lunch)** It was decided to keep it simple and not change anything.

**Local groups setting up checking accounts** - Connie W has done research on this and suggested all groups confirm that they have a EIN number and not use member's SS#. Additional info provided.

**Setting up an AFG group bank account**

**DRAFT**

History: Homeland Security has instituted requirements for new bank accounts which the banks are required to follow.

The group will need an Employee Identification Number (EIN). The groups in Montana most likely will not fit under the non-profit status since you need to have income (donations) of over \$5000.00 yearly for at least three years. The group will be considered a small business. There is no charge for an EIN.

[https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/Apply-for-an-Employer-Identification-Number-\(EIN\)-Online](https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/Apply-for-an-Employer-Identification-Number-(EIN)-Online)

Directions are given at the IRS site.

Once the EIN has been received, the next step is to contact the State of Montana Secretary of State's office. This is available on-line. There is a fee of \$20.00 initially and then yearly before April 15th. If the fee is not paid yearly, it is assumed the business no longer exists.

[http://sos.mt.gov/business/forms/abn/01A-Assumed\\_Business\\_Name\\_Registration.pdf](http://sos.mt.gov/business/forms/abn/01A-Assumed_Business_Name_Registration.pdf)

For question #3, the person submitting the form would check the individual box.

If there are other questions, please contact the Secretary of State's office at 1-866-859-2254 or in Helena, 444-6900.

I know this applies to groups who are just setting up new accounts. It is possible that a group who is changing names on their account may need to follow this process also.

May 10, 2016

## **Presentation on social networking guidelines (Carol S & Katy K)**

### **Social Media Guidelines: Overview**

#### **Facebook Pages: General Info:**

1. The World Service Office (WSO) is responsible for all multi-area, national, and worldwide communications, but service arms (groups, districts, areas) are encouraged to use WSO links on their media pages/websites. This would be things like public service announcements and the WSO Public Outreach site.
2. Facebook, Twitter, and other social media are a public outreach opportunity - but NOT a forum for individual members to share their experience, strength, and hope in the public media.
3. Only Al-Anon service arms may use the Al-Anon logo and trademark names. Again, service arms for our purposes would be areas, districts, or groups.
4. Conference approved literature is copyright-protected. No one is authorized to use copyrighted literature on any social media page.

#### **Personal Accounts and Business Pages:**

1. There are two kinds of Facebook pages: Personal and Business. **Non-profit organizations like Al-Anon are in the business category.**
2. Although business pages enable 'like' and 'share' features, these are NOT used by WSO because it would violate Tradition Six by alluding to affiliation.
3. Note that the administrator of a business page does not have access to fans' personal information or photos; personal account holders have access to their friends' personal info, tho.

4. Unlike personal accounts, business pages are not allowed to send private messages or post comments on Facebook users' timelines unless the user contacts them first. This presents businesses from sending unwanted spam to Facebook users.
5. For detailed info on how to set up a Facebook Business Page, use the 'Social media guideline for GSOs and Area Service Structures.' Link:

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[alanon.org](#) > members site > homepage > public outreach > some helpful outreach tools > Social Media Guidelines for Areas and General Service Offices

**Discussion on local/Area hot line numbers (Sylke)** A Thought Force was formed to look into this. Chris, Warren, Katy, Deb and Sylke will serve on this.

**Al-Anon cooperating with AA regarding roundups and seed money (Sylke)** District's that host a Roundup were asked to pass information along to Sylke. She will gather this information and report at the Fall Assembly.

**Meet the Board Event - Application due by September 1, 2016 for sale of 2017.** Kalispell will put in the primary application with Bozeman as a backup location if our area is selected by WSO.

### **Ask It Basket**

*How do groups reimburse GRs for their costs for coming to Assembly?* That is between you and your group. Some groups advance money so you can go to assembly with you returning with receipts and any left over money. Others attending are able to put it on their credit card and then get reimbursed for their receipts by their group.

*Is there a way in which Area can foster interchange of experience, strength & hope between DRs (online or otherwise)?* All kinds of ways. For Example, we have small yahoo groups where we exchange information. Just takes an idea and a way to implement whatever you want to do that is anonymous.

*Please review anonymity and why "generic" email addresses are used on flyers, websites, etc.* Reference: Service Manual page 41-42...(Tradition 12) and page 91-92 (Electronic Communication outside of Al-Anon) The reason we do this is for safety and preserving anonymity. The Internet is considered a form of media.

### **Motions:**

C 217 — Montana AFG, Inc will pay for the Alternate Delegate to attend the Northwest Regional Delegate's Meeting all three years of their term.

Submitted by Pam C. Seconded by Kay S.

A GR count was taken; 33 voting GRs

For 24, Against 7, Abstain 2, Motion Passed.

C 218 — That we nominate Donna Eubanks as Northwest Regional Trustee.  
Submitted by Chris K. Seconded by Cindy C.

A GR Count was taken; 33 voting GRs

For 33, Against 0, Abstain 0, Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget:** The budget was approved with one change by acclamation.

**What District traveled the furthest with most members? Something to think about what can be improved upon in this process of encouraging members to travel to Spring Assembly.** Many had never been to an assembly before, some were able to attend because of it's closer location. Members traveled over 500 miles one way to be at assembly!

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the AI-Anon Declaration

Respectfully Submitted,

In Love & Service

Lori K

MT AFG Secretary

**Upcoming:**

**Fall Assembly**

Yoga Inn - Lewistown, MT

211 E Main St.

Phone # 406-535-8721,

*Room Block AFG*

*AWSC* — Sept 17 from 9am - 12pm

*Assembly* — Sept 17 from 1 - 8pm and

Sunday, Sept 18th from 9am to 12:00pm.

