

## Montana AFG Spring Assembly Meeting

Sleep Inn, Miles City

April 1, 2017

Connie W opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. The Steps, Traditions, Concepts and Warranties, and Montana Area Vision and Mission Statements were read.

Announcements and Introductions were made at Assembly, 30 GRs in attendance.

### **Secretary's Report** - Lori

2016 Fall Assembly Minutes were approved as read.

### **Treasurer Report** - Pam

#### Area Treasurer Report

Hello,

My name is Pam and I am your Area Treasurer. I emailed out profit and loss statements for Fiscal Year 2016 and year to date on Fiscal Year 2017 to the AWSC Members. I hope they forwarded onto the group representatives. I did print a few and I can email them to anyone who needs them.

Our total income for Fiscal Year 2016 was \$11,149.24. Our budgeted income was \$9,120.00.

Our total expenses for Fiscal Year 2016 was \$8,224.96, this is actually a little higher, due to our area delegate getting me her expenses late. But we budgeted a total of \$10,700.00.

Our profit for the Fiscal Year 2016 is \$2,924.28

I did some fixing on the budget for Fiscal Year 2017 so our income matches our expenses. So far this year we have \$2,518.60 in income. Our expenses so far this year \$553.02.

The Scholarship fund has \$154.00 in it.

***Our PMB in Helena is moving to a new address so I need everyone to get this out to the groups for the donations to be sent to the correct address. Effective April 15, 2017, the new address is:***

***MT AFG Inc.  
PMB 188  
2030 Cromwell Dixon Lane F  
Helena, MT 59601***

***Please make sure you get the "F" on the address or it will be sent back.***

Our checking account balance as of March 30, 2017, is \$7,185.30. The balance of the savings account as of March 30, 2017, is \$3,016.50.

If you are using a personal check for a group donation, please put which group you are sending in for. It would also help if you put your group number on the check somewhere if it is not included with the address.

Yours in Service,

Pam C., Area Treasurer

**\*\*\*Please see attached 2016 Profit & Loss Statement at end of Minutes.\*\*\***

### **GR Count:**

**30 voting GR in attendance** - About 30% of the groups in Montana are represented!

### ***Old Business:***

#### **Montana AFG, Inc.** - Connie

Montana AFG, INC annual reports have been updated for the State of Montana and the IRS. Reports to those members who donated as individuals to Montana AFG, INC have been sent the information needed if they are able to use their contributions when filing income taxes. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Connie

#### **Discussion regarding the responsibilities of the District hosting Spring or Fall meetings.**

The district that is hosting the Assembly will have the responsibility of making arrangements with the hotel, meals etc. and coordinating with the Area Chairperson.

#### **Choosing the site for Spring meetings from 2018-2020**

Carol S. presented the information for Kalispell. "Paradise"

Lori K. presented information for Bozeman. "Great Views"

#### **Thought Force on the potential of relocating fall meetings beginning in 2018** (Lori K, Cindy C, Pam C, Mike B, Nicole B)

January 29, 2019

Recommendations:

- 1) We move fall assembly to a district who is need of al-Anon participation and willing to host the assembly.
- 2) The district hosting the assembly, will find a venue, and work out sleeping accommodations, and work with the Area chair on putting on the assembly. Use form.
- 3) Rotate venues same year as the Spring Assembly on the 3 year cycle.
- 4) We start rotating the fall assembly on a trial basis of 3 years, then revisit the issue at the time.

- 5) Venue's can be whatever accommodates our need for technology, and room for the assembly body. As well as motel/hotel rooms available.

MOTION: We move that the fall assembly be rotating, and start Fall of 2018. The first 3 years would be on a trial basis, with a final vote in the Spring of 2020. All districts interested in hosting the Assembly would submit bids at the fall 2017 Assembly using the recommendations outlined by this thought force. Cindy C, Pam C, and Mike B.

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- **Several members expressed they would like to see the Fall Assembly rotate locations. A Thought Force was formed to look at changing locations**

### **1. What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences that are relevant to this topic?**

This topic has been raised many times in the past. Several years ago 2011, it was decided to move our Spring Assembly to different districts on a 3 year rotating basis. We did have 2011 Spring Assembly in Helena as a trial. Our 3 years, was in Helena starting in 2012. 1974 (BN27) Judy R. of Billings made a motion and it was seconded to continue to have our assembly meetings in Lewistown once a year each summer in June to coincide with the AA meeting, but to be kept at a separate meeting place. (BN28) JoAnn E. of Red Lodge made a motion and it was seconded to have the Delegates Report at the Roundup and to keep the business at the Area. Prior to that assemblies rotated with the Rounds ups. Then in 1980, (BN36) It was moved and seconded to hold two Business meetings per year to coincide with the AA business meetings. Fall meetings to be in Lewistown and the Spring meeting to float the State. Motion carried. DATE: 9/21/85

TIME: 9:11 a.m. PLACE: MOTIONS: (BN68) Andy A. presented a proposal from the AWSC. The proposal was to leave the business meetings as they are now held twice a year in Lewistown and the AWSC Committee Meeting near the Chairman. A vote was taken. 41 for 2 against. Motion Carried.

In 1992, motion was made to have 1 day Assembly. It was passed. 2003, there was a motion to have a 2 day fall assembly, this was passed.

### **2. What do we know about our resources (finances, membership participation, etc.) that is relevant to this topic?**

**Our Spring venue has been rotating since 2012 every 3 years and this has not** presented a financial burden. As officers and elected representatives, we are careful to use our resources wisely. We search out the best choices for our monies, groups help each other financially if necessary. Members attending the spring assembly is about the same as the fall. Members who had not been the Spring assembly are able to do so if the distance isn't as great because the assembly had moved to them. Members curious about how the Assembly runs, can attend as a visitor with little cost. \$15.00 is the registration fee at both Spring and Fall Assemblies. Members pay for the cost of travel/rooms. No burden to the area except for its officers. Groups bear the burden. The Area does pay for the cost of meeting rooms, generally we are able to lessen this cost with the contract of so many sleeping rooms rented. The registration pays for the cost of lunch at the Spring. At the fall Assembly, we do pay for the meeting rooms, for both days. In the beginning if we ordered Lunch, we could get the room free, we no longer order lunch, we pay for the room for Saturday and Sunday.; about \$160.? ?

### **3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc.) and our fellowship's environment (technology, spiritual principles, our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts) that is relevant to this topic?**

**We looked at using Technology for members to skype in to an assembly. The discussion centered on the ability for a person to sit through this sort of meeting without interruptions, ability to stay focused on the meeting all day long. Membership is spread through a big area, with lots of small**

**groups with small budgets travel is costly with gas prices, food and room costs. Easier if the assembly is brought to them. We abide by tradition 1, Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity. 2) For our group purpose there is but one authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants— they do not govern. Concepts 1-5**

Twelve Concepts of Service Carrying the message, as suggested in the Twelfth Step, is Service, Al-Anon's third legacy. Service, a vital purpose of Al-Anon, is action. Members strive to do as well as to be. Anything done to help a relative or friend of an alcoholic is service: a telephone call to a despairing member or sponsoring a newcomer, telling one's story at meetings, forming groups, arranging for public outreach, distributing literature, and financially supporting groups, local services, and the World Service Office. Read "Al-Anon's Twelve Concepts of Service" section for further information. 1. The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups. 2. The Al-Anon Family Groups have delegated complete administrative and operational authority to their Conference and its service arms. 3. The right of decision makes effective leadership possible. 4. Participation is the key to harmony. 5. The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard.

As Al-Anon Members it is all our responsibility to carry the message. Service work is one of those ways. The more members who have the chance to experience the business aspect of Al-Anon, the more we are able to spread the message. It benefits the whole of Al-Anon. This questions has been brought up several times, and it is time to address the minority questions. The groups represented by their G. Rs are the voting members of this assembly, they are in charge not the officers.

**4. What are the ethical implications of our choices (pros and cons)? In other words, will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles?**

Currently we are a though force, we are not making decisions, we are thinking out loud. Ethically, would we denying members G.R's, the chance to participate in Assembly if they do not have the financial support of their group to attend? If we had the ability to move an Assembly to their district, or at least close enough so they could attend. Or if the Group wishes to have a voice, but no the resources to make this happen? We do make an attempt to make sure our districts our well informed, the have the ability to make sure those groups involved in the district have a chance to voice their opinion to their D.R. Who in turn votes at the AWSC, and can voice opinions of their district at the Assembly, however they do not have a vote unless they vote for a group.

General Warranties of the Conference In all proceedings the World Service Conference of Al-Anon shall observe the spirit of the Traditions: 1. that only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; 2. that no Conference member shall be placed in unqualified authority over other members; 3. that all decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by unanimity; 4. that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; 5. that though the Conference serves Al-Anon it shall never perform any act of government; and that like the fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups which it serves, it shall always remain democratic in thought and action.

5. What do we wish we knew but don't.

What districts are interested in hosting the Assembly?

Would that district have the ability to host the assembly if they are interested?

Would we follow the same guidelines we have set up for the Spring Assembly?

Would our attendance improve, with more groups being represented?

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• Dec. 31, 2016

Happy New Year!

Nothing like getting started on a project that was assigned 3 months ago at the end of the year. As you see below we are a thought force assigned to looking at changing locations for the fall assembly. Some of us have been going to Area assemblies for a long time some have not. I suggest if you haven't got a copy of the Montana Area Guidelines you get one, as it will be helpful in gathering historical information as to our history in Lewistown. Our task is listed below according to our Fall Assembly minutes. I think our first step is to each of us answer the 5 questions listed below and then we can meet in person to discuss our findings and decide what to do next.

• **Several members expressed they would like to see the Fall Assembly rotate locations. A Thought Force was formed to look at changing locations**

Cindy C., Pam C, Lori K., Mike B., & Nicole B-members of Committee

\*5 Questions for information gathering:

1. What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences that are relevant to this topic?

An understanding of what assembly does as well as AWSC.

Location convenient for the most attendee vs location that may reach out to areas of the state that may attend if area is closer.

Thought a road trip is nice - it also is nice to have assembly close to where we live.

It is more fun to travel to Assembly with others we know.

Safe, comfortable room with restaurants choices close by or on sight so meals are easy and varied. Inviting meeting room.

2. What do we know about our resources (finances, membership participation, etc.) that is relevant to this topic?

Historical Data: Number attending past conferences as well as what city they traveled from.

Where Assembly has been held in the past.

Probably the majority of the rooms are shared by 2 people. Some prefer room to themselves.

District and Groups have limited funds to use to send people to area.

The amount of the time away from home may affect whether some people are able to participate so possibly if we move assembly to different sections of the state more will have the opportunity to attend.

It is important to get members that attend involved when they are at assembly.

Area has limited resources to spend on the meeting room space unless registration is raised.

We should not limit our choices to hotel meeting rooms only. By looking at possibly meeting at churches or other public facilities with hotels and restaurants nearby we might be able to increase the communities we consider as well as our meeting room choices in our larger communities.

The rooms need to be as reasonable as possible yet comfortable and inviting.

3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc.) and our fellowship's environment (technology, spiritual principles, our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts) that is relevant to this topic?

There is an energy that promotes the principles of our program when we all gather together.

Technology is here to stay and we need to use it in any way we can to reach out to members to include them.

4. What are the ethical implications of our choices (pros and cons)? In other words, will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles?

We need to set up parameters for considering our options

5. What do we wish we knew but don't

How many will attend assembly at any given location.

What location might work well.

**Motion brought forward from AWSC to be voted on at the end of assembly.**

***Motion C220 3/31/2017***

***Changing location of Fall Assembly***

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*Motion Submitted by : Cindy C., Pam C., Mike B. Seconded by Deb L.*

*Vote: To be voted on at end of Assembly.*

**Guideline Committee** - Carol and Pennie

Montana Area Guidelines  
Spring 2017 Report  
Miles City  
5/1/17

The following topics were added to update the 2017 Area Guidelines:

1. Montana AFG 501c(3) history summary
2. Guidelines for opening an AFG checking account
3. New Montana AI-Anon website address

Two motions were made: #C219 and #219

Carol had problems emailing the Guidelines because the file is so big. It either wouldn't send or it sent with out the maps. We will try to solve this problem by next Assembly.

In Service,

Carol S and Pennie K  
Guidelines Committee

**Area Speaker Meeting Committee** (Pennie K, Judy, Lori K, Carole D, Dorine and Peggy)

Dorine gave an update on the Speaker Meeting to be held on Saturday Evening (April 1, 2017) at the Range Rider Museum. At this point there are 40 attending with 2 wonderful speakers and great food. The committee meet briefly over lunch on April 1, 2017 and planned to have a formal meeting at the Fall Assembly to help plan the 2018 Spring Speaker Meeting. Some of the members from the Miles City Area will be rotating off the committee to make room for new committee members from the new Spring 2018 host city.

A Big “**Thanks**” to all the Gals in the Miles City Area for all your hard work in organizing the dinner and facility at the Range Rider Museum for the last 3 Area Speaker Meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Lori K.

**TEAM Event Task Force** (Frances M, Carol S, Patty, Norma, Cindy C, Lori K, Shannon S and Idaho members) June 17 & 18, 2017

## 2017 Spring Assembly

### TEAM Committee Report

TEAM Committee members--Frances M. & Nancy Jo W. (Co-Chairs), Carol S. (Secretary), Lori K. (Treasurer), Norma A. (Advisor), Area 32 & 13 Officers, Committee Chairs & volunteers

Update since Sept.--

- TEAM bank account was opened with \$200 start-up funds from Area 32.
- 5 Committee Chair positions have been filled, thanks to Katy O. (Registration), Warren M. (Host), Nancy Jo W. (Workshop), Diann P. (Hospitality), Denise M. (Food & Beverage).
- Area 13 members are also serving on some committees, thanks to Nancy Jo. W.
- The Decor Chair position is still open--research is done and there are volunteers to help. Please consider this service opportunity! We'll also need several volunteers for a short skit, to read a few lines each. Contact Frances M. for more info.

Our first conference call with WSO was productive--we discussed the event topics, presentations, and worked out a preliminary schedule for the weekend. The TEAM Task Force members are: Pat Q. Assoc. Director of Communication; Debbie G. Chairperson of the Board of Trustees; Joyce B. SW Regional Trustee. They are great people and it promises to be a memorable weekend!

The TEAM Registration flyer is completed, thanks to Deb L. Color copies are on the back table, and it was sent by email to the membership in both Areas for distribution to DRs, GRs and groups. Our topics are listed on the flyer, and there will be a bonus topic on Sunday. Plus we'll have fun with a skit, music, and games on Saturday night. Send in your registrations!

We also encourage scholarships to help members who can't afford to attend. How to sponsor someone and how to apply for a scholarship is described on the flyer. Groups and Districts can sponsor scholarships by taking a collection for that specific purpose (no 7th Tradition funds).

An optional Meet & Greet dinner gathering is planned for Friday evening June 16th. Location + map will be provided. This is the last Assembly before our event, so keep spreading the word. We're looking forward to seeing you at TEAM Mon-Ida June 17-18, 2017 in Missoula, MT.

Together Empowering Al-Anon Members!!



***Delegate Report & Discussion on changes to the “Just For Today Bookmark “Prayer for Today” - Elaine***

No Report.

### ***District Representative Reports:***

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

District 1 Report for Area Spring Assembly April 2017

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

We have 10 groups with a total of 12 meeting per week. I have been making the rounds and visiting each of the groups and sharing 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. So far I have made it to 4 of the 10 groups. Out of our 10 groups, 2 have new GR's, and both of them are with me today. Diane and Amiee, as Libby who has been to the last Fall Assembly. We have 1 group that is still needing a GR, and two groups that are about to finalize their choice of a new GR. I am working to encourage this change in service with the groups.

In March we had our "Day in Al-Anon" event, this is District 1's only fundraiser. There were 36 people in attendance, which was 3 more than last year. Our total income was \$478, expenses are still pending, but that exceeds our "net" for last year of \$315.00. We sold \$147.75 worth of literature as well. We received \$70.44 in donation for Alateen. We served Gluten free/vegan tortellini soup, Veggie Beef soup, taco soup, as well as sweet kale salad, Asian salad, Creaser 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 Lake McDonald (by a local photographer), framed painting of a leaf, a painting of Montana, Huckleberry pottery vase and two coasters (by a local pottery creator), Recovery basket, all of which were donated by our group members. We had two speakers registered, but Patty K could not make it due to the weather coming from Missoula, our other speaker was Shirley S. from Kalispell, she had an amazing story of experience strength and hope. We played a fun game of Al-Anon Bingo instead of having our second speaker. Alateen is ALIVE in Kalispell!!! Carol S will be giving her report today as well.

We have three excited people doing Public outreach. They are keeping the local rehab centers, doctor offices and schools up to date with meeting list and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism as well as Alateen information.

Our Information line receives about 1-3 calls a month, 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 of service at the District level, and look forward to attend more Area events in the future.

In Service,  
Peggy W.  
District 1 DR

#### **District 2/Shelby - Cindy**

District 2 consists of Shelby, Chester and Valier.

District 2 meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

It has dawned on us, as topics and information has been/being shared this weekend, that our information needs to be updated.

District 2 has been fairly inactive in the last 12 months ... only met 3 times. No activities to report but our District is represented by all of our groups this weekend!!

Attendance has declined significantly at all meeting in all 3 towns and we are hanging on by our fingernails (I bite mine so you can imagine how much help I am ☺) A big thank you goes to Beth, Donna and Lela, 3 very dedicated ladies who are almost always there for anyone in need of a meeting.

In service,



Cindy L  
D.R. (by default)

**District 3/Havre** - No Report

**District 4/Wolf Point** - Vacant

**District 5/Glendive** - No Report

**District 6/Miles City** - Jill M.

**District 6 Report for Area 32 Assembly**  
April 1, 2017

District Representative: Jill M  
Alternate District Representative: Judy T.

- 1.) District 6 held monthly district meetings the second Saturday of the month for about one hour consistently. We missed one month because of inclement weather and cancelled the month of Fall Assembly due to time involved with members at the Area Assembly in Lewistown, MT.
- 2.) The meeting format is opened with Serenity Prayer, with attendance at about 6 each month. We read and discuss the concept of the month.
- 3.) Rita H., our secretary with Carole D filling in as needed. Minutes are read.
- 4.) Our treasurer, Ellen H. gives her report.
- 5.) Old Business has consisted of:
  - a.) Love Gifts for the Delegate conference, which were made by members of Hope Alanon group in Miles City, MT. Gail supplied taco salads. Jill M delivered them to Helena. This was our celebration of Lois W. birthday.
  - b.) Gratitude Dinner was a success due to great organization and participation. Thank you to the speakers that traveled to Miles City.
  - c.) Hope group works on the Speaker meeting/dinner on Saturday during the Area Assembly. This has been a success due to member's hard work.
  - d.) We had an Intimacy discussion to substitute for a District meeting in March with about 6 people present.
  - e.) We are expanding the literature collection in Miles City by ordering more books and pamphlets. We want to preview the public outreach media for radio and TV.
  - f.) In December we enjoyed a Yankee Swap at the Black Iron with about 10 people present.
- 6.) New Business consisted of:
  - a.) How do we increase attendance at District meetings?
  - b.) Plan a professional outreach panel/presentation?
  - c.) How do we reach the outlying areas and start new meetings?
  - d.) We are planning on putting out public service announcements.
  - e.) Exploring a summer activity. Barbecue?
- 7.) Group Reports:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Broadus	Tuesday	6:30pm	3
Broadus	Wednesday	12:00 Noon	2
Colstrip	Tuesday	6:00pm	2
Forsyth	Friday	7:00pm	2
Miles City	Thursday	7:00pm	4

Miles City	Saturday	10:00am	8
Lame Deer	Wednesday	7:00pm	new meeting

8.) Special Note from Jill M

*Thank you for letting me serve. This has been an adventure. Progress not Perfection.*

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

Greetings from District 7!

Approximately 20 groups call District 7 home. We also have several meetings that the district supports. Our new comers meeting meets Tuesday evenings, Montana Women’s Prison meeting is on Wednesday nights and Passages, a pre-release center for women, is on Thursday nights. Every three weeks we also bring a meeting to the Rimrock treatment center in Billings. The meeting takes place during their family week. The district provides literature for all of these meetings.

District has an Events Chair, Ave W., whose job it is to plan events, such as potlucks and speaker meetings. We have not had a district sponsored event since our Picnic in the Park in June of 2016. Typically we do have an event for the holidays or winter; this year it just didn’t come together. Ava W. will soon be busy with plans for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual picnic, which we expect to hold in late June or mid July.

Attendance at district meetings has been increasing over the last 6-8 months. We currently have only 3 groups in the district that do not have a Group Representative. That is a record for us. The district is well funded with the generous donations of our groups. Our Literature Distribution Center also well funded; keeping our groups in books and pamphlets keeps the Chair, Audrey W. busy.

District 7 does have an Information Line. We have a TracFone and purchase minutes for the phone on a yearly basis. The average monthly number of calls is about 4. If the volunteer with the phone is unable to answer, a detailed message give the caller instructions on how to find a meeting and an opportunity to leave their first name and a number at which the volunteer can call them back.

District 7’s Higher Power has blessed the district with many things, especially members willing to participate at the group and district level. Al-Anon is alive and well in District 7. I am grateful to be a District Representative for such a great district.

Deb L.

**District 8/Bozeman** - Katy O.

District 8 Report for Spring Area Assembly 2017

Prepared by Katy O

Hello there and happy spring from 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, 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.

Lori K will be presenting a bid for our little corner of Montana to host an assembly next. We would love to have the opportunity to welcome you to our beautiful town.

We are having some difficulties filling service positions at our District level. I continue to operate without an Alternate DR. We have had someone step forward to be our event coordinator. This is a position we have created instead of asking for a chairperson for our fundraiser each year. Our hope is that the event coordinator can decide when and how to do fundraisers for our District throughout the year, and possibly plan other activities as well. We have not had anyone step forward to re-invent our Alateen program and at this time we remain without an Alateen

meeting. We continue to refer younger people to the online chat rooms or to attend regular Al-Anon meetings. At our last District meeting we had two new GRs come forward so I am hoping we are going to have a resurgence of members interested in service.

In the absence of a chairperson for our annual fundraiser, we threw together a lovely potluck gathering at which Elaine so graciously agreed to drive from Billings to be our speaker! Unfortunately that afternoon we had a winter storm advisory and a great deal of snow and she wasn't able to come. In true Al-Anon fashion our district conducted a quick business meeting by text message and a new speaker was chosen. We had a lovely event and still raised an amount of money that allows our District to operate well this year.

Our PICPC coordinator distributes pamphlets and meeting schedules around town. We are hoping to continue our relationship with the MSU College of Nursing, where we have been invited most years to put on a panel for the nursing students about AA and Al-Anon. It is always a moving experience and I love being able to give these future healthcare workers a truthful and solid eye into alcoholism, the effects on the family and the solution we have to offer.

I have had some inquires at our District by newer and older members regarding the role of Dual Members in service. Our community is lucky to have a vibrant cross over between programs and so we have many members interested in Al-Anon service who happen to also be AA members. There were questions recently at District about the why – why can't a dual member vote in Al-Anon. I have compiled four pages of resources that explain dual members in service and the reasoning behind it. I have brought some of these in case any of you feel this information could be useful for you. For those not here, I found information in the MT AFG Guidelines and in Many Voices, One Journey on the history of this decision.

I was contacted by an experienced Al-Anon member who is moving back to our area and may be wanting to re-start a meeting in the resort town of Big Sky. I look forward to working with her as our populations are growing and perhaps a Big Sky meeting will be more successful this time around!

I also have a member of a group asking that we keep more money in our District to be used for District purposes rather than sending money forward for Area, etc... I have pointed him towards the principles of group autonomy and what we use the money for, and have told him that members are always welcome to bring suggestions forward for discussion.

Love in service, Katy O

**District 9/Butte** - Chris K. given by Lori K.  
Hello to all of you at Spring Assembly.

In November we did a Workshop Harvesting Our Program for Al-Anon. Each Group chose a topic and we had a stew potluck. This was new for us and we have decided to continue it this fall. In January, we had our Business meeting and District meeting combined. We are planning our all you can eat Italian Buffet for April 8, 2017. This is our annual fund raiser and we are thankful for all the AA members that support us. We have been very successful with this dinner and 50/50 drawing the past 10 years. We are looking forward to seeing our Area Alateen Coordinator Patty and are making plans to have a fun get together this June. I hope to have more members get involved as AMIAS from District #9. I have encouraged them to have more Area Members visit our District to enlighten them about the work Area does for Al-Anon in Montana and how we all connect. I have been attending Roundup meetings as the Butte AA District 71 Area 40 plans to have the Fall Roundup October 13 to 15, 2017 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. The theme is Joy In Recovery and will be a memorable time for all who attend. I have sent flyers for registration that are on the back table. Do help yourself to them and I hope many of you can attend. Our District recieved a call from MCDC the Alcohol Treatment Center in Butte and I have left them a message to contact us. I am curious and glad that they have attempted to reach us and look forward to sharing with them what Al-Anon has to offer. Looking ahead, I know that we will be having a joint picnic with AA in August which we hold at one of the nearby Parks. Dillon has one Group, Deer Lodge has one Group, Anaconda has two Groups and Butte has four Groups. Our members are mostly regulars with occasional Newcomers and we have a sizeable number of Double Winners. I have been trying to get the Al-Anon message on our Butte TV and Radio Stations as they claim they do not have any means to announce. Hopefully soon, we will go back on the air as it has been 2 or 3 years since we had broadcasts in our area. I am grateful and thank you, for all of the work that you do. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

In Service, Chris K. D.R. #9.

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

1. Alateen outreach in the Missoula high schools was a very exciting part of service work in our district over the last 5 months.

We have been able to connect to more schools and get into the class rooms much more this year than in the past. We spoke for a full school day to the Hellgate freshmen, in each of their Health classes during their drug and alcohol unit.

Our DR Eve M. reached out to the teachers and talked about how alcoholism is a family disease and that there is much less awareness about how the alcoholic's drinking effects the others in the family.

This was what inspired them to have us come and speak in every class. They realized they were only focusing on the damage the alcohol does to the drinker's body, brain etc .. but had not addressed the other people involved. The students had never heard of Al-Anon or Alateen for the most part, so it felt vital to just plant the seed of what the Al-Anon/Alateen programs are.

We also talked about anonymity and the students had some very moving comments about how anonymity could be freeing for them.

We also could speak in 2 of the local high schools to very large auditoriums filled with students during "Diversity Week".

All the Al-Anon members who got to go to the high schools and speak shared that it had been a powerful chance to practice the 12th Step, to carry the message to others. By talking to the students and answering their many questions it gave each of us a new depth and clarity to how the Al-Anon program works in our lives.

It was clear to all of us that steady consistent public outreach in the high schools is needed. We hope to find an active group of people who want to focus efforts to keep reaching out to the various schools each semester.

We have created a letter to send to school staff that clearly introduces us as Al-Anon/Alateen and what the program is and asking if we could come and speak in their classrooms. It has been very helpful to have a standard letter written and ready to send out when doing outreach to high schools. We are getting more and more clear in our message the more outreach we do.

In the Alternative High School (Willard) a student from their journalism class did an interview with a Missoula Al-Anon member and wrote a 2-page article for their school newspaper titled "The Wonders of Alateen". It was distributed to all the local high schools in February.

There are NOT actually teens coming to our weekly meeting, but we still want to have the meeting open and available to the teens in case they do come. It is a way of doing what the Al-Anon Declaration asks of us:

"When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon or Alateen be there and let it begin with me".

We want to do public outreach in the high schools to let the students know what Alateen is, tell them about the weekly meeting in and the online chat meetings, and even though they do not come, we have our hand out and the meeting is open.

2. District 10 did an inventory at beginning of our second year to check in with everyone to see what was working well and what needed improvement? Were we serving our purpose? Is our format effective?

It was a positive experience. We took one hour of our 2-hour long meeting to discuss the feedback from inventory. It seemed one thing everyone wanted more of was fellowship and social activities.

There was a bit of feedback that some people could not understand the treasurer's reports the way they were presented. After the inventory, there has been a much more user friendly financial report.

District members said they really appreciate the meetings having a spiritual component with the “spiritual grounding” section and they also really value the GR topic section.

People could send in their inventory feedback anonymously via mail or send it via email, so it gave everyone a chance to say whatever they needed to say.

Our district had been through a 4-5-month period of intense and sometimes uncomfortable discussion about unity amongst our Al-Anon groups, and the inventory reflected that it had been a positive experience, even though uncomfortable at times. The result was more communication and understanding of one another.

3. It was very helpful that a few individuals formed a finance committee at the end of 2016 to address some of the specific issues our district is facing.

They provided a clear list of action items for us to discuss in the upcoming year and it helped everyone else at District to know that a select committee was refining the questions for us to discuss in the future.

Before having the Financial Committee formed, there were a few meetings where financial questions and discussions would take longer periods of time and cut short some other topics for discussion. Having the Financial Committee in place really helped everyone at District have more clarity and be able to serve our purpose with more clarity.

4. Public Outreach: Our Public Outreach coordinator has been collaborating with AA in distributing pamphlets around Missoula. We have our material in a lot of locations, now, that we had never even thought of.

We are also continuing the monthly service at the Recovery Center treatment facility, where we get to speak for 30 minutes during Family Day.

**District 11/Helena** - Ann L given by Libby G  
**SPRING 2017 ASSEMBLY REPORT**  
**AREA 11**

We are pleased to report that we now have an Alateen group with continued attendance that has grown from 2 to 3 teens in attendance.

District 11 has 11 meetings per week, a 4<sup>th</sup> Friday speaker meeting as well as the monthly district meeting except for December when a Christmas party is held. The district operates a Literature Center in cooperation with AA. We do have a phone but receive very few calls.

In November we have a gathering called the Attitude of Gratitude in cooperation with AA with AA and Al-Anon speakers. We had a Silent Auction which brought in \$1200. We sent 1/4<sup>th</sup> of this money to WSO and 1/4<sup>th</sup> to area. As the literature distribution center needs financial support this is one way to enable us to do that.

Earlier in March we participated in Pockets of Enthusiasm in cooperation with AA. There was a good attendance by Al-Anon members. In addition to meetings and panels, there were AA and Al-Anon speakers.

All but three of our groups are represented at Area this year. Our district benefits from this participation as we hear new approaches to meeting the needs of our members.

Yours in service,

Ann L.  
District 11 Representative

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

**District 12 for Miles City Assembly March 31 and April 1, 2017**

Created "For Now" meditation

Reviewed group inventory process and links of service pamphlets with group representatives.

CAL to New Year's Eve celebration with AA spotted Bull Treatment Center in Poplar, Fort Belknap Tribal Health, Center for Mental Health - Great Falls, Department of Family Services in Great Falls.

AA/Al-anon speaker to New Year's celebration & Rocky Mountain Treatment center using Al-anon guidelines.

January Al-anon brunch

Update Al-anon phone list for Mathews answering service: mostly receives meeting time/place requests.

Sponsorship bookmarks & Alanon Welcomes Adult Children pamphlets given to groups.

Tuesday evening closed.

Continue to use Paths to Recovery & Reaching for Personal Freedom at 3 meetings.

Appreciate District Reg Connects.

Submitted by Kay S.

### **District 13/Lewistown - vacant**

### **District 14/Red Lodge - Katy K. given by Charlotte District 14 Spring 2017 Assembly Report**

Our Christmas Party in early December was a success thanks to Charlotte and Lela, who each made a beautiful quilt for our raffle. This is our main fundraising event of the year. The Laurel Golf Club provides good food and a cozy venue for this family event.

There are four meetings in our district: One in Red Lodge, one in Absarokee, and two in Laurel (Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening).

Laurel Serenity, which meets on Wednesday evenings and has 12-15 people attending regularly. The group also does a breakfast/book study once a month. Ten people are taking part. The book is Survival to Recovery.

Laurel Monday afternoon meetings are going well. There are 3-8 regulars. Dorothy's words: "We are doing fine in Laurel afternoon. Had 6 at our Monday meeting. Someone got a good one on me, on some dumb thing I had said, so we all had a good laugh. It seems like our meetings are extra special when we get a good laugh out of everyone. We have really been having some good meetings too. So far, our Monday weather has been good and we are able to go to the meetings. I will be so glad when spring time arrives." (GR Dorothy Roderick; Panel 20)

Absarokee Wednesday evening meeting: The meetings are going well. About 8-10 regular attendees. Attendance has been up and down in past couple of years, but is steady now.

Red Lodge Thursdays 5:30: We have a core group of 6-8 people with about 20 on our contact list. The core members are very dedicated. Each meeting is attended by 4-8 people.

Submitted by Katy K, District 14 Rep.

### ***Coordinator Reports:***

**Alateen/AAPP** - Patty K given by Shannon S.

March 2017

Of the twelve districts with District Representatives attending area, four districts have meetings: District 1 Kalispell, District 7 Billings, District 10 Missoula and District 11 Helena. I need five more districts to start meetings in order to reach my goal of 80%. :)

Helena and Kalispell have new meetings. Both meetings are in club houses where other meetings are taking place. Both meetings have teens attending.

Of the twelve districts with DRs, three districts have Alateen Coordinators: Carol S and Carol W in District 1 Kalispell; Shannon in District 7 Helena; Denise M in District 10 Missoula. When there's a coordinator in the district, more outreach is done in the community.

District 8 Bozeman's Alateen meeting has folded. To the best of my understanding, two difficulties for this meetings were: 1) Two AMIAS had the full responsibility of being group sponsors. Others did not step up. 2) The age limit was lowered to include younger kids, unable to stay focused for a full meeting. We all need to be aware of these common stumbling blocks for Alateen. Meetings need broad based support so Al-Anon members in service do not get burned out-- and-- Alateen is not a babysitting service.

Area has stated that Alateen is its number one priority. In recognition of that priority, the upcoming TEAM event in Missoula has Alateen as one of its major focuses.

Also, in light of Area prioritizing Alateen, I would like to bring a motion to the general assembly this fall:

***That District Representatives be certified AMIAS within the first year of their term. That in recognition of DR's already full duties, Area provide 45 minutes for this certification process.***

Being certified does not mean the DR would have to serve in that function. It would only mean that all Montana districts would have at the helm someone who is aware of how Alateen works. With a clear understanding, the DR would be more inclined to promote Alateen and insure safety of meetings across the state.

Area 32 Montana has 54 certified AMIAS at this moment. The recertification process is just starting for the next year. This is the Alateen Area Process Person part of my position.

Montana Alateen Chat now has eight AMIAS rotating through the schedule, and one substitute. We are very stable.

I will be travelling to Butte and Helena in the spring and early summer to offer informative sessions to the district (Butte) and renewal to AMIAS(Helena). If your district would like me to come and talk about Alateen, please call me. I would love a hi line trip this summer.

In service,

Patty K. Area 32 Alateen Coordinator and Alateen Process Person.

### ***District One: Alateen Report***

Carol W and Carol S Alateen Co-Coordinators

- Patty K came to our Jan district meeting to trained and renew AMIAS. Carol W asked me if I wanted to co coordinated Alateen. I said yes. We have a total of nine AMIAS and counting.
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> we attended the Alano Board meeting requesting a room to have Alateen. We were welcomed and approved to have the 'long room' for our meetings starting Jan 23. Posters and pamphlets were made to distribute. We can get copies made at a discount through an AFG member.

- We had three Alateens at our first meeting and they have come back every week. They are a young group: 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They are enthusiastic, lead meetings, read and share. We not only have traditional meetings but do worksheets and together will make a GOD BOX and decorate a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition box.
- We reported to our district that we were starting our first Alateen meeting. There was a discussion on how to collect needed funds. Our District agreed to pay 3 months rent and to ask our groups for donations. Many of our groups donated and the hat was passed at our Day in Al-Anon and at the Feb district meeting.
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> we had our first AMIAS breakfast meeting. AMIAS volunteered to do Outreach, MT chat line, and signed up be at Alateen meetings: Carol W and Carol S will be the constants and others will rotate in alternating weeks. We agreed to keep our focus on our new Monday night meeting and to continue through the summer. We will regroup with new ideas for fall during the summer.
- We have amazing support from Patty K and the Missoula Alateen Coordinators with phone calls and emails of support with ideas about what worked for them and what didn't.
- We got registered through WSO.
- As of our March District meeting we have \$211.19 in the Alateen account.
- We were approached by a Glacier High counselor to have Alateen at the high school.

Love in Alateen Service,  
 Carol W and Carol S  
 District 1 Alateen Co-Coordinators

### Archives - Sue T.

*2017 Spring Assembly Archives Coordinator report 04 01 2017* — Sue T, Archives Coordinator 2016 – 2018

Hi everyone!

I am Sue T., your Area Archives Coordinator and share this responsibility with the Area Archivist, who is Pennie K.

#### *PURPOSE*

The purpose of an area archives is to preserve the experience, history and memorabilia of the Al-Anon fellowship from the beginning of the family movement in that locale. This history should be preserved so as to be available to the membership and the serious researcher, within the framework of our Traditions, for the good of Al-Anon as a whole.

In this case, we are specifically focused on the history of Montana – Area 32. We have boxes of physical storage and flash drives of electronic storage thanks to many hours of work by previous Archives Coordinators and Archivists.

Over time, Area Directories, Programs, Flyers, Workshops, Delegate Reports, Guidelines, Minutes, Newsletters, Maps, Motions, Financial reports, Agendas, Correspondence, Schedules, Histories, Skits, and more, have been collected and preserved in our archives.

There is a box in the back of the room with folders for Coordinators and District Representative. 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, you may email those to [me](#).

We have an ongoing interest in collecting Group histories and Longtime Member (20 years or more) questionnaires: I didn't create hard copies of these forms for Assembly. I will see if we can make the forms available on the website and can email those to anyone who asks.

We have a Speaker CD Lending Library in a box that I have at the front table. There is a notepad in the box if you would like to check out a CD. Please mark your entry off the list when the CD is returned. If you have any Al-Anon recordings to share with Archives, let me know.



I have reached out to Archivist, Pennie, for a report as she was unable to attend today. She was in the process of picking up the boxes of archives that were in storage in Great Falls.

Pennie says “Anyone that wants to know information about the Area’s Past, they can ask me and I will look it up”.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
Sue T.  
Archives Coordinator 2016 – 2018

**Group Records** - Libby G.  
AREA RECORDS REPORT  
SPRING 2017

I’M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE GROUPS IN THE AREA HAS GROWN SINCE LAST FALL – BY 2!

THE CURRENT STATISTICS ARE:

116 ACTIVE GROUPS  
25 INACTIVE GROUPS

THERE ARE ALSO SOME GROUPS FOR WHICH THE MAILING OR E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE INCORRECT. I WILL PASS THEM AROUND IN THE EVENT SOMEONE HAS ANY CURRENT INFORMATION ON THESE.

YOURS IN SERVICE,

LIBBY G

**Forum** - Kay S.

Dear *Forum* Coordinators,

**\*Increase in subscribers:** Ever since the World Service Office stopped sending complimentary copies of *The Forum* to groups, there has been an increase in subscriptions. This has been most notably from groups buying subscriptions. Please remind groups that receiving *The Forum* is a great way to make the magazine visible, and let everyone know of its value for recovery.

**\*The Forum needs more sharing!** We are very short on sharing about the three Legacies—especially about Steps Five through Twelve, and All Twelve Traditions and concepts of Service. Also needed are sharing from Canada and from Alateen members.

**\*New Department in The Forum:** In October, *The Forum* began a yearlong series of articles written by members of the Board of Trustees. They share about the recovery their service provides them, and provide an inside peek at the work the Board does for our fellowship.

**\*THE FORUM BOOK (working title):** So far, members have sent in over 270 titles and publication dates of *Forum* articles they consider the best of recent years. Please encourage members to let the WSO know which *Forum* stories they want to see included in this book. And don’t forget to send in your own picks too!

**\*Instant Step Meetings:** Beginning in January, the “Instant Meeting” feature of *The Forum* will include, in addition to two or three brief sharing on the Step of the month, several thought-provoking questions to get the conversations started.

If you have any questions for the WSO staff regarding *The Forum* or your role as *Forum* Coordinator, please call 757-563-1600 between 9am and 6pm ET, Monday through Friday, or email questions to [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org) with “*The Forum*” in the subject line. Don’t hit “reply” to this thread unless you want it to go to all Coordinators.  
(This information provided by Tom at Forum connects.)

Forum change for subscriptions: gave 6 subscriptions at September 2016 Assembly in Lewistown.

\$23.47 presently in change bucket. Thanks for your loose change contributions!!!

January 20 feedback from WSO Forum data

	September	December	
Subscriptions	22,694	22,655	(-39)
Group #s	13,803	13,719	(-84)

“Forum flies the friendly skies” in plane pockets: Great Falls to Minneapolis to Rochester and return trip; Missoula to Portland and return trip.

Appreciate *Forum Connects*.

Submitted by Kay S.

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

Website Coordinator Report  
Spring 2017

The “new” Montana AI-Anon website is [al-anon-montana.org](http://al-anon-montana.org)

The site will come up with a search for Montana AI-Anon, even if the name is misspelled (e.g. alanon, ala-non, etc.) All links at the WSO have been updated to direct to this page. If you have a saved link for the old page, please check to ensure that it is redirecting to the new site and/or update your link.

I still have the goal of adding pictures of meeting places to the maps for each district. Please let the members in your District know that they should search for or take pictures of the building, preferably looking at the entrance used for the meeting. Don't forget to designate which meeting each picture will be connected to. You can send them to me at the email address listed on the Montana website: [mtalanon@hotmail.com](mailto:mtalanon@hotmail.com) Texting is also an option – my phone number is on the Area Directory or I can give it to you personally if you ask. If you want to see examples, go to the map for District 7...all the Billings meeting sites have pictures.

I will continue listing events specific to a district on the Events page. If you have a flyer for a local event, please forward it to me and I will post it. The committee is working on some guidelines for posting flyers on the website. When this is completed, we will bring it before the Assembly for approval before posting it. For now, there is a brief paragraph about flyer requirements at the top of the Events page.

For events in neighboring areas (Idaho, Wyoming, North & South Dakota), I have added links to their Events pages. I decided this would be easier than having to confirm that their events flyers meet our requirements for posting.

I have gotten many requests to change information for groups, and I try to respond back after changes have been made so the information can be checked for accuracy. Sometimes changes happen and the information doesn't get to me so I am always grateful to hear that somebody periodically checks their District or group information. Let me know if anything has changed or if links don't work.

I am posting agendas for upcoming Assemblies and conference calls when they are sent out, including any additional information that is relevant (e.g. the documents from the Thought Force on changing the location of Fall Assembly).

Exclusionary statements (e.g. “for women only”) have been removed from the website listing for meetings, where applicable. I have also removed personal phone numbers from meeting listings. Where the effected district has an Information Line, I have listed it, but if there is no local number, I have added the toll-free WSO number (888-425-2666).

There is a link to request the News and Views on the left panel of every page, and also on the Newsletter page. There is also a link to the “Contribute Now” page that Elaine talked about earlier. As many of you know, I am a computer and internet addict so I am having so much fun learning about how to do all this stuff! Thanks for giving me this opportunity.

Love in service,

Bret

**Literature** - Jill M.  
LDC-CAL report

Fall Assembly area 32

Submitted by Jill M.

April 1, 2017

OCTOBER, 2016-MARCH, 2017

I continue to get some calls related to literature from other cities. It is not feasible for me to mail out to other cities. I still have Public Service Announcements that Butte requested. They can purchase them at Area Assembly this weekend. Processing orders has been a challenge because I don't have a computer at home and do not want to take up a lot of time on my work computer. I prefer to process orders on hard copy and fax in to World Service Office.

We have replenished several pamphlets and new literature including the Pathways to Recovery workbook to go with the hardcover. We have the new pamphlets on Joy of Service and the Links of Service, too. I received a complimentary copy of this set from WSO and have started working in it to set a good example. Of course, this waxes and wanes as my other life activities wax and wane!

It has been convenient to sell books to the Miles City Hope group because this is my home group at this time. Please take advantage of buying books at Area Assembly. I have been keeping the inventory of Conference Approved Literature in Baker, MT in my garage there up to this month. I will be transporting it to my garage in Helena, MT at Easter, April 13, 2017. I look forward to the next two years and the new location for Spring Assembly.

I encourage you to take advantage of technology as it will make working your recovery more individualized to your lifestyle. I encourage members to share how technology has impacted their recovery at Assembly and meetings.

MARCH

1. -Call from Bonners Ferry asking for literature: My name and number are still somewhere for easy access on website?
2. -Received Al-anon Faces Alcoholism pamphlets, thanks to Nathalie WSO. They are available for purchase Spring Assembly, 2017.
3. Balance in checking \$170.00 and cash balance \$175.00 before assembly, March 31, 2017.

In Service,

Jill M.

LDC-CAL, Do business as.

Literature Coordinator, Area 32, Montana

**Newsletter** - Shannon S.  
News & Views Spring Assembly Report

News & Views what a great way to share information. Frances M. contributed some beautiful photos to be used in the newsletter. They are amazing, please thank her for brightening our world.

There were 7 newsletters sent out in 2016. And 2 already in February.

I've figured out a way to provide the actual documents as links in the newsletter. I believe this is working well. Please let me know if you are having trouble with this.

Also, if you would like to be on the mailing list for the emails requesting information for the newsletter, please let me know.

If you would like to contribute any information or photos please do so, I love to have more content.

Thanks, In Service,

Shannon S.  
News & Views Editor

**PI/CPC** - Carole D.

### Public Outreach Report

April 1, 2017

Once again so grateful to be of service! Forwarding Public Outreach information from WSO to the DRs has been my biggest accomplishment, by forwarding some PSA for radio stations and TV stations that may be in your area. If so, and you hear any of them please thank them for the one's that they played. If they do not get feed -back from us, they discontinue. If you have placed a book in the library, please check it out as they do take them off the shelf and they are sold.

I do have some copies of some of your towns radio stations that WSO has sent PSA's to them, or will forward them again.

Our district in Miles City have used the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017 (200 copies) to get the information out to doctors, at the Holy Rosary Hospital with the spiritual council advisory, chiropractor's office and dentist offices and beauty salons. Of the 200 copies these were distributed to Colstrip and Broadus in their areas.

We held a Gratitude lunch in November with invitations to surrounding areas and always excited to see so many guests that come. We put a copy of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism at each place setting so that they could read or distribute them.

Our district is planning on doing a Public Outreach project by calling it an Informational meeting with invitations going out to Judges, police, doctors, beauty salons, mental health pregnancy outreach and Child service's.

Our Hope Al-Anon is in the beginning stages of starting a Beginners meeting and using the format on steps one two and three. There is some good interests in this!

Have any of you thought of making posters for your area? Of course, this needs to be approved by WSO, so that the Al-Anon information is correct.

Have any of you taken any of your Forums or some literature to Health Fairs in your area?

Thanks for letting me be of service

From Carole D. your Public Outreach Coordinator

### ***Roundup Reports:***

**2017 Spring Roundup - Billings, MT**

***"Participation is the Key to Harmony"***

May 19-21, 2017, Big Sky Resort

1801 Majestic Lane, Billings, MT

Online registrations. [www.billingsroundup.com](http://www.billingsroundup.com)

**2017 Fall Roundup - Fairmont, MT**

***“Joy In Recovery”***

October 13-15, 2017 - Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Online info: [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org) under Calendar

*New Business* - AWSC and Assembly evaluations were passed out for all to complete.

**Options for sending love gifts to Elaine at WSC - Brett**

If you would prefer can also make a financial contribution.

**Motions to be voted on:**

**GR Count: 30 voting GRs.**

***Motion C219 3/31/2017***

***Reimbursing Expenses for the Registrar Position***

*Area will reimburse the hotel and gas expenses as well as meals for the Registrar person.*

*Motion Submitted by: Peggy W. Seconded by: Katy O.*

*Vote: Yes: 28 No: 0 Abstain: 2*

***Motion Passed.***

**GR Count: 29 voting GRs**

***Motion C220 3/31/2017***

***Changing location of Fall Assembly***

*We move that the fall assembly be rotation, and start fall of 2018. The first 3 years would be on a trial basis, with a final vote in the Spring of 2020. All districts interested in hosting the Assembly would submit bids at the Fall Assembly using the recommendations outlined by this Thought Force.*

*Motion Submitted by : Cindy C., Pam C., Mike B. Seconded by Deb L.*

*Vote: Yes: 28 No: 0 Abstain: 1*

***Motion Passed.***

## **Spring Assembly Vote**

*GR Count: 29 voting GRs*

Kalispell - 13                      Bozeman - 15                      Abstain - 1

*2018-2020 Spring Assembly will be in Bozeman.*

## ***Ask It Basket***

***“Has anyone had experience in engaging their district representative in getting information out?”***

**Comments:** Add a personal touch to info when sending out to highlight the information. The AWSC and Assembly agendas are out approximately 1 month before assembly. Agendas will also be in *News n Views*. If you're not getting the information please email the area chairperson. Also minutes will be posted at <http://al-anon-montana.org> and will be out well in advance of Fall Assembly.

## **Trustee candidate from Montana.**

Connie and Donna briefly explained the basic requirements to be considered as a Trustee candidate. Donna E., the current Trustee shared her experience as being our Trustee. Anyone wishing to be considered needs to submit a resume. Contact Elaine if anyone is interested. The assembly votes to bring a name forward for consideration as a trustee. Talk about it your groups to see if anyone is interested that meets the qualifications.

Connie thanked everyone for their wonderful participation. The Assembly was adjourned with the Al-Anon Declaration.

In Love & Service,

Lori K., Area Secretary

**VISION:** To ensure that all Al-Anon/Alateen groups in Montana have an opportunity to affect the direction of Al-Anon as a whole through shared information between the groups and the *World Service Conference (WSC)*

**MISSION:** To collect and distribute information and reports, initiate projects, and make recommendations that support Al-Anon/Alateen at all levels (groups, districts, and WSC).

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**TEAM Event**  
***“Reaching for Recovery”***

June 17 & 18, 2017

Missoula, MT

***Details and registration info online at:***  
***[al-anon-montana.org](http://al-anon-montana.org) under the events tab.***

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**Fall Assembly, September 16 & 17, 2017**

Yoga Inn, 211 E Main St. Lewistown, MT

Phone #406-535-8721, **Room Block AFG. Reserve by August 16, 2017**

AWSC Sept. 16th from 9am-12pm

Assembly September 16th from 1PM to 8PM

Sunday, September 17th from 9AM to 12PM

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**2017 Fall Roundup - Fairmont, MT**

***“Joy In Recovery”***

October 13-15, 2017 - Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Fairmont, MT

Online info: [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org) under Calendar

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**2018 Spring Assembly, April 27 & 28th**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Phone #406-388-7100. **Room Block AFG.** Reserve by TBD.

**AWSC - Friday Evening,** April 27th Time TBD

**Assembly - Saturday,** April 28th Time TBD

Belgrade, MT 59714

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**2018 Speaker Meeting - Saturday Evening after Assembly**

Time and location TBD

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**Upcoming topics:**

Trustee visit September 2017 and 2020.

Fall AWSC and Assembly for 2018-2020 location to be determined in Fall 2017

Elections September 2018.

Potential Workshop topics:

-KBDM

-Thought Force/Task Force

-Resolving conflict