

**Oregon Area Al-Anon Assembly
Alder Creek Middle School
13801 SE Webster Rd
Milwaukie, OR 97222
July 18-19, 2015**

Saturday

Meeting opened by Alternate Delegate Barb S., as Acting Chair, with Serenity Prayer.

The Twelve Steps read by Kay S., The Twelve Traditions read by Steve M.

Housekeeping information presented by Joanne C., DR, Host District 10.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Val V.

Excused: Rita B., Chair, Marvalee M., DR District 7, John O., DR District 12, Kim M., DR District 16, Chris K., represented District 1, Michael B., Alternate DR represented District 7, Katie W. Alternate DR, represented District 16, Angel K., GR represented District 15.

Absent: Sue E., DR District 15.

(Some of the routine is out of sequence due to the availability of the rooms for the Action Committee meetings. They were only available from 9 to 11 this morning.)

Breakout for Action Committee meetings introduced by Judy J., and at 9:00am members disbursed to separate areas for Action Committee meetings.

Meeting resumed by Acting Chair, Barb S., at 10:30am.

Introduction of new GR's and Alateens attending this assembly, by Acting Chair, Barb S.

Minutes from March Assembly by Val V., approved with motion, second and unanimous vote.

Microphone and voting statement read by Acting Chair, Barb. S.

Final Report of 2015 SSM presented by Pam M.

District 5 was happy to host the 2015 SSM and after a little time to recoup, would gladly do it again! The committee agreed we all learned so much about working with others and about ourselves. We are proud to present a check to Oregon Area Al-Anon for \$4146.50!!!

We were the first committee to use online registration for the event, and found it worked very well over half our registrations came in online. We would recommend using it in the future.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service on this way.
Pam, DR, District 5

Report for upcoming 2016 SSM given by Caralynn W., Chair, District 17 SSM Committee.

- We have selected our out-of-state Al-Anon speaker!
- We have a logo! And a theme! **Celebrate the Magic of Recovery!** Wait until you see the magic we are creating!
- We have now started fundraising! Want to help? Bring things (you know: baskets, craft creations) to our next raffle – at the November Assembly! This Assembly we will announce the basket raffle winners donated for this assembly at the end of tomorrow. Be sure to visit our table!!
- We have a save-the-date flyer! And save-the-date bookmarks!
- We are having a GREAT time planning this event!!! I have loved every State Speakers Meeting since my first in 2008. If you’ve been wondering where all the fun is happening, this is the place!

Public Outreach Action Committee Grant Checks delivered to Districts by Kathy S.

<u>District #/payable</u>	<u>Plan A</u>	<u>Costs of A</u>	<u>Plan B</u>	<u>Costs of B</u>	<u>Total A & B</u>
District 4/ Chris Thorpe	Billboard vinyl	\$ 240.00	Retractable sign & table skirt	\$ 280.00	\$ 520.00
District 5/District 5 Al-Anon	Mailing out letter OS1 spiritual leaders	\$ 173.00	none		\$ 173.00
District 6/Al-Anon Information Services	Movies Theater PSA Thanksgiving - New years	\$ 400.00	Theater additional holiday weeks	\$ 150.00	\$ 550.00
District 7/Lisa Kinslien	Healthy Living directory	\$ 622.00	none		\$ 622.00
District 10/District 10	Billboard vinyl	\$ 300.00	none		\$ 300.00
District 12/District 12	Billboard vinyl	\$ 300.00	none		\$ 300.00
District 14/Nancy Pratt	Forums for Dr.'s outreach events and movie psa DEC	\$ 532.00	none		\$ 532.00
District 16/Mary Beth Kramer	Billboard vinyl	\$ 400.00	none		\$ 400.00
District 17/District 17	Information packets for 450 teachers	\$ 500.00	trtmnt info pkt, AA pkt, billboard.	\$ 103.00	\$ 603.00
	TOTAL	\$ 3,467.00	TOTAL	\$ 533.00	\$ 4,000.00
				BUDGET	\$ _____-

Treasurer's Report presented by Sue. B., Treasurer. We are right on track with the budget at this time. The document has been posted and is available on our area website page, <oregonal-anon.org> Under Menu: Service: Latest Documents.

AI-Anon Information Service (AIS) Liaison report by Caralynn W., for July 2015

- Birthday Contributions – \$1,156.94 through July 14, 2015!!!!
- 2014 A.I.S. Fundraiser – \$4,299.84, and expenses under \$500.
- 2015 A.I.S. Fundraiser– November 7, 2015 - will be at Tabor Space, SE 54th and SE Belmont, Portland, OR.

The AIS office is in the black!!!

- Public Outreach – we have a banner! This was a public outreach creation by District 17. AIS purchased a banner and has it in the office for loan to groups for their meetings, speaker meetings or public outreach events.
- As you're Portland A.I.S. Liaison I have been sending the group record change document (thanks to Dawn!) every month to Portland A.I.S. This means the Portland A.I.S. website list of meetings should be really accurate!
- Spring Fling – District 17's annual fundraiser for the Portland AIS office – in July 2014 - \$1,221!!
- Our flyer guidelines were updated during the year. A copy is attached. The change requires that a meeting place before or after an AI-Anon meeting cannot be named on the flyer.
- Public Outreach – we have a banner! This was a public outreach creation by District 17. AIS purchased one of the banners and has it in the office for loan to groups for their meetings, speaker meetings or public outreach events.
- **AIS Flyer Guidelines**
 - Guidelines regarding posting flyers in the AIS office
 - 1. All flyers that state they are sponsored by a specific AI-Anon/Alateen Group, a District, the Area, AIS or World Service Office (WSO), announcing a sponsored event of that particular group (i.e. Fund Raiser, Speaker Meeting, Anniversary Meeting or Social Event) will be posted in the AIS office, on the AIS website and available for distribution to the AI-Anon/Alateen Groups. These flyers may not include the name or location of a social gathering before or after the regularly scheduled meeting.
 - 2. AA events with AI-Anon participation will also be posted in the AIS office and on the AIS website if the participating AI-Anon Group, District or Area is noted on the flyer.
 - 3. AI-Anon/Alateen flyers from meetings that follow WSO flyer guidelines will be posted.
 - 4. Only flyers that meet the above guidelines may be posted in the AIS office.
 - 5. Flyers that do not meet the above guidelines *will not* be posted and the appropriate group or contact person will be notified by the AIS officer manager.
 - Motion approved at AIS/ISR Service Committee Meeting, November 20, 2014 to accept changes to guidelines.

Communicator Coordinator report by Mary W.

The delivery of the Communicator electronically is going well. We will vote at the November Assembly whether to continue to deliver the Communicator electronically.

Forum Coordinator report presented by Mary Lynn J.

The Forum magazine does not generate any income. The subscription cost pays for printing and postage – it does not cover the cost for staff resources to process submissions, develop the content, and design the magazine.

Subscriptions are basically holding around 20,000 down by approximately 4,000 since 2010. Currently, there is still on average only 1.4 subscriptions per group. The average rate per group for Oregon is a bit higher at 2 paid subscriptions per group. Total subscriptions for the area at the end of June 2015 is 520, up 20 from the previous quarter.

e-Forum subscriptions are not broken down by Area. The total annual e-subscriptions are up by 139 from the end of 2014 to 393. Monthly *e-Forum* subscriptions are slightly down, suggesting that more members are subscribing annually.

According to the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, page 104, “*The Forum* can be used, and is encouraged to be used, by all members and groups for meetings. *The Forum*, as a concept is Conference Approved...”

Portions of *The Forum* are available on the WSO website each month, along with an index of articles from 2014 and 2015. The articles available for reading online can be accessed by clicking on the title.

Our challenge is to help members understand how *The Forum* can be relevant to their recovery. In order to do that, we must make *The Forum* more visible to the fellowship as a whole.

We can

- Encourage members to make *The Forum* a part of their personal Al-Anon program.
- Encourage members to use the sharing's in the magazine during meetings to help generate discussion.
- Introduce newcomers to *The Forum*.
- Make sure your group is taking advantage of the complimentary copy they receive each month from the World Service Office.

Remember, *The Forum* is written *by* members *for* members.

LUNCH

Meeting reconvened by Acting Chair Barb S.

Spiritual reading taken from the Introduction of Concepts chapter from [Pathways to Recovery](#) by Barbara L., DR, District 17.

Delegate's Report presented by Colleen G., Oregon Area Delegate.

Welcome Everyone to the July Assembly here in Milwaukie. And thank you district #10 for hosting.

I want to tell you about my experience at Conference, having a first year delegate sponsee from Rhode Island, and the comradery we experienced throughout conference week and that has continued through emails. It is so wonderful getting to experience the recovery and participation of so many bringing a greater view to all areas of discussion.

Presented: 2015 Finances abbreviated in Power Point. Information taken from the April 2015 Chairperson of the Board (COB) letter. This was emailed to all AWSC members to be distributed to GRs prior to Assembly.

Announcements (also emailed prior to Assembly) from WSO committees were read.

The first asked for interested and qualified members to stand for service as a Trustee at Large. Qualifications and Resumes can be found at the Al-Anon World Service Website or by request from the Delegate.

The second request:

The WSO is now accepting proposals by Al-Anon members who are experienced, professional freelance writer/editors to work on two new pieces of literature in development.

A policy update from May 2015 was read. This information is also available in the April 2015 Chairperson of the Board (COB) letter. This was emailed to all AWSC members to be distributed to GRs prior to Assembly. This referenced the Policy Committee should draft language for a proposed policy change on Memorial Contributions. It was affirmed by consensus by the 2015 World Service Conference. It will be brought to the 2016 WSC for discussion and possible vote.

Nine Motions were presented at the 2015 WSC and all carried.

A power point presentation reported the Timeline of Universal Understanding of Recovery (UUR) **What Is Family Recovery?** Motion number 9.

- **In 2008**, a Theme Work Group created steps necessary to develop and achieve a Universal Understanding of Recovery (UUR). As the Work Group began its discussions, the group realized that a universal definition of “family recovery” didn’t exist, making a universal understanding of family recovery difficult.

Several surveys were conducted from 2009 – 2013 where emphasis was placed on developing a definition to use with professionals and for public outreach. Two were developed and another poll taken through Area Delegates and at the 2015 World Service Conference Motion 9 was presented carried.

Universal Understanding of Recovery

Definition of Family Recovery:

Family recovery is a process of healing and growth for family members affected by someone’s drinking. This process helps these individuals make healthier life choices and develop relationships that are more positive and supportive.

Motion #7 was to amend the descriptive text on pages 196-198 in the *2014 – 2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, Al-Anon’s Twelve Concepts of Service*. The text defining the Executive Committee for Real Property Management and its purpose was approved by the Conference members and will be updated in the Service Manual. These updates will be made available for printing at the Al-Anon Website.

Chosen Agenda Items (CAI): #5

“Is the current model of Alateen the best model for the future of both Al-Anon and Alateen?”

The process followed was first in a Thought Force and then to a Task Force that brought it to Conference 2015 for further discussion and a decision where to proceed from here. The format for this discussion was investigated by the Oregon Area prior to the delegate going to Conference. Many responded with ideas that were included in the handout and in the discussion.

The consensus of the Conference was to not go any further at Conference level. It was suggested to bring this back to our Areas for autonomy. Ask the Alateens what direction they want the Alateen program to take. What steps they would like to take in defining the model for Alateen.

An invitation to continue the conversation on e-communities with another opportunity to participate came from delegates in two other states. “Based on the discussions at the 2015 World Service Conference about the future of Alateen, it seems a survey of the membership could help us answer the question **“Is the current model of Alateen**

the best model for the future of both Al-Anon and Alateen?"

It is projected the survey will have a total of 12 – 15 questions that will be edited into a final form. They are asking that the Alateen Coordinator and the Delegate work together to collect Area responses.

Chosen Agenda Item #3

How can we clarify our primary purpose while welcoming members who need our program who may have a drug addicted friend or family member?

Some groups respond by stating Al-Anon is for families of alcoholics and addicts, although that is inconsistent with Tradition Five. If groups do not have strategies to welcome newcomers in a manner that protects Al-Anon's focus while encouraging them to determine for themselves if they belong, we risk Al-Anon's ability to offer recovery.

We don't have Al-Anon police. The invitation is for any prospective member to determine for themselves if they belong in Al-Anon. As members we can let them know of other 12 step resources that focus on other addictions.

AREA DREAMS

1. To hold an Area event

Meet the Board event

Bev A., serves as Chairperson of the World Service Office Executive Committee. She is visiting in Oregon and asked if she could attend our assembly. We said yes and asked if we could put her to work. She will tell us from a firsthand experience about Meet the Board. She leaves tomorrow to attend Board Week and the Meet the Board event in Canada.

2. We reviewed the handout received at Conference on Area Dreams:

This is how Oregon rates:

6. To strengthen Al-Anon Family Groups

Our Area newsletter is posted on the website (and is emailed to individuals who request it).

Our Service Manual is used in our groups, we have district Service Manual Studies.

We encourage spiritual awakening for all members.

We have increased the use of KBDM in our meetings and AWSC and Assemblies.

We need to investigate the creation of a pamphlet on humor

5. To strengthen Alateen groups

We have many different things in place and more in the planning. It begins with the Alateen Standing Committee, updating the Alateen information/Position Descriptions, establishing Area training for AMAIS/Alateen Sponsors and unity and participation in Alateen events throughout our Area.

How can we help to create a more diversified Alateen daily reader?

4. To ensure financial support of Al-Anon Family Groups

We work at having 100% group participation in donations to WSO. We are now #4 in the US and Canada and proud of that accomplishment.

We have increased our donations to WSO significantly.

To ensure financial support of Al-Anon Family Groups...

I attended a workshop on finances here in the Oregon Area a few months back. And I see evidence of that workshop in this month's (July 2015) Forum magazine "*Tradition Seven: I know a good deal when I see one,*" his ideas for breaking the buck. Thank you Bill W. for an excellent share. Your input is now out there WORLD WIDE....wherever the FORUM is sent! **WAY TO GO BILL!!**

And isn't an action committee involved in a way of bringing this to greater attention here in Oregon?

3. To increase the visibility of Al-Anon Family Groups

We let all professionals know about the benefits of Al-Anon

We have billboards placed throughout the state making Al-Anon/Alateen visible to all who drive by and see the sign.

2. To increase participation at Assembly

We are using technology to reach variety of cultures and rural areas. **We can focus on how we can expand in this area by using translation equipment, video-conferencing etc.**

We do practice presuming goodwill. We are inviting

We energize Assemblies using skits and other tools

We promote having a DR for every district (and have come up with some pretty amazing ways to have representation at Assemblies in the absence of a DR. Way to go Oregon!!

In our Districts and even in our meetings, we introduce and encourage a better understanding of Area and its purpose to all members.

We are MOST CERTAINLY working at having multiple members standing for service so that we have a hard time choosing the best candidate.

AND NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.....DRUM ROLL

We have in place for the March 2016 Assembly, A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR AL-ANONS 65th anniversary. It will be held in District 4 in the Salem Area. We have invited, so our delegate will know someone at conference, **Ric Buchanan, Executive Director for World Service Offices, Inc.** as our guest to help us celebrate. He will present a workshop, and share his story at a potluck/party. We are so excited to have this happen!!

Trusted Servant Profiles/WSO Resumes

I don't remember the new board and Trustees at Large and Executive Committee members being introduced in a delegates' report. I know that I haven't. And maybe it is because this is my third year as delegate and I am just more aware..... BUT, these are the members our next elected delegate will be working with at the 2016 World Service Conference in Virginia Beach VA.

The Conference gave traditional approval and the Board elected the following:

Regional Trustees:

Thérèse Samson, Canada East	First three-year term
Leona Williams, Canada Central	First three-year term
Marilyn Massey, Canada West	Second three-year term

Trustees at Large:

Sandra Cox	Last two-years of first three-year term
John McLoughlin	Last two-years of first three-year term
Tina Barna	Second three-year term
Karen Ward-Parente	Second three-year term

Board Officers:

Paula Burleson	Chairperson of the Board
Joan Sullivan	Vice-Chairperson of the Board
Elizabeth (Jennie) McCann	Treasurer

The Board, in its legal capacity, elected the following:

Executive Committee Members

Julius "J.P." Martinek	First one-year term
*Beverly Anderson	Second one-year term

Roger Cowles Third one-year term
*Executive Committee Chairperson
Beverly Anderson One-year term
Executive Committee for Real Property Management
Jeffrey Keeny Three-year term

Executive Committee for Real Property Management Chairperson
Carrie Kitterman One-year term

Please take an opportunity to look at the resumes WSO feels is necessary to fill these positions. The resume provides an opportunity for members of the Conference to experience, to a greater degree, who these members are and why they are so willing to serve in these positions. And this gives each a way to review their involvement, offering an opportunity for greater success in holding these positions. Remember the earlier announcement for individuals who meet the qualifications to apply for the Trustee at Large positions. I emailed this earlier in the week and asked the District Representative to forward these WSO requests on to the Group Representatives.

The two most important pieces of paper I carry in my binder are:

1. My Trusted Servant Profile (My AI-Anon Service Resume)
2. My Service Position Description.

These are my credentials as presented to you prior to elections, and also my guarantee to you and to this Area, that I will serve you to the best of my ability. They are my reminder of a promise I made to you all. The Trusted Servant Profile is also my history of service in AI-Anon.

I want to encourage each of you to take one for yourself to fill out and one or two to hand over to the members in your home group who are currently doing service there. Also, if you are a Service Sponsor, or are sponsoring members, please introduce them to this viable document and encourage them to look at how service is a spiritual part of our program and of our personal growth.

Thank you all again for allowing me to serve you as the Oregon Area Delegate. It is my pleasure and my blessing.

With love to you all in SERVICE and ESPECIALLY IN FRIENDSHIP!!
Colleen G.
Oregon Area Delegate/Panel 53

Presentation by Bev A., Chairperson of Executive Committee **Meet the Board report by Bev A**

The purpose of this event was to take the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee members to a local Area, hold its meeting there, and then on the last day, meet with local members. This event is an opportunity for everyone to interact on a more personal level. It was also an opportunity to share with members about how the World Service Office serves the fellowship. Our first Meet the Board event was held in St. John's, Newfoundland, last July (July 19, 2014). Nineteen Trustees and Three Executive Committee members traveled to Newfoundland. The Area hosting the event in 2015 will be Edmonton, Alberta.

2016 Meet the Board will be held in October, 2016.

If Area's are interested they can form a small committee and use the "Meet the Board" invitation that Colleen G., Area Delegate has. The Delegate and Area Chair do need to sign the form before sending to World Service Office as this lets them know the Area Delegate and Chair are aware of the submission.

The committee will need to talk with local hotels and get a bid, or information for a room that will hold 22 Board and Executive Committee members, plus an educated guess of how many members does Oregon believe would attend. Think of other day long events your Area has had for a general idea of attendance.

The room will need tables and chairs, microphone, more than likely Wi-Fi ability and lunch to be provided. Lunch can be in another room of the hotel.

The Area is responsible for “advertising” the event. WSO will take care of the hotel details from the information you submitted.

There will be a registration fee based on price of room and lunch. WSO will take care of the financial matters of paying for the room and lunch.

Please get at least two bids from hotels as this gives WSO more than one option in case prices have significantly changed from when the Committee spoke to them, or sometimes hotels change management and choose not to honor previous contracts.

Questions to be asked of the membership at 2015 meet the Board.

Share ways in which Al-Anon can attract new members and retain current members, while maintaining our spiritual principles, in a changing world.

Describe ways in which we as (individuals, groups and areas) encourage personal and service sponsorship and participation in service within our fellowship.

Consider ways to reach out to remote and unattached groups

Describe the ways our Three Legacies (Steps, Traditions, and Concepts) are reflected within your group, District and or Area.

Describe what shared leadership means to you within groups, Districts, Areas.

Public Outreach Coordinator report by Kathy S.

I enjoyed seeing you at another successful Assembly, AND really enjoyed, *along with the action committee*, handing out \$4000.00 through the PO Grant Program. So many wonderful ideas, so much inspired action.

I invite you to send any photos and samples of PO activity from your district to include on the Assembly Public Outreach display table. This is a perpetual display to inspire District DRs and GRs to action.

I attached the updated Oregon Area Project visual that was put in your mailbox at assembly for inspiration. (Lots of District 17 pieces.)

All items on the Road Sign project visual are approved by WSO for printing and distribution. These coordinate with the Billboards and Theater PSAs. If you would like them personalized with your District information, *phone number, website, or anything else*; let me know. If you do not have a computer volunteer, I can make the change, send to you for proofing, and then to WSO for final approval. Once back you can take them to your printer! At District 17 we used www.esign.com for the banner (\$35.00 + shipping) and www.expresscopy.com for all other print material, biz cards, posters, etc. (visit website for pricing). **Keeping with Tradition 6, this is in no way an endorsement for these companies, simply sharing our experience; we encourage you to use local print**

companies. Billboard and theater companies do their own formatting; we supply the artwork through links of service from WSO. Together we can make a difference in the lives of those still suffering.

Billboards - update on billboard campaign - We now have 4 vinyl billboards and 1 electronic Billboard. District 17 bought their own, PO Grants given to D-4, D16, and D-10/D12 are pooling their funds for one. I will help coordinate ordering for Districts receiving billboards funds. Each vinyl gets a separate contract. I hope D-16 can get a board in Lane County, but they do not have anything yet. Prices range from \$300.00 to \$600.00 which includes the one time set up and vinyl.

Play the 888-4AL-ANON WSO meeting contact phone number – 1-888-4AL-ANON .

Play the WSO podcast regarding experience, strength, and hope, for passing out CAL – AFAs. During Assembly PIC report include invitation to contribute to the podcast. Watch for emails to DRs after assembly.

Press release contact in each district? The current routine is to send all WSO information on to the DRs'. I would love to have an additional contact in each District to handle press releases. It can be a separate service position in the District, handled by the Public PO Outreach committee.

Public Outreach committee in each district It is a goal to have a PO Committee in each District. Keep in mind Public Outreach is simple Step 12 in action. Sponsors setting a good example or sharing experience strength and hope about their step 12 activities is all it takes to spark an interest. Let's not only talk the talk but walk the walk.

Encourage every action committee member to get a Public Outreach Manual for their District.

<http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/bestofpublicoutreach.pdf> or look for the link on my email salutation.
Best Of Public Outreach Manual link!



Submitted by:

Kathy S., Area PIC

Website Coordinator report by Rick C.

Serving the area has given me great satisfaction in my recovery growth and in development of trusting and a cooperative spirit in making Oregon Area a great area to serve and to be a part of making it all continue to happen. As our current panel comes close to its end this year and upcoming new elections I think back and on how much we have all accomplished. It's been great and we should all be proud of our service to the area.

Switching specifically to my position, I am happy to report our area website is current and stable; district meetings and schedules are accurate and updates are applied in a timely manner, all approved area events are posted to our calendar, all service information and documents are posted, and AWSC roster emails are current on our hosting website, and the Alateen Oregon area process and meetings also are current.

Also keeping a hot file backup to our website for disaster recovery to our website hosting server and services. There have been no unplanned surprises or events in keeping our website current and accurate. I invite and encourage any of you thinking you have an interest and may want to be our next website coordinator to truly consider it. It can be a great way of growing and giving back to our program and area.

Thanks and In Loving Service,
Rick C., Website Coordinator)

Archive Coordinator report by Jodie P.

Hi, my name is Jodie. The end of my second term as an Archives Coordinator is fast approaching. "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" (G-30). The Oregon area Archives started in 1982. At that time there were few guidelines as to what to keep, where to store and how to store them along with...why do we store them? In 2002 there was an inventory done as to whether or not the archives would actually be maintained.

The way I look at the archives is that they are the memory of our area. I don't know about you all, but my memory is not so good and I need to write things down or I'll forget them. Anyway, during my time as Archives Coordinator along with a committee a set of guidelines was established which are not set in stone.

A vision I had for the archives was to make them accessible to the fellowship. All paper archives are in a storage unit in Milwaukie, Oregon. A scanner has been purchased to pass on to the next coordinator and scanning has started with Group Histories. All are on a flash drive that I will pass on to the new coordinator along with earlier minutes from AWSCs and Assemblies. The form is available on the Oregon Area Al-Anon/Alateen website at <www.oregonal-anon.org>. A suggestion I would make to the next Archives Coordinator is to establish a committee in the beginning of your term. Also to use the expertise of the individuals in the committee....don't try to do it alone.

A Longtime Member questionnaire has been established in previous years with few submissions. A number of submissions have come in which is very exciting. I feel goose bumps when I read the answers to the questions. These are members who have been in Al-Anon for 25 years or more.

I was in awe when I was presented with the missing information for the 1976 state Speaker's Meeting. As I am typing this I am looking at photos given to me at the last AWSC. The photos are of Delegates, some of whom are no longer with us. It makes me cry and I am so grateful for these early pioneers.

Your humble trusted servant,
Jodie P.

Alateen Coordinator report by Carolyn H.

We have 4 months left of Panel 53, and I have loved this service. Summer time Alateen meetings do tend to dwindle. One meeting in Canby closed. Will all the Alateen sponsors in the room please stand and let us say Thank You for your service.

Ideas to encourage, help grow, and/or create Alateen meetings:

- Connect with AA. Are you connected to some enthusiastic AA's? Ask them questions. Find out who their GSR is and glean info re:
 1. Where are the large meetings located?
 2. See if there is also an Al-Anon meeting at the same site.
 3. Suggest it would be a good place for the whole family to meet.
- Is your area having an event?
 1. See if Alateens can come and share
 2. Assist the Alateen with information and support, such as: how much time they have to share, or a topic for sharing, what tools they like, or what got them in the rooms of Alateen.
 3. Love the Alateens-you never know your kind words may be the only kindness they have received today or in a long while.

Alateen has been added to the Public Outreach Banner. Thank you Kathy S. You Rock!

Audit Budget (A/B) Committee report by Dawn K.

The A/B committee met last night to review the books for the 2nd quarter of 2015. There were no discrepancies found. I just wanted to remind everyone that the process for becoming a member of this committee is slightly different, as members need to apply with the Chairperson at the beginning of the new panel. A resume and some Mt Pleasant, Dawn K.- Tuesday Noon Serenity, Jamie - Tuesday Night Serenity in Eugene, Tedie - We Care, Helen-

Monday Morning AFG, Pam - Wednesday Noon AFG, Joanne C.- Adult Sons and Daughters, Judy J. -HUGS, Barb L.- Mt Pleasant, Chris - Tues Night Mens.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm by Acting Chair Barb S., with AI-Anon Declaration.

SUNDAY

Meeting opened at 8:30 am by Acting Chair Barb S.

Action Committee Reports.

Membership Outreach by Caralynn W., and Lindsay.

1. Communicator. We will vote on the Communicator's continuing electronic delivery at the November Assembly. The one-year trial will end in November. If you have any questions/concerns, bring them to the Assembly. One copy will be available at AWSC for each DR. Subscriptions can be purchased at the cost of mailing at the time.
2. Budget. The GR reference guide 'flip chart' will be printed using next year's budget and will include corrections and the print date.

Corrections include:

- change color to green
- Acronyms – updated to simplify the most generally used by GRs (See subcommittee handout for details).
- CAI (chosen agenda items), TAL (Trustee at Large) – voted unnecessary
- AIS/WSO addresses – blank space added to be filled in at GR orientation, including individual District information.
- Financial guidelines adjusted to remove Portland-specific specifications.
- #4 reworded to add clarity: "Remaining group funds may be divided," (updated pages will be in new GR flip chart.
- #6 added, and check with your District
- Page 4, FAQ's same
- Page 5, change Oregon Area website line. . .
- Added "New GR orientation at every Assembly
- Page 7, remove "Ask your DR" line. On #4 (Assembly)
- Page 6, spell out symbols (&) and add OAH
- Page 8, My District meeting is held at:

My District meeting is held on:

- Page 9, Add 047 = (Oregon Area number for WSO) and removal of words 'public site 'on website address
- Printing costs and assembly of flip chart. There was some discussion about going totally electronic and/or creating an App in the future.
- Motion was made to ask for \$700 for next year to cover printing costs. Discussion followed. Motion was dropped.
- Added website information for Oregon Area to back of first page.

Budget: \$625 - flip chart estimate (may be less)

\$100 - for promotion of International, Baltimore, MD, in 2018

\$0.00 - for State Speakers Meeting. Handled by District

\$725 plus \$75 for additional printing/potential expenses

\$800 Total

A motion was made to request \$800 for Membership Outreach Committee outreach. Motion was seconded and approved. (Keep in mind that the GR flip chart printing costs occur every 3-5 years, not annually.)

We reviewed the committee notebook: minutes, agenda, attendees, contact information.

Agenda – November Assembly

Committee would like to discuss how to re-market the State Speakers Meeting to assist the next panel.
RSS – regional changed, revisit our Action Committees and Mission Statement.

Business Services Committee Report by Kay S.

* Introductions-

* Discussion on Letter to increase knowledge and understanding of all financial matters of the Al-Anon Alateen business- Expected letter release in November 2015.

* Discussion of Budget requirements for next year- Proposed budget of \$200.

* Discussion on Proposed Financial Section for the Oregon Area Handbook. Guidelines to report financial matters- Proposed Budget Report spread sheet for event treasurers to use-To be presented at AWSC in October. (Event Financial Statement Guideline) State Speakers Meeting **Sample Financial Statement was presented to BS group for review and discussions.**

Fellowship Communication Action Committee by Marta W.

1. Article Action Committee in Communicator/Bunny G.
 - The committee has agreed to write an article for every issue of the Communicator, three times a year. Jan D. wrote an article in the Communicator , and it was read in the group.
2. In March we will be adding to our give-a-way with a different twist. We will be giving away 10 Forum subscriptions to GROUPS at every Assembly on Sunday, starting in March. Also, GRs bringing us a sharing from their members will get an extra ticket for each sharing, increasing their chances of winning. This year we will be focusing on the writing from members, trying to encourage our members to provide sharing's needed for the potential new literature from WSO plus material for The Forum.
3. List of Literature Depots in the Communicator, by Radiant G.

Bunny will work with the Communicator Editor, Mary, to make sure they are in there every time.
4. Drawing at Assemblies for CAL literature.

The books that were given away on Saturday are:

 - Alateen---Hope for Children of Alcoholics
 - Alateen---A Day At A Time
 - Courage to Be Me—Living with Alcoholism
 - Using Al-Anon Principles to Resolve Conflicts Kit

Bunny will work with Area Chair, Rita B. on timing the drawing to be held after the Action Committees meets.
5. Forum Give Away/ Mary Lynn
 - Different tickets were passed out at the door on Sunday morning. Winners were given a Forum subscription form and asked to fill in the group name, CMA, and group number. Roberta won two subscriptions because she submitted a sharing to be sent into the Forum. Way to go Roberta!
 - After the Assembly, Mary Lynn wrote a letter to DRs to better explain the process. Will be sent to the Members of the Committee.
 - Discussion: There was a discussion about how to get members to write for The Forum. One suggestion was to take the last five minutes of the meeting to ask members to write in their

groups. (The Steps, Traditions and Concepts could be topics.) Bunny said there is still time to submit an article for Sunday. She suggested writing something about the theme of the assembly, "Live Our Spiritual Principles: Expanding Our Vision". We talked about writing in our Action Committee meeting.

- Conclusions: The group agreed to come to the July Assembly prepared to share what they wrote on the "Principles of the Program". We can encourage members to write for the Forum, but it would be great if we could share our writing experience with them. As Radiant writes in the Communicator, "Don't be afraid. We will grow together and all of our stories combined build confidence in our community. It's much easier to look at that scary monster in the closet when you read that someone else did it and did not die.
- Forum subscriptions: Every group receives a complimentary issue of the Forum. An additional paid subscription could be given to a newcomer, handed out at Health Fairs, or recovery centers and institutions. Write the order 'second paid subscription'.
- One member passed out buttons and announced the winner as whoever held the button with no holes for example.
- Ideas for the Forum box. (A second box passed around at meetings for donations towards subscriptions. Sometimes loose change is collected. When the total donations reach the amount of a subscription, a drawing is held.) One group draws a winner quarterly for a subscription and the additional money goes to the service arms.
- Conclusions: Come to the next meeting with written ideas on how to hold Forum drawings...like put a quarter and your name...draw from the jar when \$11.00 is reached.

6. Emails monthly to DRs:

Bunny will send monthly emails to District Representatives as a reminder to Group Representatives about being A Forum representative. Members are Fellowship Communication Action Committee representatives. There was discussion about what some groups were doing (see ideas for The Forum Box). It was apparent that we could be doing more to promote individual subscriptions.

7. Switch to your "Go To" Book: Paul/Radiant

Discussion: We went around the table to find out what members "Go to" book was. There were several members who were reading "How Al-Anon Works", "Paths to Recovery", "Reaching for Personal Freedom", "Survival to Recovery", and of course the daily readers. Radiant to work with Paul to come up with a project and flyer to switch up your "Go To" book.

8. Forum Skit:

Discussion: The Forum Skit for July Assembly: All the "Survivors" practiced their parts one time. Skit participants are: Jaye—Drummer, Nancy—Babe Ruth, Gayle—Jack Nicklaus, Angel—Rockette, Linda—Mrs Al-Anon, Radiant—Miss Universe, Bunny—Earl, Mary Lynn—Emcee. Reminder to everyone to bring their props to the assembly.

9. Next year project/budget:

Discussion: Although there was no discussion about next year's project, the agenda indicated that members start thinking about projects to leave to the next committee.

Group Services Action Committee Report by Cathy.

Results of mailing Alateen packets to groups:

- Created awareness to Groups
- Good Response
- Huge Success
- Distribute remaining packets at Assembly

Group Services Notebook:

- Creating a basic Agenda Template
- Dawn will archive and keep 2 years for new Coordinator and scan all other historical documents.
- Ideas to Add: Agenda, copies of past 2 years mailings, Transition statements.

Develop Budget:

- \$450. For misc. packets
- \$25. Birthday
- \$25. Basket
- \$500. Total budget request.

Birthday Party went great at July 2015 assembly and contest for DR's to verify each group in districts' CMA's (current mailing address) was a success.

Suggestions for next 3 years activities:

- Archives-setting aside money was kicked to Archive Budget
- Creating ideas for next panel
- Group Services Awareness
- Q&A for group concerns
- Archive Awareness
- SSM Flyer, OAC flyer/ packet ideas
- Al-Anon 65th Birthday
- Joys of Service Pamphlet
- Links of Service
- Parties always good
- Alateen info-Al-Anon Member In Alateen Service(AMIAS) info
- Contests
- Incentive and ideas to get members involved in service
- Group concerns-address and hear concern, take back to groups. Someone needs to be willing to manage solution.

Cathy reminded all that cost for copies were discounted last 3 years.

What went well last 3 years?

- Great Leadership
- Strong committed members
- Awareness created
- Very informative
- Extremely organized
- Activities went very well
- Loved Alateen participation
- Fun, good listening, teamwork!
- Packets were a huge success

What can we do better?

- Address group issues
- Cover purposes of group

- List Purpose Statement on agenda
- 1st timer suggestions
- Questions and concerns
- Appoint a secretary

November Assembly:

- Cover emails from Loretta
- Wrap up party celebrating our success for last 3 years
- Lexi will chair a meeting on Group Services

Love in Service, Cathy C.

Bid for March 2016 Assembly awarded to District 10, Joanne C., DR, by majority vote of attending GRs.

Discussion held regarding Oregon making a Bid to host the 'Meet the Board' meeting in October 2016, as presented yesterday by Bev A. After discussion, a vote was taken by show of hands with substantial unanimity to present bids. No opposing hands. District 4 and District 11 each volunteered to present a bid to WSO." This action was tabled for more information regarding two bids from the same area being presented to WSO was researched to see if this was possible. Our Area Delegate, Colleen, said she would ask the questions and get back through email with an answer.

Addendum to this report: A KBDM process within our Area and with WSO followed. This provides a more informed overview for the voting GRs. The results were sent 7/31/2015 via ALLAWSC to be provided by DRs to the voting GRs for consideration and vote. A copy of the KBDM results is attached for consideration in the Assembly minutes. The deadline for voting by GRs ended at midnight on August 9, 2015. Voting results will also be part of the attached document.

KBDM research abbreviated information:

1. Meet the Board is an Area event and needs the support of the Area with all information made available to be considered for clarity.
 2. The date for this October 2016 Meet the Board had not been set and as a result could be in conflict with our AWSC meeting held in October.
 3. If held in the Portland metro area, this event would not be easily available to all of the Oregon Area members so would limit participation.
 4. May cause extreme expense for the Area budget for 2016. If free shuttle service is not provided by the attending hotel, transporting twenty-two Board and Executive members arriving on two different days and at different arrival times could be a costly financial consideration to the Area as well as affecting possible volunteer participation. The Board/Executive committees usually all leave on the day after the event but departure times would also vary.
 5. Our Area's BIG DREAM: Our Executive Director will be with us at the March 2016 Assembly to help Oregon Area celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Al-Anon with a workshop and sharing his story. This expense has a line item in the budget for 2016.
 6. More detail can be found in the attached document.
- On August 8, 2015 District 4 withdrew their bid through an email sent to allaswc.

BREAK

Skit: presenting information about the upcoming SSM in May 2016. Theme of the meeting is "The Magic of Recovery", hosted by District 17.

Fellowship Communication raffle of CAL literature.

Winners:

Joanne M., Courage to Change

Donelda H., Reaching for Personal Freedom,
Tim V., Hope For Today,
Sarah T., Forum subscription,
Callie S., One Day at a Time

Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC) report presented by Carolyn H., Alateen Coordinator, with the assistance of two AMAIS sponsors, Cathy and Linda, as well as three Alateen members, Devan, from Salem area, and Delilah and Aryn from the Portland area.

The OAC Committee has been busy fundraising, speaking and holding long meetings getting organized and looking forward to welcoming OACies' at the end of the month. We had tamales sales at her Rule 62 Speaker meeting, and a potluck in Portland.

A group of us went to Woods in Occidental, California for an Al-Anon/Alateen/AA weekend of recovery. We have a bunch of peeps coming up for our OAC. This connection is amazing and such a gift for us and California. We, over the last 3 or 4 years, have gotten ideas for our conferences. I loved driving down with a bunch of kids I didn't know very well, but we know each other much better now! We traditionally make our first stop at Bunny and Glen's. We are so welcomed and loved. Thanks again Bunny and Glen.

We have enough donations for any teen that has a need and can come. Thank you for all your support!

Our love gift this year is a coin with the OAC Tree logo on one side and Serenity Prayer on the other.

We have just about finished our agenda for this year's OAC-with meeting topics-luminary walk-speaker meetings and visits from the Delegate from California and our own Delegate Colleen to share and work with us.

We have published Oregon Alateen sharing's in *Alateen Talks*, *The Group Scoop*, and the *Communicator* thanks to my greatest supporter Cathy C. She really keeps me on track, informed and lovingly reminds me of important activities!

North West Delegate Meeting, (NWDM) report by Judy J.

The North West Region is made up of 9 states, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. They meet annually to get the new delegates to feel comfortable and to prepare for the Conference in April. The 9 states now rotate the meeting around. In 2016 it is Oregon's turn. The past delegates put it on for the new delegates. The last time we held one it was in southern Oregon, so this time we picked the Portland area. Three of us roamed the PDX area and Milwaukie. Looking at room prices, food prices, meeting room size and price, transportation and time to and from the airport, and we came up with the best place. It is the Hilton Garden Inn at PDX. The dates are March 11-13, 2016. Visitors are welcome. You can attend for the whole (or part of) weekend. There will be a registration fee, and maybe you would like to come for a meal with us.

NWDM ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MARCH ASSEMBLY, (Just for Fun by Judy J.)

This is an announcement for all GR's, DR's, AAPP's, CPC's..... well any AFG member. I'll just send it to your CMA. The March 2016 NWDM will be held at PDX. (Mark your calendar because it's before the AWSC and the SSM.) All WSD's from the PNW will be coming to hear about the WSC held in April. ISR's, AIS's and LDC's you are invited too. You will want to hear the latest CAL. Our own RT (Donna) will be sharing about everything KBDM, PO, CAI's and the WSO, maybe TEAM events too. Bring your A/ASM no need to bring the OAH that's just Oregon's.

November 2016 Assembly report, by Linda C., DR Host District 13. We negotiated a \$99 room rate, which includes a hot continental breakfast with Springfield Holiday Inn Express, 3480 Hutton St, Springfield, OR 97477(phone 541-746-8471). Ask for November Assembly group rate before Friday October 23rd. 72 hour cancellation notice required. Friday evening sharing meeting at North Park Community Church, 3484 Harlow Rd, Eugene, OR 97401

Raffle held by District 17, of baskets donated by several groups as fundraiser for SSM 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 by Acting Chair Barb S., with Al-Anon Declaration.

Upcoming Events:

AWSC meeting: October 10, 2015, Sleep Inn Conference Room, 2855 Edenbower Boulevard, Roseburg, OR 97471.

Assembly: (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE 2ND WEEKEND), November 14-15, 2015, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W C Street, Springfield, OR, 97477, Voting for all positions will be held.

SSM: May 14-15, 2016 held at Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie OR, 97222

Assembly: March 2016, Host District 4, Salem

Ask It Basket Questions

AIB #1: "I am hearing more and more about things being donated to Al-Anon. Doesn't this conflict with the 7th Tradition?"

ANSWER: Bunny G., See page 97, in the Al-Anon/Alateen Manual. "Al-Anon and Alateen groups do not accept contributions of money, goods, or services from outside the Al-Anon membership in order to adhere to the Seventh Tradition of full self-support."

AIB #2: "Can flyers of an AA sponsored event with Al-Anon participation always be announced at a meeting or can a group conscious decide it?"

ANSWER: Bunny G., Ask yourself if this event is considered an 'outside' event.

Our district made a decision that following the Links of Service is our starting point. Is this event by a group, district, area, or WSO? Or is it considered an 'outside' the fellowship event? Like—campouts, retreats for men/women.

Our primary purpose is to help families of alcoholics which lots of members say they get a lot of recovery when they attend these events. This is why we ask ourselves about the Links of Service.

Use the checklist in the Oregon Area Handbook (OAH) on flyers. My own group has a table set aside where we put these outside events so members know about them. Again, what is our purpose? Ask yourself if Al-Anon is a social club? Check Guideline G7, and read page 123-124 in the Manual. Links of Service is described on page 62-69 in the Manual, and Group Autonomy on page 101.

AIB #3: "When AWSC discusses an item the DR's are asked to bring it back to their district to keep them informed. There may be a plan today to bring to the Area what we voted on. We have an Alateen committee. Is this Assembly going to be discussing or voting on the action items from: "Increasing Unity between Oregon Area Al-Anon and Alateen?"

ANSWER: Barb S. The question was brought before AWSC and 4 issues were outlined. Two motions were made and passed, and two issues were referred to the appropriate committee or officer to further handle that issue. A full report was in the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) minutes sent to every DR to share with the GR's, (and therefore, groups) in the District meetings. To read about the function of the AWSC, see the Manual on pages, 66, 72, and 162-163.

AIB#4: "Why is the hyphen in Al-Anon a necessary part of the written title?"

ANSWER: Judy J. The Al-Anon name is simply a derivative of the first syllables of "(Al)coholics (Anon)ymous". (Also the process of the name choice is discussed in our book, Many Voices, One Journey, on pages 42-47.)

AIB#5: "Is there a way to streamline reports such as the Delegates Report in minutes? Could some of the information be online for those interested?"

ANSWER: Judy J. Different delegates choose to give different reports. Sometimes they use Power Point, pictures, skits, handouts, etc. The entire report is always in the minutes, and on the Oregon Area Website. <oregonal-anon.org>)

AIB#6: “My group had a concern revolving around Summerfest. Summerfest in Eugene was originally an AA event, but at some point it became a private enterprise. My group was originally announcing/promoting the event until we considered the fact that we may be endorsing an outside enterprise. So is it against the Traditions or ill-advised to make announcements about Summerfest?”

ANSWER: Judy J. The answer to AIB question #2 would also be appropriate here. Is the event an AA event or just some members putting on a social event? Also, the group could take a group conscious and write a guideline to use in future.

AIB#7: “The American Flag denotes an ‘outside affiliation’ does it not? They do not belong on the head table.

ANSWER: Judy J. requested input from the members on this question. (Since this is July the committee used red, white and blue decorations commemorating the Fourth of July, including a string of flags along the edge of the head table, along with many other red white and blue decorations.) Some comments included; Al-Anon is an international organization so the flag does not represent our whole membership, and the Flag protocol forbids the flag being used as a decoration, and it was just a theme of red white and blue and no disrespect was intended. To avoid any conflict the flags were removed and were taken to be destroyed in the proper manner by burning, and all other red white and blue decorations (not flags) were left intact.

Respectfully submitted,

Val V., Area Secretary

No Motions were made during this Assembly.