

**DRAFT Oregon Area Assembly Minutes  
March 17 & 18, 2012  
Host District 6**

The Assembly was called to order by Chairperson, Rita B. at 9:00 am. Rita B., read the "Microphone and Voting Statement." Paula J. read The Twelve Steps and the Traditions were read by Ted B.

**Roll Call - New GR Introductions and Welcome:** Mary W. Excused: Melissa P, DR District 14.

**Secretary's Report:** Mary W.

The November 2011 Assembly minutes were approved as distributed.

**Housekeeping:** District 6, Kim S.

**Treasurers Report:** Bunny G. (see Attachment 1)

Need three items on check: group name as listed by WSO, WSO # and District # .

**Audit Report:** Sue B.

The audit budget committee audited the budget in January. The report in the Communicator is the final report for 2011.

**Delegate's Report:** Bette R

Bette gave a summary report of the highlights in the WSO report, which is accessible on the WSO website

**Links of Service Workshop:** Judy J. & Carolyn H.

A fund raiser from District 14 raised \$322 and they gave it to District 1 for SSM in May, 2012.

**District Reports**

District 1 DR, Kris (see Attachment 2) SSM May 18, 19 and 20 in Astoria, one of the Al-Anon speakers is a Regional Trustee.

District 2 DR, Paula J. (see Attachment 3) The bank that two Al-Anon groups met in has burned down to the ground. They are looking for a new place to meet.

District 3 GR, Leslie (see Attachment 4)

District 4 DR, Barbara S. (see Attachment 5)

District 5 DR, Jerri B.

District 6 DR, Kim F. (see Attachment 6)

District 7 DR, Sue B. (see Attachment 7) A fire in Grants Pass displaced three meetings but they have found a new place to meet.

District 8 contact, Elaine R. (see Attachment 8)

District 9 DR, Billie B. For a year no one had been attending the DR district meetings, now have 8 GRs that come.

District 10 DR, Barb B. (see Attachment 9)  
District 11 DR, Dee P. (see Attachment 10)  
District 12 DR, John O. (see Attachment 11) The DR district meeting attendance has increased from one or two people to 8-10 people. District 12 is hosting the June 2012 AWSC meeting.  
District 13, Tedie H, alternate DR gave the report (see Attachment 12) Amy has agreed to serve out the rest of the term.  
District 14 Bev. (see Attachment 13)  
District 15 DR, Sue. On August 9 District 15 will have a fund raiser with a trunk sale. In October will be hosting the AWSC meeting.  
District 16 DR, Cheryl K. (see Attachment 14)  
District 17 DR, Lynda S. (see Attachment 15)

### **Action Committees and New GR Orientation**

**Literature and Writing Workshop** Norma P. and Paul J. did a skit about two Al-Anon friends discussing troubling sexual experiences from their past. The WSO is asking members to submit sharings for an upcoming publication about intimacy. Norma then led a writing workshop for this book. In addition there is a site on the WSO website under members where you can do your writing and submit it for that publication.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

### **SUNDAY, March 18, 2012**

Rita B. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Serenity prayer. Cheryl K. read the Concepts & Warranties.

**SSM in Astoria May 18-20, 2012:** District 1 did a skit with music and stilt-walkers. The Area holds only one fundraiser each year. It is an entire weekend of fun and fellowship. Encourage your group members and Al-Anon friends to attend.

**Alateen Presentation:** Carolyn H. The OAC (Oregon Alateen Conference) event has been planned for August 10-12, 2012 in Molalla. The Alateens have raised \$1500 for this event and will probably not need to use the \$1000 set aside for the function from the Oregon Area budget.

### **Report Back from Action Committees**

**Business Services:** Colleen G. (see Attachment 16) Sections 1,2 and 4 in the Oregon Area Handbook are being revised. The word "donation" will be replaced by "contribution". They are working on a form of "who is in charge of what form" to understand who is responsible for bringing what to the Assembly. The committee will mail contribution envelopes to each group in Oregon.

**Fellowship Communications:** Lynda S. (see Attachment 17) The group put together a sharing sheet for you to take back to your group. It may encourage people to use different CAL literature at their meetings.

Dave – Challenge GRs to host workshops at their groups with Norma and Paula.

**Group Services:** Cynthia (see Attachment 18) A new group history form will be put on the Oregon website. Challenge each GR to read 15 out of the 24 questions and the answers on the Voice Box list sent to DR's to see if the voice box is informative.

**Membership Outreach:** Chris K. (see Attachment 19)

Working on guidelines for the new Oregon Area website

Submissions to voice box will be published in The Communicator

**Public Outreach:** John O. (see Attachment 20)

### **Break out for GR and DRs**

#### GR Breakout

Glenn G. I'm an avid Alateen supporter and currently looking for a group. If you know an Alateen but there are no Alateen meetings have them come to your AI-Anon group. If they are consistently there, you will know that they are actually serious about the program.

Jim – One of the biggest questions that I have is, I am in a small group in a small area but it feels to me as the GR for the first 3 years I'm the only connection with a larger system. When I go back, there may be only 3 or 4 people. I will share what happens in the bigger system, although it's not physically shown it feels like there is a big yawn. People aren't connected to this bigger system. I ask at the Assemblies for someone to share with me and will share expenses. There seems to be another connection. Does anyone else have this experience and what do you do?

Paula – I had exactly the same experience in my home group. I decided that the group was not attracting more members. I became the person with the most years, the person with all of the information from Assemblies and nobody else was interested. I tried to get people interested in service beyond the group level. It was sad for me. I changed home groups. I felt that I was holding that group up, which wasn't good for me or them. I joined a group that was more interested in the area.

Karen - I go to another group that has grown quite a bit but there aren't a lot of people with a lot of time in AI-Anon. There are people that are enthusiastic about AI-Anon but there aren't enough sponsors for these people. Attraction not promotion, we are attracting people but we also need to attract sponsors.

Maureen – We have a very large group. What I do in that situation, I refer them on to other groups in the area. We have all sorts of good groups in the area.

Dave – Getting people to be willing to sponsor and participate in AI-Anon as a larger thing. We have a meeting on sponsorship which starts the conversation

Rita – I am a very new GR in a very new group. I started the group because I wanted to carry the message. I talked to older recovery people. It's going to be a hard one to push because the meeting is about steps, traditions and concepts. I prayed a lot. I need your input to help it grow. We have about 6 to 10 people that attend. We get a lot of newcomers, some come back and some do not. I invite people to come and share on the topic. Often with the newcomers we go back to step one but I want to move on beyond step one. Talking to people last night, I realized that I can have more than one home group. I am grateful to be invited to this Assembly.

Dawn – I wanted to go back to the question about sponsorship. In my District we discussed compiling a list of people in the District who are willing to sponsor. That way there would be a contact list.

Joyce – I want new membership for our group that is often very small. I prayed about it. We got a gal that moved up from Medford. We have lots of newcomers. I am a real supporter of Alateen.

Glenn – In response to the group with steps, traditions and concepts, our group does the step the first week, traditions the second week and concepts the third week. If a newcomer comes in we welcome them but we stick with our schedule and we talk about how the principle of the concept applies to our lives. It's not a matter of step or tradition, it's how that applies to our personal lives. We have a stack of poker chips, we put one in the basket and keep one. The chair picks a chip out of the basket and the person with that number shares. That keeps the sharing from being from the same people all of the time.

Cindy – In our area we haven't experience a lot of fund raising. Where can I be referred to in the manual for how to do fund raising? This can be found on p 94 and 157.

Jahna – Norma says that when she does workshops, she can focus on specific topics such as sponsorship. Invite her to speak at your meeting. That may encourage those that haven't sponsored to do so.

Jim – When something is not going right in my group or people don't attend often, it's very easy for me to want something for somebody more than they want for themselves. It's an issue between promotion and attraction. Gloria just answered it for me; she just puts it to her Higher Power. It's an opportunity for me to let go and let Her do it for me. At other times in my life She comes through big time.

Kathy – When I notice that someone stops coming to meetings, I call people and ask them how they are doing and then I just stop talking. I use honesty and let them know that I miss them and then I just let it go and let God do it.

Norma – I had an experience a few years ago that was a spiritual experience for me. Estacada had had a meeting several years ago. Estacada is 30 miles from Portland, small community. I moved to Estacada from Lake Oswego, I felt isolated and frightened. What am I going to do out here? In reality I wasn't that far from civilization. I continued to drive to Lake Oswego and West Linn and go to those meetings. I felt compelled to get a meeting again in Estacada. I happened to be doing activities in other departments. I meant another gal who had several years in Al-Anon. We set up a meeting together. She was retired and spent the

winters in Hawaii. That meant I was responsible for winters. I put flyers up everywhere. We got a few people coming by. You don't just drop by Estacada. I asked people in other Districts to come. Eventually we had Speakers meetings and had people coming out. The meeting began to thrive although at times there weren't others. I spent a lot of time with the literature when I was the only one. I knew it was up to God whether that meeting was going to thrive. We did that for two years and eventually decided to close that meeting. Now the schools are telling us we need Alateen. But we need to start with Al-Anon. It's all up to God. Sometimes there are sparks such as Estacada high school asking for speakers.

Roberta – I've heard so many good things. It goes from 20 people to three at the meeting where I am the GR. I'm persistent. I just keep showing up. At announcements, if nothing else I read out of the Communicator or the Forum. I often chair on Sponsorships even if there are newcomers. We use the little red book that has everything that you need to lead a meeting. I feel like if it's going to be God's will whether this meeting is going to go or not. In a small town, a lot of people worry about their anonymity.

Priscilla – I belong to two groups. One is quite large but no one wants to pick up service work. I used to be an Alateen sponsor. I still have my Alateen book and took it to the meeting and shared out of it. There were three people afterwards asked for that book. They felt that they got so much out of that book; they were amazed that it existed. They could identify more with the wisdom of these teens than from the other books in the program.

Joanne – That's an issue our group struggled with since we always stick with a step or a tradition. We struggled what to do with the newcomers. Instead of always skipping back to step one, the chair points out that you may find this confusing but it will make sense at the end. Ask questions at the end. Tradition 1 is doing what is the best for the greatest number. I would like to thank Jim for what he said about newcomers. Once I get someone into the room, I am powerless over them. All we can do is try to be the best Al-Anon that we can be.

Terry – I just wanted to say that 2 or 3 years ago , our group started studying the concepts, we had a lot of fun because nobody could understand the convoluted language. We learned a lot, I highly recommend studying the concepts.

Kathy – Why do you wait till the middle of the Assembly before doing the new GR orientation. I didn't feel comfortable going to my DR with all of my questions because she is so busy. I didn't feel like I was part of the assembly.

Billie – The New GR orientation was originally on Friday night. But because Friday night wasn't part of the Assembly many of the new GRs weren't there. It has worked well to have it when the Action committees meet because we have to have something else going on for the rest of the people.

Paula – When I was a new GR, I found out about the District meeting. The GRs all around me could see that I was new. One of the GRs came up to me and said would you like to go with me to the Assembly and room with me. She was wonderful; she sat right next to me and explained to me what was going on. She told me about the Friday night meeting. I learned at that time that it was personal responsibility. I was lucky that that one woman took me by hand.

Bea – When I got into the concepts, my sponsor told me to get the pamphlet on concepts. It made it really clear to me.

Tim – As a GR, we're elected for three years. When are those elections? When I took over there wasn't a GR.

Billie – We are in the third year of this panel. Elections will take place in October. A panel is three years with the officers, GRs, DRs serving together. There is nothing written in stone that you have to serve the full three years. You ask someone to step up and finish your term.

Grace – I really fully concur with the woman who spoke, I felt like I wasn't part of the Assembly. I had a headache when I went home, there was so much information, and that I didn't know what to do with it. I would have liked to be a part of the Action committee. The DR reports would have been a good time to do the new GR orientation. I felt like I didn't get a lot out of this assembly.

Linda – what do you do when you are ready to step down as GR and nobody is willing to do it. You just step down. No one can step up if you don't step down. I went to an Assembly and didn't stay at a hotel. I felt like I didn't belong.

Glenn – One of the things we did at the Assemblies we put red ribbons on badges of people that had experience and were willing to help newcomers. That is one way to help newcomers.

Eileen – When the two people identified how they felt out of place, reminded me of something a long time ago. I didn't have a computer. My two brothers brought me a computer. They signed me up for a class and left town. They told me to listen and one of these days the light will come on and you will understand about computers. My introduction to concepts – I thought the first time I went through the concept book it was the best cure for insomnia. Then I went to a concept workshop. A man talked about how we applied it to his business. I began to do more digging to understand the concepts. I recommend you just read a little bit at a time.

Mindy – it would be really neat to see a little pamphlet for new GRs. It would start out with testimonies from people. It would settle all of our nerves and help us to know that even though we don't know we are in the right place. It would bring a lot of help and comfort.

## **Upcoming Events**

**SSM** May 18-20, 2012 District 1 Astoria: Chris K

**AWSC** June 23, 2012 District 12: Brenda - The AWSC meeting will be in NE Portland with a potluck dessert. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for you.

**Assembly** July 20-21, 2012 District 5: Jerri B - Assembly will be in central Oregon.

**AWSC** October 13, 2012 McMinnville District 15 Cheryl H. The AWSC meeting will be at First Baptist Church.

**Assembly** November 17-18 Salem: Billie L

**ELECTIONS:** for the next panel. We will be meeting in the Birthing Center at the hospital. There is a nice cafeteria on the lower floor for lunch. They will put on extra staff for us. Our hotel of choice is the Red Lion where the AAs will be meeting

Hunter, Alateen, wanted to thank everyone for their support. Just from passing out the envelopes earlier, we received \$65.

### **Raffle for SSM**

Ask-It Basket

Roland –

Q –Where's the dividing line between attraction and promotion when it comes to spreading the word

A – p107 in Service Manual. This is from the World Service Conference not from the World Service Office. Policy decisions are made at the conference.

Q Can we as AI-anon group put meeting notices in church bulletins?

A – Yes. There's nothing that says where you can place information as long as you are not implying endorsement of that facility and as long as no personal anonymity is broken. You can put it up in a grocery store as long as you follow those words.. p 108

Eileen

Q –How do we address the challenge of cell phones ringing during a meeting?

A – There's something known as common courtesy. When the chair person asks that you turn off your cell phone, please do it.

Bea

Q. Why do people repeat principles above personalities when it is said. Why is that more important than the rest?

Eileen

Q. Regarding AA meetings that have an AI-Anon Speaker, does that constitute participation?

A. This represents cooperation – carrying the message, p107 of the Service Manual.

Bea

Q. If a member, who is regularly involved in two groups serves as GR of one and alternate GR of another (this is up to the groups), can that person vote for both groups? (Assumes the regular GR cannot be present.)

A. A GR can only have one vote, p 78.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 pm with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Attachment 1

Treasurer's Report

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Jan 1, 2012 - February 29, 2012		2012 Budget		Over/Under Budget
2	<b>Income</b>					
3	Group Contributions	\$ 2,766.82		\$ 11,600.00		\$ (8,833.18)
4	Assembly Registrations	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00		\$ (2,000.00)
5	State Speaker Meeting	\$ -		\$ 4,000.00		\$ (4,000.00)
6	Advances	\$ -		\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
7	Miscellaneous	\$ 30.00		\$ -		\$ 30.00
8	Beginning Cash Forward	\$ 11,747.23		\$ 12,000.00		\$ (252.77)
9	<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 14,544.05		\$ 31,100.00		\$ (16,555.95)
10	<b>Expense</b>					
11	<b>Delegate Fund</b>					
12	WSO ETF	\$ -		\$ 2,200.00		\$ (2,200.00)
13	Extra Day	\$ -		\$ 250.00		\$ (250.00)
14	Delegate Meeting	\$ -		\$ 800.00		\$ (800.00)
15	Delegate Travel	\$ -		\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
16	Delegate Miscellaneous	\$ -		\$ 250.00		\$ (250.00)
17	<b>Total Delegate Fund</b>	\$ -		\$ 4,000.00		\$ (4,000.00)
18	<b>Working Fund Expense</b>					
19	Archive Rent	\$ 693.00		\$ 703.00		\$ (10.00)
20	Area Travel Fund	\$ 148.39		\$ 3,000.00		\$ (2,851.61)
21	Communicator	\$ 194.35		\$ 1,000.00		\$ (805.65)
22	SSM Advance	\$ -		\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
23	Alateen Conference			\$ 1,000.00		
24	Assembly/AWSC Rent	\$ 675.00		\$ 3,300.00		\$ (2,625.00)
25	Insurance	\$ -		\$ 750.00		\$ (750.00)
26	<b>Total Working Fund Expense</b>	\$ 1,710.74		\$ 11,253.00		\$ (8,542.26)
27	<b>Assembly Allowance/M meal/Lodging</b>					
28	Officers	\$ 57.70		\$ 1,680.00		\$ (1,622.30)
29	Audit/Budget	\$ 8.75		\$ 720.00		\$ (711.25)
30	Coordinators	\$ 46.36		\$ 2,160.00		\$ (2,113.64)
31	Past Delegates	\$ 117.38		\$ 1,200.00		\$ (1,082.62)
33	Regional Trustee			\$ 500.00		
34	<b>Total Assembly Allowance/M meal/Lodging</b>	\$ 230.19		\$ 6,260.00		\$ (6,029.81)
35	<b>Officers Expenses</b>					
36	Alternate Delegate	\$ -		\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
37	Chairperson	\$ -		\$ 150.00		\$ (150.00)
38	Secretary	\$ -		\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
39	Treasurer	\$ -		\$ 150.00		\$ (150.00)
40	<b>Total Officers Expenses</b>	\$ -		\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
41	<b>Assembly Expenses</b>					
42	Assembly Workshops	\$ -		\$ 150.00		\$ (150.00)
43	Business Services Action Comm	\$ -		\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
44	Membership Outreach Action Comm	\$ -		\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)
45	Group Services Action Comm	\$ -		\$ 125.00		\$ (125.00)
46	Fellowship Communication Action Comm	\$ -		\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
47	Public Outreach Action Comm	\$ -		\$ 4,000.00		\$ (4,000.00)
48	Audit Budget Extra Day + Expenses	\$ -		\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)
49	<b>Total Assembly Expenses</b>	\$ -		\$ 4,675.00		\$ (4,675.00)
50	<b>Coordinators</b>	8				
51	Alateen	\$ -		\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)
52	Archives	\$ -		\$ 300.00		\$ (300.00)
53	CPC	\$ -		\$ 300.00		\$ (300.00)
54	Forum	\$ -		\$ 50.00		\$ (50.00)

	Jan 1, 2012 - February 29, 2012	2012 Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>Coordinators</b>			
<b>Alateen</b>	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
<b>Archives</b>	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
<b>CPC</b>	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
<b>Forum</b>	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
<b>Group Records</b>	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
<b>Literature</b>	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
<b>Public Information</b>	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
<b>Website Coordinator</b>	\$ 489.61	\$ 500.00	\$ (10.39)
<b>Total Coordinators</b>	\$ 489.61	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (1,110.39)
<b>Delegate Meeting</b>			
<b>Alternate Delegate</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Past Delegates</b>	\$ 57.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (743.00)
<b>Total Delegate Meeting</b>	\$ 57.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (743.00)
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Ad Hoc/Task Force/Special Projects</b>	\$ 19.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (81.00)
<b>Alateen Sponsor Workshop</b>	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)
<b>Transition Fund</b>	\$ -	\$ 154.00	\$ (154.00)
<b>Contingency Fund</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
<b>Handbook Update</b>	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
<b>Purchase of Equipment</b>	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
<b>Total Other</b>	\$ 19.00	\$ 2,004.00	\$ (1,985.00)
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 2,506.54	\$ 31,092.00	\$ (28,585.46)
<b>Cash on Hand as of 02/29/12</b>	\$ 12,037.51	\$ 8.00	\$ 12,029.51
<b>Reserves</b>	\$ 7,324.13	\$ 7,708.00	\$ (383.87)
<b>Cash Available as of 02/29/12</b>	\$ 4,713.38	#####	#####
<b>Oregon Area Checking as of 02/29/12</b>	\$ 11,537.51	<b>DONATION PAYABLE TO</b>	
<b>Communicator Checking as of 02/29/12</b>	\$ 500.00	<b>Oregon Area</b>	
<b>Total Funds in Checking Accounts</b>	\$ 12,037.51	<b>% Bunny Grimes</b>	
		<b>1872 Alcan Drive</b>	
		<b>Medford, Oregon 97504</b>	
<b>REMEMBER 3 ITEMS ON CHECK</b>			
<b>GROUP NAME, VSO ID#, DISTRICT #</b>			

## Attachment 2

### District 1 Report

Hello from the North Coast of Oregon and District #1 – District #1 covers all of Clatsop and Tillamook Counties on the North Oregon Coast and 1 group in Columbia County that meets just outside of the Clatsop County line. We have some amazing groups that are really healthy and they have been especially generous this year coming up with tons of raffle basket items to raise money.

So far it has been a very busy year and it's only March. Sure doesn't look like it is going to slow down anytime soon.

So let me catch you up with our district. We are now gearing up for our District #1 main fund raiser. Yearly we make a quilt and raffle it off at the North Coast Round-up in Seaside, OR, along with a basket or two and our Literature Distribution Center sets up and sells books. It is a great weekend with 2500 of our closest AA and AI-Anon friends. Additionally we will have a

potluck, 6 AA speakers, and two Al-Anon speakers, along with seven other Al-anon meetings and two Alateen meetings, an alkathon, a comedy show, a banquet dinner, a dance with a live band and a Sunday morning breakfast just before the spiritual speaker. Wow, I need to take a nap just thinking about it.

But wait there is more! As soon as we get done with that event we will have exactly four weeks until the Main Event! Yes, you guessed it – SSM 2012. May 18, 19 and 20, 2012 FUN, FUN, FUN will come to Astoria. We are so excited to have the privilege of hosting you on the great North Coast of Oregon. We have some great things in store for you. Here is a sample: A potluck Friday night and a dual member panel, two workshops, an AA Speaker luncheon, Dinner, an Al-Anon Speaker, an Ice Cream Social and a talent show on Saturday. Sunday morning we will have breakfast, another Al-anon speaker, a raffle, a recovery countdown and a ton of fun. Oh did I tell you about the Carnival Games and the Fun. And, did I tell you that one of the Al-Anon Speakers is a Regional Trustee at Large. Oh, and did I tell you about the Fellowship and the Fun...well are you starting to get the point. So grab your registration and register. Meal registrations need to be in by May 5<sup>th</sup>. We also have raffle items here this weekend and you can buy raffle tickets at \$ 1.00 each or 6 for \$ 5.00, We also have wonderful travel mugs for \$ 8.00 and have you seen the fabulous t-shirts we are doing pre-orders for? The logo is phenomenal. Go out and make your pre-order now so you can get yours.

For the rest of the year we have another convention in September, the “She Thang” that District #1 participates in, and the LDC will once again be there selling Al-Anon CAL. We have participated in the Annual Homeless Event, and we continue to have members go to the local Rehab facility on a monthly basis to share with family members about Al-anon. Additionally, I have been able to present to several small groups at Department of Human Services for case managers and Foster Parents about Al-Anon. We are getting the word out there and the DVD’s that Public Outreach supplied have been a great addition to the presentations I have done.

See you in May at the 2012 State Speakers Meeting. Come to District #1 and Discover the Fun!!!!

With Love and Fellowship from the beautiful North Coast of Oregon and District #1. Chris Kelso, DR.

### Attachment 3

#### District 2 Report

District 2 is formed by the boundaries of Lincoln County and basically goes from Lincoln City to Yachats and East into parts of the Coast Range.

We have 6 meetings in our district; two in Newport, two in Toledo, one in Lincoln City and one in Waldport.

Our district has had several DR’s during the last two terms. We seem to be having some problems with “Principles above Personalities.” Since my move to Lincoln Co. I have had

held this position two previous terms or parts of terms. I was elected at a district meeting held in January. I will continue to serve until November when we will elect a new DR.

The two groups which meet in Newport have both lost their meeting place after the Umpqua Bank burned on Monday of this week. We also probably lost all of our literature and a cassette & CD library. We are both looking for new meeting places, but in the meantime we will be meeting in wherever we can get together. I will get the meetings changed on the website as soon as we know where we will be meeting.

Both groups meeting in Toledo are small groups. Yaquina AFG is the oldest group in Lincoln Co. It was started in March 1957 and has been an ongoing group since then. Attendance has dropped to 3-5 members at this time. Summer is usually a larger meeting. This group has never had a GR to my knowledge.

The Self Discovery AFG is a literature study group and has 5 members ongoing. This group has been holding an Al-Anon Speaker meeting about every 4 months. We had a breakfast/brunch and an Al-Anon speaker and AA speaker. So far we have welcomed about 20-25 people, about ½ Al-Anon. We're hoping to keep this going since it has had attendees from most of the groups.

TGIF Waldport AFG is also a small group. It has 2 to 6 members and has no GR at this time.

Recovery by the Sea AFG meets in Lincoln City. The GR has just resigned and the Alternate GR has stepped into that position. The group has about 10-14 members.

I have visited each group in the last month and have received warm welcomes and the group has asked questions about things happening in their groups and how they can make their groups grow and meet the needs of their members.

My goal in accepting the DR position is to bring the district together by having regular district meetings, creating connections between the groups and the District and Area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula J., DR

Attachment 4

District 3 Report

Hello from Eastern Oregon,  
District 3 had a Fall Fundraiser in Baker City in October. Our Al-Anon speaker was from Tri Cities and did a workshop on Communication. We did a dessert auction and made over \$300, which is pretty good for six active groups.

We had to cancel our Wallowa Lake Adventures in February due to illness and bad weather but we are planning our summer camp out. The date is to be announced.

Submitted by Lesley K. for Vickie H., District Rep.

Attachment 5

## District 4 Report

March 2012 Area Assembly – Springfield Oregon

Since this panel ends in December and the District Representatives make this report each March Assembly, this will be my final report to the Area for District 4. In this term of service I have received many gifts wrapped in plain brown paper. They didn't even look like gifts at the time I received them, though they changed my life in every way.

All members who commit themselves to a rigorous program of recovery come to the 12<sup>th</sup> Step: *Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.* I propose that we can have many experiences of spiritual awakening that progressively open us up to more and more freedom and serenity. Gratitude impels us to carry this message to others – to carry it with effectiveness and power in fellowship with other members.

Since January of 2010 I have served as the District Representative in Marion and Polk County. I've had the privilege of planning monthly meetings where we come together with a primary purpose to do whatever we can to support the groups. "Gratitude" has been my guide, with "Presume Goodwill" right behind it. When I first began in this service position, a struggle with fear and nervousness would begin days before our meeting. After a time, I recognized this fear as a friend who ensured that I would remain very conscious that I could only do this with God's help. Our Higher Power has led our District through many difficult and joyful situations. Together we have practiced using recovery tools and grown in confidence and effectiveness.

If you've been reading our latest CAL, Many Voices, One Journey, you are aware that this organization grows and evolves very slowly – as each of us slowly grow and change into free and recovered members. To be a healthy and vibrant organization, we all need to commit to growth and change.

I challenge everyone who enjoys the fellowship in our rooms and the resulting freedom of recovery to participate in District and Area Service and to become aware of the work of the organization. For Al-Anon to continue to be effective in helping families damaged by alcoholism, we need to commit ourselves to ever greater spiritual awakening. This awakening shows up as a gift in a plain brown wrapper – but it's a powerful gift that can change lives. It is teaching me to walk in healed relationships – to avoid being drawn into controversy – and to carry the message to others. Thank you.

Barbara S.  
March 17, 2012

Attachment 6

District 6 Report

Dear Assembly,

**Meetings** – District 6 continues to thrive in the Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, and Creswell Area. There are over 30 meetings in our area and some of our new meetings include a Men’s only meeting and a LGBT meeting. Additionally, two groups have added a separate beginners meeting, which meets during the first half hour during their regularly scheduled meetings.

**Event Guidelines** – A Task Force was created to come up with ideas on how to guide District Six more effectively in their presentation of events. As a result of several months of discussion, we created an Event Guideline form that includes a proposal page, a cover page, an event worksheet, a budget outline, and an after event report. To date, these guidelines are proving to be very helpful.

### **Cooperation with local AI-Anon Information Service**

**Holiday Auction** – Our annual Holiday Auction was not only fun, but it raised over \$6,000, which was split between the District 6 and A.I.S. Some of the donations included firewood, services, craft items, themed baskets, and stays in Mexican Villa home. Thanks to our generous membership, to date we have donated \$700 to the State Speaker’s Meeting, and have set aside funds to send at least one Alateen to the Oregon Area Alateen Conference.

**Delegate Visit and Workshop** – We love having our delegate visit and inform of us what is happening at the World Service Office! This year, we thought we might encourage more participation by hosting a workshop with her visit. Members who attended the T.E.A.M. (Together Empowering AI-Anon Members) hosted this workshop and the event was very successful.

### **Breakfast Meeting/Coordinator Position**

District Six continues to co-host a monthly speaker breakfast with area groups. This event has become a tradition and is included in our meeting list. Through long discussion and task force suggestions, we created a new service position at the District level of Breakfast Coordinator. This provides the meeting with continuity and structure. District Six has opened this position up to include dual members since there is no opportunity for this position to go beyond the District level.

In conclusion, I **know** God loves District Six and all of its participants. We have learned how to work together utilizing the spiritual principles of this program. We hold each other accountable in loving and gentle ways, and we celebrate our members and their ability to give abundantly to our District as they are able. It is with this foundation that we are beginning to prepare to pass the torch to the next members who are to receive this spiritual gift. It has been a marvelous opportunity to serve as the District Six Representatives.

Sincerely,

Kim F.  
District Six

Attachment 7

## District 7 Report

To Assembly:

District 7 is in Southern Oregon which is Jackson and Josephine counties with 24 Al-Anon Groups and 1 active Alateen group and another patient sponsor who continues to be there in case an Alateen shows up. We have 10 GR's at present and continue to attend other meetings and invite them to attend the district meetings as GR's or as visitors. In this Panel we've hosted 2 assemblies and 1 State Speakers Meeting. We haven't slowed down but no assemblies or AWSC's this year. We may have one in Grants Pass again in 2014.

District 7 continues to thrive and grow. We have a new book study group and a very active Alateen Group. This Alateen group sponsored a panel in which they shared with others what Alateen is all about. The attendance was awesome; we kept having to bring out more chairs and before we were done, we had over 100 attendees. There were wonderful sharings by lots of young people and good information was shared to all attending.

We've also had a fire that displaced 3 meetings in Grants Pass. They have a new home and it is on the District and Oregon Area websites.

Our district is planning a day in Al-Anon in May. Bette will be coming along with Paula and some Alateen sponsors from the Portland area. Our agenda will have a forum workshop, the delegate's report right after the World Service Conference happened in April and an Alateen event of some kind. Then we are going to have a free potato bar followed by an Al-Anon and AA speaker. We're going to have a lot of fun, lots of good sharing and we'll feed everyone all through the day.

I'm so appreciative of being allowed to be the District Representative in District 7. It's been a gift that keeps on giving and continues to aid in my recovery as I use the word willing to be my watchword.

We've had a busy and productive 2 plus year and we are all looking forward to the balance of this panel term. We've started district position descriptions for all of our officers, we're taking a group inventory at the district meetings during our education time and we are excited to begin the process of talking to our groups and Al-Anon members about who will step up to be the leaders of our next panel. Public Outreach continues to be one of highest priorities and our list of professionals continues to grow and is well over 300 labels.

Grateful to be of service,  
Sue B, District Rep for District 7

## Attachment 8

## District 8 Report

I am Elaine R. from Next Step Group in Brookings of District 8. We have no District Representative currently, so I am acting today as an Alternate Group Representative. We have 12 Group meetings ranging from Brookings to North Bend in District 8. We haven't had District meetings due to no District Representative. I will be scheduling a District Meeting end

of April to plan our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction for Al-Anons, Alateens and AA. This is our annual fund raiser.

Our meeting count has been low from two to six members weekly.

Love in Service,

Elaine R.

## Attachment 9

### District 10 Report

Starting with the most recent event – on March 3<sup>rd</sup> District 10 had their annual fundraiser – Leap into Service – it was a lot of fun, we had over 100 people attend. We had three great speakers – our delegate Bette, Jack from Alateen and Carol C. from AA in Portland. Bette and Carol have both had a lot of experience in service for their respective organizations; it was nice to hear their sharings. The Alateens came and sold handmade jewelry, they are using funds from these sales to fund their own Oregon Area conference. We also had a basket auction and the ever popular cakewalk. We were able to raise a lot of funds, which we will distribute to SSM 2012 and our Portland A.I.S. office.

In November of 2011 we co-hosted the Oregon Area Assembly at the Red Lion in Portland – this was a great experience. We worked closely all year with AA District 9, and found this to be a great experience, and made some good friends along the way! We had a lot of participation from our district at this Assembly and are grateful to everyone in District 10 for their help.

This year District 10 is working to finish up our study of the 12 concepts of service, the GR's are taking turns presenting a concept and discussing it at our district meetings. We are also continuing to put together a new and updated Public Outreach contact list.

The Al-Anon PSA that Oregon Area put together was shown at Bridgeport Regal Cinemas this past summer, thanks to Joanne C., Oregon Area P.O. Coordinator for her work on this.

District 10 purchased the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism forum in both English and Spanish which we distributed to the groups in our district, the group members in turn can take the magazines to professionals in our district. We will do this again in 2012.

Every year many of the groups from District 10 volunteer to chair the Saturday morning Westside Newcomer meetings – most groups have found this a rewarding experience in service.

We always have group concerns and successes as an agenda item, this is where the GR's can share about their groups – this has led to interesting discussions about how our groups support newcomers; attraction vs. promotion in Al-Anon; ways for our groups to be able to have the funds needed to purchase the \$5.00 "How Al-Anon Works" books so that our groups can give the books to newcomers, as well as other topics.

In the past few months we have gotten several new GR's, and now have representation from some groups that haven't had a GR in a while!

## Attachment 10

### District 11 Report

Welcome to you all from District 11 – the smallest district in Oregon Area. If you go to the Area's website and try to click on the map, our District would be the size of your mouse's pointer. District 11 is the southeast part of Multnomah County and east of the Willamette River.

While we may be small in size, we are large in recovery with 13 meetings. Two of those meetings is Spanish speaking with one meeting twice a week. Another of our meetings is an Alateen meeting. We are expecting a new Alateen meeting to be starting soon – for a total of 14 meetings in the near future of our District.

This past December, while the Area was showing the Bookmark PSA at a theatre in our District, we launched an outreach project to go along with it. After cleaning the local AIS office out of all its' English and Spanish bookmarks, one of the groups adopted the local library across the street from the theatre. Several of our groups took bookmarks to distribute to other locations. A member came forward to distribute bookmarks to Portland Community College Southeast Campus – just down the street from the theater. At PCC, this member found a community information area with quite a bit of information from AA where she added our bookmarks. We have a new location for future outreach either by a group or the District.

Right now, we are working on love gifts for our Delegate to take to WSC, planning our annual and popular Chili Cook off on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Last, but not least, we are looking for a permanent home for our District Meetings. We are hoping for and planning on it to be the very library where we left bookmarks. It is centrally located for our District with good public transportation for our metropolitan, inner city membership.

Yours in Service, Dee P. DR-District 11

## Attachment 11

### District 12 Report

This last year we have been blessed to have several positions filled in the district and have been having much better attendance at district meetings, in fact at last Wednesdays meeting, we had 10 people representing 6 groups. No longer just one or two person meeting!

We now have a new treasurer and will have a district PO Box shortly. An email and newsletter will be going out shortly to notify everyone of the mailing change for the district.

This last year we were researching ways to reach-out to the public in the more rural areas outside of the Portland Metro area, to start meetings or support meetings in those areas.

When we asked these groups what we can do to help, the response was that they need newcomers packets and literature. The two groups that asked for this were sent what they had asked for and at the same time we purchased a bunch of literature for Coffee Creek to support their program. And we are planning on doing more of this in 2012.

Also we have started group visits by someone from the district. A district member visiting groups, promoting getting a Group Representative, updating group information, meeting list info, addresses, emails and contacts and even if no GR at least someone to be the contact.

District 12 is also hosting the June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 Area World Service Conference in NE Portland. The plans are all coming together for that and we will be ready.

John O.  
District 12 DR

#### Attachment 12

#### District 13 Report

Alateen is not doing well. The group is changing time and place. We have 6 active groups. At the Speaker meeting with a dessert auction and Valentine theme with husband and wife speakers, we received \$300 in donations. We had an annual garage sale in June. The Rumble for Recovery race and health fair in August was successful. The DR Bonnie resigned for personal reasons and Amy B agreed to serve out her term.

#### Attachment 13

#### District 14 Report

##### All Klamath County

District 14's Courage to Change meeting is a speakers meeting every fourth Wednesday. We will have a Chile Cook off in April to raise funds for all groups and to purchase literature. Saturday's Sunrise Serenity meeting purchased the paperback "How Al-Anon Works" to donate to new members.

District 14 held the All-Talent Show and Dessert Auction. The highest auctioned dessert was for \$75. Families with children participated this year. Children presented acts or joined parents in their acts. DJ and many volunteers helped to set up and clean up plus putting on acts. This year's raffle price of guided fishing or animal sighting trip for two was donated. We had really good sales of tickets for the drawing. The person who donated is a program member and a 2x published author.

We have been working hard to find an Alateen meeting place. We need sign up packets for Alateen meetings.

We paid for a shared phone service with AA by providing a breakfast for AA speaker meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in December. All proceeds donated to AA. We raised approximately \$200 extra this year above the cost of phone service.

We established an SSM 2013 Committee at the last District meeting.

We are asking the four groups for people who will stand for election in November for the various positions in each group.

#### Attachment 14

#### District 16 Report

Here is the scoop on our district. District 16 is growing and changing. We now have a total of NINE active group meetings in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, and Sweet Home. One of our oldest meetings in Sweet Home on Monday nights made the decision to disband but a new meeting has begun on Tuesday nights at Sweet Home Hillside Fellowship Church. The old Monday night meeting brought it's knowledge, literature, and monetary contributions to assist the new Tuesday group. Our new group is named Steps to Serenity and has a healthy membership. I am delighted to say we have a GR from the new group. YAY!

We are also happy to announce our Sunday Morning Serenity Group (I love that name!) has reached the first year mark. They meet at the Parish House by St. Mary's Church in Albany. I like to say this group is on fire!! They began with speakers' meetings the first and last Sunday of each month. This has been a big attraction from the very beginning. And now they have a speaker the first Sunday of each month with food. They have served a breakfast with biscuits and gravy and a luncheon with chili and cornbread. Can't wait to see what they will be doing on April 1!! This group also has a GR and an alternate GR>

There's more good news! Our GR from the Saturday morning Parkside Al-Anon Group started a book study in her home on Monday nights with the book Discovering Choices. This is one of the first book studies we have had in District 16 for ten years or more and they picked a fine book to begin with. The chapters end with thought and discussion questions which lead to more recovery and growth in Al-Anon. Also one Saturday each month they have some fellowship time after the meeting.

For Public Outreach, District 16 and our Sunday Morning Serenity Group have listed ourselves in the newspaper each day with a contact phone number. Our District 16 Al-Anon groups are now listed in the 211 Information Database for community resources in Linn and Benton Counties. Recently we were asked to place brochures in the Albany Boys and Girls Club Parent Resources Room. We have also left brochures at the Linn County Drug and Alcohol facilities. In addition to these connections, we are in deliberations to implement an in house Al-Anon meeting at Milestones Recovery Program, a women's rehab in Corvallis committed to inpatient and outpatient recovery services. A book donation was made by Albany Care and Share so the meeting can begin when official permissions have been attained.

Our District 16 makes an attempt to always meet after my AWSC meetings so that I can give the GR's a heads up on what they may be hearing at our State Assembly. That way they have a little more knowledge before arriving. We also have a District Meeting shortly after the State Assembly each time so we can discuss and take action on business occurring here.

Last of all, in the future we are starting talks on how to have more fellowship with breakfasts, potlucks, etc with our AA members in Linn and Benton County. One of our GR's has had experience from living in other parts of Oregon and is enthusiastic about getting more communication going between our two groups.

I am still hoping to have GR's from all our groups before my term is up. I will keep remembering – "Progress not Perfection" and "Easy Does It".

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl K.  
DR

#### Attachment 15

#### District 17 Report

Hi again from District 17. Wow! We have had quite a year in our district.

First, we have two new Al-Anon meetings. One in Sandy on Tuesday nights called Principles and Progress. The other new meeting is on Friday nights and called Paths to Recovery. They are on the Portland AIS schedule and good meetings to check out. We also have a new Alateen meeting on Tuesday nights called How It Works Alateen. Congratulations to all three new meetings.

Next, we have been very busy with public outreach. Many of our members, including Alateens, have done three separate health classes at two middle schools and one high school. We talked about Alcoholism the disease, the family disease of alcoholism and Alateen. We even did a mock Alateen meeting and the several of the other kids join us. It was a really rewarding experience for all of us.

We, also, participated in two health fairs in two different communities Participants was enthusiastic as we got the word out about Al-Anon/Alateen.

Probably our most ambitious project was an advertising campaign on the TriMet buses which come to our district. The advertising went up March 5 and will run for four weeks.

We had two fundraising events this past year The Spring Fling was a fundraiser for the Portland AIS office and the Pancake Breakfast was a fundraiser for the SSM and for one of our public outreach projects. Everyone participated which made for great fellowship.

I feel so privileged to be working with all members of District 17 because they always suit up and show up.

We are now busy planning and working on other projects for our district because "When We Got Busy We Got Better".

Love in Service,  
Lynda S.

Attachment 16

Business Services Report

The business services committee is still working to clarify the Oregon Area Handbook. Section I and II are now revised and members should be able to download from the website. Section IV is almost prepared for submission to the handbook committee to present at the next AWSC meeting. Additionally, wherever the word “donation” appears, the committee will be working to change it to “contribution.”

B.S. has prepared a form called the “Who is in Charge of What Form” to delineate who will bring what to each Assembly. This will also be reviewed at the next AWSC and hopefully added to the handbook.

As an education piece, the business services group is dedicated to educating members on the importance of “how and to whom” they can send in contributions. We would like to have an education piece at an assembly or on our website and continue to brainstorm this idea. In a real effort to service our groups, B.S. will be mailing pre-labeled contribution envelopes to every group in the State. This will be accomplished in May of this year, and January of next year.

We created a thought force to practice Knowledge Based Decision Making on reviewing “maximum assembly allowances” for qualifying requestors. This committee is excited to practice KBDM in exploring this issue.

Sincerely,  
The Business Services Committee  
Thank Kim for her reporting back notes.

Attachment 17

Fellowship Committee Report

After passing out agendas, announcing housekeeping notes, and group introductions, Lynda showed the group finished handouts that the committee had voted on in the November Assembly. Lynda went over the contents of the handouts with the group. Lynda made 100 copies of the handouts so that they could be passed out to the attendees of this assembly. The idea was to hand them out to the group reps so that they could be filled out and returned at the next Assembly. Then the results could be brought back to the November Assembly.

Lynda reported to the group that she had asked several people with knowledge of the topic if there would be copyright issues created by the handouts, and found that there wouldn't be.

The committee was excited about the handouts and discussed several ideas for ways to use them on the group level. The group discussed ways to encourage the use of literature in general.

Paula, who is the Forum Coordinator, told the committee about the Forum, and also about what she does as the coordinator. Members discussed ways to share the Forum, including how to create a Forum Jar, which is passed around for collections to create a raffle where a member of an Al-Anon group will win a subscription to the Forum. Instructions on how to submit articles to the Forum are available in the back of the Forum, and also online. The group discussed the Forum in detail and also shared ideas for how to encourage Al-Anon members to use the Forum.

Norma, who is the Literature Coordinator, told the committee about what she does as the coordinator. She told the committee about how she is in communication with Literature Coordinators around the country. She also announced that a new pamphlet was coming out soon, which is entitled "Parents of Alcoholics". The group asked Norma questions about what she does as Literature Coordinator. Norma gave a summary, and noted that the information is in the Service Manual.

Lynda asked the group for ideas on what the Fellowship Committee should do next, and included some ideas. Moon brought up the idea of challenging the District Reps to host group workshops with Norma and/or Paula. And so here it is officially: The Fellowship Committee is challenging the District Reps at this Assembly to invite Norma and Paula to come and do workshops at their meetings. Paula can direct workshops on writing for the Forum and also for using the Forum in meetings. Norma can take a topic and suggest literature that is relevant to the topic. She can also present workshops on particular pieces of literature, how different pieces of the literature can work together, and many other topics. Please contact them directly to make arrangements. We do not want any of them to have any free time between now and November.

After this, there was some discussion about how to deal with anxiety about writing. The committee also discussed ways that the five dollar "How Al-Anon Works" books are being used on the group level.

The committee adjourned.

## Attachment 18

### Group Services Report

- I. Minutes were read from Nov 2011 Assembly for this action committee.
- II. Questions & Answers: Judy
  - i. Voice Box questions were collected. Judy and Rita compiled the answers
    1. Our goal is to get the answers back to all of our groups.
    2. These have been emailed to all DR's.
- III. Jodie – Group Archivist
  - i. Group History Form has been revised (better spacing and few more questions)
  - ii. New version will be put on the Oregon Area website, [www.oregonal-anon.org](http://www.oregonal-anon.org) (documents to group history)

- iii. Every group needs to turn in a group history form that tells when a group started, etc.
  - iv. Jodie will send a list to all DR's showing which groups have sent in a group history list.
- IV. Current Mailing Address (CMA):
  - i. WSO has some data about each meeting.
  - ii. WSO suggests each group has a PO Box.
- V. Carolyn- Alateen Coordinator
  - i. OAC (Oregon Alateen Conference) Aug 10-12.
  - ii. Any teen aged 12 to 20 is welcome to attend OAC.
  - iii. Purpose of an adult sponsoring an Alateen group means being there, listening, encouraging teens to use the 12 Traditions and 12 Steps, not to sponsor an individual teen.
  - iv. Alateen Roundup – 1 day event on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Milwaukie
  - v. Carolyn is available to come to a District meeting or individual meeting to talk about Alateen.
- VI. Purpose of Group Services action committees
  - i. Maintain accurate current mailing address (CMA)
  - ii. Support Alateen
  - iii. Educate and reach out to GR's to assist in resolving issues.
  - iv. Maintain history of each group.
- VII. GR's
  - i. Making announcements  
What's going to peak members' interests? Share information from Assembly in bits and pieces.
  - ii. Service – you can always share how Al-anon service has helped you personally.
  - iii. Voice Box – What does your group need? We're (Oregon Area) here to s
- VIII. Challenge
  - i. We challenge each GR to read 15 out of 24 of the Questions and Answers (from Voice Box) at their group by the next assembly, ask your group: Is this informative? Does your group want to continue the Voice Box?

## Attachment 19

### Membership Outreach Committee Breakout Report

Meeting started with assigning a recorder. We did introductions of everyone and passed around the sign-in sheets. Our statement of purpose was read by the Chairperson and agenda was handed out.

First Topic: New Oregon Area Website was discussed.

- a. What does it look like
- b. Create guidelines for what goes on public side of website
- c. Create guidelines for what goes on member side of website

Ted is assisting Barb L. with putting the technical side of the new website. It was suggested that people who could familiarize themselves with what is on the website now, do so and Ted will create a site map for the member side, as well as a mock up of the new site for the next assembly. We will show this to the Membership Outreach Committee and give input on the site. (Note: At February's AWSC meeting Membership Outreach asked Public Outreach if they would like to assist in creating appropriate verbiage for the Public Side of the Website, they agreed and both committee's will work towards this.)

Second Topic: Voice Box Articles in the Communicator. Lisa gave us an update that submissions to the Voice Boxes would be published in the Communicator.

Third Topic: It was brought to Membership Outreach's attention that the GR Quick Reference Guide reference sections and pages in both the Service Manual and Oregon Area Handbook, since both have been updated. Barbara is going to go over the guide and determine what section and page differences there are and Membership Outreach will create an attachment that goes with it to update this information. We do not want to reprint as we still have a lot of these left and an update page should be fine. It was suggested to use headings from Table of Contents instead of Page Numbers.

Last Topic: At the last AWSC the Audit budget committee gave out some guidelines to assist with Budget Planning for the next Year. This was introduced and explained to the committee and a brain storm session ensued with three main ideas coming out.

1. Short computer workshops at assemblies to assist all assembly members with better computer skills to access information on the internet. (Note: it was suggested that somehow we might be able to include the Alateens in assisting with these workshops because they are all so computer savvy.) (Brenda)
2. Encouragement for Service Participation and further education through Skits, Workshops, Handouts, etc. (Carolyn)
3. Doing a service Inventory. (Teddy)

It was suggested that there could be some kind of reward/affirmation for people who participate in service to reinforce appreciation of all who do service work. These ideas will be researched for cost and feasibility and reports will be presented at the next Assembly in July. Meeting Adjourned.

## Attachment 20

### Public Outreach Action Report

John passed the sign in sheet and opened with the Serenity Prayer. He made a few general announcements and had us go around the room with introductions.

Joanne C, the Public Outreach Coordinator began the meeting:

- she's doing more research on the pros and cons of purchasing banner ads on university websites and the WSO produced radio spots
- we are committed to the summer blockbuster season of June 22 – August 2 (6 weeks) to show the PSA in Klamath Falls (\$600) and Seaside (\$360)

- The winter holiday blockbuster season is November 16-December 27 (6 weeks) and we will be voting in July on whether to show the PSA in theaters in these locations: Astoria (\$420), McMinnville (\$600), N Bend (\$660), Albany (\$420), NE Portland (\$900)

If the Oregon Area completes this cycle of outreach with the PSAs, we will have covered almost the entire state. Some of the districts where these are showing are committed to part of the fees. We still haven't heard anything about the possibility of using it on public TV or any agency picking it up to show at no charge – as a true Public Service Announcement. Pray that Higher Power would open up doors for this if it's his will that we use this resource to get the word out about who we are and what we can do.

Cheryl, the Cooperation with Professional Community coordinator, shared that she is focused on finding ways to get our resources out to institutions – schools and addiction treatment facilities. She wants to be a "resource" for every district to help them get the message out more in their own districts and hope they will call or email if they want help or ideas. Her discussion was a nice segue into our final topic – what kind of projects might this action committee consider for 2013? We want to get the message to even younger people – kids in foster care. We want to increase general awareness of the effects of alcoholism on friends and family. Bette R was sitting in on the session and mentioned that the WSO is putting strong emphasis on outreach to ages 25-40 because the current demographic of the fellowship is aging rapidly.

We closed in Unity and dismissed to re-join the Assembly.