

Draft March Assembly Minutes

March 16-17, 2013

Pioneer Community Center

Oregon City

Host District 17

Saturday

Meeting was called to order by Roland C at 8:30 am. Roland explained the procedures for using the microphone and discussed identification badges. We said the Serenity Prayer and listened to the Traditions.

Roll Call:	District 2	not represented
	District 3	not represented
	District 15	not represented
	Barb B / Audit-Budget	excused
	Carol M / Literature	excused

Break-Out Sessions: There were break-out sessions for Group Representatives, District Representatives and Coordinators.

Minutes of November 2012 Assembly: There was a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2012 Assembly with editorial corrections. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sue B answered questions about the Cash Flow Statement. One question was about the \$1,110. on line 23. Why does this amount show in a report ending February 28 when the money was spent in March? Treasurer will correct this, as the expense should be in the March Treasurer's report. Sue thanked groups for using the preaddressed envelopes to submit donations.

Audit/Budget Committee Report: The audit/budget committee met after the February AWSC and reviewed the fourth quarter 2012 books. No discrepancies were found.

Delegate's Report: Colleen. See attachment # 2.

Spiritual moment: Kim M read a quote from Many Voices, One Journey.

Oregon Area Website: Rick C gave a demonstration of the website and talked briefly about upcoming changes. There were comments that the Area Assembly and SSM information should be easier to access, visible on the front page of the website. The question was asked if there are plans to have a password protected members section, separate from the section available to the public. Rick replied that there are plans for that change. He mentioned that there needs to be a procedure to remove stale documents, to archive .pdf files and organize the site. Fran A. District 9, said there is no list of D-9 meetings on the website.

International Convention: Bette R reported that the International Convention will be held July 5-7, 2013 in Vancouver, BC. There is also an optional Day of Sharing on July 4, 2013. Registration is available on-line and motel information is also available through the WSO website. She suggested that you can also search for accommodations on the internet. Motels are expensive and rooms are sold out quickly, so register soon.

Action Committees:

Judy J gave a brief history of WSO organizational changes. As an outgrowth of those changes Oregon Area formed Action Committees consistent with the WSO structure. Oregon also created a Business Services Action Committee so we have five Action Committees.

Action Committee Break-out Sessions: were held next.

Action Committee Reports Back

Business Service AC...Kathy

Committee goals are: (1) Get banking information out to Groups; (2) Discuss financial responsibility and encourage Groups to contribute more; (3) Update OAH events section. **See Attachment # 3 for full report.**

Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Lisa suggested that we use Alcohol Awareness month, April, as a way to inform people about Al-Anon.

Fellowship Communications AC...Paula J

Talked about giving away literature; suggestion to leave a Forum subscription form on every chair in your meeting room; also use a Forum can; chair from the Forum; put copies of a Forum in newcomer packet; use Alateen literature to chair meeting; make one meeting a month a literature meeting. Hold a drawing for literature.

See Attachment #3 for full report

Group Services AC...Helen

The group reviewed committee purposes and Alateen recertification processes. Group History forms need to be submitted. Dawn can ask questions about groups to get your history started. New GRs need to fill out a Group Records form. A group e-mail is necessary to get e-News. There was a discussion about the purpose of Appeal letters. We are not paying our own way. Goals - increase number of GRs; keep records up-to-date.

Membership Outreach AC...Michelle W

Plans include: (1) review all aspects of *Communicator* distribution; (2) consider ways to retain newcomers; (3) consider possibility of distributing electronic AI-Anon affirmations to interested members; (4) encourage members to become invested, define small tasks to get people involved; (5) help more groups have GRs; (6) work on streamlining Assembly and making it more appealing; (7) Survey Alateen members to find out their wants and needs.

Public Outreach AC... Stephen

The focus of this committee is reaching out to professionals and to the public. We plan to do a survey on Survey Monkey, which will help determine where the Action Committee wants to put their energies. April is Alcohol Awareness month.

See Attachment #3 for full report

Alateen Report: Carolyn H gave a history of the Oregon Alateen Conference. (OAC; pronounced OAK). The Alateens have a goal of financial independence and setting aside funds for next year. All teens are welcome at Day of Alateen Roundup and/or OAC. Parental permission is required. If a teen has no funds, scholarships are available.

Nirvana - Her experience as Alateen OAC chair has helped her grow as a person and in program.

Abby - Family history influenced her and Alateen has helped. Participation helped her have a good experience at OAC.

March 2014 Assembly: A Host District is needed. Two Districts bid for this, Districts 10 and 17. District 10 was selected by substantial unanimity.

Skit on Assembly Survival Tips. To avoid being smug, self-righteous and judgmental: make friends; bring your service manual and a notebook and pen to take notes; keep an open mind; sit close to a speaker if you are hard-of-hearing, pass notes instead of talking to your table-mates; bring your sense of humor and flexibility; use a quiet voice, listen, don't judge or jump to conclusion; have no fear of the microphone - it doesn't bite; don't express approval or disapproval (no clapping); participation is the key to harmony; listen; if nervous bring a friend; to avoid fanny fatigue, bring a pillow; keep active; listen to others; hear new ideas; learn how to take care of business; dress comfortably; bring your HP to Assembly; experience the love we feel in rooms together.

July 2013 Assembly: Fran distributed a draft flyer for the Assembly to be held July 19-21, 2013 at Meridian Park Hospital Education Center in Tualatin. She will make changes to the flyer and submit it so that it can be approved and posted on the Area website.

Barbara S suggested that a GR can offer the *GR Quick Reference Guide* as a tool for substitute GR.

Agenda: Where do we get agenda? The agenda is sent out in advance to members of AWSC, including DRs. DRs should distribute the agenda to GRs to bring to Assembly. If your District does not have a DR we ask for a contact name for our Roster, to get Area e-mails. Roland, the Chairman, has a few copies available today. Can agenda be on website? Yes.

Love Gifts: Please explain love gifts. Love gifts are given to the Delegate to distribute to other Area Delegates at the World Service Conference (WSC). The Delegate brings back love gifts from other AI-Anon groups. Colleen suggested that donations to WSO would be an alternate to a love gift. Mailing information for Colleen at the WSC was distributed. Love gifts should be sent to the same address.

Sunday

The meeting was opened in the usual fashion and we listened to the Concepts of Service.

Fellowship Communication: Paula J and Dave B presented a skit and Paula conducted a writing workshop for the Forum.

District Representatives: District 8 held a caucus and selected Michelle W. as District Representative. Michelle says that she has less than 6 months in program but considered the need and decided she could start small; that not everything needs to happen overnight; this is part of the journey to recovery. District 11 reports that they have not yet selected a DR but they are working on it; District 15 now has Sue E. as DR. There was a suggestion to refer to the Service Manual page 140 - election of DR and Alternate.

District Representative Reports *See Attachment #4 for full reports.*

District 1...Kathi

Attendance fluctuates at meetings; they have lots of dual members; are currently rotating DRs; there is excellent participation within the District; they have an Outreach Coordinator who is excited about service.

District 2...Not represented / No report

District 3...Not represented / No report

District 4...Dawn K

District 4 recently made the difficult decision to close their Alateen meeting; they have become aware of the presence of a strong Hispanic presence and are reaching out to them; learning more about the power of God and growing in her recovery journey.

District 5...Sherri W

District 5 is the Bend/Redmond area of the state. They are committed to human beings; Al-Anon has program that works. They will be rotating sites for District meeting so that meetings in out-lying areas have contact with District. The District has an incredible love for new people. They have started a newcomers meeting and are considering starting another one. One fundraiser had 180 people in attendance.

District 6...Donelda H

District 6 held a Passing the Torch event at the end of the year. They raised \$2000 at their fundraiser. They also conducted a Treasurer's Workshop. They are working on the 2014 State Speaker's Meeting and are studying a concept a month at their District meetings.

District 7... Marvalee M

District 7 has 23 groups and two Alateen groups. They are engaged in a variety of Public Outreach activities. The November 2013 Assembly will be in Grants Pass.

District 8...Michelle W

As a newly elected DR her goal is 60% representation of District 8 GRs at the July assembly.

District 9...Fran A

District 9 now has 12 participating GRs, 10 of them were here yesterday for the Saturday portion of Assembly, including four new GRs. They are preparing to host July 2013 Assembly. They are also studying a concept at each District meeting.

District 10... Joanne C

District 10's recent fundraiser made \$850. There were 11 GRs here yesterday. They will be hosting June 2013 AWSC and expect to have a location soon.

District 11...Phil

Phil is representing District 11. They are preparing for the Chili Cook-off and recruiting new members for service. Also, they are working on getting a DR. He has volunteered his services to help us with audio issues at Assembly.

District 12...David B

They are encouraging more participation and find that more members are stepping up to fill positions. They conducted a Sponsorship Workshop was very well attended and are now working on Public Outreach.

District 13...Teddie H

Not available.

District 14...Nancy P

District 14 has four Groups. They have held two fundraisers. The money raised went to support their 800 number.

District 15...Jim N

District 15 is a small District with only 4 groups but they are thinking about starting an Alateen group.

District 16...Kim M

District 16 has seven groups and five group representatives. They hold a monthly speaker meeting and support an answering service for their District.

District 17...Barb L

District 17 has 16 meetings and a newcomers meeting. Responsibility for leading the newcomer's meeting rotates. They have two Alateen meetings and have now established a fixed day for District meetings. They are working on the next event Spring Fling and planning workshops on topics of interest to members. Their Spanish Groups held fundraiser to fund cell phone for incoming Spanish speaking calls.

State Speakers Meeting (SSM): 2013 SSM Nancy reminded folks about the May 2013 SSM in Klamath Falls and encouraged all to attend. Raffle prizes were awarded to the winners. All proceeds from raffle tickets go to support the SSM.

Next Meeting: The next Assembly will be held July 20-21, 2013 at the Meridian Park Hospital Education Center in Tualatin, OR.

Adjournment: Assembly was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Ask-it-Basket

This is an opportunity for members to submit questions. Most often they will be answered by past delegates.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 1

Must the District Alateen Coordinator be Alateen sponsor? Being an Alateen sponsor is suggested or it would hinder service and growth. Without being certified as an Alateen sponsor a person can not work with Alateens or go to Alateen meetings or functions without the Alateen group taking a group conscience and inviting them to visit their meeting. In the District Alateen Coordinator position description it is a requirement but this is still a draft document.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 2

These questions concern rotation of leadership. (1) Do we honor this at the state level; (2) Is this practiced at the state level; (3) How can we practice this at the state level? We choose from among those willing to serve. Who are the best people we can name should be the question each voting member asks. GRs vote for the Area Delegate with care and dedication; the delegate is elected by 2/3 majority. What needs to change at Area is we need more people willing to stand. A question we must ask ourselves is what can we do to attract people to get into and stay in service? See *Al-Anon Service Manual* pg 190.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 3

Bunny combined some questions. (1) What do you do when one or two people tend to run meeting or counsel someone; (2) Is it ever okay to interrupt someone when they are sharing at a meeting; (3) What can I say to a person after a meeting; (4) How to respond to lengthy shares? (5) What is the chairman's responsibility? There is an increase in new members talking about specific religious tenants and there is cross-talking. When this happens the group unity is disrupted. We were asked not to use crosstalk. Talk to the person one-on-one. I come to meetings to learn how to use the Al-Anon tools in my life. Encourage after meeting conversation. Study the Traditions. Take a group conscience. Some references to consult about these issues are: *Al-Anon Service Manual*, p 22 and p 116. Pamphlets: P-4 *Alcoholism the Family Disease*; P-45; P-53; *Why CAL?* P-35 *Al-Anon Focus. Hope for Today* p 225. Use G-8 Group Inventory and G-13. In the *2011 Conference Summary* in the Chosen Agenda section, When Sharing is not Al-Anon.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 4

How can we approve corrected minutes without seeing the corrections? How can we approve minutes we haven't reviewed on a meeting we haven't attended? The corrections are grammatical in nature, punctuation and such, which is different from substantive corrections. Allowing these without spending meeting time on them is a practice at the World Service Conference and we follow that practice. Minutes are distributed electronically to District Representatives who get them to Group Representatives. If your District doesn't have a DR you may not have received the minutes and whether or not you vote on them is a matter of personal conscience.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 5

Will there be a new book at the Al-Anon International convention? Yes. *Reaching Out for Personal Freedom - Living the Legacies*. This will be a workbook format.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 6

The question of what dual members can do in service often comes up. Would it be possible to develop a pamphlet talking about / sharing the work of the task and work forces on this subject as well as the history of the issue? A publication containing the work of the Task Force will be presented at the World Service Conference in April. At this moment it seems as if there are more questions than answers. You can find some information in the *Al-Anon Service Manual*; especially pages 289, 34-45, 77-79; also refer to the index. Also consult Conference Summary 2010 and B-31, *Many Voices, One Journey*.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 7

How does one learn to hold a Group conscience? A workshop; trial and error; district meeting? Using Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) is one way of finding out, by discussing the issue with full participation. Another technique is to go around the room and make sure everyone has a chance to speak. See *Al-Anon Service Manual* p 49-50 and p 131-133; S-71; P-49. Also see Section VII p 3 and p 9.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 8

Is it a matter of group autonomy, if after closing with Al-Anon's Declaration or a prayer, the members pump hands and say a cheer like "keep coming back" etc? I heard a WSO person speak negatively of this practice which disrupts ending on a spiritual note. Clarification is needed. Does WSO have something to say about this? Are there positive and negative aspects of doing this? Is it an issue of group autonomy? See *Al-Anon Service Manual*, p 22 and B-31 *Many Voices, One Journey*.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 9

The subject of who can represent a group at district meeting came up. The majority of the GRs said they must be a GR or an Alt GR, they cannot send a temporary or acting GR. It seems like a group should decide who represents them. What do you think? It is the group's choice who represents them. In some cases it is better to have the flow of information even if the messenger isn't a GR or alternate.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 10

Is it possible to have the delegate's report, WSO budget, etc, on our Oregon Area Website? Everyone that gives a report gives a written report to our secretary (Rita) and it goes into the minutes. The minutes are posted on the Area website.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 11

We have an increase in new members in our group. They are talking about religion (not in general, but specific terms), engaging in cross talk, answering and asking questions directly. I have no idea if they are gossiping. I tried to redirect someone and spoke up during their sharing in a poor way. Does anyone have suggestions for what to say during a meeting when it's going off track? What can I say to the person who misspoke, after the meeting? The use of crosstalk is

a matter of group autonomy. Perhaps your group can initiate or revise a crosstalk statement. Study the Traditions. Use AI-Anon Spoken Here, P-53 and The AI-Anon Focus, P-45. Use the Three Obstacles to Success. Look in the AI-Anon Service Manual, p 24, 51 and 116.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 12

Could we consider asking attendees of our assemblies to limit their use of fragrance for those of us with allergies? Roland C opened a discussion with this question and commented that WSC is fragrance free zone. After a brief discussion it was decided by substantial unanimity, that members will avoid wearing fragrances / scents to Area meetings, in deference to those with allergies. The Oregon Area Handbook will be updated to indicate that Area meetings are fragrance-free.

Motions:

There were no on-going motions at this Assembly however there was agreement by substantial unanimity that future Area events, Assemblies and AWSCs specifically, will be scent-free.

Attachments Begin on the Next Page

Attachment #1 / Treasurer's Report

(Pages 7 & 8 of these minutes)

	Jan 1, 2013 to Feb 28, 2013	2013 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income			
Group Contributions	\$3,050.66	\$12,200.00	(\$9,149.34)
Assembly Registrations	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
State Speaker Meeting	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Advances	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
Miscellaneous	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Cash Carried Forward	\$12,256.74	\$12,322.00	(\$65.26)
Total Income	\$15,315.40	\$32,022.00	(\$16,706.60)
Expense			
Delegate Fund			
WSO ETF	\$0.00	\$1,968.00	(\$1,968.00)
Extra Day	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Delegate Meeting	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)
Delegate Travel	\$82.92	\$800.00	(\$717.08)
Delegate Miscellaneous	\$113.37	\$250.00	(\$136.63)
Total Delegate Fund	\$196.29	\$4,068.00	(\$3,871.71)
Working Fund Expense			
Archive Rent	\$693.00	\$703.00	(\$10.00)
Area Travel Fund	\$233.32	\$2,500.00	(\$2,266.68)
Communicator	\$334.70	\$1,200.00	(\$865.30)
SSM Advance	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
Assembly/AWSC Rent	\$1,110.00	\$3,300.00	(\$2,190.00)
Insurance	\$0.00	\$760.00	(\$760.00)
Total Working Fund Expense	\$2,371.02	\$9,963.00	(\$7,591.98)
Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodgi			
Officers	\$291.19	\$1,680.00	(\$1,388.81)
Audit/Budget	\$10.64	\$1,080.00	(\$1,069.36)
Coordinators	\$32.64	\$2,430.00	(\$2,397.36)
Past Delegates	\$177.50	\$1,440.00	(\$1,262.50)
Regional Trustee	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Total Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodgi	\$511.97	\$7,130.00	(\$6,618.03)
Officers Expenses			
Alternate Delegate	\$38.99	\$100.00	(\$61.01)
Chairperson	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)
Secretary	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Treasurer	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Total Officers Expenses	\$38.99	\$600.00	(\$561.01)

Assembly Expenses

Assembly Workshops	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Business Services A.C.	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Membership Outreach A.C.	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$350.00)
Group Services A.C.	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Fellowship Communication A.C.	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Public Outreach A.C.	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Audit Budget Extra Day + Exp	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)

Total Assembly Expenses	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(\$5,000.00)
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Coordinators

Alateen	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Archives	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
CPC	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Forum	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Group Records	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Literature	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Public Information	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Web Coordinator	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)

Total Coordinators	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	(\$1,100.00)
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Delegate Meeting

Alternate Delegate	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)
Past Delegates	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)

Total Delegate Meeting	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	(\$1,600.00)
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Other

Ad Hoc/Special Projects	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Alateen Sponsor Workshop	\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$400.00)
Contingency Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Equipment Supplies	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)
Handbook Update	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Transition Fund	\$0.00	\$502.00	(\$502.00)

Total Other	\$0.00	\$2,602.00	(\$2,602.00)
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Total Expense	\$3,118.27	\$32,063.00	(\$28,944.73)
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Cash on Hand as of 02/28/13	\$13,317.13	(\$41.00)	\$13,358.13
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Reserves	\$7,682.80	\$7,387.00	\$295.80
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Cash Available as of 02/28/13	\$5,634.33	(\$7,428.00)	\$13,062.33
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Remember to put all three items on checks:

Group Name
District Number
WSO Group Number

Donations Payable to Oregon Area AFG
Send to: Sue Beacham
551 Trollview Road
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Attachment #2 / Delegate's Report

(Pages 9-12 of these minutes)

Welcome EVERYONE!

What a pleasure to be here with each of you this weekend.

My name is Colleen G., and I am YOUR Area Delegate.

The Theme of the 53rd World service Conference is:

Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We"

I am so pleased to see it being used as the theme for this assembly and for other events throughout the Area. It reminds me so much that this is a together journey. And unless we choose to do so, we need never walk alone in Al-Anon.

A bit of a history lesson, thanks to the assistance of our Archives Coordinator Jodie P.

Oregon's first recorded meeting was in 1947 when Gertrude O, brought together wives of AA's to talk about their problems of living with the Alcoholic. In 1950 Bill and Lois Wilson (Co founders of AA and Al-Anon) visited an Al-Anon group in Medford to get their input on forming a national organization for families affected by alcoholism. In 1957 the first State Officers were elected and Gertrud O was elected as Oregon's first Delegate. (P2). Mayme S was elected the secretary at that time and later became delegate #2. (P5). Phyllis Q became delegate #3 (P8). I am told both Mayme and Phyllis are still with us. Mayme is in a nursing home. Phyllis is still living in her own apartment. She has limited mobility but is still of sound mind. They both live in Eugene and continue to receive the love and care of District 6 members.

Oregon is blessed to have 14 out of 19 (including me) delegates still living and participating in our wonderful program of recovery. Many are still here participating at the Area level.

WE are Oregon Area # 47. I'm told our Area was recognized by WSO as the 47th Area to join. Our first delegate, Gertrude Olsen, represented us in Panel 2 in 1962 at the second World Service Conference. And we are now considered members of Panel 53.

As I have done my research to find out how I got to be a Panel 53 Delegate, I learned that a panel rotates out of the World Service Conference (WSC) every 3 years, and a new Panel joins the Conference. "The elections of the three panels are staggered so that a Conference always includes one panel of Delegates with two years' experience." (Page 125 in our Service Manual.) I like the presence of the two panels with experience.

As I begin as Area Delegate of this new panel, I have "WE" to assist me along the way. Not only at Conference, but here in our Area, where past delegates are encouraged to attend and are members of the (Oregon) Area World Service Committee. -

QUESTION??? Do we celebrate THE Oregon Area's Birthday? It may be time for a party!!

I want to thank all who have responded to the "Delegates Assignment" brainstorming the two Chosen Agenda Items, to be discussed at World Service Conference in April.. I have had email responses, notes handed to me by individual members and many turned in at AWSC, mailed to me and here today at Assembly. I am so excited to have your voices to take with me to conference.

Here is a short challenge today to any of you who haven't had the opportunity to share to take one of these yellow sheets, read the Chosen Agenda items and write your suggestions on the back. Return them to me prior to the end of Assembly on Sunday. Thank you so much.

As we work together the voices of "We" will be heard at the Area World Service Conference and can begin to influence all of Al-Anon. We are already a WE!!!

From WSO in preparation for Conference:

New from Al-Anon: Our first e-book!

- ***Having Had a Spiritual Awakening .. e-book (eB-25) \$9.99***

No longer in print, *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening...* is now available exclusively as an e-book. 190 pages.

Available through your electronic book provider.

I have already had questions as to whom the electronic book provider may be. This was answered for me earlier as Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com as two possibilities.

The Letter from the Chairman of the Board:

- One Responsibility of the World Service Conference is to give traditional approval to nominees for Regional Trustees, Trustees at Large, Board Officers, and Executive Committee for Real Property Management. As Conference members we will also receive resumes during Conference for members of the Executive Committee, Chairperson of the Executive Committees and the Chair of the ECRPM committee.

Do you remember taking 2012 Membership Survey? You can review the preliminary results by going to the WSO membership website. <http://www.al-anon.org/pdf/MembershipSurvey.pdf>. It is presented here as a slide show/power point. The information was compiled by the Marketing Information Analyst. It looks to me like a great tool when working with professionals to educate and inform. The report does state that "attending Al-Anon Family Groups has or is having positive effects for our membership." The final version is completed and posted on the Public Outreach Web site. (I didn't find it there yet!) And other versions with a different focus will be available at the Members' Website....Maybe this is what I am seeing there now. To answer an already asked question....Maybe this will be where a pamphlet version will appear in the future.

Don't Forget The Al-Anon International in Canada, Bette will be reporting on this later in the day.

FINANCE UPDATE – January 2013

Penny R., Treasurer

The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The General Fund recorded a loss of \$358,400 for the year, compared to income of \$203,800 last year. Overall income and expenses were in line with budget projections.

Income:

Literature sales were down with a decrease of 11.0%

\$3,763,600 this year compared to \$4,229,200 last year, a decrease of 11.0%. Gross profit on literature sales was \$2,816,100 (74.8% of sales), compared to \$3,354,100 (79.3% of sales) last year.

Contributions were up 3.9% \$1,346,300 this year, compared to \$1,296,100 last year—an increase of 3.9%.

Forum subscription income was down by 3.3%

\$264,700 this year, compared to \$273,600 last year—a decrease of 3.3%.

Expenses:

Operating expenses were \$4,745,900 this year, compared to \$4,798,800 last year, a decrease of 1.1%). The decrease was primarily due to a reduction in costs of the Canadian Office and the cost of printing the Spanish and French *Service Manuals* in 2011. Overall, expenses are in line with the budgeted amounts.

Reserve Fund:

The fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund totaled \$5,005,800 on December 31, 2012. This amount includes an unrealized gain of \$737,900.

In compliance with a Board of Trustees' motion, 4% of the average balance of the Reserve Fund over the prior 36 months will be transferred to the General Fund.

- I have been asked "How do I as a conference member, think we could help the membership understand the need for increased contributions." Please help me brainstorm this. WE are the membership!

I came across this quote a few days ago that helps me to put this in a better perspective....

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting."

Brian Tracy

2012 Annual Report – Ric Buchanan, Executive Director

This is a 28 page report. I quite frankly thought I could use it for reading material in bed to help put me to sleep...BUT .I was so wrong!!!

- There is so much interesting information. I read about an acronym: SWOT! (BRAINSTORMING) STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, and THREATS. - As an Area, lets focus on our opportunities!
- I WAS REMINDED in reading this report that Al-Anon Literature is copyright protected and only WSO has permission to post these materials on the internet.

- The total number of groups registered in 2012 was 29,418!

For those of us who like to plan ahead....

The 2015 (July 3rd-5th) International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous with AI-Anon Participation will be held in Atlanta Georgia

In 2018 the AI-Anon International Convention (July 6th – 8th) will be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

POLICY UPDATE January 2013

From Paula Burleson, Chairperson, Policy Committee

Since October 2011, a Task Force has been working on additional language to clarify the “**Dual Membership** in AI-Anon/Alateen and A.A.” in the “Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies.” The Policy Committee made several recommendations to clarify the spiritual intent of the policy, focus on the purpose of AI-Anon service, and promote unity, however the revised language is not yet finalized. **SO MORE WILL BE REVEALED!!**

The Policy Committee completed the proposed language for the section on “Anonymity Within AI-Anon/Alateen” on page 91 of the “Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies” and submitted the document to the Board of Trustees for approval. It will be presented to the 2013 WSC for consideration.

I have sent this out from OR AREA website. Please take time to review these proposed changes and send me your comments. Delegates are to send any questions or comments to the Policy Committee by March 27, 2013.

WOW, I'm just about through my first assembly report! I'm feeling more comfortable already.... HOW ABOUT YOU? WE ARE NEARING THE END OF OUR FIRST HALF DAY OF ASSEMBLY? AH a subtle lead into our skit. Assembly Survival Tips.

I want to recognize members of the Assembly by asking them to stand. Please, will anyone involved in the skit please use this opportunity to get into costume and be ready to present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- GR's: Welcome!! Was your orientation informative? Did it help you feel more comfortable here in the meeting?
- DR's: Did Bunny help with any butterfly flutters you may have been having? Helping us to remember the WE in our service positions.
- COORDINATORS: Paula has always been able to give me a sense of comfort with her soft voice and infectious smile. I'm sure that helped you too...
- AUDIT BUDGET: Sue B has a way of bringing calm and organization to the financial matters of the Area. There is comfort in knowing that.
- AIS LIAISONS: Welcome!! We look forward to hearing what is happening in the AI-Anon Information Services.
- PAST DELEGATES: Bring the history of our area and AI-Anon into our meetings along with their wisdom, enthusiasm, and guidance in our Action Committees.
- Any Alternate DRs or GRs, Any visitors or ex anythings? Welcome!!
- AREA OFFICER's: WE ARE New to our positions too?

These are the links of service and demonstrate rotation of leadership in Oregon Area #47, Panel 53, Changing the “ME” TO “WE.” Please give yourselves a hand of applause for your willingness to serve AL-ANON.

AND WHILE OUR SKIT IS BEING UNORGANIZED BEHIND THE SCENES....

A few things to pull this all together:

As I look toward Conference:

Please note that the following Task and Thought Forces are currently working on topics, some of which were created to focus on previous Chosen Agenda Items:

- Task Force: Piece with Criteria to Help Service Arms Identify Service Jobs for Dual Members
- Task Force: Tool Kit on Service and Personal Growth
- Task Force: Workshop on Importance of CAL in Meetings
- Thought Force: Strategies to Strengthen Personal Connections
- Thought Force: Use of Computers at WSC

I have been assigned to the Task Force: Create Games Using the Information in the *Service Manual*. I will be looking for assistance from you creatives out there and in particular...the Service Manual Study Groups!

CONFERENCE MENTOR

My mentor for the conference is from the SE region in Puerto Rico and is a 3rd year delegate. I received my first email from her that began *Hola! WOW another "Me to We!"*

I am experiencing some physical limitations at the moment. I know that will change as I evolve.... I have placed on each table a paper giving instructions on how to reach me at World Service Conference. Copy the information for your use and to share in your meetings. I will appreciate hearing from all of you and sharing your Love Gifts with other Conference members!

COLLEEN GWYNN

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront
5700 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

(PLEASE HOLD FOR WSC APRIL 14 – 18, 2013)

Use MY home address as the return address on your mailings. This way it will be forwarded back to me if it is missed for any reason.

I already cherish the possibilities and experiences that will come from you as you express your hopes and concerns for Al-Anon, your desires to support and sustain what is good for the Oregon Area and **at** World Service Conference, Al-Anon as a Whole. Just this much awareness changes the "Me" to "We." I believe in inviting, being inclusive, and that the position of Delegate belongs to all of us.

ARE OUR SKIT PERFORMERS IN PLACE? IF SO WE WOULD LIKE TO DEMONSTRATE TO YOU THE ASSEMBLY SURVIVAL TIPS. WE HOPE WE CAN KEEP YOU LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO LUNCH AND BEYOND!

Thank you for your vote of confidence. I look forward to serving you and the Oregon Area.

With Love to you in Al-Anon
In Service

And Especially in
Friendship

Colleen G
Oregon Area Delegate (panel 53)

Attachment #3 / Action Committee Minutes

(Pages 12 - 15 of these minutes)

Business Services Action Committee Oregon Area Assembly March 17, 2013

Chair person – Kay from District 10

Note taker – Kathy from District 6

Attending:

District 4 – Dawn and Linda

District 5 – Camille and Peg

District 6 – Kathy and Joyce

District 7 – Sue

District 9 - Billie

District 10 – Kay and Deborah

District 17 – Bill, Barbara and Judy

Introductions, passed out “dots” and sign in sheet. Review minutes from November assembly meeting and AWSC meeting (?) Reviewed accomplishments and next goals.

Action Items:

1. Create a bookmark to help explain where suggested donations go: how member’s donations help to keep AI - Anon fully self supporting and how far your donation can and cannot go.
 - a. See service manual page 92 for information.
 - b. GR’s asked to bring back or e - mail ideas.
 - c. Suggestion to put bookmark in 7th tradition basket.
2. Educate the assembly on Financial Responsibility of the groups and members.
 - a. Suggestion: skit (will talk more about this later)
3. To help facilitate the update of section VI of the Oregon Area Handbook. This section focuses on Oregon Area Events and some of the information in this section is not up to date. Also take a close look at the part regarding State Speakers Meeting (SSM). Do we need to examine the entire SSM process, the history behind SSM is it a fun event or a fundraiser?

A lot of discussion about finding AI - Anon friendly banks. “Collect and distribute information to groups about how to get an EIN number and open a bank account, including a list of AFG friendly banks.” Everybody asked to share what banks they have worked with that make opening a “group” checking account painless. Create an instruction guide for new groups regarding opening bank accounts including how to set up the account, samples of letters, etc. to make this process easy for new groups or groups changing banks. Instructions on how to get EIN numbers was passed out.

It was stressed that we are “NOT FOR PROFIT”, never use the words non - profit when trying to open the account.

Members homework:

Review OAH Section 6 and send suggested changes to the group.

Ask groups for ideas and send feedback regarding ways to share information with groups and individuals that in order to be fully self supporting we need to bring the amount of individual group contributions up.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy (district 6)

Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Action Committee Oregon Area Assembly March 17, 2013

Pending. No report received.

Fellowship Communications Action Committee Oregon Area Assembly March 17, 2013

Chair: Dave B. (District 12)

Past Delegate: Bunny G.

Literature Coordinator: Carol M.

Forum Coordinator: Paula J.

District Rep: Linda C. (District 13)

Transcriber: Paula J.

Fellowship Communications Purpose: To promote AI-Anon literature in the fellowship

Dave presented and discussed the last panel’s Fellowship Communications project – a booklet called “My Favorite CAL.”

He requested ideas on possible projects for this panel. We discussed several ideas.

- Writing workshops. (A Forum Writing Workshop for the entire Assembly is on the agenda for tomorrow.)
- Giveaways in the form of literature to members.
 - o One example for a possible giveaway by a member is P-24, which is the adjunct to the Service Manual, which costs only \$1.00. It contains almost all the readings that are used in meetings, including the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. It can be read in meetings instead of reading from the typed sheets traditionally used in meetings. (A copy of P-24 can also be given out to everyone in a meeting by a member who, for instance, is celebrating their AI-Anon birthday).
 - o Another idea for a giveaway is to buy a pamphlet that a member has found very useful in his or her life and leaving a copy in all the chairs in the meeting for every member there. Also can be used for Forums.
 - o Forum Cans. Meetings might collect spare change (or perhaps 25 cents) in a container from members each week (or other intervals of time). People who would like a Forum subscription put their name on a piece of paper and add it to the can. When the can contains \$11, a name is picked out of the can, and a subscription request is mailed to WSO by the meeting for the person who wins.
 - o At an AI-Anon event, donate a piece of literature or some pamphlets and sell raffle tickets for them.
 - o At AI-Anon events, donate a piece of literature for a door prize, to be given to whoever has the least amount of time in the program. Or, at Assembly, give to the person with the least amount of service time.
 - o Give away a piece of Alateen literature instead of Alanson literature at AI-anon events, either as a door prize or raffle prize.
 - o Use Alateen literature in meetings.
 - o Give away the \$5.00 paperback of *How AI-Anon Works* to new members in meetings.
 - o Leave a *Forum* subscription form on every chair in the meeting and chair that meeting on the *Forum*. (Use a copy of the *Forum* to chair the meeting.) Advise meeting members that the *Forum* is a \$1.00 investment in your serenity.
 - o Put *Forum* copies in the Newcomers Packet after discussing this and getting an OK from the group.
 - o Start a book study meeting and pick a piece of literature to use. Everyone would buy or bring their own copy. For instance, *How AI-Anon Works* is an excellent book to start with.
 - o Always use AI-Anon literature in every meeting.

**Group Services Action Committee
Oregon Area Assembly March 17, 2013**

Pending. No report received.

**Membership Outreach Action Committee
Oregon Area Assembly March 17, 2013**

Pending. No report received.

**Public Outreach Action Committee
Oregon Area Assembly March 17, 2013**

Chair: Mary H

Districts have Public outreach co-coordinators or committees

How do we do it? What is it?

Public outreach committee: Encourage, educate members to communicate the voice of al anon to the professionals and the general public.

Survey Monkey to Public Outreach GSRs to get ideas how money should be spent. It is the largest area budget in the area nearly \$4000.

Survey Monkey is a free online tool available for people to take surveys easily.

How has money been spent in past: PSA run at movie theatres, documents that help get the message out.

Pg 107ff in service manual addresses this:

Attraction vs. promotion (education vs promotion) free PSA's through tv & radio available through the WSO.

Promotion: pressure, making promises, making comparisons to professional or other groups, making exaggerations.

How to do it service Guide for Professional Outreach.

We need to know by July how we want to spend the budgeted moneys.

Open AA meetings – al anons present in order for Alcoholics to refer people to it.

How does the State spend vs how the districts spend. Can districts go to the state and ask for money for specific projects? How can we best spend the money for Oregon.

Ask DR's to take a question to their next district meeting: How would you like to focus our public outreach energies this year?

K- Falls going into treatment centers

How do we get members to carry the message?

Members take brochures to doctors when they go.

Get proposals from districts to the committee so that budget can be determined.

Need an education component to help members feel like they can talk to others about AI Anon.

Two things to think about: Some members try to carry the message of al anon wherever they are. This committee has the opportunity to do something a little bit larger. PSA's are helpful.

We are not evangelizing we are trying to let people know AI Anon exists. Lots of people have no idea who we are. We are an anonymous program we are not a secret society.

Need to worry about levels of anonymity. Especially in a small town where people know everyone.

How do we do outreach to people that are affected by people in families with NA's

Are there any areas of the state that have no AI Anon at all.

Talk about April

April is alcohol awareness month.

We need to acknowledge this.

Two professional letters written one to bar association presidents so the legal community is aware of our existence...

second letter to individual attorneys that we are asking the bar to distribute.

Other professionals to reach out to: Doctors, Police, other professionals

Why on national radio shows do we hear radio PSA's but not on local radio shows? Because WSO sends out PSA's and radio stations put them on when they choose.

What areas of the State have no AI Anon now?

Online in the AI Anon E-store... for PSA... available in Spanish too.

Ideas to pursue for the whole State of Oregon:

Festival booths, Public transportation advertising (PSA), "Sneak Preview" (free newspaper to each household.), letters to professionals, copies of templates sent out, Presentations to police forces, treatment centers, internet advertising, social media, list of resources and how to access them and use them, professional mailing every three months, furnish 7 different offices to get the Forum to them, Latino/Hispanic meetings need general flyer in Spanish where information can be placed (Spanish language newcomer packets), Waiting room blitz...

Attachment #4 / District Representative Reports

(Pages 16 - 20 of these minutes)

District 1 Report March 17, 2013

Several of us are taking the train to Vancouver for the International Convention in July. We're really looking forward to this experience. A few others are making their own way and we'll meet them there.

We've scheduled a Forum Workshop with Paula for May 4 this year. The last time we had one, years ago, several of us were published. It was pretty exciting. I'll be putting on a Literature Workshop September 7. As the representative from the North Coast Literature Center, I feel like I have much information to pass on to other members.

Our last big event scheduled for this year is Colleen, coming to our District meeting in October to give her Delegate's report.

As I've said previously, we may not have much participation outside the District but we're very busy inside our boundaries. More and more AI-Anon members are becoming active in service. It's great to see this happening.

Thanks for letting me give back in service to AI-Anon.

Kathi R

**District 2 not represented
District 3 not represented**

District 4 Report March 17, 2013

Step 1 – We admitted we were powerless over alcohol and that our lives had become unmanageable. District 4 (Marion and Polk Counties, Salem to Dallas, Oregon) recently had to admit our powerlessness over our Alateen meeting in Salem – the only one we have in the district. A combination of a lack of teens and sponsors led to a situation that was not good for anyone, and we made the tough decision to temporarily suspend it. There has been much discussion about whether to reschedule or relocate the meeting. We will continue to pray and wait for direction, as we want to make sure we are doing the right thing for the teens before we proceed.

Step 2 – Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. We recently discovered a power we didn't even know existed in our district (or at least I didn't). I really was not aware of the strength of our Hispanic recovery community. There is a strong tie between the groups in both AI-Anon and AA in Salem, Woodburn, and Portland. They have been holding outreach and fellowship events for the past couple of years. When I became DR, I made it a goal for the district to reach out, work with and encourage our Hispanic groups. We established a new district position – Hispanic Liaison – which we asked the Hispanic groups to name. They are quickly becoming more active at the district and area level, and we plan to support them as much as we can, and hope to learn how we can open our district to other communities.

Step 3 – Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him. We do this together as a district, and I know I personally turn things over before every email I write and every meeting I chair. We can't do this alone. I have seen this power working in the short time I have been in this position, and It is doing things I couldn't even imagine, or certainly do by myself!

Step 4 – Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. This step always seems to trip me up. I guess that is because I only think of it as pointing out my defects of character. Here is what I am learning – leadership, tact, guidance, creativity, trust, willingness, faith, detachment, assertiveness, asking for help, compromising, fun, self-worth. I share this not to brag or boast, but as part of my recovery journey. I am always quick to put myself down, and slow to pick myself up. Thank you all for helping me discover these wonderful things. I am looking forward to continuing this journey with you. Keep coming back! It works! If you work it! And you're worth it! So work it!

Dawn K.

District 5 Report March 17, 2013

Central Oregon Al-Anon is a special combination of vigorous, compassionate, loving and highly giving recovery-minded folks! We are comprised of 17 total meetings from John Day to Burns to Sisters, Prineville, Redmond and Bend. Recently a "beginners" meeting was started in Band and is working out so great we are discussing starting another one.

Let me just say that as the new DR, I am so proud of and excited to be a part of our new Panel for the district. We have had only two District meetings so far and they have been fun, informative, open and loving. I just want the GRs attending here today to be acknowledged and remind them that YOU make the difference for our districts.! YOU and your commitment to service, new and long-term members and funding for our area will be the foundation for our future endeavors - for the next three years and beyond. THANK YOU TEAM!

A special note about our district - Central Oregon - we hold one (LARGE) fundraiser in February each year to raise funds for our district needs. With AA participation, last month, in Redmond, we again held our annual spaghetti feed. We hosted two special speakers (one Al-Anon and on Alateen) and FILLED the church dining hall with over 180 participates. Between donation and selling deserts, dinner and raffle tickets we brought in over \$2000. after expenses!!

It's been years since anyone could remember when District 5 had these numbers!! In addition, each Al-Anon meeting / group donated a special "theme" basket. These alone brought in \$557. of our total! THANK YOU District FIVE GRs and Al-Anon members...I'm so proud of you!

Sherri Carol W.

District 6 Report March 17, 2013

We had a passing the torch event where past gr's and past districts & AIS coordinators gave some training to the new positions. Afterwards we held a treasurer workshop. This event was very well attended, and was a lot of fun. Of course we had a potluck, with AIS & District providing some of the food.

In February we held the AWSC. This went very well except for 1 set of bathrooms not having lights. But everyone knew where to go. I received lots of compliments on the church. We are getting started on planning the 2014 State Speakers meeting. The theme will be "Ready, Set, Action". We will be including a talent show. It will be held April 25, 26 & 27th. Please submit acts for possible inclusion in the talent show.

We have recently processed two new Alateen sponsors and will be trying to start an Alateen meeting in one of the schools.

15 GR's - 2 just started last Sunday. 9 attended this Assembly. We have 31 meetings which includes 1 very strong Alateen meeting and 1 Spanish speaking meeting. We have 1 new meeting which studies the "How Al-Anon Anon Works" book.

In December we had our annual Holiday Action which includes a potluck finger food breakfast. I don't have the exact numbers but we did make over \$2000.

We are studying 1 concept / month at the district meeting.

It is one of my goals to get more groups to get a GR, I would like to compile sharings of past GR's about how being a GR had helped them. After I compile this I can make it available to others that would also like to use it to encourage others.

Donelda H

(Reports continue on following page)

District 7 Report March 17, 2013

District 7 – Marvalee DR

District 7, Jackson and Josephine counties, is ALIVE with Al-Anon energy.

We have 23 Al-Anon Groups with 11 Group Reps. We have 2 Alateen groups.

Most of our positions changed leadership this year. Public Outreach is bubbling with new energy. Tama our new coordinator starts on the great foundation laid by Roberta and continues to mail to 370 professionals, three times a year. Each mailing contains a letter, current meeting list and a piece of Al-Anon literature. Public Outreach attends Health Fairs and sends speakers to treatment centers. Tama is looking for new ways to reach out to professionals. AA had new Liaisons to carry the message to AA.

Alateen has a new District Liaison who is an Alateen sponsor and attends District Meetings, keeps other sponsors informed and she coordinates Alateen Public Outreach. Kathy is currently looking into getting Alateen into a Grants Pass High School. New Energy and excitement is blooming.

Southern Oregon Literature Depot S.O.L.D. has changed hands. We thank Michelle and Gunther for many years of dedicated and innovated service and welcome Bunny and Glen to this position. They are also blooming with new ideas: If your district does not have a Literature Distribution Center (L.D.C.) and you are having a function and would like a L.D.C. to sell literature give them a call, they are interested in coming. Also if you live remotely and have trouble getting to the nearest Literature Depot, they will mail your order, or bring your order to the next assembly or AWSC.

Our District website is under construction at this time, it's coming soon...We have a Chili Feed with Al-Anon and AA speakers each spring, if you are in Medford on April 13-come and join us, we have a lot of fun and the profits go to next years State Speakers Meeting. We look forward to hosting the November Oregon Area in Grants Pass – see you there! I am so grateful to be the DR for this amazing district and to be a part of panel 53.

Marvalee Minifie

District 8 DR elected by caucus at Assembly. No report at this Assembly.

District 9 Report March 17, 2013

We are having good attendance at our district meetings which are held at the Alano Club on NW 24th Avenue on the 2nd Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. 12 GR's were in attendance at our last meeting & we had 10 attending the Assembly yesterday, 4 who were new GR's. We are spending most of our district meetings at this time planning for the July Assembly which will be held at the Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center in the Education Center. It has been a long time since our district hosted an Assembly & it is a learning experience for us. During regular times, we takes turns presenting one of the Concepts at the end of our meeting which has been interesting & informative. I hope to visit the group meetings in the future & there are some who don't have GR's so attend the district meetings. With help from others in the group, I hope to get in touch with them. We did visit the groups on the list to give them information about electing a GR.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran A

District 10 Report March 17, 2013

District 10 just had its annual fundraiser. The evening was filled with fellowship, a cake walk, speakers and of course lots of food. We tried a new location and it worked out beautifully. I was so proud of how the GRs all pitched in to help. The evening went smoothly thanks to them. The turnout for the evening was awesome and everyone had a great time. The money raised (\$850) will be split between the State Speakers Meeting and the Portland A.I.S. office.

Starting within the next two weeks I will be visiting meetings that don't have GRs to ask them to participate in the district. I hope to reach all of the meetings without representation.

District 10 is getting ready to host the June AWSC. We will have a location very soon.

Your's in service,
Joanne C.
District 10 District Representative

District 11 Report March 17, 2013

Pending. No report received.

District 12 Report March 17, 2013

District 12 in NE Portland out to the Dalles.

I am very grateful to benefit from the participation generated by the last DR and alternate DR. In the past year, District 12 has seen increased participation from the district and more GR's showing up. Along with the new panel in 2013, we have a new DR and new Alt-DR. We also have more members stepping up to fill positions.

Last July, the district hosted the AWSC meeting. In September of 2012, we put on a creativity workshop.

In February of this year, we held a sponsorship workshop which was well attended and raised funds for the district and also for Alateen.

Recently, we created a budget and are working on plans for public outreach. We are planning to host more workshops moving forward and hope to increase participation from our groups further.

With an attitude of gratitude,

Dave B.

District 13 Report March 17, 2013

Pending. No report received.

District 14 Report March 17, 2013

District 14 has four groups, all in Klamath Falls. All are doing well and all have GRs.

In December the District hosted the AA Breakfast. All the funds earned went to support the District's share of the 800 phone line.

In February they held a talent show, their yearly fundraiser and cleared \$850. for District funds. The desert auction always goes well.

On April 6th they will hold their annual Chili Feed put on by all four groups. They share the profits and use them to purchase literature.

District 14 is hosting the 2013 State Speakers Meeting (SSM).

The District is considering holding a garage sale this summer to help with District funds.

They are excited that one of their new GRs is very excited about Public Outreach. This will be their first representative to the Action Committee.

In November one of their members started an Al-Anon meeting at the local treatment center. They meet ½ hour with the women and ½ hour with the men. It's going well.

Nancy P.

District 15 not represented

District 16 Report March 17, 2013

Things are going well in our district, which encompasses all of Linn and Benton Counties. We currently have 7 groups registered with World Service, and 4 Group Representatives willing to represent these groups at Assembly. Our groups are well attended: some are small, with only 3 to 6 people, but others have more than a dozen regular members. The largest group in our district has between 12 and 25 people showing up on any given Saturday morning. There is an ad in our local Sunday paper that runs each week inviting newcomers to our Sunday Serenity meeting. This meeting features a speaker once a month, who is a more experienced Al-anon member who volunteers to share his/her story about how they've benefitted from the program. We have a phone answering service for our district, and this number is listed on all of our district schedules. We check the message center several times every week to answer questions callers might have and help people find local meetings.

The group literature people in District 16 frequent the A.I.S. bookstore in Eugene to keep their literature tables stocked. We had four service positions filled with new people this January: the District Rep, the District Treasurer, the District Secretary and one new Group Representative. The other groups have retained their previous G.R.'s who are still serving their 3 year terms. We have 7 people registered to attend the International in Vancouver, B.C. in July, and a car full of members who are planning to attend the State Speakers meeting in Klamath Falls in May. Someone in our District donated a dulcimer to the raffle fundraiser this weekend, so be sure to get you raffle tickets while you can!

Your trusted Servant,

Kim Murphy, District 16 DR

District 17 Report March 17, 2013

District 17 encompasses the greater part of Clackamas County—all of the county East of the Willamette River and the cities of Willamette and West Linn. In that area, we have 16 meetings, two of which are Spanish speaking. We also have a newcomer's meeting that is right before a regular meeting on Monday nights. Our groups sign up to rotate responsibility to facilitate this meeting. It is a very well attended meeting. And we also have two well-attended Alateen meetings. The big news for the District is that we have a fixed day now for our District Meetings---they are on the first Thursday of the month at a local church and we are fortunate to have an hour and a half. It is nice to have the stability of the date and time. We have nine Group Reps at this time. We have an AA Liaison who attends the local AA District Meeting and brings us news of them. They are eager for our Al-Anon meetings lists. Our District also has a Public Outreach Committee.

We have been totally concentrating on hosting this assembly and our upcoming annual AIS fundraiser. All of our GR's have stepped up to the plate and jumped in to have this assembly be a successful event. Our next event will be our Spring Fling, which we are calling a Festival of Fun. It will be on April 20th and we will have the flyer on the Oregon Area website. We are also in the planning stages of having regular workshops on topics the groups want. We have asked our GR's to see what the groups might be interested in for a workshop. We want to do them on a regular basis. One of the Spanish speaking groups recently had a Pancake Breakfast fund raiser. It was wonderful. They were raising funds to finance a cell phone listing for Spanish speaking members or future members. The phone number is listed at the AIS office and is on our meeting lists. They pass the cell phone between members and take turns at fielding the calls. We have members who love service so much, they come to help out when they don't have to. We have people come to the District Meeting ...just because. Our District sponsors a Manual Study the first Saturday of every month...sometimes it seems like standing room only.

As I took on the position of District Rep, I began to have a real belief that I COULD do it. I now know that I AM DOING it. District 17 is doing just wonderful. We have hit Panel 53 running!!!

Barbara L
District 17, DR

**End of District Reports
End of Minutes**