

**DRAFT - Oregon Area Assembly Minutes  
July 17 & 18, 2010**

Gresham Oregon  
Host Districts 11 & 12

The Assembly was called to order by Chairperson, Rita, B, at 8:30 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Steps were read by Cindy E. and the Traditions were read by Ted B.

**Announcements:** Rita B., Chairperson  
Read the 'Microphone and Voting Statement'.

**Roll Call - New GR Introductions and Welcome:** Mary W, secretary

- Excused: Website Coordinator, Misty 3;
- The District Representatives introduced their GRs, and welcomed visitors from their districts.

**Secretary's Report:** Mary W

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 21-22 2009 Assembly.
- Motion carried

**Housekeeping:** District 11 & 12 – Trish

**Treasurers Report:** Bunny G

Checkbook balance is \$15,549.61 as of 6/30/2010 (see Appendix 1 for Treasurer's report)

**Delegates Report:** Bette R.

Reported on the 2010 World Service Conference

**New GR Orientation:** Cindy E.

**Action committees:** Judy J.

**Audit Budget: Sue B,** Chairperson of Audit Budget

Books are all in order. Financial report has been approved.

**Flyer Guideline issues:** Barb B.

Call to reexamine flyer guidelines. Original task force (John, Barb L...) will be reassembled to address problems that have been raised. (see attachment 7)

**World Service Office guidelines workshop:** Judy J.

An index of all available WSO guidelines was handed out. Participants were given a WSO guideline to read and discuss.(see attachment 5)

Nomination(s) for NW Regional Trustee

No nominations were submitted

Gas mileage / appoint Task Force to review 80 mile deduction

Business services has appointed a Task Force

**2010 November Assembly report :** Sue B., District 7,

Assembly will be at the Red Lion Inn in Medford, Josephine County Nov 19-21, 2010

On Friday, Nov 19 there will be 3 separate sharing meetings at 7:30 pm

**2010 final report on SSM:** Kim S. (see attachment 20)

**2011 March Assembly report:** Bonnie A.

**2011 May SSM Report :** Michelle, District 7

Medford, Or, May 20, 21 & 22, 2011

Speakers: Ellen C. from Texas

Carol T. from N California

**2011 T.E.A.M. event** : Colleen G.

Reported on Utah/Arizona 2010 T.E.A.M. event (see attachment 12)

Oregon/Washington Al-Anon Areas will host T.E.A.M. event June 17-19, 2011 at Seabeck in Hood Canal

**2012 May SSM bid:**

District 1 Seaside will host 2012 SSM

**Literature Coordinator Report:** Glen G. (for full report see attachment 2)

Glenn is stepping down from Literature Coordinator position. It was decided that we would ask for someone to stand in for his position at the November assembly. Guidelines for this position is in Section VI of the Oregon Area Handbook

**Group Records Report:** Helen M (see attachment 3)

**Public Outreach Report:** Joanne C and Melinda (see attachment 17)

Al-Anon advertisement will be in Regal Cinemas in Clackamas Town Theatre from Nov to Feb 1, 2011

**Alateen Coordinator Report:** Loretta (see attachment 6)

**Forum Coordinator Report:** Carolyn (see attachment 8)

**ALS Liaison Report for Eugene:** Don (see attachment 9)

**ALS Liaison Report for Portland:** Ted (see attachment 16)

Meeting Closed at 5 pm

**Sunday July 18, 2010**

The Assembly was called to order by Chairperson, Rita B at 8:35 am.

Trish read the Concepts and Warranties

**Housekeeping Host Districts 11 & 12:** Trish

**Communicator Coordinator:** Lisa (see attachment 13)

**Archives Coordinator:** Jodie P. (see attachment 14)

**Delegate Workshop:** Bette

Conflict resolution presentation was given.

**July 2011 Assembly bid**

District 17 will host July 2011 assembly

**Alateen Sponsor Certification Workshop:** Cindy E.

Alateen committee, thought force to review questions and requirements for certification, to review applications and issues was formed. Loretta, Billie L, Billie N, Wendy and Trish volunteered for committee. (see attachment 10)

**Action committee reports**

- **Group Services Action Committee:** Jim (see attachment 11)
- **Public Outreach Action Committee:** Joanne (see attachment 18)
- **Business Services Committee:** Sue (see attachment 15)
- **Fellowship Committee** – Carolyn
- **Membership Committee** – Chris (see attachment 19)

12 pm

Close with Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W.  
Oregon Area Secretary

**Ask it Basket #1 – Roland C., Panel 47, Past Delegate**

Q. Why does the Communicator have the incorrect SSM 2011 information? What is the correct information?

A. We are members of AI-Anon striving to do the best we can with the care of our Higher Power and we will make mistakes.

Please pay attention to the report today by Michelle and make sure to take the corrected information back to your group – corrections will be made in the next Communicator.

Q. What is the difference between a committee, a task force and a thought force?

A. Tradition 9, we ought never be organized,... concept 11 selected committees at WSO 35-39 presentation of history on committees when Lois said the general need for larger committees we are in dangerous position because of one person committees. We have set up

WSO p3 thought forces – is a temporary unit of people established to research ideas and possibilities on a single defined task. They are thinkers not doers

A task force is a temporary unit of people established to come up with ways to implement these ideas from the thought force or not to do anything at all research ideas and possibilities on a single defined task. And comes up with ways to implement these ideas or not to do anything at all.

**Ask it Basket #2 – Eileen B., Panel 26, Past Delegate**

Q. The practice of the group repeating “Principles above personalities” at end of tradition 12. Is that WSO approved? Sent down from the Area? Is it a group conscience decision? Can you give a history of the practice?

A. Yes it is a group conscience. History - Groups ended with serenity prayer, then principles above personalities and then with group conscious – group should be conscious when it makes a group conscience.

**Ask it Basket #3 – Bea J, Panel 32, Past Delegate**

Q. How does the area give permission for a line item to go over the budget if necessary? Who says yes or no – anyone? We are discussing this at a District level.

A. Oregon area handbook, section 4 p8 It states “After the budget has been adopted, expense lines items cannot be added except in a case of emergency; this would be done by a two-thirds passing vote at an area assembly. However, the Budget Committee may shift amounts between line items during the year: these shifts are budget transfer.

**Ask it Basket #4 - Judy J., Panel 41 past delegate**

Q. What is the history of using the Lord's Prayer to end meetings?

A. p24 Lois says that you can “close with a spiritual moment”. It's up to a Group Conscience how to end meeting. Have to think about newcomers.

**Ask it Basket #5 - Roland C.. Panel 47 past delegate**

Q. Is it appropriate for a member of AI-Anon to correct a member in a meeting or should they wait until after the meeting and respectfully make the person aware of how to follow AI-Anon principles – examples – referring to outside literature; “cross-talking”, referring to religion etc

A. I would like to say that the opinion expressed here are strictly those of the person who gave them!

- Tradition 4 - Is this something that can affect AI-Anon or AA as a whole? Does the entire group need to hear the message?
- Have you reasoned this out with your sponsor or service sponsor?
- Is this done in a loving and spiritual manner?
- Am I trying to force solutions
- Lead a meeting
- Page 38
- I do not interrupt. I treat others as I wish to be treated p 36 2007 W.S.C. summary

**Ask it Basket #6 - Bea J., Panel #32 past delegate**

Q. Is it true that reference can be made to outside literature as long as it is not read at AI-Anon meeting? Please clarify.

A. service Manual p 94. P35 pamphlet.

## **Attachment 1**

Treasurer report July 17, 2010

I would like to take this moment to say thank you to all the groups who came through on the appeal letter. Contributions for the last three months were \$4,458.84 compared to the \$2,610.23 the first three months. Oregon groups came through. Thank you. Thank you.

Total income year to date \$14,781.62 does not include cash carried forward. Total expense year to date is \$10,960.17. Cash balance in checking account is \$15,549.61. This does not include the Communicator checking account balance of \$500. Please note that even though this balance looks great now, we still have 6 months to go in this year and a lot of expenses still to pay. Please take note of over/under column. I or any audit budget person would be happy to answer any questions.

I have continued to send out letters requesting the three items (WHAT ARE THEY?) on all donation checks. Year to date I have mailed out 90 letters. I appeal to the District Representatives to please keep talking to your group's treasurers [who are always changing] and explaining why they are so important.

AREA TRAVEL FORM has changed. Upon reviewing the area handbook receipts are to be attached for all expenses to the appropriate forms. Please estimate your Sunday Meals. Please again if you have questions, find one of the audit budget persons or me.

Thank you for letting me handle your money....

Bunny, Treasurer

## **Attachment 2**

Hi my name is Glen. I am your literature coordinator.

Wednesday I received an e-mail from WSO on sponsorship workshop tool kit. I have put a copy in each DR mail box. Sponsorship workshop kit is a how to do a Sponsorship workshop. It includes list of material needed, tent cards, facilitators guide etc. This was put together and used in Nevada including the flier they made.

I also have a CAL worm pattern and skit to go along with it. Anyone wanting to have a copy of sponsorship workshop kit or CAL worm can e-mail me. My address is on the AWSC roster, and I can e-mail them a copy.

In the July edition of the Forum page 14 (inside AI-Anon Family Groups) is an article on CAL conference approved literature. Giving some history and background of CAL at the last conference (the 50th world service conference) unanimously voted to clarify the section (pgs 91-97) on the use of conference approved literature, which is in the digest of policies in the service manual. Which helps us to be sure that AI-Anon will be AI-Anon today and all the tomorrows to come.

On a personal note, when I stood for this position I believed this would be a good opportunity for me to pick up the literature and read. I thought I would be able to encourage and promote the Literature. At this time in my life I do not feel or believe I would be a good Literature Coordinator. Area highlights has an article that is titled "Service Positions are more than just a title" and I believe Oregon should have someone who really is enthusiastic about this job. I have talked with Rita and have told her I will stand down after a replacement has been elected.

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to have continued being of service the last 6 months.

Love in service,

Glen

## **Attachment 3**

Group Records Report to Assembly

July Assembly 2010

Since we have a new state of District and Group Representatives and you have had time to get settled in your positions, I have a few reminders or information that will help us get changes made more quickly and efficiently.

REMEMBER THE LINKS OF SERVICE – Group Representatives, send your changes to District Representative. District Representatives send changes to me. I, in turn, inform Webmaster, Portland AIS, and confirm to District Representative. New groups have two choices – either send new group information to me and I will electronically input to WSO, or send directly to WSO. When WSO has registered your group, I will be informed and will send through channels noted.

I have received a number of new GR changes. However, in some cases, new GR changes also mean new CMA (current mailing address changes), but unless it is so indicated only GR information is changed. Groups with post office boxes don't have this problem. If you do not use group records change form, please indicate whether new GR information is also new CMA information.

I have learned on E-Community that I can now view WSO group records in the WSO database on a current basis. At first it will be a "read only" version, but I can check on:

When a new group has been registered or a change processed, compare my records with WSO records at anytime, view information that was not available on the printout (GR information, special instructions, etc.) run group detail and printouts per districts on demand.

This will NOT REPLACE the printout at this time; however, in the next phase, Area Group Records Coordinators will be able to submit changes directly into the WSO database. I AM SO EXCITED! WSO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR SOME TIME!!!!

LOS – links of service. If something is not up on the web, let Helen know. Sometimes DR sends Helen, their addresses. They need to send them to the secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M., Area Group Records Coordinator

## Attachment 5

Notes on WSO guidelines breakout session July 17, 2010 with Judy J.

There are over 30 guidelines for various activities – Judy handed out a list of guideline titles currently in use, and then a variety of guidelines.

The work in the workshop was to read a guideline in its entirety and then to take the mike and say something new you learned.

Judy showed how the date of last revision can be found in the lower right corner of the final page of the guideline.

Some of the new things learned that people shared:

G-24 Area Alateen coordinators - service opportunities in Alateen for Al-Anon members, who are not Alateen sponsors.

G-29 Outreach to Professional community – employee assistance programs and EAP professionals as outreach opportunities.

G-19 Starting an Alateen Group – experience has shown that Alateen groups that meet at same time and place as Al-Anon and AA groups are more successful.

G-1 Members Interested in Speaking – inspirational paragraph: you are interesting! If you help 1 person, you are successful. Also G-1: a suggestion not in guidelines: use a timeline to organize notes for speaking and gain perspective on your life and recovery. Suggested to send this one onto WSO!

G-19 Starting an Alateen group – dual members are eligible to be Alateen sponsors if they meet other requirements.

G-27 The Open Al-Anon meeting – an opportunity to publicly thank facilities that host meetings – for instance in a hospital.

G-2 Beginners Meeting – serenity prayer is in 3 parts: acceptance, change and wisdom.

Tell a little of Al-Anon origins

Specific CAL suggestions given for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> beginner's meetings

G-14 Services in Correctional Facilities – A 5<sup>th</sup> step between an inmate and an Al-Anon member is not privileged communication, as it would be with a chaplain

Issues exist concerning passing money around for 7<sup>th</sup> tradition

G-22 A Meeting on Wheels – taking a meeting to professionals, newcomers, etc. – a "fishbowl meeting"

3 meetings in 1

1. meeting on the way to the meeting
2. The meeting itself
3. The meeting on the way back

G-8 Taking a Group Inventory – a method where chairperson provides notepads and a basket and poses a question for anonymous feedback.

The possibility of volunteering to sponsor a newcomer.

G-7 Al-Anon/Alateen participation in AA Area Convention – Helpful hints to what committees to work with and how to handle money.

G-9 Outreach to Institutions – Two kinds of meetings possible in an institution.

1. Usual Al-Anon meeting open to all members
2. Institutional meetings with a different format (see S-22) and no GR.

G-38 Area Public Outreach Coordinator

Guidelines state WSO Public Outreach sends mailings 3 times a year, but now with e-community it's more like once a month.

G-40 Al-Anon Websites – There is no conference-approved web text. Examples at WSO member site. No approval for using CAL online.

G-39 Electronic Al-Anon meeting guidelines – Can use steps, traditions and concepts, opening and closing. CAL permission is given conditionally and can be revoked.

G-36 Group Records Coordinator – Primary contact between area and WSO regarding group records. GR – DR – group records coordinator. This is streamlined from procedure outlined in service manual.

G-18 Literature Distribution Centers – Orders must be placed annually to maintain status. Only stocks CAL and AL-Anon tools.

G34 – Alateen Safety Guidelines – Keep on hand a list of community resources regarding abuse, suicide prevention, etc.

G16 - Alateen conferences – What is the distinction between this and Al-Anon/Alateen conventions in G-20?

- Need to be connected to area
- Various boards and committees necessary

G3 – Co-operation between Al-Anon and AA – when both AL-Anon and AA speakers at Al-Anon events, keep focus on Al-Anon by scheduling Al-Anon speaker last.

Some guidelines have been pulled over time.

The end.

## **Attachment 6**

Alateen Coordinator Report

November Assembly- I am planning a workshop- got a lot of ideas in my action committee – I want to hear what you want in a workshop

Action Committee – I need contacts – Alateen coordinators – District. I will be a list of coordinators that I can communicate with – E-communities sends me a lot of info.

Chemawa Indian School – dear to my heart – I set it up last year and it didn't work. I am getting together with the school counselors to put together how they think it will work. Colleen has become a sponsor just for this purpose. So we will be going in on September.

Alateen chat room is a room on WSO-online. I have set this up with 3 sponsors and we need to set a date and it should be ready to go by the end of August.

## **Attachment 7**

Having had some involvement in getting some flyers on to the website this year, I looked into the background behind the flyer procedures and guidelines.

I read the minutes from past AWSC meetings and I realized that the results of the ad hoc committee were not brought to the assembly for discussion and input from the GR's and no approval vote was made by the GR's. Page 118 of the service manual states "The assembly meets between elections to receive and distribute reports on Area and world service affairs. It reviews and approves interim reports of the Area World Service Committee." Concept One states the ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.

Also I saw in the minutes there was discussion about cooperating with AA with relation to flyer but I don't see any AA functions, those with Al-Anon participation, listed on the calendar. In the introduction to the Al-Anon Guidelines on Cooperation between Al-Anon and AA (G-3), it says that Tradition 6 specifically states that Al-Anon is a separate entity. Separateness rules out affiliation or merging but it does not exclude cooperation with AA or acting together for mutual benefit WSO website does include some AA functions. Do we need to reexamine whether or not we are cooperating with AA per our traditions?

I also found the procedure of getting a flyer posted on the website to be trying. I used the flyer submission form and followed the flyer guidelines in the Oregon area handbook, but the first flyer I submitted never got on the website and I never heard from the flyer committee as to why. With that there was discussion in our district about the posting process being frustrating, and also about the guidelines being confusing and about how these decisions came about.

Page 54 of the Service manual says "WSO has two web sites as resources to members and the public. I see the purpose of the Oregon area website to be a resource for our state, with the calendar being a place where we can find Al-Anon events, but some events aren't included. Page 107 of the Service Manual states "Al-Anon/Alateen Area newsletters and local bulletins may publicize activities of Al-Anon/Alateen groups and those AA activities with Al-Anon participation." I understand the need to have some guidelines because if we don't it becomes solely the responsibility of the web coordinator which also goes against our traditions. I feel that the calendar isn't working as designed and feel that there must be a way to bring it back to the tool resource it was.

I am wondering about whether we should reexamine the flyer guidelines, keeping within the traditions of Al-Anon.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb B.

## **Attachment 8**

Forum Coordinator Report

July 16, 2010

Howdy all,

The latest Forum news if our subscription readership survey that was in our last forum envelope, did you see it? I wouldn't have if it wasn't pointed out to me, oops. Please fill this out on line or mail it. I have extra copies of the survey on the Forum Table just in case. I have information and copies on the back table for you. Please check it out.

The great news is that our subscriptions are up our average for the Oregon Area is 2.06 subscriptions per group and we receive a free one from the WSO so this number has lots of room for growth.

Group Representatives you are the representatives of the forum to our Groups... your enthusiasm is contagious. Our Forums are an amazing piece of literature and a great tool for our recovery. Groups can order several subscriptions for new comers and public outreach projects... etc...

The DR's will be receiving an e mail from me requesting that the ask each GR to give them a tally of how many of their members are receiving a subscription and tally them up and send me their information they have gathered. That way we can watch our numbers grow.

We are not far behind the Iowa (who has the highest) at 2.72 subscriptions per group and this is still a low number. I know this isn't a contest but it gives some perspective. The lowest is Alabama at 35. This is as of April in 2010 from the WSO.

I am here for the asking to come to your area to lead a writing workshop if you like and will be holding one of the Area level soon.

May -09

Apr-10

Area	Total # subs		Area	# groups	Total # subs	Average subs/group	Gain in Sub	% gain or loss
OR	393		OR	207	426	2.06	33	0.08
Iowa	260		IA	182	495	2.72	235	0.90
Alabama	147		AL	155	147	0.95	0	0.00

I am blessed to serve you all and have a lot more irons in the fire for projects to come.

Thank you... Carolyn H.

## Attachment 9

July Assembly District 6 AIS Liaison Report

District 6 is participating with AA in our annual Summer Fest celebration this weekend of July 16th thru 18th.

A Traditions workshop is being planned for Saturday, August 21st. The presenter is to be Lorraine F., a former WSO Trustee from Canada. Friday evening, the 20th, she will speak at a Barbecue potluck dinner.

A Spanish speaking meeting is being organized. There is a great need in our community for such a meeting and none has been available. The first meeting will take place at Summer Fest, and then will continue weekly at a permanent location that has been secured.

The AIS Literature Depot is doing well, and is one of the only ones in Oregon. Our Depot is staffed for two hours a day Monday thru Saturday. It is an office, contact location, literature sales point, and meeting area. Presently, we use the space for monthly AIS and District meetings, as well as, several weekly group meetings. Literature sales for the year have been as anticipate, and we have been able to built our inventory over the past year by ordering carefully and, wherever possible, in larger quantities.

AIS is not doing well in public outreach efforts due to lack of volunteers. We have many unfilled positions including Chair and Alternate Chair.

District continues to support a weekly meeting at the Eugene Serenity Lane. Generally, the meetings are small, but we believe this is an excellent opportunity to bring the Al-Anon message to family members who are visiting their loved ones at this rehabilitation facility.

Respectively submitted,

Donald Wood

District 6 AIS Liaison

AIS is not doing well in our public outreach efforts due to not having many key positions filled. We have not even had an AIS Chair or alternate Chair person this year.

## **Attachment 10**

Oregon Area, as well as every Area in the United States and Canada, just went through a process of recertifying all of the Alateen Sponsors for this next year. During this process, I was new in my position and all of you District Representatives were new in your positions. With some twists and turns and tweaks along the way - we were successful! Great job and thank you to all who helped get Oregon Area recertified.

I'm hoping by having this workshop – every Al-Anon member interested in becoming certified for working with Alateen will understand the forms and the process.

The District Representative is THE Link of Service for anyone that is interested in becoming an Alateen Sponsor. The forms, requirements, explanations of the process are all on the website.

An Al-Anon member will say to the DR that they would like to become certified. The DR will give the 3 forms (application, DR sign off form and the AMIAS form) to the applicant. They will also give a copy of the requirements, a copy of the Oregon Area Alateen Sponsor Candidate procedures, Alateen Sponsor Non Compliance – Procedures and Alateen Procedures – Compliant Received. They'll set a date to go over the completed forms and for the DR to interview the applicant. After the DR has interviewed the applicant, they call the references and note what questions were asked or comments were made. This is where the DR needs to make the decision of whether this applicant would make a good sponsor for Alateen. The applicant needs to have their fingerprints done. The District Representative should have a list of appropriate agencies. These fingerprints are mailed to the Oregon State Police with a check for \$67.25. There are specific instructions on the website. The DR signs off on the applicant and mails all 3 forms to the AAPP (me). When I receive the forms, I enter their information into an excel file and wait for the fingerprint letter to come from the Oregon State Police. When I receive an approval – I notify the DR and the applicant.

Questions coming to me in the last couple months are: What does the DR do if they don't feel the applicant would be a good Alateen Sponsor? What does the DR do if the applicant's references don't feel the applicant would be a good Alateen Sponsor? How would I tell the applicant their fingerprints came back as not approved? How do I handle a complaint from a teen or a sponsor? Who am I suppose to talk to? These are good questions and I believe we need to explore the responses to these and others.

I'm asking for a committee to work with me. We will review the current Alateen requirements and process and begin a discussion in regards to the questions above and others

Love in Service,

Cindy E., Alternative Delegate, AAPP Oregon Area 47

## **Attachment 11**

### **Group Services Action Committee**

Saturday July 17, 2010

Helen reviewed the minutes from the March Assembly with its highlights, especially the Alateen member.

1. Jodie, the Archives coordinator, spoke to visiting the storage unit with the archives with Billie. There were over 5,000 pages. The cost of scanning them was bid at \$568, maybe less as we were not in a rush. The amount of pages was overwhelming there are many questions.
  - Do all of them have to be scanned?
  - Can we buy a scanner and do it ourselves?
  - Is there another way to copy them?
  - Should we proceed with offer to reduce \$568 cost?
  - Idea started, form a committee to look and decide
  - Cindy presented – committee
2. Loretta spoke to issue of Alateen sponsorship and encouraged us to speak to our groups and send her information about Alateen coordinators. She is considering a workshop at Nov Assembly planning.,

3. Helen, group records coordinator, spoke to information about new GRs and any change in mailing addresses.
4. We spoke to newcomers at meetings and beginners meetings and shared many ideas related to this issue including groups having a beginner meeting before regular meeting. Some beginners do not like this special status treatment. Some do.

Submitted by Jim N.

## Attachment 12

TEAM: *Together Empowering Al-Anon Members*  
Report on the Utah/Arizona TEAM Event attended in Salt Lake City.

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Report For Assembly  
Colleen G.

I want to thank the Oregon Area for sending me to Salt Lake City for this TEAM event. It was a really wonderful experience and I have come back with ideas to make our event even better.

What I heard that I liked was *“Let’s not just look for ways to keep our members busy. Instead let’s find ways to get them involved.” “Develop Mutual TRUST!” This felt like Member Empowerment to me!*

We were greeted at the door of the hotel with Hugs and Huge Smiles. Our Greeters helped us check in at the hotel and then took us to TEAM registration. We were introduced and received our badges and bags. We felt very welcomed. A Marathon Al-Anon Meetings was being held and it was explained that a new meeting started on the hour. They began at 1:00 PM and continued to 6:00 PM.

After taking our bags to our room, we had lunch and then went to find old and new friends. We attended Marathon Meetings and found them to be a great Ice Breakers for the TEAM Event that flowed, over the next day and a half. The Marathon meetings were chaired by local members and had great attendance and participation.

The Friday Welcome and Introductions of WSO TEAM Members started at 7:30 with the NW Regional Trustee, Penny R’s, personal sharing, followed by the World Service Office Staff member, Pat Q, Associate Director of Communications—Media, and closed with the sharing of our Executive Director, Ric B. There was lots of mingling afterward, with questions and conversations, until our East Coast Guests finally had to call it quits. Our 10 PM was actually their 1 AM and they had traveled most of the day.

The Saturday program started at 8:00 AM and was jam packed all the way through until 8:30 PM. There were two 15 minute breaks throughout the day and an hour break for lunch and dinner. We were kept very involved!

The Areas workshops were introduced with a mini skit (dialog) between an Area Delegate and Area Chair. It was light and humorous and a brief way to introduce topics. Members from both Utah and Arizona participated with a short discussion from pre assigned questions. This format went very well. Some of their topics were *Taking Responsibility for Our Own Recovery, Sharing Experience Strength and Hope With Others, and Facing Difficulty With Courage and Compassion.*

WSO requires 6 hours on the agenda for a 3 day event. At this TEAM event they had 8 hours and 15 minutes. *WSO started out with a workshop introducing the Spiritual foundation of the Concepts and how they not only apply to our program in our groups, districts, Areas and the Links to WSC and WSO, but also to our personal lives. Ric B was the presenter and broke this into 3 segments through out the weekend.*

*Pat Q. gave a very informed presentation on Using Technology to Reach Out to the Fellowship and Beyond, and also demonstrated how the Alateen Chat Room works.*

*Penny R’s presentation was on the Trustee Search and what is involved to qualify for those trustee positions.*

*Roving microphones* were provided and people were invited to ask questions or to share their own personal experiences. This process certainly saved time and people seemed more at ease *speaking from their own comfort zones*.

The TEAM event ended with a Spiritual Speaker Meeting. A Speaker from each State attending was invited to share. Judy J represented Oregon very well.

I think the highlight was a member from Prague. This was her first exposure to Service above the group level and her first time *ever* speaking at the mic. She was thrilled to be able to take the links of service and this personal experience back to her home group. Her sharing held so much enthusiasm, and was such a shot in the arm for all of us.

*Empowerment for me is about integrity* and comes from looking inward at those things that will make me a better me. Questions I came away with for myself “*Am I a critic?*” “*Is my initial reaction negative?*” “*Do I honor the group conscience even when I don’t necessarily agree with it?*” I am spending time on this self research!!! Another Empowerment statement I heard was: “*We are all equals in Al-Anon!! A Child of God is the highest position anyone can hold!!*”

I came away EVEN MORE EXCITED about working in partnership with the Washington Area and the World Service Office to develop our own TEAM event.

We want to encourage this process by asking you, our members, for that hold the greatest interest to you. What workshops would you and your group members like to participate in that would be empowering individually and for Al-Anon in our Areas. Is it Sponsorship; Leadership, Public Outreach (Media Expertise), Membership Outreach, Leading Not Dictating; Diversity; Expanding and Strengthening Our Relationships between Areas and in our groups and in our personal lives? Tell us what your “Hot Topics” are. We are talking with WSO about bringing the Spanish workshops and translation equipment with them. We are happy to have Maria and Irma here with us at this assembly and encourage them to carry information about TEAM back to their groups.

The Oregon & Washington Areas’ TEAM planning committee, working with WSO will incorporate those ideas into our event. Judy and Joanne will be passing out cards for you to jot down your ideas. This event is for the members of Al-Anon. Together Empowering Al-Anon Members. What kind of workshops would you all like to experience? Invite your group members to send us their ideas too. Emailed them to me, Judy, or Joanne.

We took registrations with us to Utah, and had such great responses. Everyone thought the \$125 for the weekend’s lodging and meals was fantastic and affordable. We agree! And our secluded and private conference center beats the hotel/meal packages hands down! Judy is taking registrations today and will continue until about May of next year. Please see her today and reserve your space. And we look forward to seeing you at Seabeck on Beautiful Hood Canal in June 2011. (Judy asked for 5 registrations. Before the end of the Assembly she was given 6 and a half. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to practice Concept 4!!)

**BREAKING NEWS!!!!**

\$40 for the bus trip! That is GREAT!!! And it will take 50!!!! Pickup will be in Clackamas and there can be a few stops along the way!!! Let’s get enough going for at least 2 busses... How about 3!!!

**To register for the bus, send your check to Judy with “Bus Registration” listed in the Memo part of the check. We will keep you posted on our progress with updated information as it becomes available to us. Washington is also working on bus transportation from the Spokane (I-80) area.**

What we currently have 20 Oregonians & 14 Washitonians registered. And \$4,350.00 of the \$5,000.00 we need for the Seabeck deposit! Judy will accept registrations in 2 payments! One at \$75.00 and one at \$50.00.

*PS (Judy asked for 5 more registrations. She was given 6 and a half before the Assembly ended on Sunday afternoon. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to practice Concept 4!!)*

## JULY 2010 COMMUNICATOR COORDINATOR REPORT

- I would like to make every GR and Assembly member aware of a mistake in the last published Communicator. The State Speaker Meeting in 2011 is in Medford, not Klamath Falls. I apologize for the error.

- I also want to publicly apologize to Kim and District 6 for accidentally leaving her sharing out of this last Communicator. I will be including it in the next edition.

- Speaking of the next Communicator, all GRs are invited to email me something to be included in the October edition. The deadline is October 28. If you go to the Oregon AI-Anon web site and select Service in AI-Anon - Area Contacts - Coordinators - Communicator, you can attach your sharing to an email to me. I would love to print something about how your group holds business meetings, uses the Forum and other CAL, or anything else about your position experience.

- After 9 months as Communicator Coordinator, I have experienced many challenges. I truly appreciate all the help of the former editor, Barb L. It has been interesting trying to put together the newsletter during two of the most stressful times of this past year. I find that I do not enjoy the Flyer Approval responsibility of my position. I am curious to see if the Area decides to change the way the Communicator is delivered.

More will be revealed...

Lisa B.

I would like to apologize for not having the current budget report from Bunny in the Communicator. I did not request it from her - my mistake. I want to share a new-to-me acronym I learned at this Assembly... Q-TIP - "Quit Taking It Personally".

## Attachment 14

### ARCHIVES COORDINATOR REPORT

Hello, I wanted to thank those who have submitted group histories, called or emailed me with questions and requests and those who have volunteered their time and knowledge thus far.

Since January I have visited the storage unit on an average monthly basis and brought several notebooks to my home to "study" the contents. It has been interesting to see the changes that we have made in the Oregon Area. Though some things have not changed – for instance the ask it basket questions related to dual members, suggestions to encourage new members to become more active, how can you get Alateen sponsors – these questions were at an AI-Anon Conference on Labor Day Weekend at the Dalles High School in 1965.

In my job description it tells me that I am to collect, catalog and preserve historical material of Oregon Area AI-Anon/Alateen. It goes on to say that this may include but is not limited to books, articles, and magazines that mention AI-Anon/Alateen, photographs of important events, Oregon Area directories, scrapbooks of news clippings, SSM records and notebooks.

Further I am to collect and clearly identify materials (with names, places, events, dates, etc.,) for Oregon Area AI-Anon and Alateen such as: editions of discontinued early years of Area Literature before Conference approved books, articles, and magazines that mention AI-Anon/Alateen (local only for Oregon Area), photographs of important events and past officers directories (local only for Oregon Area), copies of the Communicator (copy provided by Communicator Coordinator), copies of the area minutes (copy provided by Area Secretary and SSM album for each year if available).

After reading WSO guidelines G-30 Area Archives I can definitely see the need for clarification of what Oregon AI-Anon/Alateen wants the Archives Coordinator to collect, catalog and preserve. I will be emailing the DRs a list of the inventory of the Oregon Area archives. I will ask that each of the DRs go through the list at their district meetings so I can get a sense of what we want to collect, catalog and preserve. This will give me solid ground to present to the AWSC and then to the Assembly.

In the meantime a Thought Task force has been formed to gather information and recommendations to present to Group Services then to the AWSC and then the Assembly in regard to whether or not it is desirable and feasible to scan the archives.

I want to invite all of you to look at the Archives display. Are you curious about who started your group, how many attended in the beginning? Who formed the first meeting in Oregon? Come on back to the display and try to find the answer. My challenge to all of you is to get involved.

Submitted by your humble servant,  
Jodie Pryor, Archives Coordinator

## Attachment 15

### Minutes - Business Services Committee

Attendance: Roland, Roxie, Colleen, Karyl, Annie, Lloydine, Bunny, Linda and Sue.

Group opened with Serenity Prayer.

The minutes of the AWSC Business Services Meeting were not available and Kim will be contacted to send them out.

The four focus areas were repeated for everyone's information and new members were added, changed or removed. They are as follows with members for each with leader underlined:

1. Increase Group Contributions-Roland, Bunny, Lloydine
2. Handbook review-Sue, Colleen, Annie, Bunny
3. Education [power point]-Kim, Roland, Karyl
4. Mileage-Colleen, Sue, Roxie

The four focus groups were asked to give reports. Focus groups One, Three and Four had no reports to give. Group Two-Handbook review went over some of their suggestions for Section IV. There were additions, deletes and changes proposed and after discussion, the committee will review these and bring back a revised proposal for approval.

Thanks to all who attended. It was suggested to me that we need a permanent recorder for our Action Committee. Please let me know if you would be willing. Sue will send out new roster of group within the week.

**Action Required: Start the discussion on your focus area.**

## Attachment 16

Ted B., Portland A.I.S. Liaison

The Portland A.I.S. office now has a DSL link to the Internet, the advent of which was greeted with big smiles by the office staff. The increased bandwidth means that staff and board members may post some material (such as flyers) directly to the website without having to go through the services of the web master.

For the first half of the year, the balance sheet shows a modest (less than 2%) sum in the black.

In addition to providing literature for sale at the July Assembly, the A.I.S. provided Spanish literature in the past month to the AA Hispanic Groups Conference in Wilsonville.

We have been able to place Al-Anon Public Service Announcements at KOIN TV as well as 4 public access channels: Portland Community Media, Tualatin Valley media, KPXG (channel 5 on Verizon and Comcast) and Metro East.

In May, Al-Anon had a table at the 11th Annual Child Abuse and Family Violence Conference, which was attended by over 1000 professionals.

The annual fund raiser for the office (to be held in October) is in the formulation stage.

## Attachment 17

Oregon Area Assembly  
July 17-18, 2010  
Public Outreach Report

### **Celebrate! The Lois W. Story**

A new Hallmark Hall of Fame movie, "When Love is Not Enough," featuring the story of Lois W., one of Al-Anon's cofounders, aired on the CBS television network on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 9p.m. Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. (AFG) served as a contributing resource for this film and encouraged through its Public Outreach efforts the viewing of this film.

Please refer to an article entitled, "Links of Service in Action," on page 8 of the June 2010 edition of the Communicator whereby Joanne (Public Information Coordinator) shares about the excitement of getting the cooperation of the Portland CBS affiliate, KOIN TV, to do a news spot about the movie and provide national, area and local Portland contact information for Al-Anon.

### **Expand Our Circle of Hope: New Public Outreach Tools**

#### **Outreach Bookmark (M-76) - *When you don't know where to turn...because someone drinks too much...with confusing road sign graphic***

This Outreach bookmark is a simple means to share Al-Anon's message of hope in libraries, waiting rooms, or other public places. It is free and available through Al-Anon Information Services (AIS) or the Al-Anon Online Store.

#### **Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) 2011**

Our annual public outreach magazine helps potential newcomers understand the benefits of Al-Anon and empowers every Al-Anon member to bring hope to those suffering in isolation. A free download is available at: <http://www.al-anon.org/pdf/afa2011.pdf>

***The second printing of AFA 2011 can be ordered until 5 p.m. ET, Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Magazines will be shipped before April 1, 2011.***

#### **Coming Soon: Movie Theater Public Service Announcement (PSA)**

A Movie Theater Public Service Announcement (PSA) is under development in cooperation with Regal Cinemas. We plan to use the remaining 2010 Public Outreach budget to pilot this PSA in District 17 at the Century Clackamas Town Center

movie theater in Happy Valley with 20 theater screens. This PSA will run in every theater screen before every movie, as well as the plasma TVs in the lobby, seven days a week for 13 weeks from November 1, 2010 through mid-January 2011. This PSA will feature the new graphic and text from the Public Outreach bookmark mentioned above. The Area is paying the cost of creating this graphic that may be used in any of the Oregon Regal Cinemas. Any district wishing to join in this Public Outreach campaign would have to pay for the actual screen time but save the initial cost. Any District Representative interested in this opportunity may contact Joanne C. at 503-591-8327.

In the words of Lois W, "It takes only one person to start something, but many others to carry it out."

Let's continue to embrace our circle of hope in Public Outreach!

Colleen – Cooperating with the Professional Community Coordinator (CPC)

Joanne – Public Information Coordinator (PI)

## **Attachment 18**

### **Public Outreach Action Committee Report**

The committee was presented with the possible project of developing a Public Service Announcement (P.S.A.) to be shown in movie theaters during the upcoming major holiday season.

Vicki F. from District 4 has been communicating with a representative from Regal Theaters and Joanne C has been working with WSO in getting the appropriate approval. The product will be based on the new bookmark featuring the full color picture of the "confused" road sign with the caption "When you don't know where to turn... because someone drinks too much... Al-Anon and Alateen can help." Followed by the toll-free AFG information number and the website address. The Action committee unanimously voted to cover the initial \$525 fee for Regal's graphic artist to develop the product for distribution. From Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – mid Jan, 2011 PSA will be shown at Salem's Regal cinemas and at the Clackamas Town Center's movieplex.

District 4 will cover the screening fees for the Salem market and the Area Public Outreach Committee budget will cover the screening fees for the Clackamas Town Center.

At the March Assembly 2011 this Action will discuss the effectiveness of this project in attracting new members. We also hope to share the experience with other areas via teleconferencing.

## **Attachment 19**

## Membership Outreach Report...JULY 2010 ASSEMBLY

Meeting was opened and discussion ensued about the "Communicator". It was the opinion of this committee that the "Communicator" was important and we needed to make sure that everyone knows what the "Communicator" is and how it benefits the membership. It was decided that we would come up with a challenge that was also a contest. To be judged at the next Assembly. See details and flyer below.

There was also discussion about giving the breakout report and we went over a skit that the group presented for the breakout report.

**Have You Heard?!? The Communicator is Coming!**

### MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH CHALLENGE:

- Group Representatives: Introduce the *COMMUNICATOR* in a *CREATIVE* way during your meeting to attract more readers.
- Group Representatives: Write and submit a story to the *COMMUNICATOR* of your *CREATIVE* introduction to your group. (November Communicator is for GR Sharing's - due October 28).
- Group Representatives: Win a prize by submitting an article to the *COMMUNICATOR* and having it chosen as the most *CREATIVE* introduction submission. (Winner will be determined by Membership Outreach Committee and prize awarded at November 2010 Assembly).

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To submit an article- GO to [www.oregonal-anon.org](http://www.oregonal-anon.org) (Oregon Al-anon website). Select "Services" then Select "Area Contact" then Select "Communicator" - this will create an e-mail format that you can attach your submission to.

## Attachment 20

State Speakers Meeting 2010 report:

District 6 in Eugene would like to thank all of the Oregon Area membership for their tremendous support of this event from those individuals, groups and districts who raised funds to the many that attended. We sure had a lot of fun!

Our planning committee had a terrific chair person who lead by our Traditions and helped us stayed out of each others' business. We had a large committee who worked closely together and were very supportive. We agreed on our goals and set to work.

To encourage fun and fellowship, we made a purposeful decision to encourage more participation during meals by reducing the meal prices on the registration and off-set the cost through the voluntary registration. This strategy was very successful because we exceeded our meal estimates which allowed us free use of all the rooms.

We really liked the Spanish program the previous SSM had and tried to emulate it. Unfortunately, ours was not well attended. Not all was lost, though, because we had a wonderful Spanish speaker who talked with several interested members in our area and guided us on how to get a meeting going. Our first Spanish speaking meeting is set for July 24, 2010.

A late decision we made was to provide babysitting. Although the cost was high, it is our belief that it was money well spent.

Our program and speakers meetings were well attended. We did a good job with our promotion items keeping in mind that we did not want lots of leftovers. Our main fundraiser was the multiple raffles we conducted prior to the event and at the event; again thanks to all who supported us with your donated raffle items....you are awesome! One of our really fundraisers was a dance we cooperated with AA in February. We were so impressed with the band that we decided to ask them to come to our event; what a blast!

Of course, this event does not happen without the support from all of Oregon Area and the many districts that supported us with their donations. All in all, after paying back the \$1,500 seed money, we wrote a check to Oregon Area in the amount of \$5,527.78!!!!

At your service,

Kim S.  
Alternate District Representative