



**Al-Anon –Southern California world Service (SCWS) - Area #04  
Assembly–Saturday, May 17, 2008**

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, CA

**AGENDA**

**9:00 a.m. – New Group Representative Orientation – Craft Room  
10:00 a.m. - Starting time– Please be Prompt**

**Chairperson** – David B.

- Serenity Prayer and Welcome

**Traditions** read by: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer's Report** – Suzanne P.

**Observe 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition** (Continue the meeting while baskets are being passed)

**Delegate's Report** – Mary M.

- Updates from the WSO

**Alternate Delegate's Report** – Sandie E.

- Ask it Basket

**Past Delegate's Report** – Miriam McK.

**Minutes Secretary** – Cathy W.

Minutes from Feb. 16th Committee Meeting

**Old Business:**

- 1.
- 2.

**New Business:**

**12:00 noon - Lunch Break**

**1:00 p.m. – Reconvene-Please be prompt**

**Concepts** read by: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospitality Report:** Mary Lou V. Host Districts: 3, 8, 11, 12, 24, 39, 54, 60  
Thank you for all your help.

**Convention Chairpersons' Reports**

**AFG Convention 2007** –Jeremy Ol.

**So-Cal. AA Convention 2007 – Al-Anon** – Laura McC.

**So-Cal. Alateen Conf. (SCAC)** – Ben A.

**Ask It Basket – Q's & A's:** Alternate Delegate – Sandie E.

**Action Committee Reports:**

**Group Services:** Willie W.

**Alateen Sponsor Coordinator:** ~Position Open~

**Alateen Coordinator:** Daniel K.

**Archives:** Martha M.

**Membership Communications:** Cindy R.

**Bulletin:** Laurie E.

**Literature:** Lucia C.

**Website:** Alvar G.

**Public Outreach:** Robin Jaruszewski

**Cooperating w/ Professional Community:** Sandra W.

**Institutions:** Shirley M.

**Public Information:** ~Position Open~

**District Representatives' Reports**

**Intergroup Liaisons' Reports**

**Inland Empire:** Beth G.

**Intergrupal Hispana:** (L.A. County) – Patrick B.

**Los Angeles County:** Arlene R.

**Orange County:** Alexandra R.

**San Diego County:** Jeannine B.

**Ventura County:** Cyndy P.

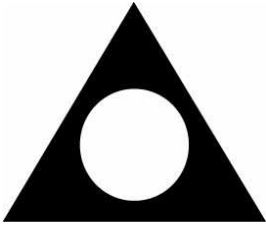
**Al-Anon related Announcements** (only if time permits)

**Closing time - 4:00 p.m.** - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

**Please help** clean up after and stack the grey chairs against the back wall and folding chairs in Craft Room.

**REMINDERS:**

- **PLEASE LIMIT REPORTS** to 2-3 minutes (does not apply to Officers) – submit **printed report and media copy** (disk) to the Minutes Secretary.
- **DISCUSSION** on a motion - **please keep to 2-3 minutes** at the mic; if your opinion has already been shared, please sit down to avoid repetition.
- **CELL PHONES:** please turn them **OFF or** set to **SILENT** mode



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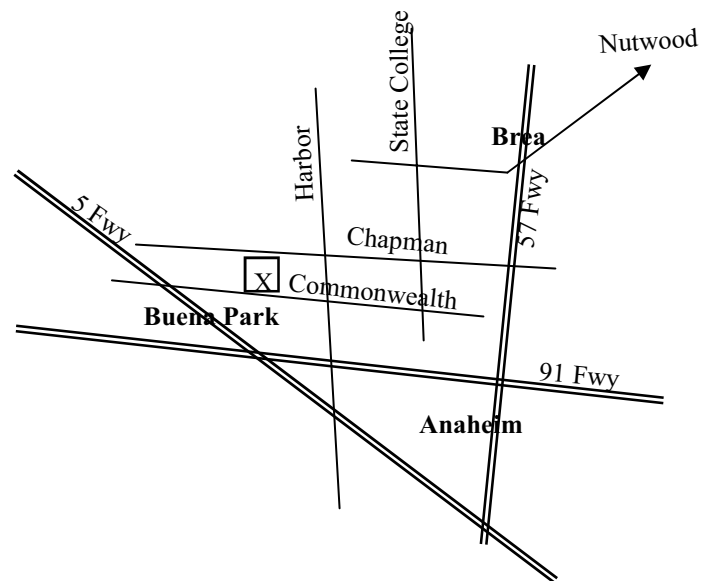
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**Our next Committee meeting is on  
Feb. 16, 2008**

Fullerton Senior Service Center  
340 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton  
Thomas Guide, pg 738, G7  
91 Riverside Fwy, exit Harbor Blvd. North  
go past Orangethorpe and Valencia, turn  
left (west) onto Commonwealth.

OR

57 So. exit Nutwood . Left (south) on State  
College Blvd. Right (west) on Chapman to  
Harbor Blvd., left (south) to Common-  
wealth. Right (west) on Commonwealth, It  
is on the left (south) by Amerige Park.



# Mark your Calendars!

## Southern California World Service Area (SCWS) Events SCWS Web-site: <http://scws-al-anon.org>

All SCWS meetings are held at the Fullerton Senior Service Center ON the 3rd Saturday of the month. February, May, August, & November (See map—page 3) Please plan on attending for the duration of the meeting to take advantage of all the experience has to offer! - If you are unable to stay please bring your alternate with you. Encourage all of your GR's to come also.

### Southern California World Service Events

#### 2008 – May 17 Southern California World Service Area Assembly Meeting

9:00 a.m.– Group Representative (DR) Orientation and Information Session

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Assembly Meeting

August 16 –SCWS Area Committee Meeting

### Other Al-Anon Events

#### 2008

April 4-6 - AFG Convention in Burbank - Recovery in Paradise

April 13-18 - World Service Conference attended by Delegates and other Conference Members

April 25-27 Southern Calif. H & I Conference, Orange CA

July 4-6 Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation – Pittsburg, PA

July 6-8 –SCAC (Southern Calif. Alateen Conference), University of Redlands(scac@ipbfree.org)

Oct. 25, 2008 Longtimers Meeting Fullerton Senior Center

Sept. 22-24 - Southern California AA Convention with A-Anon /Alateen participation San Diego

2010- July 1-4 AA International Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation- San Antonio, TX

2013 - July Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation – Vancouver, Canada

Flyers - *Districts often have special events-flyers announcing such events may be placed in the meeting hall. AFG and So. CAL Convention flyers and registration forms may also be placed there.*

*Feel free to bring any other Al-Anon/Alateen related conventions and events, without limited attendance, and place them on the outer counter in the main entrance lobby.*

Our own Southern California Al-Anon web site - <http://SCWS-al-anon.org>

**Check it out!**

This Bulletin is published 4 times a year. It's purpose is to provide information and announcements regarding Al-Anon/Alateen to it's members in Southern California. All groups with a registered GR (Group Representative) will receive one free copy.

# Officers' Reports

**Delegate: Mary M.**

**February, 2008**

I soon will be going to my third and last World Service Conference to represent all of you within our Area.

As I mentioned before, the Conference theme for this year is "Build Bridges---Energizing Our Spiritual Quest", and I cannot help but think that together we can energize our Area and build bridges to reach out to others who need this program. I am grateful that we will have an advocate for Public Outreach on the WSO committee to do just that, congratulations, Amanda. All Public Outreach Coordinators participated in a conference call on January 26<sup>th</sup> and I am sure they came up with many new suggestions and ideas. All Alateen Coordinators and Area Processing Persons also had a conference call with WSO on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks again to the districts I have had the privilege to visit during the past few months. This year I hope to visit all of the other districts that I have not been to. Please be sure to ask any one of us on the Board to come to your district, we would love to share on a personal basis with you.

I have learned so much this past two years and am looking forward to this new year with anticipation and hope for our fellowship.

The Southwest Region Trustee Committee decided not to have a candidate for the SW Regional Trustee. This was primarily based on the fact that personal characteristics were considered more important than any specific skill. Skills can be learned but acquiring certain characteristics took work. However, the WSO is opening some positions for one year, including Trustee-at-Large positions (two), and a Southwest Regional Trustee for one year. I have forms if anyone is interested or they can be obtained through the WSO website.

As I mentioned previously I have been on a committee to change Reserve Fund Guidelines. After 7 drafts we finally came up with an acceptable draft and it has been presented to the Board of Trustees and hopefully they concur with our recommendation and we will soon have a new piece of literature that is reflected by this committee's final draft.

I have submitted a petition to the Admissions and Handbook Committee, the World Service Board of Trustees and to the Conference Committee that requests AFG to allow an Area (rather than a state, province or territory) to divide when an Area exceeds 700 registered groups (refer to page 128 in the WS Handbook and page 154, paragraph 6b). This is only a guideline and would still leave it up to

Areas, such as ours, to vote on whether to split or not, however, this will give us the option of better representation should we decide to split.

By now all registered groups should have received their copies of the new Service Manual and Groups at Work, the English version came out in November and the Spanish and French versions were sent in January. All these groups should also have received labels with the group name and number to be affixed to each manual. I would like to remind all of you that the "Groups at Work" booklet is an excellent tool to be used at meetings and is a great way to conduct a meeting and use for readings.

The Executive Committee has approved an e-CAL contest from January 1, 2008 until May 31, 2008; all submissions during that time will be considered. It has further been decided by the e-CAL Committee to no longer accept text-only sharings for e-CAL. The intent was to provide a venue for members to share their recovery using today's technology. This is an opportunity to branch out and reach newcomers, especially young people. There will be a link to the Forum submission page for all text submissions. Please refer to the e-CAL flyer. All groups will be receiving this flyer in the February Forum.

As I mentioned in November, the Policy Committee is discussing and proposing a motion that would:

Allow a one-time bequest to the WSO in any amount desired by the member so long as it is not earmarked.

Report separately on the Financial Statements any amount that exceeds 10% of the total revenue of the WSO General Fund as identified in the previous year's audit.

The WSC would authorize the expenditure of these excess amounts. The Board of Trustees would then administer those expenditures in accordance with the Conference's guidance.

World Service will be requesting all Conference Members to submit any questions they have regarding this motion and any other policy motions. If you have any specific questions please either give them to me or email them to me by the end of this month so that I can submit them to World Service, all questions will be answered and will be sent to all Conference members.

Once again, I would like to have any ideas that you may want to contribute to the Area Highlights for the Conference (this would be items that our Area has accomplished). It would be helpful if these questions could answer the following questions:

"How we can get ourselves and others more INVOLVED IN RECOVERY?"

"How can we ENERGIZE OUR Spiritual Quest?"

Also I would like to have Agenda questions that you feel are pertinent to Al-Anon as a whole (not just our Area), which can be answered on the Confer-

ence floor (we can only send in two). I will need these ideas and/or questions by the end of February.

There is a new blog on the WSO website on Concepts, check it out; it is really a great sharing experience.

There will be no dormitory housing available in Pittsburgh at the International in July so be sure to reserve a room at one of the eight hotels listed on the website. The 2008 International will be in Pittsburgh, PA on July 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> this year. If you are planning on attending it is a good idea to be there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> as they will have all day service workshops on that Thursday. As I mentioned before, registration forms can be downloaded from the WSO members' website.

Good News! There will be a trial Alateen Advisory Committee in our SW Region this year. All Area Alateen Coordinators will be receiving a bid packet soon. This meeting will be held at the same place and date as the Assembly and a WSO staff member and volunteer will be available for participation at the Assembly, this will be all at the expense of WSO, what an opportunity for us! Hopefully we submit a bid.

Areas will be asked to:

- ✦ Identify potential Committee members, including Alateens and certified AI-Anon Members involved in Alateen Service (from different meetings)
- ✦ Locate meeting space for AAC at the Assembly location

Work with WSO on scheduling the AAC meeting at the same time as the Assembly

I would like to remind all of you that SWRDM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting) will be here in Orange County the second weekend of March (14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>). Please set aside some time to help volunteer as hosts and hostesses and also to be a part of this great opportunity to hear past and current Delegates share and serve our Southwest Region. Kathi L. is our site Chairperson for this and be sure to contact her if you can volunteer to help or just to be there and observe.

The 2008 French Catalog (FS-15) and 2008 Spanish Catalog (SS-15) are available and will be sent to the groups with Le lien and En Accion in the next mailing. Also Spanish and French versions of the guideline, Cooperation between AI-Anon and AA (SG-3 and FG-3) are in and will be sent with these mailings and posted on the appropriate Members' Web sites.

This is our election year and please consider running for one of the officer's positions or submitting your name as a coordinator, nothing is more fulfilling than being of service and giving back what we have received through service.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary M., Delegate*  
 Panel 46, CA (S)

## **Reporte de la Delegada de la Zona Sur de California: Febrero, 2008**

Pronto asistiré a mi tercera y última Conferencia de Servicio Mundial con el fin de representarlos a todos dentro de nuestra Zona. (Area)

Como ya he mencionado, el tema de la Conferencia de este año es "Construir Puentes-Vigorizando nuestra Búsqueda Espiritual," y no puedo más que pensar que juntos podemos vigorizar nuestra Zona y construir puentes para pasar el mensaje o otros que necesitan este programa. Agradezco que tendremos quien abogue en el ramo de Relaciones con el Público en el Comité de la Oficina de Servicio Mundial del mismo nombre, felicidades a Amanda en su nuevo servicio. Todo Coordinador de Relaciones con el Público participó en una llamada de conferencia el 26 de enero y estoy segura que la llamada resultó en nuevas sugerencias e ideas. Todo Coordinador de Alateen y servidor encargado del Procedimiento de Zona también participaron en una llamada de conferencia con la Oficina de Servicio Mundial (OSM) el 6 de febrero.

Gracias de nuevo a los Distritos que he tenido el privilegio de visitar durante los últimos meses. Este año, espero visitar los demás distritos que me faltan. Favor de invitar a cualquier miembro de la Mesa a visitar su Distrito, nos encantaría compartir personalmente con Uds.

He aprendido tanto durante los últimos 2 años y espero este año con anticipación y esperanzas para nuestra hermandad.

El Comité de Administradores (Custodios) de la Región Suroeste decidió no tener candidato para el servicio de Administrador Regional del Suroeste. Esta decisión se basó principalmente en el hecho de que las características personales se consideraron más importantes que cualquier habilidad específica. Las habilidades especializadas se pueden aprender pero el adquirir ciertas características requeriría esfuerzo. No obstante, la OSM abrirá algunos de estos servicios por 1 año incluyendo 2 puestos de Administradores sin Límites Geográficos y un Administrador de la Región del Suroeste. Tengo formularios disponibles si alguien está interesado o se pueden obtener por medio de la página del Internet de la Oficina de Servicio Mundial.

Como ya mencioné anteriormente formo parte del comité para cambiar las Guías del Fondo de Reserva. Después de 7 borradores, finalmente colaboramos en una versión aceptable que se presentó a la Mesa de Administradores. Esperemos que concuerden con nuestras recomendaciones y que pronto tendremos una nueva pieza de literatura que refleje el borrador final de este comité.

He presentado una petición al Comité de Admisiones y del Manual, a la Mesa de Administradores y al Comité de la Conferencia que pide que una Zona (en vez de un estado, provincia o territorio) se divida cuando haya mas de 700 grupos registrados dentro de la Zona (Area) (véase la página 128 in el Manual de Servicio y la página 154, párrafo 6b, versión inglés). Esto solo serviría como guía y aun sería decisión de la Zona si vota para dividirse o no, sin embargo, el dividirnos nos proveería la oportunidad de tener mayor representación.

A estas alturas, cada grupo registrado ya recibió sus ejemplares del nuevo Manual de Servicio y Grupos de Al-Alateen en Acción, la versión de inglés se estrenó en noviembre y las versiones español y francés se enviaron en enero. Todo grupo también debería haber recibido etiquetas con el nombre del grupo y su número correspondiente para colocar en los Manuales enviados. Les recuerdo a todos que el libro, Grupos de Al-Anon y Alateen En Acción, es una herramienta excelente para usar en las reuniones y una forma estupenda para llevar una reunión y utilizar para las lecturas.

El Comité Ejecutivo ha aprobado un concurso de e-CAL (literatura electrónica aprobada por la conferencia) empezando el 1 de enero, 2008 hasta el 31 de mayo del 2008. Cada artículo que se contribuya durante este período de tiempo se considerará para el concurso. Además, el Comité de e-CAL decidió no aceptar mas compartimientos de texto únicamente para e-CAL ya que el intento de la literatura electrónica es proveer un sitio donde los miembros puedan compartir su recuperación utilizando la tecnología de la actualidad. Esta es una oportunidad para llegar a los nuevos, la gente joven en especial. Habrá un enlace ("link") con la página para contribuir artículos de la revista "The Forum" para los artículos que son solo de texto. Todo grupo recibirá un volante en el número de febrero del "Forum."

Como mencioné en noviembre, el Comité de Guías está debatiendo proponer una moción:

- Que permita legar (dejar en testamento) una donación a la OSM de una sola vez en la cantidad que quiera el miembro de Al-Anon siempre que su uso no sea designado por el donante.
- Reportar por separado en la contabilidad financiera cualquier cantidad que exceda el 10% de los ingresos totales del Fondo General de la OSM tal como fue identificada en la auditoría del año anterior.
- La OSM autorizaría los gastos de estas cantidades en exceso. La Mesa de Administradores /Custodios administraría dichos gastos de acuerdo con el asesoramiento de la Conferencia.
- La OSM solicita que los Miembros de la Conferencia presenten cualquier pregunta que tengan respecto a ésta o cualquier otra moción de política. Si tienen preguntas específicas favor de dárme las o envíemelas antes del fin del mes para que pueda presentarlas a Servicio Mundial, toda pregunta será contestada y enviada a todos los miembros de la

Conferencia.

De nuevo, me gustaría recibir cualquier idea que quieran contribuir a "Al-Anon/Alateen en Acción" para la Conferencia (me refiero a formas de pasar el mensaje que haya realizado nuestra Zona.) Sería beneficioso si estas ideas /actividades dieran respuesta a las siguientes preguntas:

- "¿Cómo podemos motivarnos a nosotros mismos y a otras personas para que "Participen Más en su Recuperación?"
- "¿Cómo podemos VIGORIZAR NUESTRA BUSQUEDA ESPIRITUAL?"

También quisiera que me informaran de preguntas que piensan son pertinentes a Al-Anon como un todo (no solo nuestra Zona) que se contestarán en la Conferencia (únicamente podemos enviar 2). Necesitaré dichas preguntas y/o ideas a fines de febrero.

Hay un "blog" (un diario en internet) nuevo acerca de los Conceptos en la página del internet de la OSM. Visiten esta página, es un experiencia estupenda de compartimiento.

No habrá hospedaje de dormitorio disponible in Pittsburgh en la Internacional en Julio así que asegúrense de reservar una habitación en uno de los 8 hoteles indicados on la página del internet. El Congreso Internacional del 2008 será en Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania del 3 al 6 de julio, 2008. Si tienen planes para asistir, sería conveniente llegar el día 2 pues habrá talleres de servicio todo el día el jueves. Los formularios de registro se pueden descargar e imprimir de la página del internet de la OSM para miembros.

!Buenas noticias! Habrá un Comité de Alateen de Asesoramiento (dicho comité está a prueba) en nuestra región del Suroeste este año. Cada Coordinador de Alateen de Zona recibirá un paquete de formularios de pedido próximamente. Esta reunión tomará lugar en el mismo plantel y en la misma fecha que la Asamblea. Un miembro del personal de la OSM y un voluntario estarán disponibles para participar en la Asamblea, todo será a costa de la OSM,!que oportunidad para nosotros! Ojalá que presentemos una propuesta. A las Zonas se les pedirá:Identificar a posibles miembros del Comité, incluyendo los Alateen y Miembros Certificados que participan en el servicio a Alateen (de distintos grupos)

- Buscar un lugar para las reuniones del Comité de Asesoramiento de Alateen en el plantel de la Asamblea.
- Cooperar con la OSM en fijar un horario para las reuniones del Comité de Asesoramiento de Alateen simultáneamente con el horario de la Asamblea.

Deseo recordarles a todos de la Reunión Regional de Delegados del Suroeste que será en el condado de Orange el segundo fin de semana de marzo, del 14 al 16. Favor de darnos un poco de su tiempo sirviendo como anfitriones y también ser parte de esta gran oportunidad de escuchar a pasados y ac-

tuales Delegados compartir y servir en nuestra region del Suroeste. Kathi L. es nuestra coordinadora de plantel para este evento, favor de comunicarse con ella si pueden servir de voluntarios o sencillamente para estar presente para observar.

Los catálogos en francés (FS-15) y castellano (SS-15) están disponibles y se enviarán a los grupos con "Le Lien" y "En Acción" en el próximo envío. También las versiones de castellano y francés de la guía, "Cooperación entre Al-Anon y AA" (SG-3 y FG-3) estan disponibles y se enviarán con la demás correspondencia o se pueden conseguir por medio de las páginas del Internet para Miembros.

Este es año de elecciones y les pido que consideren postularse para uno de los servicios de la Mesa del Area o presentando su nombre y curriculum para Coordinador. Nada es más satisfactorio que el prestar servicio y regresar lo que hemos recibido por medio del servicio.

Respetuosamente presentado,

Mary M., Delegado

Panel 46, CA Sur

### **Chair**

**David B.**

No Report

### **Past Delegate Miriam Mck.**

The Action Committee Ad Hoc Committee presented 3 suggestions to the November 2007 Assembly regarding possible changes to the composition of the Southern California World Service (SCWS) Board. The Ad Hoc Committee and the SCWS Board have considered all options and now recommend that the SCWS Board remain basically as it is. **Therefore, no motion is proposed and no vote is needed.**

The following is background information: We determined that the elected officers can improve leadership without forming a new oversight board as proposed in Option #3 presented in November.

Study of the SCWS By-Laws indicates that the SCWS Board can use its own discretion to make limited adjustments to the composition of the Board (which could be any combination of Options #1 and/or #2).

The Ad Hoc Committee also decided it was in the best interest of SCWS that Action Committee Chairs continue to be appointed rather than elected. Therefore, no vote is needed at the Assembly on this issue either. The SCWS Board and the Ad Hoc Committee continue discussions on whether to appoint Action Committee Chairs from the Board Members already serving on one of the Action Committees or adding 3 positions of Action Committee Chairs as is currently being done.

What we do want to make clear to you is **how**

### **YOU can serve** as a member of the SCWS Board:

Five board positions will be elected at this November's Assembly, using the basic guidelines in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (therefore, elected from those who have served as District Representatives).

The other positions (Coordinators and Action Committee Chairs) are appointed by the new Chairperson and the newly elected SCWS Board members. You can express your interest to serve by submitting a resume form which is available at the Assembly and on our SCWS website at scws-al-anon.org. Please call current board members if you are interested in their position so that you can ask specifics about their positions. All phone numbers are listed in the blue Bulletin. **To be considered for a Coordinator, or possible Action Committee Chairperson position, submit your completed resume form to the newly elected SCWS Chairperson following the Nov., 2008 Assembly.**

*We encourage District Representatives to discuss this information with your Group Representatives.*

The SCWS elected Board positions are:

Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary (outgoing Delegate serves as "Immediate Past Delegate")

SCWS appointed Coordinator positions:

Alateen, Alateen Sponsor, Archives, Bulletin, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Group Records, Hospitality, Institutions, Literature, Public Information, Website (potentially, Coordinators could also be appointed to serve as their respective Action Committee Chairs)

An Ad Hoc committee will be reviewing the SCWS By-laws for any updates that need to be incorporated from this 3-year term (2006- 2008). Let me know if you want to participate.

Growing in Service,

*Miriam McK.,*

Immediate Past Delegate (chair of Action Committee Ad Hoc committee) 619 461-8686

### **Alt. Delegate Sandie E.**

A great welcome to the new District Representatives who joined us this morning in the District Representative Orientation/Information Session. It is such a pleasure to meet the new DRs and see the growth and confidence of those who continue to come to these meetings and share with us. It is our desire that these sessions be as informative and beneficial as can be in order to help these trusted servants.

Some of the usual things that I cover under the duties of Alternate Delegate are:



## **Minutes of Area Committee Meeting February 16, 2008**

Miriam opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 10:00 am. Traditions read by Mark D8. Description of AWSC from page 149 in new Service Manual read by Kathy D33.

**Reports:** See the Bulletin for complete committee member reports. The minutes contain only new or unreported information.

**Treasurer Report:** See the Bulletin for full report. Will e-mail copies of the report to those who want it before the Bulletin comes out. Running at slight deficit. Expenses higher this year due to travel, as board members went to other service events in 2007. Audit committee meeting planned in a couple of weeks. Thanks to all for helping to carry the message. More groups are using their WSO ID numbers when making contributions. New DRs should inform all GR's that they need to inform their group treasurers to use the group's WSO ID when making contributions to either SCWS or WSO, and that checks for SCWS should be made out to SCWS.

**Delegate's Report:** See Bulletin for full report. This will be Mary's 3<sup>rd</sup> and last Conference. Looking forward to everything except being in the skit. The theme is **Build Bridges, Energize our Spiritual Quest**. Would like to visit each of the Districts before my term is up – there may be around eight that I have not visited yet. Please call and ask one of the Board members to visit. Two Trustees at Large positions are open – requirements and resume information is posted on the WSO website, or you can see Mary for more information. Submitted a petition to ask that an Area be allowed to divide once an Area reaches 700+ groups. This does not mean that we will split, as the Area would have to vote on this. The petition was submitted so that if we wanted to split, we would be able to split. New manuals sent to each CMA, with labels that include the group's WSO ID.

Policy committee is considering a change to the amount that a member can bequeath. The change would remove the limit, therefore, an unlimited amount of money could be bequeathed. Concern regarding what this would do to the fellowship. Please submit your feedback and questions to me about this topic so that I can submit them to WSO. Area Highlights – let me know if there is anything you want me to submit as far as Area accomplishments. I will share some things about the Board attending service events outside the Area.

**Alt Delegates Report:** - Conducted a DR information session this morning to go over various responsibilities. Will hold another session at the next Area World Service Committee meeting. All DRs are welcome, new as well as not-so-new. Information sessions are held for GRs before each of the Assemblies, in May and November.

*The Forum:* *The Forum* is one of the many ways by which we communicate with one another. This monthly magazine ("a meeting in your pocket") features Al-Anons' sharings and other information about our fellowship. We hold a drawing for subscriptions at every Committee and Assembly meeting in order to carry the message and increase awareness in support of this important tool. Does your meeting effectively use *The Forum*?

*Ask it Basket:* The Ask It Basket is one of my favorite parts of our meetings. This provides an opportunity for attendees to present questions in writing, and we find answers for them in our *Service Manual*. Sometimes, the question is one that everyone is thinking and no one is asking. Sometimes it's about a problem a meeting is having, or where to find the reference to the answer we know. The questions and the answers (or rather references) are answered at the meeting if there is time, and are printed in the Bulletin. What an opportunity to learn about our program.

A very special duty of the Alternate Delegate is to produce the Sharing of Service Workshop (SOS) each year. The workshop for 2008 was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>. First of all, multitudes of thanks to the committee who put in such great efforts to sustain the value of SOS. Amanda C. was the Program Chairman and was responsible for choosing the topics and facilitators. She placed her arms around this commitment and what we saw was some of the best of the best. Thank you, also, to Elizabeth K., Publicity Chairman; Tarisa R., Registration Chairman; Liz E., Lunch Chairman; Mary Lou V., Hospitality Chairman. The combined efforts made the day go so very well.

I have read the comments of those who chose to share them with us and there was a very favorable response along with lots of good comments on ways to make it better. This feedback is so important because we want to be able to provide this service learning opportunity to everyone in our Southern California Area. In looking at the demographic breakdown, we see real potential to perhaps have TWO SOSs in 2009 and it is discussed today. If brought to the May Assembly and approved by the Group Representatives, we would be looking at northern and southern workshops within our Area. We would be looking to districts to combine in the hosting and committee responsibilities of these events. I am looking forward to this great change.

I am so grateful to have been able to participate in so many wonderful projects during my term as Alternate Delegate and I look forward to many more during this, our third year of this panel.

Love in service,

Sandie E.

Alternate Delegate

**Don't forget to bring this Bulletin with you to the next Assembly meeting, May 17th in Fullerton.**

There were around 170 participants at the SOS which had workshops on Alateen, the Service Manual, Public Information, and the Website.

**Past Delegates Report:** See Bulletin for full report. Setting up a By Law committee – have copies of the By Laws for anyone interested in participating. Most of the work will be done via the Internet.

**Minutes Secretary:** Cathy asked if anyone had any corrections to the minutes for August 18<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were accepted without objection.

**Records Secretary:** Jayme – Welcome to new DRs and ADRs. Those of you who are new, I need your information today so that I can update the records. Please update the clipboard that is going around. More and more of our groups are registering, which is good. This position requires about 20 hours a month, a computer, knowledge about Microsoft Access and Excel. Roll was called.

**Old Business**

**Discussion of Action Committees** – Miriam – Ad-Hoc Committee – See Bulletin for full report on background information. Committee feels that this topic does not need to be an agenda item at the Assembly – requesting that DRs pass on the recommendation of the ad-hoc committee to their GRs. Recommendation is that the Action Committee Chairs continue to be appointed rather than elected. Because there is no change, no vote is needed at the Assembly.

**New Business**

**SOS Enhancements** – Received feedback that we are not reaching each end of our geographic boundaries. Suggestion is to have two SOS sessions, with assistance from the Districts to coordinate and facilitate. The theme and topics would be the same at both of the sessions. SCWS would pay the rent but will request that someone from a nearby District be the liaison with the facility. Suggest holding both in the early part of the year, i.e., January & February 2009.

Hestor – In the past San Diego did not come to Fullerton to attend SOSs due to the distance. As a result, we started one in San Diego, which started out with lots of attendance but has since dwindled.

Chris – wondering if it is expected that total attendance would increase by having two.

Bernie – think that because we have so much going on, there is less attendance all events (i.e., Conventions). Would like to see the Board be more of a support group and have the Districts put on events versus functions of the Area.

Julie D3 – I do come a long way and I haven't made it to an SOS. Many in my District are willing to drive 2 hours to an event but not 4 hours.

Robin – Agree with Bernie in regards to conventions but I think the SOS is a different and should be conducted to reach the most people. Though I would suggest having them at different times.

Willie D9 – I'm a new DR and I see a lot of enthusi-

asm in my District so I think having a northern SOS would be beneficial. I look forward to having it in the District 9 Area if the opportunity arises, however, I think it is better to have it during the summer months, away from the holidays.

Kary – We've all chased alcoholics to no end. Get in the car and remind people how far they used to go to chase the alcoholic.

Suzanne P. – Loved the idea but trying to think of a way to combine Assembly and SOS. The Delegate only gets one hour at the Assembly meeting after attending one week of meetings.

Sandie will contact those interested in forming an Ad-hoc committee to discuss options for SOS.

**Break for lunch served by Alateens at 12:15 for one hour.**

**Reconvened @ 1:20 PM with the Serenity Prayer. Concepts read by Adrienne D57.**

Miriam opened with a reminder that we should not use acronyms as many new people don't know what they stand for.

Elizabeth presented request for assistance for Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting. Volunteers needed to drive and act as host/hostess.

Hestor needs volunteers for the hospitality room. Hotel will not allow food that is not pre-packaged.

Kary – registration chairperson. If anyone wants to volunteer for registration at the hotel, let Kary know.

**New Business Continued:**

**November Assembly Election Process** - Miriam – passed out SCWS resume form that should be filled out by those interested in serving as one of the Area Coordinators. The form is also available on our website. Elected officers do not need to fill out a form. Election information is in the service manual, starting on page 137. Chairperson asks all DRs and past DRs to stand, then will ask those willing to stand for various positions to remain standing. You don't have to know how to do the job in order to do the job – you can learn on the job.

Miriam suggested making a change to the voting process for the delegate, instead of "going to the hat" use "majority vote" to select the winner. Majority felt that we should not put this on the agenda for the Assembly. Not broken – don't fix it.

**Audit of books** – searching for a person who has an audit background for next year. Please submit names to David.

**Open discussion**

**Carolyn D39** – Two Spanish groups have chosen to stay in District 39. They are being told by the Spanish Intergroup in the Inland Empire that they must join the Spanish District (D64). Per our manual, groups have a choice as to which District they want to attend. Three of the GRs from the meetings that want to remain in D39 re here today because they think it is important that they have a choice.

**Juan D64** – Not sure what is going on with Intergroup. I understand what is going but I haven't heard about this problem until now.

**Christy** – There is an overlap of responsibility between Intergroup and the Area. This is why we invite the Intergroup liaisons to Area meetings, so that we can smooth things out. I think we need to encourage Intergroup to participate in this body so that we can eliminate double-headed management.

**Chris D66** – Some of our meetings (and individuals) have made the decision to stop donating to WSO because of the WSO financial records. Would like to form a fact finding committee to look into the financial background of WSO and how they are spending the money donated to them.

**Robin** – I feel strongly with regards to supporting WSO. Support for WSO should not be pitted against the support of SCWS.

**Christy** – Page 203 in our Service Manual discusses overhead expenses. The Delegate’s report indicates where the money is spent. GR’s need to take this report and inform their groups as to where the money is being spent and how many projects are funded.

**Shirley** – The three PO coordinators teleconference with WSO frequently about various projects. Maybe we need to share more about the various projects that WSO funds.

**Carolyn** – Think that there should be a balance between what is sent to WSO and what we keep to spend on outreach. We also need to spend money on outreach, which will increase our fellowship, which in turn increases donations.

**Jayne** – There has been a campaign going on for a long time because someone was not happy with the decision to purchase property. There are salaries to pay, etc. Warranty #1 talks about funds and reserves.

**Beth** – You don’t put money in a mattress anymore. Not sure what’s wrong with putting money into stock – it’s a way to make money from your money.

**Willie D9** - Most of the answers to all these questions are in the Service Manual. Make sure you read the Concepts and the Warranties. A lot of these questions come up because people don’t understand. This is why it’s so important to read our manual.

**Miriam** – took a vote asking if those in attendance wanted to add this topic to the Assembly agenda, requesting that the Assembly vote to create a committee to look into where WSO spends their money. Not enough people voted to put this on the agenda.

**Summary of items to be placed on the May**

**Agenda:**

1. **SOS Ad-Hoc Committee**
  2. **Restructure committee results**
  3. **Auditor’s report**
- Building Bridges (brainstorming)**

**Convention Chairperson Reports**

**No attendees.**

**Action Committee & Coordinators’ Reports**

**Group Services: Willie W.**

**Alateen Sponsor Coordinator: Macia** – participated in two teleconferences with WSO. Two workshops dates scheduled at Fullerton Sr. Center.

Sandie is still serving in the capacity of processing certifications. Marcia and Sandie are willing to come out and visit Districts to help conduct sponsorship workshops at the local level. Working with WSO to update sponsor information (recertification), which needs to be completed by July.

**Archives: Martha M.** – see Bulletin page 13

**Alateen Coordinator: Daniel K.** – SCAC committee is having a Valentine’s dance in Pomona. Our shirts and flyers are out. Pushing for Alateen GRs so that they have a voice at the Assemblies. AFG Alateens provided lunch today. There was a lot of Alateen participation at the San Fernando convention. [www.SCAC.WS](http://www.SCAC.WS) has Alateen events listed.

**Membership Communications: Cindy R.** – I’m sorry to leave you early today, but excited to be able to take my mother to a play. Now that the rush of the holidays is over, the Membership Communications Action Committee is busy brainstorming ideas for our breakout session in May. I am lucky to have some very creative people on my committee and we are coming up with some great ideas. But it is with all of your participation that makes the “magic of service” happen. Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve. See you all in May. Yours in Service, Cindy Rudder.

**Bulletin: Laurie E.** - see Bulletin page 14

**Literature: Lucia C.** - see Bulletin page 14

**Website: Alvar C.** – the prize for the eCal competition is that the presentation will be shown at the big stadium meeting at the International convention in Pittsburgh. To get your events on the website, send event to [listmyevents@scws-al-anon.org](mailto:listmyevents@scws-al-anon.org). Thanks to the DRs for sending their District meeting information to the website. Need to get more Districts meetings listed, as well as other District events.

**Public Outreach – Robin J.** – AFG convention will have a table with Public Information this year.

**Institutions:** Shirley – requested suggestions for the program for the H & I Conference from the DRs. Goal is to increase Al-Anon participation. AA was willing to get a room for us at the conference but since we don’t have enough in attendance to be able to pay our way. Send suggestions to [Shirley@theMyerhom.net](mailto:Shirley@theMyerhom.net).

**District Representatives’ Reports**

**Mark D8** – Working on details to start an Alateen meeting at Goleta High. Working with AA Central office to create a business card to hand out with information as to where to find an Al-Anon meeting.

**Tina D21** – We’re making plans as a District to put on a workshop. Save the date of October 4, 2008. We’ve taken the experience from District 66, as they had a great event last October on the new bookmark “Sponsorship”. Our event is called “Have a Sponsor, Be a Sponsor”, scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM in Sherman Oaks. District 17 is also participating in this event with us. So, as it is suggested, do something different in service...gather up a couple of friends in Al-Anon and go to a workshop. More information will be passed out at the May Assembly. Happy in Service, Tina S, Alternate District Representative.

**Jay D36** – Well, it's a brand new year already. District 36 had our first meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of January. It was a miserable rainy night but that didn't stop our enthusiasm. Four of us had attended the SOS workshop and each took time to inform the rest about what they missed by not being there. We all agreed it was packed full of information at each workshop and enjoyed listening to what had happened at the workshops we had missed. The four of us have quite a few years in Al-Anon and also service but came back impressed. As we discussed some things...low and behold we found ourselves looking in the Service Manual to make sure we were reporting it correctly. It's easy to use the Service Manual new that it is spiral bound. Actually, we got the other GRs involved and asking questions. We now have 3 Alateen meetings that have the sponsors #'s on file. One of our Alateen meetings is struggling because of lack of Alateen participation. BUT, we don't want to give up because even when there aren't many...it's still a FANTASTIC meeting and we, as sponsors, enjoy being of service. We're getting ready for SCAC. Meetings are starting to send the SCAC can/jar around. I, for one, can't wait for SCAC. It was so awesome last year. We've been passing around the SCAC 2008 flyers. We have a few things we want to do this coming year so we'll let you know in time for the next Bulletin. Love in Service, Jay, District 36 DR.

**Carmie D40** – Also created a calendar for fund raiser for the service center. Only have 8 left; cost is \$7.50. District puts together a newsletter.

**Adrienne D57** – Heart of Recovery fund raiser next Saturday. Jayme P and Beth are speakers in Lakewood from 10 to 4. Theme is service.

**Chris D66** – Sponsorship workshop was successful. Will do another workshop this year.

**Sheffra D60** - A large group in our District no longer participates in the District. Now those remaining must step up to the plate.

**Juan D64** – Elected last November. Our first District meeting was last month. Will have a Concept workshop in Pico Rivera (Concept 1 and 2); Concept 3 and 4 in Moreno Valley; Concepts 5 and 6 in another location, etc.

**Jeff D69** – Alateen pancake breakfast. Every even month we have a district speaker meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Carlsbad Sr. Center.

**Intergroup Liaison Reports**

**Inland Empire** – Beth – Hi. My name is Beth G. and I am the new WSO liaison from the Inland Empire. I am really excited about being on the Inland Empire Board, and also being able to attend all the Assemblies. I am also looking forward to working with my co-chair, Terri. Our board this year is really outstanding, and we have a lot of goals. The Chairperson wants to concentrate on fundraising and exploring new ideas to help keep the Service Center in Colton running. We also need to update our By-Laws to make them easier to understand and include detailed descriptions of the board member positions. The Hispanic Liaison is planning to make

every attempt to visit all the registered Spanish speaking meetings to let them know they have representation on the board and to be able to get their input on issues important to them. We have very active H&I and Public Information members who have been able to attend health fairs and respond to requests from local agencies to have Al-Anon panels. Our Ways & Means chairperson is already planning for the two major events we have every year, Casino Night and the Gratitude Dinner. Our treasurer is fantastic, as are the Alateen, Literature and News Editor of the Serenity Sheet. We also have the best food in the world at every monthly meeting provided by our program chair and co-chair. I look forward to being able to report back to this group about what happened at the Area World Service Committee meeting today.

**San Diego** – Jeannine B. – Hi from San Diego. San Diego Intergroup has just installed a new board. We have a new Chairwoman, Colleen, and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have many groups that do not have an Intergroup Representative attending our meetings and one of our goals is to get more groups and individuals involved with Intergroup. We now have more Alateen sponsors certified and we want more Alateens. Our office is in the plus this month. We have a panel going to Rachel's house and other outreach activities planned for the coming year. Thank you for letting me be of service. Jeannine B.

**Ask-it-Basket:** See the Bulletin for full list of Q&As.

**Announcements:**

Marcia – Alateen Bash Feb 29 – March 2 in Carpinteria.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM with the Al-Anon declaration.

Respectfully submitted: Cathy Watson



# Group Services Action Committee



Board members assigned to this Action Committee are:

AC Chair -	Willie W.
Alateen Coordinator -	Daniel K.
Alateen Sponsor Coordinator -	<b>Open</b>
Archives Coordinator -	Martha M.
Group Records Secretary -	Jayne P.
Hospitality Coordinator -	Mary Lou V.
Minutes Secretary -	Cathy W.
Treasurer -	Suzanne P.

**Group Services Action Committee Chair**—no report

**Alateen Coordinator** - ~ ~ **Position Open** ~ ~

**Alateen Sponsor Coordinator**—no report

**Group Records**—no report

**Hospitality** -

A BIG Thank you to Districts 27, 33, 36, 42, and 45 for help at the Committee meeting. There were many of you who volunteered to help and it made the job fun and easy. For our Assembly meeting on May 17th

**I would like help form the following Districts; 3, 8, 11, 12, 24, 39, 54, and 60.**

Mary Lou V.

## Treasurer

Our income for 2007 was \$47,383.41 and our expenses were \$53,268.06, which included the \$5500.00 contribution to the WSO made in November. Travel expenses were higher this past year. There is no South West Regional Service Seminar this year, so Board members were encouraged to attend other Assemblies or RSS's in 2007. All of the 2007 financial information was submitted to the Audit Committee in mid-January for review. I understand a meeting is planned in the next couple of weeks and the report will be generated soon afterwards.

## Contributions

My personal thanks to all of you for helping us carry the message. Our District Representatives are the guiding force in our Area, informing and training our group representatives. You are doing a great job!

Group contributions for 2007 were \$43,331.06 <See attached report> More groups are using their WSO ID numbers, thank you all for helping with that challenge. Please help your new GR's educate the meeting treasurer's about how and where to make contributions. The WSO ID numbers can be found on your reports from our Groups Records Coordinator (in your envelopes) and on their Bulletin labels. This ID number has no letters, only numbers.

Our mailing address is SCWS, PO Box 350, North Hollywood, CA 91603. Checks and money orders should be made out to "SCWS."

## Treasurer Duties

In November, our Area will elect a new Treasurer from among the past and present District Representatives. It has been a privilege for me to serve in this capacity. I encourage anyone interested in this type of service to ask questions about the responsibilities of the job. As an Area Treasurer, attendance is required at 2-4 Board meetings, 2 Committee and 2 Assembly meetings a year. In addition, you will need to attend the SOS Workshop and be available for Audit and Budget meetings. I also pickup and distribute the mail from the post office box in North Hollywood twice a month. This position requires bookkeeping ability using Quickbooks accounting software as well as Excel, MS Word and e-mail. In terms of time allotted for the actual work involved, plan to spend about 15-20 hours per month. A thorough understanding of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service will also be necessary. Patience, tolerance, love and acceptance are helpful. Thanks again for this opportunity to be of service. Respectfully submitted, Suzanne P. SCWS Treasurer

## Archives Coordinator

God day to all! Welcome and I am glad to see everyone here. I just finished re-doing the Traveling Archives Displays. District 57 is using them for their Alathon on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, then District 50 gets them for their event. Next the Traveling Archives go to our Al-Anon Family Groups Convention in April. I hope you get a chance to see them on their new display boards and archival protectors. They are beautiful!

I would like to ask for all District Representatives and Group Representatives to ask in your respective groups for "hidden treasures". I mean Longtimers with 25 years or more in Al-Anon, who would like to be placed on the Area 4 Longtimers List. I need full names, addresses, phone numbers and whether or not they would like to be contacted for speaking or other Longtimer events. Also if you could, ask our "hidden treasures" for their number of years in Al-Anon.

Thank you so much for your help. It is greatly appreciated and I feel will absolutely and powerfully enhance our program to have these "treasures" share their experience, strength and hope.

Anyone who would like to help with the Longtimers Meeting our Area is putting on in October, please contact me. As always all my information is in the Bulletin.

Gratefully, your trusted servant, Martha M. SCWS Archives Coordinator

**Get your Al-Anon function on the web site**  
**http://scws-al-anon.org by e-mailing in the**  
**information to**  
**listmyevent@scws-al-anon.org**

## Membership Communications



Board members assigned to this Action Committee  
 AC Chair - Cindy R.  
 Bulletin Coordinator - Laurie E.  
 Literature Coordinator - Lucia C.  
 Website Coordinator - Alver G.  
 Alternate Delegate - Sandie E.

The WSO will send out another literature project worksheet during the month of April, 2008, in which the membership will be asked to develop 5 questions on a topic which can be used to encourage group discussion. The completed worksheet is to be returned to the WSO, Attention: Tom Coffey. The worksheet will appear in the Forum as well as the SCWS website.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,  
 Lucia M. C.  
 Literature Coordinator

**Membership Chair** —no report  
**Alternate Delegate** —see page 8

### **Bulletin Coordinator -**

Here I am already working on my third issue! The year has just flown by. Thank you all for your timely reports, it really helps make my job easier. Southern California area is the largest in the US. We are currently printing 1050 copies to be mailed out and distributed to GR's, DR's and others.

Check out each Districts Report and see what cities each District covers and what is going on in our Area. It is fun to put a location to each District to give us a perspective as to where they are actually located.

I hope you are all finding the Bulletin a little more user friendly and continuing to share it with your meetings. When we do this it brings in new interest at the World Service level. The more knowledge we share, the more excitement we can bring in. Share the growth, bring in new people to be of service or just to come and learn.

Your very Grateful Bulletin Editor,  
 Laurie E.

### **Literature Coordinator -**

Calling all Al-Anon/Alateen Members! You are all cordially invited to submit your recovery multimedia sharings to e-CAL (electronic Conference approved literature). Have great ideas but feel "technologically challenged?" Ask for help from someone else. Participate in the e-CAL contest. You have until May 31, 2008 to submit your experience, strength and hope. Text only submissions will be forwarded to the *Forum*. Visit <http://Al-anon.org/members> for more information.

Thank you to District 12 for inviting me to share at their day of service. The love and enthusiasm the members demonstrated was a great spiritual gift for which I'm truly appreciative.

#### Sample Chapter on the Web

The current sample chapter on the World Service Web Site ([www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members)) is from . . . Alateen—Hope for Children of Alcoholics, (B-3) The chapter title is "Understanding Alcoholism" and there are links to read related articles from *The Forum* and Al-Anon pamphlets pertinent to the same topic. Great meeting ideas!

New Literature Project for Districts and Groups

### **Web Site Coordinator –**

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send in information, events or posting for the web site. It grows each day.

I want to announce exciting news about e-CAL. There is a very cool contest put on by WSO for e-CAL right now.

E-Cal is Electronic-Conference Approved Literature. It is sharing created by members and posted on the WSO members' web site. It should be Multimedia, like maybe a power point presentation, or a Flash Movie, or an imovie, or whatever you use. I know my daughter creates multimedia on her cell phone to create multimedia. For the rest of us we can just use our computers.

**So the winners of this contest get their e-cal played at the big stadium at the Al-Anon international in Pittsburgh.** Personally I'm a little prejudiced about Southern California and sure would like to see one from S-Cal when I go to the International.

You can find more information at <http://al-anon.org/members>.

The traffic to the web site remains consistent. Most interest in calendar and meetings.

Please make announcements in your meetings to list events on the web site. They can e-mail their Al-anon event information to [listmyevent@scws-al-anon.org](mailto:listmyevent@scws-al-anon.org). There is a link on the calendar page as well.

We are working on training other people to help update the web site. I have been creating and updating the web site for almost 6 years now, it is time for turn-over of leadership.

If anybody can volunteer to help with the web site I would appreciate it. Both technical and non-technical people requested. E-mail me at [al-var@alvar.com](mailto:al-var@alvar.com) or [webmaster@scws-al-anon.org](mailto:webmaster@scws-al-anon.org).

Thank you to the DRs who have been sending in information regarding district meetings. There is a page dedicated to listing the districts' meeting information. Please send your meeting information in so that page can be complete. For me it is worth it if we get just get one newcomer to come to a district meeting.

I am going to be adding a bulletin boards section to the web site. We seem to have a few people who want to be able to make comments on the

web site and exchange ideas. The Blogs are not getting much attention, except for the ability to post comments. So look for the new section soon.

Thanks for letting me be of service,  
Alvar  
SCWS Web Coordinator

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## Public Outreach Action Committee



Board members assigned to this Action Committee  
AC Chair - Robin J.  
Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Coordinator - Sandra W.  
Institutions Coordinator - Shirley M.  
Public Information Coordinator - Open

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**Public Outreach Chair**—no report  
**CPC coordinator**—no report  
**Institutions Report**

By the time you read this the Southern California Hospital and Institutions Conference with Al-Anon participation will have taken place April 25, 26, and 27. We are now looking forward to the May 18 Assembly when the Intergroup/Information Service Institution Coordinators will be joining District Representatives and Group Representatives in the Public Outreach Action Committee Session.  
Shirley M., Institutions Coordinator

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## Convention Reports

2008 SCAAC Sept. 22-24 San Diego  
2008 AFG April 4-6 Burbank  
2008 SCAC July 4-6 Redlands



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**2008 SCAAC** - no report  
**2008 SCAC** -

My name is Ben A. and I am the chairperson for this year's Southern California Alateen Conference. This year our conference takes place on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. SCAC is a weekend of hope and recovery for young people affected by the family disease of alcoholism. It is filled with fellowship, meetings, and laughter. It changed my life and I have watched it change that of many other young people struggling to cope with alcoholism in their family. As I am sure you can imagine the majority of our attendees (or SCACers) cannot afford the price of SCAC. In keeping with our traditions, the SCAC committee depends solely on donations from within the fellowship to raise scholarships for SCAC. I hope your meeting will consider passing around a cup for SCAC donations along with the seventh tradition basket over the next few months to raise money for SCAC scholarships.

If you do choose to send a "SCAC cup" around during your seventh tradition time here are some things it will be useful to know:

The cost of sending one Alateen to SCAC is \$100, which includes room and board as well as three days of food.

The donations should be sent to the SCAC sponsor JR.

We prefer if groups get their donations to us at least a week before Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, The Last Chance Picnic when we give out the majority of our Scholarship money.

Also, any Al-anon is welcome at SCAC if you are interested in coming it is a great way to be introduced to the Alateen program. If your meeting runs concurrent with an Alateen group it would be very helpful if you notify the sponsors about SCAC, if they want event fliers they can visit our new website [scac.ws](http://scac.ws). If you have any further questions you can e-mail me at [sdrowonyalp@gmail.com](mailto:sdrowonyalp@gmail.com). Thanks so much for your support!

Some important upcoming dates for SCAC are:

**SCAC Picnic on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Balboa Park in San Diego from 1-4**

**SCAC Bash (campout) May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at Emma Wood State Beach**

**SCAC Last Chance picnic (LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER) June 16<sup>th</sup> Wardlow Park in Long Beach 2:00-5:00**

**SCAC Beach Party in Huntington Beach on June 20<sup>th</sup> For more information and fliers go to [scac.ws](http://scac.ws) or e-mail me.**

Thanks for your support!

Ben A.

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### **2008 AFG Convention**

Hello everyone,

My name is Jeremy O., and as the chairperson of the 2008 Southern California Al-Anon Family Groups Convention, the committee and I would like to invite you to come to PARADISE this year!!! Our topic this year is "Recovery in Paradise". The committee and I are looking forward to seeing you all there this year. This is the only all Al-Anon Convention in California, and is the only one of that represent all of Southern California for the Al-Anon Fellowship. We cover every district involved with World Service. **This is your Convention, so please attend!!!!**

The dates are April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The location is the Burbank Airport Marriott, in the city of Burbank. Room nights are \$109.00 per night (less than last year). Please stay at least one night as you will find your convention experience to be 100 times better when you stay the whole weekend. Start saving now!!! A couple of dollars a day will pay for the whole weekend if you start now. To book a room call: 1-800-736-9712. Give them the code ALOALOA. This will get you the discounted rate.

Registration fliers were given out at the November Assembly meeting, along with packets for each Group Rep. These packets were handed out to the District Reps. If you did not receive your packet at the meeting, please call your District Rep. to make arrangements to have it mailed to you. You can also

register on-line and print out registration forms at: [www.afgconvention.org](http://www.afgconvention.org).

You can pre-register for the convention and save \$5.00. You can also buy your luncheon tickets for \$29.00 and banquet tickets for \$37.00 and get priority seating. You can also purchase these tickets online. You can purchase raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets as well. Last years 50/50 gave away more than \$1500.00. We are also looking for members to be of service at different levels at the convention. You can also sign up to be of service on line or on the registration flier.

**Some Highlights of our Convention:** This year the nation's #1 Beach Boy's tribute band will be playing for our Friday Night Entertainment. They are so authentic that the actual Beach Boy's had them play their family reunion!!! We also have King Kulukulele as the MC of our event who will be playing his humorous Hawaiian Swing style music during the intermissions. This price of the show is included in your registration so all that is needed is a registration badge.

We are having a "Long Timers Tea" to celebrate all the members of Al-Anon that have been with us for 25 years and longer. All members are encouraged to come. This is to celebrate their recovery, so please make a point to attend this. It always has a great turnout. This is Saturday after the luncheon. The luncheon is Saturday at 11:30am, and our Al-Anon Speaker is Kay L, from Los Angeles/Malibu, and our Alateen speaker is the 2008 SCAC chairperson Ben A, also from Los Angeles. Buy your tickets early because a very, very limited amount will be for sale at the convention.

We have speaker meetings throughout the weekend, with speakers from all over Southern California. Our Friday night speakers are Jean K, form Redondo Beach and Sandy K, from El Segundo. Our Saturday morning meeting speakers are Mary M. (Our SCWS current Delegate). Come and support her and here her Al-Anon story. John H, from San Clemente is also speaking. Our Sunday morning speakers are Katie K, from Oceanside and Carlotta, from Woodland Hills. We have 24 hour marathon meetings going on all weekend, as well as an Al-Anon arts and crafts room. There will be a Banquet on Saturday night with a free dance that will be an "oldies" dance for the first half of the night. The speakers are Charlie C, Burbank (AA), and Jerry W, Ventura (Al-Anon). We also have a whole weekend program for Alateen, AA, and Spanish speaking members as well.

This is the first year every that World Service will have its own Public Outreach booth to help with getting the information about being of service at this level. If you would like to be of service for this please contact Robin J

Please take all the fliers to your meeting and maybe some meetings in your city or surrounding area that you usually don't go to. If you have any questions you can call me or you can e-mail me at [jere-myol@verizon.net](mailto:jere-myol@verizon.net). There is all the information about the convention and about volunteering to be of service at [www.afgconvention.org](http://www.afgconvention.org). Thank you again for those of you who attended last year. Please come back this year and bring a couple of friends with you!!! Come Recover in Paradise!!!

Love in Service, Jeremy O.  
AFG 2008 Chairperson.

### **ACTION COMMITTEE - ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>Group Services Facilitator: Willie W.</b>	<b>Membership Communications Facilitator: Cindy R.</b>	<b>Public Outreach Facilitator: Robin J.</b>
<p><u>District Representative**</u> From Districts 3, 9, 12, 24, 33 40, 48, 57, 64, 72</p> <p><u>Group Representatives**</u> see below</p> <p><u>Intergroup Liaisons</u> Orange County</p> <p><u>Board members</u> Group Records Secretary Minutes Secretary Treasurer Alateen Coordinator Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Archives Hospitality</p>	<p><u>District Representative**</u> From Districts 6, 10, 17, 27, 36 42, 51, 60, 66, 75</p> <p><u>Group Representatives**</u> see below</p> <p><u>Intergroup Liaisons</u> Inland Empire Ventura County</p> <p><u>Board members</u> Alternate Delegate (Forum &amp; SOS) Bulletin Coordinator Literature Coordinator Website Coordinator</p>	<p><u>District Representative**</u> From Districts 8, 11, 21, 30, 39 45, 54, 63, 69, 78</p> <p><u>Group Representatives**</u> see below</p> <p><u>Intergroup Liaisons</u> Los Angeles County San Diego County Spanish Intergroup of L.A. County</p> <p><u>Board members</u> CPC Coordinator Institutions Coordinator Public Information Coordinator</p>



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## Intergroup Reports



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**Los Angeles County Liaison, Arlene R.** –no report  
**Orange County Liaison, Alexandria R.** - no report

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### **San Diego Liaison, Jeannine B.**

Hi from San Diego,

San Diego Intergroup has just installed a new board. We have a new Chairwoman, Colleen and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have many groups that do not have a GR attending our meetings and one of our goals is to get more groups and individuals involved with intergroup.

We now have more Alateen sponsors certified and we want more Alateens.

Our office is in the plus this month.

We have a panel going to Rachel's house and other outreach activities planned for the coming year. Thank you for letting me be of service.  
Jeannine B.

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### **Inland Empire Liaison, Beth G. -**

Hi. My name is Beth G. and I am the new WSO Liaison from the Inland Empire. I am really excited about being on the board, and also being able to attend all the Assemblies. I also am looking forward to working with my co-chair, Terri.

Our board this year is really outstanding, and we have a lot of goals. The Chairperson wants to concentrate on fundraising and exploring new ideas to help keep the Service Center in Colton running.

We also need to update our By-Laws to make them easier to understand and have detailed descriptions of the board members positions.

The Hispanic Liaison is planning to make every attempt to visit all the registered Spanish speaking meetings, to let them know they have representation on the board and to be able to get their input on any issues important to them.

We have a very active H & I and Public Information members. They have been able to attend health fairs and respond to requests from local agencies to have Al-Anon panels.

Our Ways and Means chairperson is already planning for the two major events we have every year, Casino Night and the Gratitude Dinner.

Our treasurer is fantastic, as are the Alateen, Literature and News Editor of the Serenity Sheet. We also have the best food in the world at every monthly meeting provided by our program chair and co-chair.

I look forward to being able to report back to this group about what happened at the Assembly Meeting today. Beth G.

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### **Ventura County Liaison - Cyndy P.**

Hi Everyone,

It's me Cyndy P. your Ventura County Intergroup Chair and a very grateful member of Al-anon Family Groups. In my last report I explained that I stepped up to chair so Roseanne S. could focus on her health. For those of you who don't know.....Roseanne passed away in December. We lost a very good friend a wonderful example to service and we miss her very much. This is something I've never experienced but I have experienced love and support from the Fellowship that we call Al-anon and I know that Roseanne would want us to move forward so I'd like to share our upcoming events.

On April 12th we will be having a Lasagna Dinner to support our Serenity by the Sea Round-Up. Lots of fun with an Al-anon and A.A. speaker. It will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church in Ventura.

On April 19th we will be having a Round Robin in Camarillo at the Mt. Cross Lutheran Church. Just one way to get people from all of our local meetings to gather together for lots of shares and fun.

We have The Ventura County A.A. Serenity by the Sea Round Up ( with Al-Anon and Alateen participation) coming up April 25th,26th,27th at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Please come and visit us we will be having Great Speakers and our Alateens will be having a Ice Cream Social and Pizza Party.

The Intergroup Board is working very hard....we have panels going out to local High Schools and Recovery Centers.....we also have an Alateen Bash at one of our local Beaches. On the week-end of May 16th at Emma Wood Beach.

We invite you to all of our upcoming events and if you'd like any further information, please go to our website.....[www.alanonventura.org](http://www.alanonventura.org). We look forward to seeing you in Ventura County.

Love In Service,  
Cyndy P.

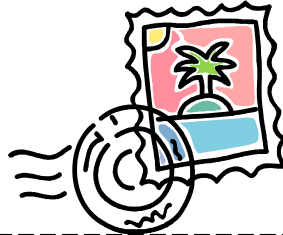
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Our Delegate Mary, would love to receive mail from you while she is at the World Service Conference. The address for the Conference this year is as follows:

Mary M.  
c/o Stamford Marriott,  
Two Stamford Forum  
Stamford, CT 06901

Be sure that your mail is sent no sooner than April 8th as the hotel will not hold any mail received before that time. If you would please use my home address as the return address in case anything arrives late. My address is:

Be sure to keep her in your prayers as she goes about the Conference work and also all of those that are there voting and making decisions for our wonderful fellowship.



## Group Contributions

On the following pages are the Group Contributions for the year of 2007. Please check with your meeting Treasurer and make sure that the contributions match their amounts and that they are sending them to the right address and with the appropriate identification number. It is the same number used for WSO contributions.

A big THANK YOU to all of you who got their reports in on time for publication in this issue of the Bulletin. In order to ensure the Bulletin is printed and distributed in a timely manner, it is imperative that our submittal deadlines be observed. The next Deadline will be May 25th. One week after the Assembly meeting.

Lovin' this Service,  
Laurie E., Bulletin Coordinator

Jan - Dec 07

0000387 - Yorba Linda Mon 10AM Step Study	110.00
0000651	80.00
0000652 - Alhambra Fri 1030AM	27.00
0000653	18.74
0000683 - Monday Night AFG	150.00
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0001372 - Placentia Monday Night	207.80

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0001464 - Torrance	75.00	0028362 - Sherman Oaks 8PM	34.91
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0045093 - Fallbrook Th 730PM	15.00	0051164 - Huntington Bch Tues Nite Men	80.00
0045275 - Irvine Sunday Marniers Church 7	206.75	0051213 - Idyllwild Thurs Evening	10.00
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0050420 - Vista	63.80	0062211 - Pasadena	93.10
0050442 - Westchester Sat 10AM	214.87	0062365 - Oxnard Tues 7PM	24.75
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0050540 - Mon Nite La Verne Serenity AFG	30.00		

0062616 - Pico Rivera Tues 7PM	120.00	0066399 - Newport Beach Mon 12PM Mens	60.00
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0062948 - Riverside Tues As We Understood	35.90	0066508 - Sun City Sat Am Step	10.00
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0063023 - Pacific Palisades Weds 10 AM	120.00	0066545 - Los Alamitos Sat 530PM	60.32
0063269 - Back to Basics Escondido	32.80	0066711 - Burbank Sunday Women	98.60
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0063851 - Simi Valley Friday 8PM	30.00	0068050 - Pomona Despertar	15.00
0063876 - Newport Bch/CM Sat AM Parents	76.13	0075762 - Solana Bch Courage to Change	65.00
0063948 - Santa Monica Fr AM	282.46	042842	142.20
0063949	30.40	0456632 - Santa Paula Tues 7PM	30.00
0064026 - Los Angeles Sun AT Center Griff	408.80	0487486 - Solana Beach Tues AM Literature	17.00
0064054 - Willingness to Change San Diego	79.86	0489586 -La Crescenta Sat 9AM	70.00
0064140 - Pacific Palisades Sat 730AM	186.00	0500482 - Costa Mesa Break Away Parents	23.40
0064141 - Ventura Tues 130PM	49.50	0500486 - Costa Mesa 730 Parents	212.89
0064143 - Lake Forest Mon 7PM	63.00	0500493 - Santa Clarita Fri	21.44
0064304	15.00	0500806	80.00
0064305	30.75	0500829	6.90
0064307 - Cambria Thurs Easy Does It	25.00	0500857 - W Hollywood Robertson	142.68
0064309 - Morro Bay	22.73	0500920	15.00
0064375 - Atascadero Thurs Step Study	30.00	0500920 - Santa Barbara Sat 11AM	60.00
0064376 - San Diego	30.15	0501009 - Santee Thurs 7PM	25.00
0064469 - Encino Mon Night	40.64	0501132 -Valor Para Cambier	20.00
0064471 - Claremont San Diego Friday 6PM	107.62	0501208 - Survival to Recovery Fri 8AM	33.00
0064521	5.00	0501295 - Palm Desert Mon 730PM	20.00
0064579 - Hollywood Sun 11AM	31.00	0501322 - Redlands Tues 730PM	51.10
0064581 - San Diego	20.00	0501377 - Escondido Sat 930AM	41.50
0064594 - Carlsbad	123.13	0501434 - Riverside Th Evening	27.77
0064595 - Tehacapi Mon Night	10.00	0501501 - Monrovia Tues 7PM	11.00
0064595 - Tehachapi Mon Night	20.00	0501647 - Laguna Parents	165.00
0064865 - Westlake Village Tues 7PM	105.00	0501669 - Vida Serena	175.00
00648930 - Laguna Nigel Tu AM	70.00	0501725 - Laguna Woods Tues 10AM	20.00
0064900 - Cambria Mon PM	10.00	0501758 - Wofford Heights Friday AI-Anon	27.30
0064927 - Fallbrook ODAT	20.00	0502033 - Aprendiendo a Amarnos	15.00
0065007 - San Diego Fri 7PM	34.50	0502151 - Santa Clarita Sun 5PM ST	91.69
0065161	53.50	0502221 - Ventura Mon 7PM	40.00
0065210 - Pacific Palisades Sun Mon AM	98.55	0502462	20.00
0065245 - Indian Wells Th Noon Paths	38.00	0502540 - Del Mar Tues 9AM	40.00
0065307	60.00	0502567 - Fullerton Fri 7PM Recuperacion	20.00
0065307 - Hermosa Bch Thurs 12PM	130.00	0502598 - Westlake Vlg Th 730PM	49.00
0065399 - Carlsbad Loving Traditions	56.57	0502704 - Wofford Heights Wed 7PM AFG	28.00
0065430 - Altadena Sat 10AM	92.00	0502729 - Palm Springs Th 7PM Church	68.07
0065433 - Parents ODAT 645	90.00	0502817 - Solana Beach Mon AM Step	110.00
00654430 - Studio City Tues 730 Parents	120.00	0502884 - Rancho Sta Margarita Tues Pare	13.96
0065541	18.00	0502996 - Studio City Tues Parents	113.00
0065561 - Santa Monica Thurs 735AM	46.43	0503020 - Reseda Florenciendo Alanda	15.00
0065666 - Covina Th 8PM	13.50	0503057 - Carlsbad 1st Wed Speaker	10.00
0065672 - Griffith Park	30.00	0503204 - Holtville	10.00
0065713 - Marina Pacifica LB	10.00	0503210 - Simi Valley Th 7PM	15.00
0065849 - West Hollywood	26.40	0503276 - Bakersfield LOL Frid Night	20.00
0066050 - Pomona Despertar	105.00	0503292	25.00
0066183 - Arroyo Grande	55.00	0503304 - Hesperia Fri Courage	15.00
0066184 - W LA Tuesday Women	134.75	0503516 - Granada Hills Fri 730PM	40.15
0066193 - Courage to Change Malibu Th 10A	32.00	0503532 - Westwood Friday 1030A	450.00
0066240	50.00	0503581	366.00
0066240 - Yorba Linda Tues PM	95.00	0503589 - Serenidad	175.00
0066281 - Carlsbad	18.50	0503666 - N Hollywood Fri Noon	102.46
0066282	15.00	0503688	20.00
0066282 - Los Angeles Fri 7PM	30.00	0503697 - Monday Meet the Week C to C	10.00
0066365 - Tues Nite Step Study Blue Jay	38.00		

0503697 - Rancho Sta Margarita Mon 9AM	70.40
0503768	42.28
0503910 - Santa Barbara Together We Can	10.74
0503998	84.25
0504134 - Hesperia Sat 5PM	11.00
0504207 - Camarillo Mens Stag	25.00
3008783	151.30
30507920 - S Pasadena Sat 9AM	41.80
30508851 - Laguna Beach Th 430PM Women	60.00
30510977	17.00
30511150 - Costa Mesa Mon 630PM	40.00
30512389 - Santa Monica Mt Olive Wed	125.00
30512492	12.50
7th Tradition	85.00
9999999	7,640.57
Alateen Sponsors Workshop	43.00
District 27	675.00
District 40	61.43
District 45	500.00
District 48	20.00
District 6	500.00
District 64	250.00
Forum Subscription	16.25
Orange County Alathon	228.74
SOS Workshop	717.00
VCAAC Convention	110.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>45,371.32</u></b>

## 2007 Year End Profit and Loss Report

	<u>Jan - Dec 07</u>
<b>Income</b>	
7th Tradition	1,317.52
Bulletin Subscriptions	74.00
Contributions - CHECKS RETURNED	-12.37
Convention Contributions	110.55
District\Intergroup Contributio	1,456.43
Forum Subs	186.30
Group Contributions	42,800.49
Interest Income	722.29
SOS Income	717.00
Uncategorized Income	11.20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>47,383.41</u></b>
<b>Expense</b>	
"Bulletin" Costs	
Bulk Mail	2,303.10
Production	6,088.08
"Bulletin" Costs - Other	398.16
<b>Total "Bulletin" Costs</b>	<b><u>8,789.34</u></b>

<b>Computer</b>	
Hardware\Software	210.65
<b>Total Computer</b>	<b><u>210.65</u></b>
<b>Coordinators' Expenses</b>	
Alateen Sponsor\Alateen	4,054.08
CPC	377.88
Group Services Action Comm Ch	37.72
Hospitality	652.96
Institutions	
H&I Conference	101.99
<b>Total Institutions</b>	<b><u>101.99</u></b>
Literature	56.89
PI	1,260.21
Public Outreach Action Comm Cha	37.00
Records Secretary	354.16
Website Expenses	182.24
<b>Total Coordinators' Expenses</b>	<b><u>7,115.13</u></b>
<b>Donation to AFG Hdqtrs</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b>Forum Subscriptions</b>	<b>99.00</b>
<b>Meeting Travel\Hotel</b>	
Delegate Equalizer Fund	1,959.00
Delegate WSC	500.00
International Convention	637.07
Other Area Meetings	4,750.83
SWRDM	1,204.92
SWRSS	2,294.86
Meeting Travell\Hotel - Other	608.00
<b>Total Meeting Travel\Hotel</b>	<b><u>11,954.68</u></b>
<b>Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements</b>	
DR's\GR's\Liaisons	3,116.60
Officers\Coordinators	4,551.28
<b>Total Mileage\Hotel Reimbursements</b>	<b><u>7,667.88</u></b>
<b>Officers' Expenses</b>	
Alternate Delegate	159.19
Delegate	1,020.52
Treasurer	592.99
Officers' Expenses - Other	33.15
<b>Total Officers' Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,805.85</u></b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Bank Charges	15.00
Insurance (Liability)	3,453.00
Misc Supplies\Operating	23.11
Misc. Expense	0.00
NSF\Returned Checks	37.20
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b><u>3,528.31</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation Discrepancies</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Rent</b>	
Committee\Assembly Meetings	4,221.00
Hospitality Storage	768.00
<b>Total Rent</b>	<b><u>4,989.00</u></b>
<b>Special Meetings</b>	
SOS Expenses	1,590.85
<b>Total Special Meetings</b>	<b><u>1,590.85</u></b>
<b>Uncategorized Expenses</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>53,250.69</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>-5,867.28</u></b>

# District Representatives' Reports



No reports from District's 6,8,11,17,21,24, 27,36,  
51,60,63,66,78

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## District 3

**Paso Robles, Atascadero, Cambria, Cayucos, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, Nipomo, Santa Maria, Orcutt, Lompoc and Solvang.**

Thank you to Sandra W. CPC coordinator, for visiting our District meeting in January and sharing lots of great ideas with us! Right now we don't have lots of money to spend in this area, but Sandra shared lots of simple ideas that anyone can do that don't cost much.

We have had many new Alateen meetings start up recently. We have new Alateen meetings in Arroyo Grande and Santa Maria, plus another one will start in March in Paso Robles.

We have many great events this year. Serenity by the Sea will happen on March 1st. The speaker will be Betty Ann Z. The 22nd District AA convention in San Luis Obispo with Al-Anon participation will be held August 22, 23, 24, 2008. The 52nd District AA Convention in Santa Maria with Al-Anon participation will be September 12, 13, 14 and the Al-Anon speaker will be Larcine G. We hope you can join us for these events on the beautiful Central Coast.

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## District 6

**Basically we encompass the whole of Kern County. Currently the towns in Kern county that have active Al-Anon Meetings are Bakersfield, Shafter, Lamont, Taft and the Lake Isabella area.**

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## District 8

**Santa Barbara area**

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## District 9

**Consisting of the Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, Lake Hughes, Mojave and everything in between.**

In December 2007 we elected our new officers for the 3-year term. We had our first District Meeting Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, and as the new DR, I'm happy to say it went extremely well. Fifteen people attended and all were enthusiastic participants. Included on the agenda were the following:

- Review of both the District Meeting Guidelines and the Group Representative Guidelines
- Review of our link to the World Service Conference, and how as GRs and DRs, the privilege of voting at the group level affects Al-Anon as a whole
- Emphasis on the importance of registering with WSO and SCWS
- Emphasis on having the new Service Manual at

every meeting

- Beginning our journey of becoming more familiar with the Concepts

Becoming pro-active when faced with group problems and concerns by educating our GRs of the most commonly asked questions and answers published either from our SCWS Bulletin in the past, or from WSO.

Our main goal? **"To carry the message to those who are still suffering."** We have a great team and are off to a great start!

Love in Al-Anon, Willie M., DR

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## District 10

Greetings from the Hi Desert District 10

Well the year has ended and we have a new beginning. We started by having our elections in our District and I have bitter/sweet going on within me.. I am happy to announce that Loreina C. of Barstow has been elected our new District Representative for our district. I know she will do a great job, she has been very active in the Al-Anons fellowship and has served in other positions within our district. You will be hearing from her soon. Almost of all of our positions are filled what a blessing that is.

We had our District Fundraiser (Heart Talk) in February, Wanda along with her committee did a fine job, had great speakers, good food and I can't say enough about our Alateens, they are amazing kids. They put on our entertainment...I am amazed with the programs that they come up with, to me having the Alateens involved is what Al-Anon functions are all about. Sharing the Al-Anon/Alateen program with family and friends. Also for all of you that attended and those that didn't, the donations for our Serenity Shop and for the Raffle was overwhelming and priceless, the love and hours to make the crafts.

I want to Thank all the people within our district and everyone that has supported me throughout my time as being District Rep, I has been a really learning experience that I will never forget. My district gave me a beautiful plaque and gift cards for Olive Garden in appreciation for my work as District Rep, they thank me but it is me that thanks them. Again, I thank each and everyone, there is so much to learn and grow from by expanding ourselves outside our home groups. Happy Trails to you all, Love in Service Gail A N.

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## District 12

It's a new year and the last year of our service commitment in our district. 2007 was an active year. We started off with an Alateen workshop in January. In April we held an Institutions workshop featuring a panel of H&I volunteers and professionals from our community. In November we were pleased to have our delegate, Mary as a guest speaker and we had a great turnout. With the Serenity by the Sea Roundup in April, Ventura County AA Convention in September and our Information Service Gratitude Fair in October, we were all very busy serving our fellowship.

The year ended on a very sad note. Our dear Rosanne S., Intergroup Chair and an active and enthusiastic member of Al-Anon, passed away in December after a battle with leukemia. She was an inspiration and a dearly loved friend. We miss her, but her spirit remains with us as a symbol of a life well lived and a sparkling example of recovery. Please keep her dear husband Don and her family in your prayers.

This year we started off with a workshop for "Trusted Servants" and Lucia, SCWS Literature Coordinator was our featured speaker. We distributed a case of manuals and several Groups at Work booklets along with Guidelines and pamphlets to help new secretaries, treasurers and other group servants to become familiar with Al-Anon policies and practices and familiarize them with the many resources available to help us have happy, healthy groups. Cyndy P., our new Information Service chair and a group of friends presented a skit showing the Do's and Don'ts of giving reports and running a meeting.

We are very excited about our fundraiser: an Al-Anon calendar (show calendar) featuring short sharings on the steps, traditions and slogans and noting the dates of important functions and fun activities in Ventura County. Our Alternate DR, Judy D. was in charge of the project along with Fallon and Reidun, DRs from Thousand Oaks. I want to thank that district rep who shared about this last year and gave us the idea. We have lots of plans for next year's edition.

Visit our Information Service website, <http://www.alanonventura.org>.  
LIS, Lea R., District T2

and other District expenses; 4. Funding a portion of the DR's attendance at the International Convention. No decisions have been made.

We welcomed a new Alateen meeting for girls only, on Saturdays from 7 - 8:30 pm at Maryvale, Rosemead. Welcome new Alateen sponsors Eva M. and Kathy P. The woman's Al-Anon meeting meets in an adjacent bldg at 7p.m. I encourage everyone to visit new meetings; they need our support. As part of outreach, we distributed the "Crying House" bookmark, and prescription pads for the professional to use to recommend Al-Anon to clients. District-wide we distributed the "Sponsorship" bookmark, trying to make sure everyone in our District received one. Our secretary Gael F., resigned and currently no one has taken the commitment. Thank you Gael for all your many months of hard work on the minutes. We welcomed Susan S as alternate GR for the Arcadia Sunday night meeting.

On a personal note, I have been encouraging the "Forum" by passing around a small globe reminding everyone that "World Service" encourages the use of the Forum. I started in February at the Tuesday night Roses Road meeting in San Gabriel; take any amount during the collection, when there's \$11 we pick a subscription winner. Members sign their name and phone number as they donate to the "World Service"; I may graduate to the traditional Forum can. Our group has been generous and in February gave 1 subscription and in March gave 3 subscriptions to the Forum.

That's it for now. Blessings to all of you, keep your HP nearby.  
Hugs in Service, Maria L. G.

**District 17**  
**Covering the San Fernando Valley West**  
**(Woodland Hills-Van Nuys)**

**District 27- cuts through a wide swath of Los Angeles from Silverlake in the east, near downtown LA, across Midtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, West Los Angeles, Bel Air, Brentwood--all the way to Malibu, where several of our meetings have had to relocate because of the fires.**

**District 30**  
**Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, and Temple City.**  
Greetings from District 30,.

These past few months have gone by rather quickly. There was an excellent attendance from our District for the Sharing of Service in January. Good outreach information to take home to the groups. Currently in the "thought process" are: 1. Public outreach through a billboard or bus shelter advertising; 2. Hosting a Alateen Sponsorship Workshop; 3. Having a fundraiser for SCAC scholarships

**District 33**  
**Covina, West Covina, Glendora, La Puente, Hacienda Heights, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, City of Industry**

Hello from District 33,  
Another fabulous quarter has come to an end. This February's committee meeting reminded me why I come to Al-Anon. I sat next to 2 long time Al-Anon members still being of service, next to someone stepping up to cover for the D.R., across from and down the table from 2 new D.R.s. and across the room from a long timer who took up the D.R. roll with much enthusiasm after no one else would. This is only what I heard about my fellow D.R's. I know all of them are why I am accounted for and present. The link between S.C.W.S. would be diluted without the direct links of people willing to carry the message. So many good ideas were shared by the other Districts, it was not hard to find an idea or two or three to take back and share. It is all done in the spirit of "for fun and for free". Together we carry the message. I am grateful to be part of the link.

In our District, we are busy meeting and planning for our 25<sup>th</sup> annual, give or take a few. J Alathon - Our 2008 Chairperson is a little nervous, but she has selected and asked an energetic and enthusiastic group of people from a variety of Dis-



strict meetings who are reading to be of service. It will be a day filled with speakers, food, participation meetings, food, raffles, entertainment, food and fun. It seems most Districts host their own Alathon's these days and if they do not yet or even if they do...please visit the SCWS website to see where ours is and the date. We would love to see any of you wanting to share in a day of hope and fun. A half a day of experience, strength, hope and food goes a long way in personal recovery.

Other than this, we are doing the things that all Districts are working on. We are working in PI to share our message at schools, counseling offices and social community programs that need our message. Lisa V. , a long time panel leader and Rose who is our P.R. person both carry the torch for carrying the message in District 33. We all know it is a never ending road to find those who need and want what we offer. The disease of alcoholism and its effects on the family never ends. Never.

District 33 has started a new Alateen meeting in Monrovia and has 2 other Alateen meetings in West Covina and Azusa. An Alateen sponsor is a diamond. We are grateful to our long time sponsors and our new one for committing to this service. They actively work towards complying with the guidelines now in place with commitment and willingness.

Our newsletter continues on quarterly with our 42<sup>nd</sup> issue in April, and we will include your fun stuff if we find it on the SCWS website. Helping you carry your message too. Thank you for letting us be of service.

Good times in Service,  
Kathy G-District 33 D.R./Lucy C. Alt. D.R.

### District 36

**Alta Loma - Chino - La Verne - Ontario - Pomona - Upland**

### District 39

**Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris, Corona, Norco, Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Yucaipa, Redlands, Loma Linda, Colton, Rialto, Fontana, San Bernardino, Highland, the San Bernardino Mountain communities of Lake Arrowhead, Blue Jay, Sky Forest, Lake Gregory, Twin Peaks, Running Springs, Arrow Bear, Crestline, Big Bear, Fawnskin, Forest Falls, and Oak Glen.**

Since November 2007, we have worked on improving our groups in several ways. We gained many valuable ideas from our Spanish GR's such as hosting workshops on the Traditions or the Concepts. We've pondered holding workshops on Sponsorship and Alateen Sponsor training, too. We're currently planning our annual fundraiser, the Day in Al-Anon, for a Saturday in August.

Our 3 Spanish GR's from Fontana ( Nuevo Horizonte, Aprendiendo A Vivir, and Nueva Vida) reported that people from the Inland Empire Spanish Intergroup have repeatedly attended their meetings disruptively promoting and pressuring their meetings into joining this information center and District 64. The dissension from this anti-Tradition and Anti-

Concept behavior has caused one great Al-Anon member to quit not only her GR service, but also Al-Anon all together. Others, here as well have left AFG, too. These 3 groups consistently express their group conscience to stay with District 39 and the Colton Inland Empire Service Center.

In March we usually make love gifts for our Delegate, Mary Morrison, to take to the World Service Conference. We keep our hands busy while conducting our district business.

In April our district outreach project will place 100 Spanish and 400 English copies of AL-NON FACES ALCOHOLISM 2008 in drug and alcohol treatment centers in our geographic area.

Love in Service,  
**Carolyn S., DR**

### District 40

**Anza, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Idyllwild, Lake Elsinor, Murrieta, Sun City Temecula, Wildomar.**

We at district 40 started the year off with a lot of enthusiasm. We wanted to get a web site started for our area so people could see where meetings are and what's going on. So far it's looking good don't have an address yet but watch the serenity sheet it will be in there when we get it up and running. We are also going to go to the schools to see if they want to have us come in with a panel to share about Alateen meetings

We put together our calendars again this year. They are still selling for \$7.50 and all the proceeds go to the Colton Service Center. We just sent them a check for \$600.00 dollars.

Our ADR prints up a new letter after each district meeting and sends it out to all G.R.'s So everyone will know what is happening in our area.

We now have Alateen in the district and all sponsors are registered.

We are in the planning stages of the Spring Fling. This function raises the funds we need for our local expenses. Last month we put together a budget, and we will be sending in a contribution to the S.C. the S.C.W.S. and W.S. each month.

In March we get the privilege of having Mary M. come speak. Everyone is looking forward to hearing her share.

We are very lucky to have a district that loves being of service and with that I will sign off with Love in service,

Carmie D.R. 40



**District 42**

The cities my district covers are from Landers to Blythe, 29 Palms, Yucca Valley, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta, Indio, Bermuda Dunes, Joshua Tree, Desert Center, Indian Wells and any city from Indio to Blythe but no meeting there yet.

Hello from the warmest district in Southern Ca. District #42. February the district had its 12th annual Alathon. We have a large turn out this year with over 100 plus joining us with fun and three great speakers. One who is a own delegate Mary Morrison. We have Lots of food, some great baskets with Al-Anon literature in them. Fun was had by all and the district made some money to help the other who need Al-Anon like The LDC, Alateen and our outreach.

Our speaker meeting every other month is going great. If you are planning a trip to Palm Springs /Palm desert area comes join us at one of the speaker meeting on Mar 14 or May 9.

Our outreach meeting on wheels added a new group. To its other two meeting. We are hoping to start a new Alateen group this summer in Palm Springs. And it will not be long before Mad Dog Days will be here Aug 1, 2 and 3.

So come joy the nice warm weather and the warm Al-Anon meetings we have here in District #42.

Love in service ,

Sam M

**District 45**

Well we just got four new enthusiastic GR'S that are showing willingness to learn and participate. We are looking forward to grow and work together to carry the message of Al-Anon and Alateen.

Love in service,  
Emilce L.

**District 48**

Good morning , My name is Estela R. and I'm the new District 48 Representative. I am looking forward to meeting alot of you for the first time today. I very pleased to give this service, I hope to gather as much information and take it to my fellow partners.

Currently the District is certifying sponsors for Al-Ateen and assuring that all the group be registered.

We are planning to buy new literature , and distribute it. In the event to celebrate Lois.

As a newcomer, I hope to give the best service possible for others and also for myself.

Thank you for letting me give this service, Estela

**District 54**

Hello from District 54

By the time you read this we will have had another successful Alathon on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to CB and Bonnie for your leadership and commitment to service and our district. Our Alathon has been going on for over 10 years! We started it because another DR mentioned it at a committee meeting. I have wonderful memories of Peggy, our first DR who got it going! ( I also remember when we were lucky to have 6 GR's at our District meeting.)

Our District 54 Alathon started with "Al-Anon Is Our Heart Home" and we used Valentine decorations purchased the week before in the 'day after sale'. We have come a long way! Now our Alathon contributes over \$1,000 for outreach programs IN OUR DISTRICT. Here are some of our successes our members who attended past Alathons have helped accomplish! 1) We distributed over 200 "Alcoholism Tears A Family Apart" posters, 2) We have twice put 40 Al-Anon and Alateen books in 20 local libraries, 3) We publish one-page local directories three times a year. 4) We maintain a local telephone number with a message center offering callers "real people" volunteers who can direct them to a meeting, 5) We delivered over 100 packages of Alateen materials and posters to middle school and a few high school nurses and counselors in our district, 6) 400 English and 25 Spanish "2008 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" are being delivered to public places and professional's offices, 7) Al-Anon "advertisements" as well as local meeting locations have been listed in local newspapers (special thanks to Mike for your efforts), 8) 200 new Al-Anon posters are being printed for distribution in our district, 9) We've sent officers to SWRSS, to the H&I Conference, to PRAASA and to other conferences to learn more about the benefits that service offers to carrying the message of hope to families of alcoholics who don't know about Al-Anon .

We continue to be blessed with committed district officers, so special thanks to Don and to Linda for your long service to the district. Also we continue to be blessed with having Linn, our Alateen Workshop chairperson and Jean, our Alateen Liaison, who regularly host a bi-monthly Alateen Sponsor Workshop. They also host an annual workshop at our Alathon.

Thank you to Linda L for being our DR this term and to all who have served the district in the past and to everyone who is currently of service above the group level in District 54! We sure have wonderful participation!

I can hardly wait to get back to the District meeting to pass along all the great ideas the other DR's shared about what they have been doing in their districts and what the SCWS Coordinators are doing and planning. Check out their reports in the Bulletin! Love and hugs, Christy R.

**District 57**

**Avalon, Long Beach, Lakewood, Bellflower, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Cerritos, Artesia, Belmont Shore, Huntington Harbor, Sunset Beach, Signal Hill ?, Paramount ? (I'm not sure if this city is in our District, but we have a meeting from there that is on our list)**

Greetings from District 57!

Our Alathon, "The Heart of Recovery" on February 23 was a huge success. We had over 200 attendees! A festive day of recovery, fellowship and amazing potluck food was enjoyed by all. I want to thank all the volunteers and meeting leaders that worked so hard – just an amazing team! And a special thanks to our Alathon Chairperson, Sandy P and our speakers, Jayme P. and Beth B.

We held our last District meeting on February 16. Through studying the Traditions and Concepts, and sharing our experience, strength and hope, we continue to grow in service together. The focus of our February meeting was on getting ready for the Alathon. The other issue we continue to discuss is meetings in LA county that are closer to and prefer to use the Orange County Intergroup services.

I want to thank all our District 57 GRs for their continuing service and dedication to our District! Our District meetings continue to provide a nurturing place for us to share our concerns and work toward solutions together as we continue our journey in Al-Anon service.

I am so grateful for this opportunity to be of service!

Adrienne K, District Representative

**District 64**

Hello, warm wishes from District 64, Hispanic District.

My name is Juan P., in November 2007, I was elected the new Representative of the District 64, we already have plans for the year of 2008. We have ordered 400 pamphlets, "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2008", so that the representatives of the groups (RGS) could take them to each of their groups and distribute them to the clinics, social workers, and other public places. We already have the areas for the workshops for the Concepts for this year – March, Pico Rivera; June, Moreno Valley; August, South Bay; October, San Fernando Valley. In June, District 64 will celebrate its 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a public information meeting. The Alateen groups will have annual meeting to introduce themselves to one another and also as a fund-raising meeting, which will be held on April 26, 2008 in Downey.

Love in Service,

Juan P., DR 64

**District 69**

**North County Dan Diego**

Since our elections in November we have started a new Alateen Meeting. We did this in part, by having Alateens from another meeting come and speak at an Al-Anon meeting that wanted an Alateen meeting. The meeting took off from the start.

Attendance is helped by simultaneous Al-Anon and AA meetings at the same location.

Our yearly Alateen Pancake Breakfast will be April 19th. This is a fundraiser for SCAC Scholarships.

We have a District "All about Al-Anon" Speaker series every even month. There is a main speaker and a short speaker with a coffee break between, which allows for some District wide socializing.

We try to have one other District event each year. That has not been set yet. But whatever it will be, I try to remember this, it is not about me doing everything. It is "How can I encourage others to get involved in their own recovery."

I want to thank Sandy E. for reminding the new DR's at our orientation, of the analogy of Al-Anon as a funnel with the wide end, the groups, at the top. It seems to me that without input from the groups, the district has no power as an entity. I will try to increase attendance at District meetings and functions by using direct mail, newsletters, e-mail, and personal attendance at group meetings.

Let it begin with me,

Jeff P.

**District 72**

**El Cajon, Santee, La Mesa Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, Bonita, Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Alpine.**

District 72 opened 2008 with the realization that this is our last year together as a District. 2009 will be rotation time and a new bunch of Group Representatives come on board. The District had a successful year in 2007 that included Outreach Activity with a local Community Center; our Long Timers' Tea was a great success with over 100 in attendance and GOOD Speakers. Our plans for the Sponsorship Workshop were interrupted by the San Diego fires in October, so we have added it to our planned events for this year.

However, District 72 participated in the SCWS "SOS", presenting the Sponsorship segment.

2008 got off to a good start with our January District Meeting, We had three new Group Representatives come on board, two of them from the Spanish Speaking Groups in our South County and the other was a long awaited return from one of our former groups. This has been one of the Districts main goals – to increase Group Participation at the District level. We will continue our efforts to bring more on line. Our plans for 2008 include our Long Timers Tea in June and the Sponsorship Workshop in October. We are also considering a Fund Raising Event that would include our local Alateens in a combined project

Public outreach will continue to be a priority at the Group level, with the District providing support with Al-Anon and Alateen Literature. We will continue our ongoing cooperation with San Diego Inter

Group. We are looking forward to a very proactive year as we make preparations for the new Group Representatives.

Love and Recovery through Service  
Bernie S. D.R., District 72

**District 75**

**Allied Gardens, Clairmont, College Park, Hillcrest, Kearney Mesa, Kensington, La Jolla, Loma Portal, Mira Mesa, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Point Loma, San Carlos, San Diego, Tierrasanta, University City, University Heights**

Dear friends in the program,

District 75 is doing well in integrating changes that arose from a significant turnover in our officers. We now have a new secretary Vikki, we have a new Treasurer Lynne, and we have a new ADR Carmen. We have two new GRs: Kyrpis and Kathy. So, all this new blood will of course lead to new activities and initiatives in District 75. We are grateful for these new GRs who stepped forward and are willing to do service to keep their groups linked to the worldwide fellowship of Al-anon.

We have a newly formed outreach committee chaired by Carmen our ADR, and with Kathy Austin our Alateen liaison as an active member. The outreach committee is focusing on Alateen and has already had some invitations to help start Alateen meetings in schools in the San Diego County. In our outreach this year, we plan to focus on Alateen and military families.

We have decided to rethink our fundraiser that we usually hold at the end of September. This year, we would like to not necessarily have a fundraiser, but instead have an event that is more focused on Al-Anon recovery. So, we are in the initial stages of exploring an event focused on the idea of working the steps and sponsorship. Hopefully, some of our new GRs will take active leadership role in planning the event.

Our district has chosen to send the DR, myself, to Pittsburgh for the international Al-anon convention. So we have purchased a return ticket for \$740 and I have also registered and reserved my hotel.

We have decided to hold our district meetings on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month and we will hold them at different members' houses at 7 p.m. Previously we had stuck with one of the members' house, however, rotation of leadership and hosting can be very positive to keep the flow of ideas and participation and to make sure everyone feels included.

Love in service,  
 Louise K.,  
 District Representative  
 San Diego

**Hospitality for May 17th  
 Assembly Meeting  
 Districts 3, 8, 11, 12, 24, 39, 54, and 60.**

**Thank you for being of Service**

# Ask-It Basket Questions



**ASK IT BASKET—February Committee Meeting  
 2/16/08**

ALL REFERENCES TO PAGES REFER TO THE 2006-09 AL-ANON/ALATEEN SERVICE MANUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

**Q1: Can a DR also be a GR? For the 3 years or for the last year of the term?**

**A1:** Yes, for the entire term. Page 134 states, "The election of the DR and Alternate DR from among the incoming, outgoing, or active past GRs" . . . "none of whom are members of A.A., takes place in the fall of the year after the election of GRs and before election of Area officers."

**Q2: How can a DR get an official listing of which cities are included in a District. When a new meeting starts up, who decides which District the meeting will be in?**

**A2:** The information is available on the Southern California World Service website and a map of our Area's District's geographical boundaries is present at each Area meeting. A new meeting joins the District within which the meeting city is located (geographically.) The only exception is our Spanish District 64. Meetings for Spanish-speakers have the option to join either their geographical District or District 64.

**Q3: Can there be an absentee ballot for GRs Assembly votes or online vote for the GRs who can't make the trip to the Assembly?**

**A3:** This is not within our election procedures at this time. A Group Representative must be present at the Assembly meeting in order to vote.

**Q4: How much time does a newcomers' meeting leader need to have to lead the meeting?**

**A4:** "The usual time for Beginners' Meetings is from 30 to 45 minutes, just prior to Al-Anon meetings. Beginner Meetings are conducted by an Al-Anon/Alateen member who understands the Twelve Steps and Traditions. Patience, tolerance, the abilities to listen and to explain our program to families and friends of alcoholics are important qualities for those who conduct Beginners' Meetings. Having two or three other Al-Anon members present to share their views on

questions that may arise, is a good idea." Quotation from *Al-Anon Guidelines G-2* "Beginners' Meetings."

**Q5: How is the line between Intergroup vs. Area Assembly with regard to "public outreach" calls in our Area?**

**A5:** The two would work in concert. The majority of public outreach calls go through the Intergroup Office. The Area Coordinator for Public Outreach keeps the information provided by the World Service Office available and can work in concert with the Intergroup Office.

**Q6: When we have raffles, we donate gift baskets. We would also like to know about getting gift certificates donated. Is this OK? Or is it endorsing an outside enterprise? If so, how come AFG [Convention] donates Disneyland, Sea-world, etc. certificates?**

**A6:** The answer is found on page 87 in the section "Avoiding Commercialism." "Raffling various articles at meetings or other gatherings is a matter of autonomy (see "Selling Products/ Chances"), but to avoid commercialism in the fellowship, it is suggested that these items relates in some way to our spiritual principles. Items such as Al-Anon or Alateen books, subscriptions to The Forum, or the donated products of the creative efforts of individual members are suggested." There are no "Al-Anon Police", but if members of the AFG (or any other) convention committee asked us the same question, they would be given the same answer.

# WANTED!

## Regional Trustee

We will be nominating a Regional Trustee for the final two years of the term for the South-West Region at the May Assembly. If you know someone who has ten years in Al-Anon and willing to serve at this level please ask them if they would like to stand for this position. It does require a lot of time and effort but is so worthwhile.

See page 37 for the Resume Form for Trustees and the instructions for same. Please be sure to ask the person you are thinking about if they would be willing to stand and also that they have a short presentation ready for the May Assembly as we have to submit one candidate (we should have one alternate candidate also) to WSO from our Area. The resume' must fit on the attached form and cannot have any attachments.

Ask it Basket cont. /Who has Voice and/or Vote?

### Who has Voice and/or Vote? Area World Service Assembly

**VOICE**

Group Representatives  
District Representatives  
Officers  
Coordinators  
Past Delegates

**VOTE**

Group Representatives

(Intergroup Liaisons and AWSC Convention Chairmen give report only – No voice nor vote unless also a GR.)

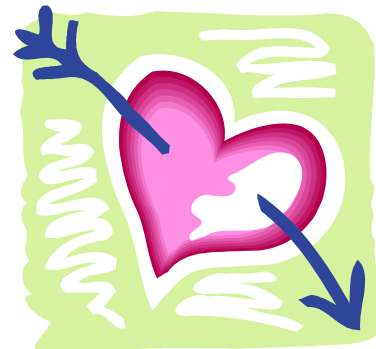
### Area World Service Committee

**VOICE**

District Representatives  
Officers  
Coordinators  
Intergroup Liaisons  
AWSC Convention Chairs  
(Conventions: AFG,  
So-Cal AA & SCAC)  
Past Delegates

**VOTE**

District Representatives  
Officers  
Coordinators  
Intergroup Liaisons  
AWSC Convention Chairs



# SCWS Group Contributions Form

**Please Print**

(For use during the term 1/1/06 - 12/31/08)

\_\_\_\_ Al-Anon \_\_\_\_ Alateen Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Group City \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

WSO ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Group Address \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: The WSO ID number is on the mailing label of the Bulletin.

**Make check or money order payable to: SCWS**

**Mail Contributions to:**

Treasurer - Suzanne Picott  
PO Box 350  
North Hollywood, CA 91603

questions? sap-afg@adelphia.net

## Bulletin Subscription Form

**Please Print**

For use during the term 1/1/06 - 12/31/08

\_\_\_\_ New Subscription \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ Correction

Cost: \$4.00 per year Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ Years

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail Subscriptions to:**

Treasurer - Suzanne Picott  
PO Box 350  
North Hollywood, CA 91603 SCWS Group Registration Form

*\*for Alateen changes, please use separate Alateen form, found on SCWS website*

**New Registration?** • Yes • No • Not Sure If Registered Date \_\_\_\_\_

WSO ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**District #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area** 04



# SCWS Directory

## OFFICERS

Delegate, Panel 46	<b>Mary M.</b>
Alternate Delegate	<b>Sandie E.</b>
Chairperson	<b>David B.</b>
Treasurer	<b>Suzanne P.</b>
Past Delegate (P43)	<b>Miriam McK.</b>
Minutes Secretary	<b>Cathy W</b>
Group Records	<b>Jayne P</b>

## COORDINATORS

Alateen	<b>Daniel K.</b>
Alateen Sponsor	~~OPEN~~
Archives	<b>Martha M.</b>
Bulletin	<b>Laurie E.</b>
CPC	<b>Sandra W.</b>
Hospitality	<b>MaryLou V.</b>
Institutions	<b>Shirley M.</b>
Literature	<b>Lucia C.</b>
Public Information	~OPEN~
Website	<b>Alvar G.</b>

## ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Group Services	<b>Willie W.</b>
Public Outreach	<b>Robin J.</b>
Membership	<b>Cindy R.</b>
Communications	

## INTERGROUP LIAISONS

Inland Empire	<b>Beth G.</b>
Los Angeles	<b>Arlene R.</b>
Orange	<b>Alexandra R.</b>
San Diego	<b>Jeannine B.</b>
Spanish Intergroup	<b>Patrick B.</b>
Ventura	<b>Cyndy P.</b>

## CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS

AFG 2008	<b>Jeremy O.</b>
SCAA 2008	<b>Laura McC.</b>
SCAC 2008	<b>Ben A.</b>

### THINK

*T- Is it Thoughtful?*

*H - Is it Honest*

*I - Is it Intelligent?*

*N-Is it Necessary?*

*K - Is it Kind?*

*If so then it is probably okay for me to say it.*



**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- 03- Julie R.
- 06- Anita J.
- 08 Mark H.
- 09- Willie M.
- 10- Gail N.
- 11 Twigg G.
- 12- Lea R.
- 17- Tarisa R.
- 21- Holly H.
- 24- Heidi T.
- 27- Tim P.
- 30- Maria L. G.
- 33- Kathy G.
- 36- Jay P.
- 39- Carolyn S.
- 40- Carmie F.
- 42- Sam M.
- 45- Emilce L.
- 48- Estella R.
- 51- Irene L.
- 54- Linda L.
- 57- Adrienne K.
- 60- Truck S.
- 63- Chuck B.
- 64- Juan E. P.
- 66- Chris C.
- 69- Jeff P.
- 72- Bernie S.
- 75- Louise K.
- 78- No DR-

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRUSTEE**

Winnie S.

**PAST DELEGATES**

Panel	Name	Phone	Email	Years
1	Aura C.	Deceased	.....	1961-1963
4	Cecelia B.	55-year member	(not available for contact)	1964-1966
7	Norris R.	Deceased	.....	1967-1969
10	Helen B.	Deceased	.. ..	1970-1972
13	Elsie Q.		.....	1973-1975
16	Betty O'B		(not available for contact)	1976-1978
19	Pat R.			1979-1981
22	Bernie E.	deceased	.....	1982-1984
25	Bob L.			1985-1987
28	Hester B.	.		1988-1990
31	Joyce K.		.....	1991-1993
34	Kary L.			1994-1995
34	Rita McG.			1996
37	Willie W			1997-1999
40	Kay D.			2000-2002
43	Miriam McK.	Immediate Past Delegate	(see Officers listing)	2003-2005
46	Mary M.	Current Delegate	(see Officers listing)	2006-2008

## INFORMATION SERVICE CENTERS

<b>Al-Anon Inland Empire Service Center</b> 1012 East Cooley Drive, Suite J-2, Colton 92324	(909) 824-1516 <a href="http://www.ca-inlandempire-alanon.org">www.ca-inlandempire-alanon.org</a>
<b>Oficina Intergrupala Hispaña de Al-Anon, Inc. L.A. County</b> 11627 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Santa Fe Springs 90670	(562) 948-2190
<b>Intergrupala Hispaña de Al-Anon, Inc. Inland Empire</b> P.O. Box 5665, Riverside 92517	(951) 689-4084
<b>Al-Anon Information Service Kern County</b> Post Office Box 894, Bakersfield 93302	(805) 322-1102 <a href="http://www.mykernlife.com/179/">www.mykernlife.com/179/</a>
<b>Los Angeles County Al-Anon Family Groups</b> 4936 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood 91601	(818) 760-7122 Los Angeles (213) 387-3158 <a href="http://www.alanonla.org">www.alanonla.org</a>
<b>Al-Anon Information Service Office of Orange County</b> 12391 Lewis Street, Suite 102, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 748-1113 <a href="http://www.orangecountyalanon.org">www.orangecountyalanon.org</a>
<b>Al-Anon in the Desert</b> 73-441 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert 92260-2866	(760) 674-9554 (888) 512-0061
<b>San Diego Al-Anon Office</b> 3108 Fifth Avenue, Suite E, San Diego 92103	(619) 296-2666 <a href="http://www.alanonsandiego.org">www.alanonsandiego.org</a>
<b>San Luis Obispo Office</b> P.O. Box 209, Grover Beach 93483	(805) 534-9204
<b>Al-Anon Family Groups Santa Barbara County</b> Post Office Box 30428, Santa Barbara 93130	(805) 962-1287 <a href="http://www.alanonsantabarbara.info">www.alanonsantabarbara.info</a>
<b>Ventura County Al-Anon Family Groups</b> Post Office Box 6754, Ventura 93006-6754	(805) 495-0270 <a href="http://www.alanonventura.org">www.alanonventura.org</a>

\*\*GRs may attend any Action Committee they prefer or the one they are assigned to by their DR.

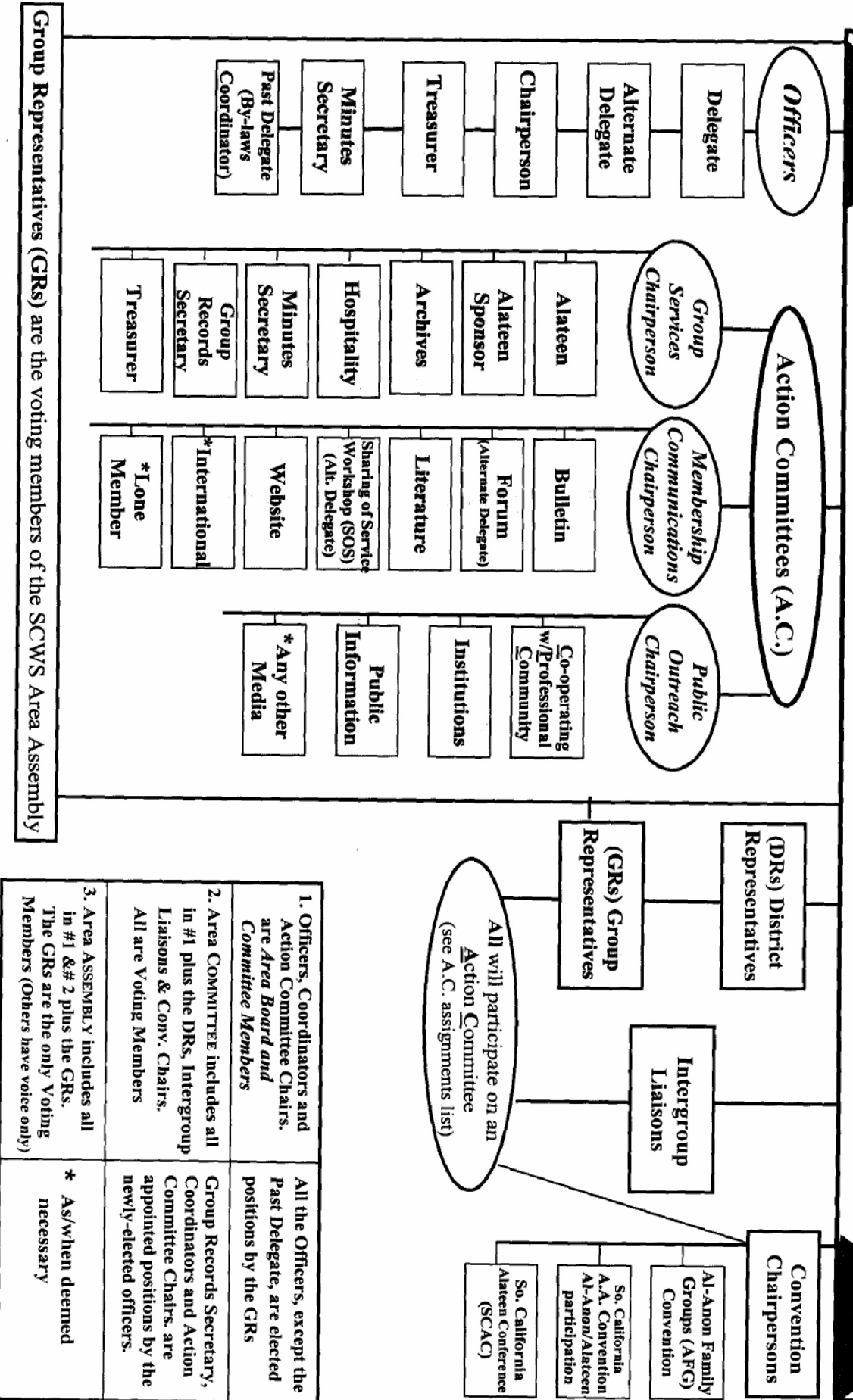
**Suggestions:** Each District assign at least one GR to each Action Committee to have representation and feedback from all three committees to the District. Each GR attends their preferred Action Committee for the entire 3-year term.

## **Acronyms Used in Al-Anon/Alateen**

AFG - Al-Anon Family Group(s)	LRSP - Long Range Study Panel
AIB - Ask It Basket	NPIC - National Public Information Canada
AIS - Al-Anon Information Service	PFA - Publications Franchises Al-Anon (Canada)
AWSA - Area World Service Assembly	PI - Public Information
AWSC - Area World Service Committee	PO - Public Outreach
CAL - Conference Approved Literature	PSA - Public Service Announcement
CAT - Conference Approved Tapes	RSS - Regional Service Seminar
CMA - Current Mailing Address	RT - Regional Trustee
CPC - Cooperating with the Professional Community	SCAC - Southern California Alateen Conference
	SCWS - Southern California World Service
DR - District Representative	SOS - Sharing Of Service
GR - Group Representative (WS)	SWRDM - Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting
GSO - General Service Office	SWRSS - Southwest Region Service Seminar
(Countries other than U.S. & Canada)	SWRT - Southwest Regional Trustee
H & I - Hospitals & Institutions	TAL - Trustee At Large
IAGSM - International Al-Anon General Service Meeting	WS - World Service
IR / ISR - Intergroup Representative / Information Service Rep.	WSC - World Service Conference
LDC - Literature Distribution Center	WSO - World Service Office

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# Southern California World Service (SCWS) – Area #4

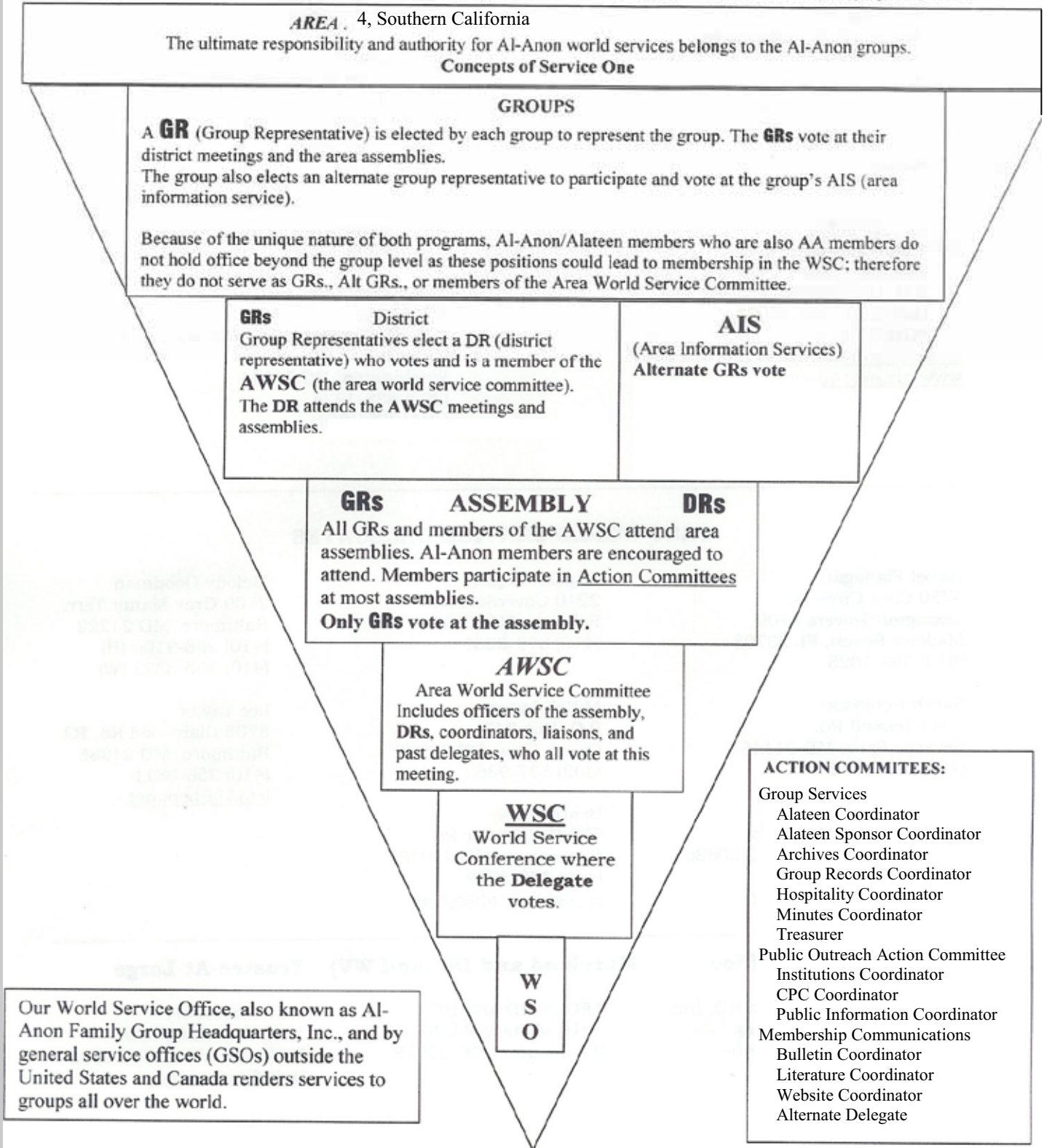


1. Officers, Coordinators and Action Committee Chairs, are <i>Area Board and Committee Members</i>	All the Officers, except the Past Delegate, are elected positions by the GRs
2. Area COMMITTEE includes all in #1 plus the DRs, Intergroup Liaisons & Conv. Chairs. All are Voting Members	Group Records Secretary, Coordinators and Action Committee Chairs, are appointed positions by the newly-elected officers.
3. Area ASSEMBLY includes all in #1 & #2 plus the GRs. The GRs are the only Voting Members (Others have voice only)	* As/when deemed necessary

Group Representatives (GRs) are the voting members of the SCWS Area Assembly

Revised July 17, 2006 - KAL

Al-Anon's structure is often described as an upside-down triangle, with the Al-Anon Groups at the top. Members volunteer service and act as representatives from the groups to our districts and areas and from the areas to the WSC (World Service Conference). At the narrow point at the bottom of the triangle are our trustees and staff at the WSO (World Service Office). Paths to Recovery, p.249-250



**Trustee Résumé to the Board of Trustees,  
Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.**  
Please Type – Use This Side Only – No change in form/ No Attachments  
Check one  Regional Trustee (RT)  RT Alternate  Trustee at Large (TAL)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address (Street/PO Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & city of home group: \_\_\_\_\_

Area name: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Continuous years active in Al-Anon/Alateen: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List your Al-Anon/Alateen service experience beyond the group level: (list most recent to past)

Position	Dates (from - to):	Position	Dates (from – to)
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2. Describe your personal history including leadership experience, specialized education, training, work, and non-Al-Anon volunteer skills as they pertain to this position (list most recent to past).

3. What is your vision for Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.?

4. Describe how your leadership skills and talents would make you a positive asset on the Board of Trustees.

5. Choose and share your thinking/understanding of any one of the Concepts of Service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted

**TRUSTEE RÉSUMÉ****GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Résumé is due at the World Service Office (WSO) postmarked no later than August 15 for Trustee at Large and December 31 for Regional Trustee.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Board of Trustees acts as custodian of the Traditions and guarantor of prudent management of Al-Anon's World Services with authority under law, to manage Al-Anon business. The Board is responsible for the World Service Office which consists of WSO committees, an Executive Committee, and paid staff. (Refer to Concept Six) "While our objectives are spiritual, these aims can be achieved only by means of an effective business operation... our trustees must function like directors... they must have ample authority to manage and conduct Al-Anon committee and business meetings." More detailed information can be found in the Bylaws of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., Al-Anon's Twelve Concepts of Service, and sections of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A candidate must currently be an active Al-Anon member with at least ten (10) years continuous membership in Al-Anon/Alateen.
- A Trustee at Large (TAL) can live anywhere within the World Service Conference (WSC) structure. A Regional Trustee (RT) must live within the Region of the election.
- Delegates to the WSC are not eligible as a candidate for Trustee until two (2) World Service Conferences have elapsed after their terms end.
- Any Al-Anon member who is also a member of AA is not eligible to serve.

**MEETING INFORMATION**

- The Board of Trustees meets quarterly: January, April, July, and October.
- Trustees need to be available for meetings monthly or quarterly from 28 – 60 days a year. Actual time depends on assignments and specific positions on the Board.
- Trustees need to be available to WSO for consultation and to attend special meetings of the Board of Trustees that are called on short notice.
- Assignments require work between Board meetings by phone, e-mail, alone, or on a team.

**SKILLS or EXPERIENCE**

- Relevant background experience in business, education, finance, law, technology, media, or Al-Anon service experience beyond the group level is required and includes: District Representative; Area Delegate; Area Assembly Officer or Coordinator; or Al-Anon Information Service Liaison to Area World Service Committee.
- A thorough understanding of the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, and Al-Anon policies.
- The ability and willingness to make difficult decisions, participate in group processes, originate ideas and policies for improving the business operation and the fellowship as a whole is necessary. (Concept Nine)
- The ability to accept criticism and take yourself less seriously is a priority.
- Speaking to large groups is inevitable.
- Possess basic computer skills and access to e-mail (with attachments) is a necessity.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Trustees are to relinquish all Al-Anon activities beyond the group level during their term.
- Consider your health and stamina as workdays are often long and require the ability to sit for extended periods. You are expected to manage your own luggage.
- Be willing to share hotel rooms with another Trustee or staff member.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST.

**“When people are serving,  
life is no longer meaningless”  
John Gardner**

Courage to Change page 188

## Elections coming in November 2008 Election Process

The only requirement for membership in AL-Anon is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend

Voting members of the SCWS Area Assembly are those chosen to be the Group Representative (GR). Or the alternate GR may vote when the GR is not present. Each group may only have one vote and any GR may only represent one group (one vote).

No member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) may serve above the group level-as defined in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. No member of AA may serve as GR to SCWS Assembly Area.

Regular elections are held every three(3) years beginning with the November Assembly in 1993.

Cumulative voting for the election of officers shall not be permitted. Each voting member shall cast only one vote, with voting done by written ballot; except when there is only one candidate for a position and then a motion can be made to confirm them by a show of hands.

At the start of an election Assembly, the procedure is described. A vote of acceptance of the method is taken before balloting begins. The process used is based on the World Service guidelines.

Those who are or have been District Representatives are asked to express their willingness to serve. Those who affirm their willingness for the position stated, then become Nominees.

Beginning with the position of Delegate, the first to receive 2/3 of the written ballot votes is elected as Delegate.

The Alternate Delegate is elected next following the same process.

The other officers are elected by a simple majority starting with Chairman, followed by Minutes Secretary and Treasurer.

If an elected Officer is unable to complete his/her term, the Chairperson may appoint someone to fill in until an election is held at the next assembly to elect someone to complete the remainder of the term.

See the Al-Anon World Service Handbook for further election information and policies regarding vacancies.

**Save the date!** The 2008 Southern California A.A. Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation will return to San Diego at the Town and Country Hotel & Convention Center the weekend of September 19, 20 and 21. This is the oldest convention in Southern California, celebrating its 57<sup>th</sup> year with the theme "Celebrate the Journey."

I want to personally invite you to "get in the car" and come join us for some fellowship and fun in the sun. There will be marathons celebrating our journey in recovery and wonderful speakers. The luncheon speaker is Susan B. from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Kay B. from West Covina will be our closing Sunday morning spiritual speaker. The family meeting will focus on marriage in recovery featuring couples in longtime recovery and those newer to the journey. You can immerse yourself in your own journey of recovery, seeing old friends and making new ones. The Town and Country Hotel has a wonderful relaxed feel to it that invites us to slow down and enjoy the weekend.

Brochures will be available in May so plan to sign up early! You can also sign up on line at [www.aasocal.com](http://www.aasocal.com). There will be a discount on hotel rooms for convention participants so make a weekend of it. Get in the car with folks from your home group. I encourage you to be the one to invite a carload to join you for a grand weekend. I'll be there to greet you, along with the committee members who are already hard at work to make this a special weekend. Come on down to San Diego!

**Comedy Night is Back!** Due such a great response from last year we are doing it again. So don't miss out! The fundraiser will be in August, the date TBA. For tickets and information contact Michele R. from Covina.

In love and service,  
Laura McCann  
SCAAC Al-Anon Chair

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Reports from Feb. 16, 2008  
Committee Meeting

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