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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT - Greetings from the Central Office

I hope you all are well, healthy and happy during these trying times. March was an interesting month for the Central Office. The first half of the month was business as usual, but contributions were low and sales were minimal. By the third week, due to the Covid-19 pandemic news, I felt the need to close Central Office coming quickly. I voted for full closure but had 3 votes for partial closure. We were just about to implement this partial closure, i.e., being open a few days a week, but on Wednesday, the 25th, we decided to comply with the Governor and close the office. The votes were as follows from the 4 committee members: 1 abstained vote, 3 votes to close.

On another note, we heard your concerns over not having an AA hotline and using an answering machine instead. I am happy to report that, as of approximately March 13th, we have set the Central Office phone up as a 24 hour hotline. We are receiving live calls 24/7.

I am continuing to work from home, performing my duties as the Coordinator.

Thank you to Unity @ 4 and Daily Reprieve for your March Contributions.

Be Well,
Mary M
Your C.O. Coordinator

TREASURER – No report received.

ADDRESSES FOR GROUPS TO MAKE DONATIONS

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ACTIVITIES The Spring 2021 Area Assembly planning group (“committee”) has its first identified trusted servants, and more are needed. I will be sending out an introductory email to any who have expressed interest in helping do assembly planning or committee work with at least some regularity. Sally S. is co-chair and Dennis L. is treasurer, and both have made themselves available as co-signers for the requisite Area Assembly bank account.

Nathan B., Micah W., Paula G. and Benjamin have also agreed to help get things done. Next step is to catch up with Gary H. at area and transfer seed money. Someone organized will take over my master task tracking spreadsheet; I am asking you all if it is okay with our traditions if I use google suite (mainly google drive) as a digital headquarters for communications and organization, as real-time updates are important when collaborating on flyers, working with facilities, accessibility/rideshares, registration, phone calls, outreach, and other sub-committee tasks.

Emily
Activities Chair

NEWSLETTER

Hello fellow District 8 members and trusted servants!

My apologies for not being able to attend the April meeting. I hope you are all staying healthy during this unusual time. Thank you all for your service.

Members, groups, GSRs, committee chairs, and anyone else who would like to submit information for inclusion in the District 8 Newsletter, District Eye, please:

Submit information by the 3rd of each month, to ensure inclusion in that month’s newsletter.

Email: NewsletterDistrict8@gmail.com.

If unable to email, please call or text 208-818-8707 to set up a time/place to meet or make other arrangements

Committee chairs: You are welcome to submit a monthly report for publication in the newsletter. It’s a great opportunity to let group members and everyone else in the district what you’re up to and if there are opportunities on your committees for service.

Yours in service,
Maureen

District 8 Committee Officers/Chairs 2020

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MEETING MINUTES
District 8 – North Idaho
March 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Natalie. Followed by the serenity prayer.

GSR statement was read by Courtney, and the 12 traditions were read by Annie.

The motion to record was made by Rachel and seconded by Russ. The motion to record the meeting was passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes for February were read by Annie. Meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

Natalie filled in as DCM and ALT DCM.

DCM: No report

ALT DCM: No report

Treasurer Report: (See Treasure's printed report)

GSR Reports were read by all GSRs in attendance

Standing Committees:

Treatment: Danny filled in for Luke. Port of Hope has closed its doors.

Corrections: Cam was out with possible Covid-19. Bennewah County Jail applications are now available for men and women to take meetings into the jail.

Public Information (PI): Megan is out. No report.

CPC: No report.

Literature: Russ stated there is a \$1,234.22 balance and \$75.00 was spent on supplies/books

Newsletter: (See District Eye [DE])

Activities: Emily talked about approximate prices that the group may acquire in the next couple of months. She also spoke about plans for the upcoming assembly (Also, see DE).

Archives: Joel was out sick

Central Office: Helen filled in for Mary. Things are going smoother at Central Office (Also, see DE).

3rd Legacy Committee: Natalie passed out sign-up sheets for the GSRs to take back to their homegroups regarding 3rd Legacy committees.

Old Business: There was some confusion over whether there was any old business, for there were no motions on the floor last month. A discussion ensued yet yielded no motions. Stay tuned for possible future motion. The debate regarding the canceling of the hotline was tabled, and no motions were brought forward.

The rest of the meeting was used for discussion of the agenda items that were going to be discussed by District 8 at the Pre-Conference Assembly with a PowerPoint presentation given by Natalie.

No new business

Motion to close at 8:45 pm.

****Emergency District 8 Online Zoom Meeting Minutes March 22, 2020 8:00 am****

Dirk made a motion to record the online emergency meeting, Rachel seconded it. All in favor.

Due to Idaho Governor Little's "Stay Home Order," Helen has set up some zoom meetings online and posted on the district's website the links to the meeting. Helen and Gina asked if district eight would be interested in purchasing an account for the district to host meetings. Discussion involved costs of \$14.99/month. If groups wanted to host their own meeting, they would be welcome to. Catherine made the motion to accept district 8, purchasing a zoom account for online meetings. Dirk seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

14 GSRs in attendance



GSR Reports

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): In compliance with the Idaho governor's stay-home order, with few exceptions, most groups are not meeting physically at the locations noted in this month's GSR Report.

For a list of local meetings taking place online, visit the District 8 website, northidahoaa.org.

Athol Big Book Recovery Group | Athol Community Center

Saturday 5-6 p.m. / GSR: Kim M.

Athol Big Book Recovery Group is a Big Book study open meeting where everyone is welcome. We read a paragraph or two and take turns sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other. We celebrate milestones in sobriety each week as they occur.

Best Avenue Group | Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA

Daily 12 p.m. / GSR: Rachel H.

The Best Avenue Group is an open meeting that meets seven days a week, 365 days a year, at noon at the Alano Fellowship Hall, located at 425 East Borah Avenue, Coeur d' Alene Idaho. On Tuesdays we have a big book study. Thursday meetings are chaired by members with at least 20 or more years of sobriety. Our meeting topics are selected from either the Big Book, the 12x12, the Grapevine, Daily Reflections, or other GSO approved literature. On the third Friday of each month we provide a luncheon to all attendees that begins at 11:30 a.m. At noon, we then hold a speaker meeting, and, finally, at 1:15 p.m. on that day we hold our monthly business meeting. We acknowledge and celebrate birthdays by handing out sobriety coins on a daily basis. Attendance at meetings held by the Best Avenue Group varies from anywhere from 10 to 40 people each day! All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Daily Reprieve | Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA

Daily at 5:30 p.m. / Thursdays at 7 / GSR: Terri

This home group meets every day at the Alano Hall at 5:30 pm. On Thursdays we have a 12 and 12 reading for an hour starting at 7 p.m. We alternate, a step on one week and a tradition on the next week. We have a speaker meeting the last Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm / potluck at 5:30 pm. Business meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Fernwood UpRiver Group | Fernwood Church

Sunday at 3 p.m. / GSR: John A.

We are the southernmost meeting in District 8. We meet every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the basement of the Fernwood Community Church at milepost 64 Highway 3. Visitors welcome and we are wheelchair accessible.

First Things First | Fort Sherman Chapel, 332 Hubbard Ave., CDA

Tuesday 7:30 p.m./GSR: Tim B.

First Things First is a closed meeting. We meet in the back of the Ft. Sherman Chapel on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We generally have an open discussion on a topic chosen by the chairperson or a meeting attendee. As we are a closed meeting, in order to attend, you must have a desire to stop drinking. Come share your experience, strength and hope with us on the topic chosen as we trudge the road to happy destiny.

5:15 p.m. Happy Hour | First Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Lakeside, CDA

Daily at 5:15 p.m./GSR: Dirk S. Alt-GSR: Nathan B.

Hello from the 5:15 Happy Hour Group! We meet seven days a week at 5:15 p.m. We are an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Join us for some variety on Fridays with a 15-minute speaker/discussion meeting followed by a book study starting at 6:30 p.m. and our renowned one-hour speaker meeting every Saturday. The last Saturday of the month is a birthday meeting where we invite those that took coins that month to share from the podium. That day there is cake!

Ft Sherman Chapel | 322 Hubbard Ave, CDA

7 days week 7:45 a.m. / GSR: Courtney T.

Fort Sherman Chapel group is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous that meets daily at 7:45 a.m. in the red chapel on the campus of NIC. We choose a topic from the Big Book, Daily Reflection or other AA approved literature with a 12 and 12 study every Fridays. Our Business meeting is held the second Saturday of each month, and on the last Saturday of the month, we acknowledge and celebrate all Birthdays held in that month. We have a great mix of old and new sobriety with approximately 75 home group members. Patients of KBH Treatment Center join us each Sunday and provide an excellent opportunity to encourage the newcomer. We have a Speaker meeting at the end of the month on Sunday at 7 p.m. and for the summer months we include a BBQ at 5:30 joined by the Speaker. Come join one of the oldest meetings in CDA!

GMAA Good Morning AA | Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA

Daily 6:30 a.m. / GSR: Jay J.

GMAA is at the Alano Club at 6:30 every day of the week. The last Saturday of the GMAA hosts a breakfast for coin takers. Also, the business meeting is held on that last Saturday after the regular meeting.

Grateful Ladies | Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. / GSR: Char R

Grateful Ladies meeting at 2 pm! It is a women's meeting only! We meet every Tuesday. Our business meeting is the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Jackass | Shoshone Medical Center, Kellogg

Thursday 7:30 p.m. / GSR: Jimmy M.

We are a small group of Alcoholics Anonymous and there is always time to share. Come early if you want to read.

Keep it Simple | The River Church, 1687 E Horsehaven Rd, Post Falls

Mon – Fri 12 p.m. / GSR: Jeannie M., Alt-GSR: Marianne B.

Our open meeting is held Monday thru Friday at noon at The River Church in Post Falls. We study the Big Book Mondays and the 12 & 12 on Wednesdays. We celebrate birthdays on the last Thursday of the month, with cake. We have our business meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month, after our regular meeting. Visitors, and especially newcomers, are always welcome.

Last Gaspers | Real Life Church (basement), Fourth St., CDAon

Monday 6 p.m. / GSR: Sean M.

Started in October 2015. No planned events, no planned sobriety birthdays.

Our meeting topics are driven by the Big Book.

Lost & Found | 5th & Wallace, CDA

Mon-Sat 12 pm & Sunday 1 pm / GSR: Danny G.

Lost & Found is a mix of long sobriety as well as newer members. We celebrate the month's birthdays with a cake on the last Friday of the month.

Men's Recovery in AA | Community Christ Church, 1803 N 9th, CDA

Thursday 7 p.m. / GSR: Jon D.

Men's Recovery in AA group; Community Christ Church basement. Men only. Men in Recovery meet each month for an outing to one of the outside meetings. We meet at a specific place and then we will go to that meeting to bring unity, service and recovery and to meet new people (groups).

Off 53 | Hauser Lake @ the Firehouse

Monday 7 p.m. / GSR: Stan B., Alt GSR: Joel S

Off 53 is an open meeting that meets every Monday night from 7 to 8 p.m. It is held at the Firehouse in beautiful Hauser Lake. Topics are taken out of the Big Book, Daily Reflections, and other AA literature. Business /Potluck meeting starts at 6 p.m. the Monday after the District meeting.

Open Eyes Group | N. Creek Apt. Clubhouse, 2642 Chukar Loop, Post Falls

Mon. & Wed. 8:15 p.m. / GSR: Ron R.

I have not been active in the program since my medical diagnosis last summer. I think most know I've stepped away from my position at the Central Office. But with that in mind and the changes at the Central Office, my home group thought there is some information I should bring to the groups at the district level. All decisions in AA should be made by a group conscience. At the Central Office level, that is done by the group representatives from each group who participate at the Central Office representatives meeting by the by-laws quarterly. I'm now told every monthly meeting is now a group representatives meeting. I'm also being told the by-laws are being changed. It's up to the groups to give the Central Office direction. I'm unhappy that it was decided to do away with the answering service. If you call now after hours you get a recording telling you to call the Crisis Center. I don't think the Crisis Center is much help to the alcoholic who's looking for support to stop drinking. Only, in my opinion, can another alcoholic do that. I also noted the current office coordinator is paid \$600 per month. That is four times what I received. I always felt my position at the Central Office was volunteer with compensation for mileage, not to be paid at minimum wage for four hours per day. There were months I needed to wait a week to cash my \$150 check for the month because there were not enough funds in the checking account to cover it that week. I think looking at the treasurer's report by group representatives is very important, to see how much is in the working reserve, the prudent reserve (which should be \$3,000) and the tax liability account, to see that all are stable and separate from each other. Groups need to be active and informed. If you are

not, don't complain about things you and your group have control over. I'm sharing my opinion, but only the group conscience can make decisions. No one person decides what needs to be done at any level in A.A.

Plan B | His Place Church, 3079 E 16th Ave, Post Falls
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. / GSR: Dave W. / Alt GSR: Jen M

Our group has a mixture of both seasoned and newcomers alike. We celebrate birthdays monthly with our NEW cake baker and they are delicious! We focus on recovery as well as practicing our traditions and being of service. Come Join Us!

Prairie Dogs | 15702 Boise Street, Rathdrum
Wed and Fri 7 p.m. / GSR: Beth T., Alt-GSR: Eric G.

Prairie Dogs meets Wednesday and Friday nights at 7 pm. Wednesday is a closed meeting and Friday's are open meetings. We have had a great turnout, lots of newcomers and multiple years. The last Friday is a potluck birthday celebration. Come join the best meeting in Rathdrum!

Our Business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, followed by our regular meeting at 7 pm. We meet at 15702 Boise Street. From Hwy 53 in Rathdrum, turn North onto Logan St. and up one block. We meet in the steel Quonset (Kwanza) Hut. Our attendance is anywhere from 10-45 people. We are the only AA group in Rathdrum, making us the best meeting in town.

Primary Purpose | Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA
Sundays 4 p.m. / GSR: David

Primary Purpose is a Big Book study meeting Sundays at 4 p.m. at the Alano Hall. We follow a question and answer format that takes us line by line through the first 164 pages of the Big Book. Additionally, we offer a foundation meeting each week in a separate room – focusing on the first three steps – for newcomers or anyone who feels the need. Our group conscience is a potluck held at 3 p.m. on the Sunday after the District meeting. All are welcome to attend

Reunion Group | Kootenai Health, Fox Building, CDA
Tuesdays at 7:45 p.m. / GSR: Alex M.

We are comprised mostly from, but not exclusively of, graduates from the Kootenai Chemical Dependency Inpatient and Outpatient programs. We are also joined every week by the current Inpatient group at Kootenai CD Unit. We focus on early sobriety. We share our struggles and triumphs outside of a rehab facility. We remember the challenges of very early sobriety. We rejoice in fellowship with old and new friends.

Rough Riders | 11th & College, St. Maries, Presbyterian Church (upstairs in library, west side of building)
Thursdays 7 p.m. / GSR: Robert T.

Because of church member meeting in basement, Rough Riders will be meeting upstairs in library on west end of church. Can enter either stairs on west end or main entrance.

Serenity Sisters | 1687 E Horsehaven Rd, Post Falls
Saturday – 10 a.m. / GSR: Wendy

Serenity Sisters is a women's group that meets on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at The River Church. We would love for you to join us. The last Saturday of the month we celebrate birthdays with a speaker and

cake. We hold our business meetings at 11 a.m. after the regular meeting on the first Saturday of the month. We hope to see you there

Serious About Sobriety | St. Luke's, 5th & Wallace, CDA Daily at
9:30 p.m. / GSR: Luke P.

Serious About Sobriety meets 7 day a week at 9:30 p.m. Business meeting is held the 1st Tuesday of each month. We're located at St. Luke's on the corner of 5th & Wallace; downtown CDA. Always happy to have more support. Join us for candlelight, candy and coffee! Probably the best (and only) meeting in town after 9 p.m.

Spirit Lake Get the Spirit | 4th & Jefferson, Spirit Lake

Tues & Sat 7 pm/ GSR: Bruce G

Business meeting the first Tuesday every other month at 6:00 pm. Potluck at 6 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month, and Birthdays are celebrated at the Potluck. Group continues to hold steady with 20-30 in attendance each day of meetings.

Spirit Lake Nooners | 4th & Jefferson, Spirit Lake

Thursday 12 pm/ GSR: Michelle P

New meeting. Open meeting. Business meeting 2nd Thursday of month after the meeting.

Sober Sisters | 4000 N 4th Street, CDA

Monday at 5:30 p.m. / GSR: Carin

Sober Sisters is a closed women's meeting. It meets every Monday 5:30 pm at the Church of Nazarene. 4000 N 4th Street, CDA in room 305. It is an AA approved literature study meeting. We are currently reading Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers. There are about 15 women there on the average. There is long term sobriety, newcomers and everything in between. We have vanilla creamers and sometimes homemade goodies. We have several service positions open, so come make us your home group and join the most loving women you'll ever meet.

The Way Out | Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12940 N Govt Way, Hayden

Monday & Friday 5:30 pm / GSR: Helen

Our group has a good mix of new and long-term sobriety. We average around 12 people so you can always share if you wish. Our format is open to AA literature or you can suggest a topic. Two of our newer members just got a first-year coin. Come join us.

Tues Night Men's Meeting | St Luke's Church, 501 E Wallace Ave

Tuesday 5:30 pm / GSR: Rolf M

We meet once a week at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays. This is a closed meeting. We bring newcomers into the fold with good fellowship and strong sponsorship. We have service positions of greeter, meeting chair, coffee person with 6 months, and we hold two business meetings per year.

WBBS - Wednesday Night Big Book Study | St. Pius Church, 625 E. Haycraft Ave. CDA

Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. / GSR: Dot

We read the first 164 pages of the Big Book and share on each page. The last Wednesday we read a story from the back of the Big Book. Bring your sponsees and enjoy our sharing and laughter as we study the Big Book. The more members we have, the more interesting our meetings become. Our business meeting is the 2nd Wed of the month. Come join us!

Women in Emotional Sobriety | Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA

Saturday 10 a.m / GSR: Tara Mc.

WIES meet Saturday mornings at 10a m at the Alano Hall. The first 3 Saturdays we read out of the 12 and 12; one Step / Tradition at a time. The last Saturday of the month is an open discussion on a topic chosen from the book Emotional Sobriety I, II, or Language of the Heart. Mothers and children are welcome. Our Business meeting is the 3rd Saturday, following the meeting, at 11:15. We always have a great meeting. Please come join us.

Young in Years | Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17th and Pennsylvania, CDA

Monday @ 8 p.m. / GSR: Wayne

We welcome everyone to attend our meeting. Our chairperson is prepared with topics from approved literature or an appropriate topic. Our birthday meetings are held the last Monday of each month, please come and share the celebration with a piece of cake! Business meetings are held at 7:15 pm on the third Monday of each month. We have a potluck and speakers meeting every quarter. Our next potluck will be on April 27, 2020. On this Monday we start the potluck at 6:30 with the speaker following at 7:30, note time difference. We are not a glum lot and enjoy sobriety!

District 8 Meeting Agenda – March 2020

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| Start meeting with Serenity Prayer | |
| GSR Statement | |
| 12 Traditions | |
| Housekeeping Motion– request permission to record meeting & vote to approve | |
| Secretary Minutes | |
| DCM Report | |
| Alternate DCM Report | |
| Treasurer Report | |
| GSR Reports | |
| Standing Committee Reports | |
| Treatment | |
| Corrections | |

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| Public Information (PI) | |
| Cooperation w/ Prof. Comm. (CPC) | |
| Literature | |
| Newsletter | |
| Activities | |
| Archives | |
| Central Office | |
| 3rd Legacy Committee | |
| Website Committee | |
| Old Business | |
| New Business | |
| Motion to Close | |
| Responsibility Statement | |

District 8 GSR Report for DISTRICT EYE NEWSLETTER

Date: _____

Please use this form each month to write up your Group's Monthly Report for the District Newsletter. Information to consider adding to this would be: what might attract people to your group; sobriety anniversaries - birthdays; social events coming up in your group; average number of people attending the group including newcomers and out of towners; and anything new or changed. If you have any fliers for events coming up, include that with your report. If you have a standard thing you would always like included make a note of that here, then you could just include updates here. You are welcomed and encouraged to type this up in advance and email it to the Newsletter Editor, Maureen. Email Address: **NewsletterDistrict8@gmail.com**. For questions, you can also call **208-818-8707**

As a reminder: Submissions must be received by the **3RD day** of the month to be guaranteed inclusion into the Monthly Newsletter. Thank you!

Group Name: _____

Location: _____

Day or Days: _____ Time: _____

GSR Name: _____ GSR Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate GSR Name: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Report Submitted by: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!