

News from District 8 – North Idaho DISTRICT EYE

February, 2023



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The general service representative has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole. The G.S.R. represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the district committee member and to the delegate, who passes them on to the Conference. This communication is a two-way street, making the G.S.R. responsible for bringing back to the group Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health, and growth. Only when a G.S.R. keeps the group informed, and communicates the group conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole. —AA Service Manual, pg S26

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District 8- North Idaho AA Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Catherine, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Statement: Read by Carin C.

Secretary Report: Minutes from December meeting read by Phil T. Curtis A. moved to approve minutes; John D. seconded. passed unanimously.

DCM Report: Given by Catherine.

Alternate DCM Report: Given by David

Treasurer Report: Given by Rachel R. Nathan B. moved to approve report, passed unanimously.

GSR Reports: Each GSR provided information and updates for their home group see District Eye.

Standing Committee Reports:

Treatment – Tom B. John K. taking panel into Kootenai Health. Northwest Specialty Hospital was given information and the committee awaiting.

Corrections – Kyle T. Reported (4) Grapevine subscriptions were accepted at the jail. Big Books now accepted as is.

Public Information – Chuck F. Provided Paula at Ambitions of N. Idaho with literature rack and AA pamphlets and schedules. Continue stocking at Absolute and Heritage health.

CPC – Not Present

Central Office –Mary M. Nothing new to report

Unfinished Business:

Have one chair, web. Ad Hoc Inventory committee set up for meeting on Jan 28th 2023.

New Business:

Two new motions from the finance committee were discussed.

Open Forum: District Inventory - much discussion surrounding this topic.

Moved to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. Followed by the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully Submitted
Phil Thompson Secretary

DCM Report – Jan 2023 – Feb 2023

Greetings AA's trusted servants. We are well into the new year of 2023. Coming up we have our District 8 inventory and the April Area 92 pre-conference Assembly to prepare for. There will be lots of information to communicate and discuss with your fellow AA members. Keep an eye on your email as I will be forwarding all information as received. Once again District 8 will be on the Literature and Report & Charter review teams for the GSC. We will be assigned specific agenda items to review with our groups to bring our group/district conscience to the April Assembly. All agenda items will be sent out to be addressed with your groups.

General timeline for the conference agenda items:

- February 1 - Receive final 73rd GSC Agenda list - summary sheets prepared.
- February 6 - Standing Committee team chairs meet virtually to finalize the review process.
- February 14-27 – Background for final GSC Agenda and begin summary sheets.
- February 28 – Completion of summary sheets and forwarded to Groups for review.
- **March 19 - Standing Committee Workshop - Team leaders will host their respective breakout rooms.**
- **April 14-16 Pre-Conference Assembly. Lewiston ID, Hosted by District 7.**
- April 22 - 28 General Service Conference, Brooklyn NY.

I attended the January Quarterly in Wenatchee, WA had a wonderful time. It was great to fellowship with and see all our old friends in the Area. It was a very successful Quarterly. The presented motions were discussed. Those motions that passed as clear and concise to move forward were the Hybrid Ad Hoc committee Motion #3 on changing Section 2.0 WSEA Assemblies wording and the Technology committee's motion for the funding of their committee. The Hybrid Ad Hoc Committee Motion #2 was sent back to committee for further review and the (2) Finance Committee motions were pulled requiring no further action.

Notes from (January 10, 2022) District Meeting:

We had 13 GSR's, 4 officers, 5 committee chairs and 2 guests attend. Total of 24 district members attending.

Activities – Attended Jan 2023-Feb 2023:

January Quarterly: January 20 & 21, 2023, Wenatchee, WA.

DCM January Meeting: Monthly DCM roundtable with Alt-Chair Benjamin G.

Upcoming Events: (Flyers that are available can be found on Area 92.org website or in the DE)

District 8 Inventory: Ad Hoc committee met on Jan 28, 2023. More info to come. Report in Feb. DE.

PRAASA: March 3-5, 2023, Southern CA hosting. Information at : <http://www.praasa.org/>

Standing Committee Workshop: March 19, 2023. Ephrata, WA. ZOOM: 889 8342 5988 pw 121222

Pre-Conference Assembly: April 14-16, 2023. Registration now open, flyers in DE.

As your DCM, I am willing to help you in any way I can please let me know if there's anything you need or anything I can help you with. Please keep an eye out for my emails as my primary job is to facilitate communication from district, Area 92, GSO in all matters A.A.

YIS

Catherine B

DCM 8

**Please remember to have your reports, changes or flyers into Carin C., our newsletter chair by the 5th of the month so she has time to put together the District newsletter. Her information is in the DE as well there is a form for submission. Please send completed forms to Carin.

Alternate DCM Report

Greetings,

I do not have much to report this month. I did not attend the January Quarterly due to health problems but do plan to attend the Standing Committee Workshop in Ephrata for the GSC Agenda Items Review, followed by the Pre-Conference Assembly in April.

I am still planning an Archives work day to finish the D8 Archives inventory sheet. Stan T. is going to help me with a spreadsheet I developed to have each item in our Archives listed on the inventory sheet. It has been several months since I last work in our Archives storage facility. At that time the unit was dry and warm, all items were in good condition. I think Cliff F (RIP) secured us a very good unit to store our Archived material. I miss Cliff who passed away last year. He was very good with the Archives.

This is all I have for now.

Yours in service, David R Alt. DCM

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to the Daily Reprieve II, First Things First, Fort Sherman and Serenity Sisters groups for their January contributions. The beginning checking account balance was \$666.53. We also received a donation of \$100 to put toward equipment needed by the Web Committee. Batteries were purchased for the microphones and the remaining \$81 was put in the checking account as reimbursement toward the microphones we already bought. Total contributions received were \$376.53. Expenses paid were \$95.09; and the ending account balance was \$947.97. The prudent reserve's balance is \$3,000.02.

I purchased a black ink cartridge at Walmart for \$62.54 to make copies of my reports at home rather than going to a copy center each month. I use my color ink for personal printing and the black for district only. I estimated the charge for the ink to be less than outsourcing it and I remain well within my annual budget. The DCM reimbursement for \$32.55 was payment made for Nov/Dec copies.

Yours in Service, Rachel Hunt

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GSR Reports

Athol Big Book Recovery Group, Athol Community Center , Saturday 5-6 pm, 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 PM. GSR: Brian B, The Best Avenue Group is an open meeting that meets seven days a week, 365 days a year at the Alano Fellowship Hall. Tuesdays are a big book study. Thursday meetings are chaired by a member with at least 20 years of sobriety. Our meeting topics are selected from GSO approved literature. On the last Friday of the month there is a speaker/ discussion meeting where a speaker shares for 20 minutes then opens up for discussion for the group. The business meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month following the noon meeting. We acknowledge and celebrate birthdays by handing out sobriety coins daily. We average about 30 people in attendance per meeting. Big Books available for sale. All are encouraged to join.

Daily Reprieve, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Daily at 5:30pm, Thursdays at 7pm. GSR- Garrett B. Alt GSR - Rolf M. This home group meets every day at the Alano Hall at 5:30pm. On Thursdays we have a 12 and 12 reading for an hour starting at 7pm. 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 5:30pm/ potluck at 5:00pm. Business meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month.

First Things First, 322 Hubbard Ave, CDA. Fort Sherman Chapel. Tuesdays 7:30pm. GSR- open

Happy Hour, 5:15pm, First Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Lakeside, CDA. Daily at 5:15pm. GST - Nathan B.

Hello from the 5:15 Happy Hour Group! We meet seven days a week at 5:15pm. We are an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Join us for variety on Friday with a 15-minute speaker/ discussion meeting followed by a book study starting at 6:30pm 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 in that month to share from the podium. That day there is cake!

Fort Sherman Group, 332 Hubbard Ave, CDA. 7 days a week, 7:45am.

This is an open meeting that also meets in a separate meeting via zoom at 7:45am, 7 days a week. There is a 12 & 12 study on Fridays. The last Sunday of the month is a speaker meeting at 7pm. This meeting is in person and also shown on zoom. The business meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the month in person at the Fort after the 7:45am meeting.

GMAA Good Morning AA, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA . Daily 6:30am. GSR- open 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 the last Saturday after the regular meeting.

Keep it Simple, Journey of Hope Church, 355 E 12th, Post Falls. Monday - Friday at 12pm.
GSR - Open. Open meeting, Wheelchair accessible

Lady A's, Athol Community Center, 30355 Third St, Athol. Thursday at 9am. GSR- Heather.Alt
Paula T. Open. Women only.

Lost and Found, St Lukes, Fifth and Wallace. GSR - Danny G.
Noon - Monday to Saturday and 1PM on Sunday

Men's Recovery in AA, 405 N Second St, downtown CDA, Second Chance Ministry. Thursday
7pm. GSR - Jon D.
Men's Recovery in AA group. Men only

North Idaho Young People in AA "The Misfits Group", First Presbyterian Church of CDA,
Sixth and Lakeside. Monday 7pm.
The misfits are the Monday meeting of North Idaho Young People in AA (NIDYPAA), registered
with national YPAA. We're a new meeting founded with the goal of carrying the message of
recovery to the young and young at heart in AA. No age requirements to attend! We are informal
and do our best to obey Rule 62. We are starting strong with a core group but have plenty of
room for more members and open service positions. We appreciate your support!

Off 53, Hauser Lake Firehouse, Hauser and on Zoom, Monday 7pm. GSR - Stan B We are an
open discussion meeting. We are a small , intimate meeting with a lot of great sobriety. Please
come and join us. WE HAVE CANDY! Business meeting is the third Monday of the month at
6pm before the regular meeting.

Prairie Dogs, Belltower Funeral Home, 8015 Main St, Rathdrum. Wed and Fri 7pm.
GSR -Dave B, Alt GSR -Chuck F.
Prairie Dogs meet Wednesday and Friday nights at 7pm. Wednesday is a closed meeting and
Fridays 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 6pm, followed by our regular meeting
at 7pm. Big Book study Sundays at 3PM

Primary Purpose, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Sundays 4pm. Newcomers meeting simultaneously
if needed. GSR - Jan R. Alt GSR: Kerri S.
We are a Big Book study group. We have recently added the 12 and 12 to study after
completion of Big Book. We offer a foundation meeting which is basically the first three steps
and the first three chapters of the Big Book.

Rough Riders, Community Presbyterian Church, 1100 College Ave, St. Maries. 10th & College Ave.
GSR – Hank A. Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Meetings usually last more
than 1 hour so everyone gets a chance to share. Our location along the lake makes the drive down
a spiritual experience. An hour and half drive is always worthwhile. Please make the drive

SCW-Sobriety Capital of the World, New Beginnings Church, 16138 N Westwood, Rathdrum. Tuesdays and Fridays 7PM. GSR - Curtis A.

Friday night is a candlelight meeting. On the last Friday of the month we have a birthday / potluck to celebrate the monthly birthdays. We are caddy corner to the Super 1 in Rathdrum Business Meeting third Tuesday of the month, following the meeting.

Serenity Sisters, 3079 E 16th Ave, Post Falls, Saturday - 10am. GSR - Karen. Serenity Sisters meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at His Place Church in Post Falls. We are an open Women's meeting. We offer a 12X12 study on the third Saturday of the month. There is a Speaker Meeting at the end of each quarter. Our business meeting is the first Saturday of the month, following our normal meeting. The church requires that we lock the door at 10:15

Serious About Sobriety, Alano Hall, 425 E. Borah Ave, CDA. Daily at 9:30PM.

Serious About Sobriety meets 7 days a week at 9:30 p.m. in the Alano Hall. Come share your experience, strength and hope in the candlelight with us! Our attendance has been growing since reopening the meeting and we've been adding some new home group members. Business meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m.

Spiritual Awakening, 32119 N Fifth Ave, Spirit Lake, VFW Post 1147. GSR -Toby. Hello! Spiritual Awakening Meetings are going well. We started up our potluck for the Wednesday night step and tradition meeting. Dinner at 5:30, Meeting starts at 6pm to 7pm. Saturday 8am - Open meeting business meeting every second Saturday of the month at 7:15am. Birthday celebration last Wednesday of each month at the 6pm Literature table is well received and supported.

Sober Sisters, 4000 N 4th Street, CDA. Monday 5:30pm. GSR Gloria P. Closed Women's Meeting. Average attendance is 10-15. We read various AA books. Currently reading "Voices of Women in AA".

The Way Out, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12940 N Govt Way, Hayden. Monday and Fridays 5:30pm. GSR - Karen S.

The Way Out group meets Mondays and Fridays in person and on zoom at 5:30pm. Our business meeting occurs every-other-month on the Friday following the District 8 meeting. We have a regular attendance of some old timers along with some newcomers and we average about 10 - 18 people, split pretty evenly between those at the church and those via Zoom. Our enhanced camera and audio bring the zoom folks right into the physical meeting so it's a great experience for all. We mix up daily reflections, grapevine and other AA literature in our format. If you are new or are looking for a sponsor, this meeting is a great place for you to be! The meeting is held at the 7th Day Adventist Church, lower level on the north side of the building, 12940 N Gov't Way (Corner of Lancaster.)

Truly Grateful, 308 W 12th Ave, Post Falls, ID 83854. Thursdays at 7:00PM.

GSR: Dot R. Meetings are attended by 20 to 30 plus each week. Topics are picked from the 12 and 12 and the Daily Reflections. We have newcomers and old timers each week. We are not a glum lot!

Upriver, Fernwood Bible Church-in the basement. Mile Marker 64, Hwy 3. GSR- John B. Sunday at 3PM

Women in Emotional Sobriety, Alano Hall, 425 Borah. CDA. Saturday 10 am. GSR: Mindy
WIES meet Saturday mornings at 10 am 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 at 7pm. GSR - Ed A. Alt GSR- Emily W.

Some of us are not so young, so as of June 1, Young in Years meets every Monday at
7pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 18th and Pennsylvania Ave, in Coeur
d'Alene. Group conscience meeting is the Monday after the second Tuesday @ 7:15
PM until June when we are bumping things one hour earlier,(so following the district
meeting). Our business meeting is the third Monday of each month at 6:15 pm. We
celebrate birthdays on the last Monday of the month after our regular meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Newsletter

*-Deadline for December District Eye is March 5, 2023. Officers, Committee
Chairs, and GSRs should send reports to newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com*

GSRs,- for corrections to your meeting report - email to above address. Thank you
so much for your timely submission of reports this month! In Service and with
Much Gratitude - Carin, Newsletter Editor

Minutes from January 28, 2023 Ad Hoc Committee meeting:

Present::

Catherine B. DCM 8

Tom B. Treatment Chair

Chuck F. PI Chair

Dirk S. Member

Emily W. Member

Using the Nov 2019 D8 inventory questions and recommendations as a guide, we spent most of today's meeting discussing the merits of the past 14 questions. Committee reviewed the previous questions and expounded on them to better address concerns for our district. Previous inventory questions can be found in Google Docs.

Here is the start of potential questions simply discussed to be considered for use:

1. Does our district need a more clearly defined purpose ('mission statement') that is recorded somewhere (our website, handbook, etc.) ?
2. How do we grow participation above the group level, especially in standing committees?
Workshops, service sponsorship, pizza/fun things like trivia, etc.
Improved quantity and quality of communications (use technology, and make it accessible!)
3. What can we do to reach more people (alcoholics) in the district:
How can we bring the A.A. message to the attention of more professionals & local community organizations across North Idaho who routinely interact with alcoholics ?
In other ways, including using technology & communication improvements (Google suite, cloud-type access, apps, etc.)
4. What changes to district meetings and activities would help GSRs to stick with us & attend all district meetings and area assemblies?
5. What needs to change so that our district meetings are more attractive and productive? (modification of question #14).
6. How can we be more effective in communicating with all of our groups? (side discussion debated the merits of encouraging GSRs to report to their HGs during announcement times within a regular meeting, rather than during the separate group conscience meetings that are typically held separately). Also, tie-in with question #13- how can we help our groups be better informed of what's happening in AA farther down the triangle?
7. Do all A.A.s know about District meetings and have the opportunity to attend? If not, see #7.
8. What can we do to better communicate to groups the value and purpose of having a GSR, and of their opportunities to participate in committee work?
9. What might we do differently to improve our elections of district officers and the onboarding of new service positions?
10. Combine with #5: Do our groups make regular contributions to District, Area and GSO? Do we adequately fund district positions for their participation at and above the group level?

Next meeting scheduled: February 17, 2023 @ 1:15 pm at the Alano Hall.

Meeting adjourned around 12:30.