

News from District 8 – North Idaho DISTRICT EYE

October, 2023



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Online Contribution: www.aa.org, and click on "Make a Contribution"

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 – Sept 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Catherine B. followed by the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Statement: Read by Dave B.

Secretary Report: Minutes from July 11, and August 8, read by Phil T. July and August minutes were approved.

DCM Report: Catherine B gave a verbal report.

Alternate DCM Report: David gave verbal report.

Treasurer Report: Given by Rachel R. Phil T moved to accept, Chuck F. second. Accepted unanimously.

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

Standing Committee Reports: Willing participants meet prior to Dist 8 meeting to discuss standing committee reports.

District Inventory Report: Meets prior to main meeting. Phil T. Elected to chair meeting and set agenda.

Unfinished Business: Paula T. Motion to change recommendations of December 2013 Literature inventory. Second by Curtis. Motion defined ample supply as to its relation to literature on hand for District 8 display and supersedes recommendations of December 2013. In short it calls for:

Two of all conference approved books and grapevine books to accompany the traveling pamphlet display. A minimum of 5 of each pamphlet, and one case of hard cover and one case of soft cover Alcoholics Anonymous. Motioned passed unanimously.

New Business: Election of officers was discussed.

Open Forum:

Moved to adjourn made by Phil T. Seconded by Garrett at 8:25 Followed by the Responsibility Statement.

DCM Report – SEPT 2023 – OCT 2023

Greetings AA's District 8 trusted servants. Fall is here, the weather is cooling, the leaves are changing and we are preparing for the Area and Districts elections and the next rotation of trusted servants. I am excited to see the interest in service from our district. Our September meeting exceeded my expectations, the message of the value of service is resonating. I am looking forward to filling our positions at our upcoming elections on October 10, and the Area election Assembly, Oct 20 – 22, 2023. I have invited our past Delegate Allen D. from Spokane to help facilitate our election process. I distributed a flyer with our committee position descriptions to the District 8 email list and left copies at the Alano club. Thank you to everyone for carrying the message. I have also been working with Diana the Area Alt. Delegate and Registrar to clean up the GSR & meetings list.

To follow up from past month's financial reports, the Area and the District are still in need of funding. Please follow-up with your home groups regarding your 7th tradition contribution distribution chart.

Notes from (Sept 12, 2023) District Meeting:

We had an impressive attendance of 15 GSR's & Alt GSR's, 4 officers, 6 committee chairs and 9 guests for a total of **32 district members attending**. We welcomed 3 new GSR's & Alt GSR's, Tracey B., GSR from Spiritual Awakening, Jim M. GSR for Best Ave Group and Rhonda F. GSR for First Things First. Loren GSR from KISS brought his new Alt GSR Rusty. Welcome to all, I am grateful for your willingness to serve. Next Meeting Tuesday October 10, 2023.

Activities – Attended Sept - Oct 2023:

Finance Committee meeting: Sept 11, 2023 & Oct. 9, 2023

DCM Meeting: Sept. 26, 2023. 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)

AA Traditions Workshop: Ongoing, weekly 4th Sat of the month. Spokane Alano Club, 12-1:30 pm.

October Inventory Assembly: October 20 – 22, 2023. Spokane WA

Standing Committee Workshop: December 9, 2023. 10 am to 3 pm. Hybrid Hosted by District 3, Spokane WA.

Please let me know if there are any upcoming events and/or send me flyers so I can include them in the District Eye Newsletter. If there is anything you need or anything I can help you with let me know. Please keep an eye out for my emails as my primary job is to facilitate communication between AA & District.

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 at email address: newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com.**

Alt DCM Report

Greetings,

Here we are once again, well into the Fall season, with Gratitude Month (November) coming up, the Gratitude Banquet, followed by Chanukah and Christmas, all right around the corner!

It is difficult to see how time flies by until I start reflecting on the year that was, each Fall in September. This is a Jewish tradition and mitzvah (commandment).

Soon we will be shopping like crazy getting Christmas gifts (and Chanukah) for the grandchildren, friends, and family. Each year I tell myself I am getting too old to deal with another North Idaho winter but yet I still manage to thrive while yelling at the snow clouds and humbling myself to call and ask for help getting plowed out of the driveway.

My report this month is nothing more than the musings of an older, grateful recovered alcoholic! Thank you for your continued support of Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 92, and District 8!

Yours in service,
David R.

Treasurer Report

Thank you to the following groups for their contributions: Daily Reprieve II, Serenity Sisters, St. Joe Valley Group, and Young in Years. The District Meeting's 7th Tradition for September was \$41. Total monthly income was \$409.31 and expenses were \$1,285.43. The beginning checking account balance was \$1,487.16 and the ending balance is \$611.04. Prudent Reserve is \$2,426.91.

EXPENSES:

\$200	Annual payment to our WebHost 20Miles North
\$11.48	FedEx for copies
\$76.60	Reimbursement to PI for schedules and supplies
\$472.35	DCM reimbursements June-July 2023 copies registration, mileage and room for Area 92 Quarterly Pasco, WA
\$525	Rent paid to Church of the Nazarene (will be discussed in detail at District meeting).

Yours in service, Rachel Hunt

District Officers and Committee Chairs

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GSR Reports

Athol Big Book Recovery Group, Athol Community Center , Saturday 5-6 pm,
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, Best Avenue Group. We meet at the Alano Hall located at 425 Borah ave. CDA daily at noon. We are an open meeting all 7 days of the week. Tuesday is a big book study and Wednesday is a reading in living Sober, all other meetings are topic from literature approved from GSO. The last Friday of the month is a Speaker meeting and lunch is also served. We celebrate sobriety birthdays daily, and also have books available. We take a strong position on sponsorship and service. Our GSR is Jim M

Daily Reprieve, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Daily at 5:30 pm, 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- Rhonda F

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- Jim.

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, 3555 E 12th, Post Falls. Monday - Friday at 12pm. GSR - Loren M. Alt GSR- Rusty. Open meeting, Wheelchair accessible

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

Lost and Found, St Lukes, Fifth and Wallace. GSR- vacant.
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 - John D.
Men's Recovery in AA group. Men only

Mountain Men's Group. Gary M. GSR, Chris S. Alt GSR. Meet on Mondays at 7 pm at the VFW Post 1473. 32119 N 5th Ave. Spirit Lake, ID 83869. HWY 41 @ New Hampshire St.
Men/Open/WC.

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. Our business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm, followed by our tradition meeting at 7pm. Big Book study Sundays at 3PM

Primary Purpose, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Sundays @ 4pm. GSR - Jan R. Alt GSR: Kerri S. We are a Big Book study group. We recently added the 12 and 12 to the study, alternating between the Big Book and the 12 and 12 after completion of each book. We offer a foundation meeting for newcomers, which runs simultaneously with our study meeting, which is basically the first three steps and the first three chapters of the Big Book. Our business meeting is every quarter on Sunday at the end of the month @ 3:00 at the club on Borah and is a potluck. Come join us!

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.
GSR - Curtis A.

We meet Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:45 PM. Friday night is a candle light meeting. On the last Friday of the month we have a birthday/ potluck to celebrate monthly milestones, it starts at 5 PM. Our business meeting is the 3rd Tuesday following the meeting at 6:45

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, 501 E Wallace, St Luke's Episcopal Church,, CDA. Daily at 9:00PM. Serious About Sobriety meets 7 days week. 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 -Tracey B. 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 5:30 pm. GSR Gloria P. Closed Women's Meeting. Reading AA literature. Will be starting the Little Golden Books. le; No more excuses and many more books.10-15 Women attend. Business Meeting is the third Monday of the Month

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

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 & Pennsylvania, CDA.
Mondays at 7pm. GSR- Ed A. Alt. GSR- Emily W.

Group conscience meetings are the Monday following the district meeting at 6:15 pm. We're actually one of, if not the, oldest meetings in CDA & have a light hearted approach to AA. Annual CAMPOUT at Farragut State Park starts at 2pm on Thursday Aug 10th - Sunday the 13th @ 11 am. Speakers, dessert potluck, BBQing, games, stories, music & families- all welcome ! Camping Fees have increased this year but it's a lot of bang for your buck. Ongoing, our homegroup celebrates birthdays with homemade cake on the last Monday of the month, and we have potluck-speaker events every few months. We donate quarterly to the district, area, central office, and GSO.

Standing Committee Reports

Newsletter

-Deadline for September District Eye is November 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.

In Service and with Much Gratitude - Carin, Newsletter Editor

Hello from The Central Office of North Idaho,

The month of September was good for the office. Thank you to the following groups for their contributions: Young in Years, Spiritual Awakenings, St. Joe Valley Group, Primary Purpose. Serenity Sisters, The Campfire Meeting, women Saved by Grace & Grateful Ladies. We couldn't exist without our sales and your contributions.

We are open Monday-Saturday from 10a-2p. The hotline #208-667-4633 is available 24/7.

Mary M - Central Office Chair

Public Information Report

Continued to provide schedules and literature to hospitals, urgent cares, Absolute drug testing, recovery and detox centers and the VA in Cda

Your friend in service, Chuck F

8 GSR Report form for DISTRICT EYE NEWSLETTER

You may use this form to write up your group's monthly report for the district newsletter. You are also welcome to email the information to the newsletter editor at **NewsletterDistrict8@gmail.com**.

In addition to your meeting day and time and your GSR's name, your report should include details about your group that might attract people to your meeting. Items of interest include sobriety anniversaries, birthdays, social events in your group and the average number of people who attend, including newcomers and out-of-towners. If you have any flyers for events coming up, include them with your report.

You don't have to change your report each month if you don't want to. If you want to make a change or update something and leave the rest as is, just let the newsletter editor know.

As a reminder: Submissions must be received by the **THIRD** day of the month to be guaranteed inclusion into the monthly newsletter. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

Group name _____

Meeting location: _____

Meeting days and times _____

GSR name: _____ Phone: _____

GSR email address: _____

Alt GSR name: _____ Phone: _____

Report submitted by: _____ Date: _____

DISTRICT 8 AA POSITIONS – ELECTIONS 10/10/2023 7 P.M.

Church of the Nazarene

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – YOUR LOCAL AA NEEDS YOU!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- Help set up for monthly Standing Committee Meetings & District Meetings; open building, make coffee, clean and lock up.
- Help plan for District functions such as Area assemblies, workshops when requested.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

- Assist the Chair in compiling a chronological history and help them maintain the older history of the District.
- Help maintain an inventory.
- Be available to display the archives at District functions and other invited functions.

C P C COMMITTEE

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Members of these committees provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession, including healthcare, E.A.P. and H.R. professionals; educators; members of the clergy; lawyers; social workers; military professionals; government officials; and those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.

P I COMMITTEE

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The purpose of P.I. service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested. P.I. committees visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose. They also serve as resources for our friends in the local media, emphasizing our Traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non-affiliation, as well as offering A.A. public service announcements to media outlets such as radio and television stations.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

- Inform groups, district or area assembly members of AA approved literature, audiovisual material and other special items.
- Become familiar with the information on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).
- Provide literature for groups, area, and district functions.
- Consider suggestions regarding proposed additions to and changes in Conference-approved literature and audiovisual material.
- Encourage A.A. members to read/purchase A.A. literature.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

The purpose of a corrections committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger A.A. community through prerelease contacts.

TREATMENT/ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

- With approval of the facility, takes A.A. meetings into treatment settings within its area.
- Encourages group participation. In some areas each group has a representative on the Treatment Committee.
- Coordinates temporary contact programs, such as Bridging the Gap.
- Arranges purchase and distribution of literature for these groups and meetings.

WEB COMMITTEE

- The District 8 website provides and maintains information about our local group meetings and services of AA. Maintains an events calendar which includes local and Area 92 events.
- Committee members exchange ideas on Web site design, format and content. We report to the District.
- Seeks feedback from AA Groups, GSRs, Service committees on Web site functionality/content.
- Posts newsletters, other AA resource links, etc
- Prior IT experience not required. Programming is performed by an outside firm, but we do a considerable amount of editing ourselves.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

- Editor of the monthly District Eye Newsletter