

News from District 8 – North Idaho DISTRICT EYE January, 2024



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Contribution

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

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 7



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**District 8 GSR Meeting
January 09, 2024
Agenda**

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

**Serenity Prayer
GSR Statement
Housekeeping Motion (for recording)**

Secretary's Report - Phil
Approval of minutes

Treasurer's Report
Rachel will give the final report of her rotation.

**DCM Report - David
Alt-DCM Report - Garrett**

GSR Reports

Standing Committee Reports
Inventory Action Item report/presented by Ad Hoc Committee.
October 2024 Fall Assembly Committee Report-Paula T

Central Office

Unfinished Business
Unfilled District Positions, Literature Committee, Archives
January 2024 Area 92 Quarterly Registration

New Business
GSO Trustees Literature Request

Upcoming Events: (Area/District Event flyers can be found on www.Area92aa.org - Calendar tab)
January Area Quarterly 2024: January 19 & 20, 2024, Hybrid. Wenatchee WA. Hosted by District 5
April Area 92 Pre-Conference Assembly 2024: April 5 – 7, 2024 Yakima WA, hosted by D 6 & 20.
October 2024 Area 92 Assembly: Oct. 18-20, 2024, HYBRID Coeur d'Alene, ID. Hosted by District 8
PRAASA: March 1-3, 2024. San Francisco, CA see flier-info @ PRAASA.org.
International Convention - Reminder scheduling future events – Vancouver, B.C. July 3-6, 2025

Open Forum

Adjourn

Responsibility Statement

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Catherine B. followed by the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Statement: Read by Aaron R.

Secretary Report: Minutes from November 14, read by Phil T. Nathan motion for acceptance, Jim seconded. Passed.

DCM Report: Catherine B.

Alternate DCM Report: David R.

Treasurer Report: Given by Rachel R. Loren M. moved to accept, seconded by Curtis A. passed unanimously.

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

Standing Committee Reports: Participants meet prior to Dist 8 meeting to discuss standing committee report.

District Inventory Report: Phil T.

Unfinished Business: Literature Committee chair open.

New Business: Group discussion regarding feedback on Trustees Literature Committee proposed changes to first 164 pages to Alcoholics Anonymous big book. Area 92 is seeking feedback regarding this proposal. Unanimous group conscious at the district level was no changes are appropriate to the first 164 pages. GSR's are taking district questionnaires back to their groups for group discussion.

Open Forum: N/A

Moved to adjourn made by Tom B. at 8:19. Followed by the Responsibility Statement.

Ad Hoc Committee on Inventory *December 12, 2023*

Phil T brought the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

The committee came up with two ways to increase communication from district level to groups.

First, exploring ways to broadcast district meetings via zoom or meeting app.

Second, to better distribute District Eye at group level, taking budget constraints into consideration.

Chair asked group to come up with ideas/suggestions to further implement above methods.

Adjourned 6:45pm

Phil T - Chair

DCM Report - January 2024

Greetings,

First, I want to thank District 8 for trusting me to serve you as your new, incoming DCM. I will listen carefully to each and every one of you. We will make decisions together, based on a well-informed group conscience. There are no emergencies in Alcoholics Anonymous and careful discussion and deliberation is needed to make important decisions. I also plan to continue attending the "meeting before the meeting" each month, at 1815 (06:15 pm). I think this is a great forum for addressing our District 8 Inventory and discussing problems as they arise, instead of allowing these situations to fester.

The D8 Handbook has been updated and new copies are being distributed to incoming GSRs and D8 trusted servants. I handed off the digital version of the current District 8 Handbook to Garrett. I will be working closely with Garrett, our Alternate DCM who is the District 8 Registrar. I ask that all new GSRs provide their contact information to Garrett.

I will be coordinating with Rolf, our incoming Third Legacy Chair, to advocate for a District 8 Handbook Workshop in the near future. I think it vitally important that District 8 returns to relying on the District 8 Handbook as a set of guidelines that can help keep us on track. When we follow the Handbook, chances of major problems arising are greatly reduced, leading to brotherly and harmonious action in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

We are still seeking a District 8 Archives Chair. This is a rewarding position for all who enjoy A.A. History. Please spread the word and if anyone is interested, please attend the District 8 meeting next month.

Please remember to write to the GSO if you care to voice your opinion on the topic of making drastic changes to our beloved Big Book. I am opposed to any drastic changes! Our Basic Textbook has been leading millions of alcoholics to recovery, thus delivering him or her from alcoholic insanity, death, prison, etc. The email address is Literature@aa.org

Paula T. is chairing the October Assembly Committee and will have a progress report for the body soon. Paula is seeking a venue that will afford us the most “bang for the buck.” Be warned though that with today’s runaway inflation it is sure to be much more expensive than in the past.

In closing, thank you for allowing me to serve!

David R, Incoming DCM

****Please remember to have your reports, changes or flyers into 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 newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com.**

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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, *Alano Hall located at 425 Borah Ave. GSR is Jim M.* Meets 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 topics 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. We have a speaker meeting on the last Friday of the month, and are always looking for people to speak.

Daily Reprieve, *Alano Hall, 425 Borah Ave., CDA. Daily at 5:30 pm, Thursdays at 7pm. GSR- John F. Alt GSR - David J.* 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 for one week and a tradition the next week. We have a speaker meeting the last Saturday of the month at 5:30pm / potluck at 5:00pm. Business meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

First Things First, *322 Hubbard Ave, CDA. Fort Sherman Chapel. GSR: Rhonda F.* Tuesdays 7:30 PM.

Happy Hour, Happy Hour, *5:15pm daily, First Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Lakeside, CDA. Enter through the basement door on 6th street. GSR - Aaron.* Happy Hour Group is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous that meets seven days a week. We share a topic and call on people to share. The only exceptions are the second Saturday of the month when we have a speaker meeting and on the last Saturday of the month when we have our birthday speaker meeting. At the birthday speaker meeting we invite those that took coins in that month to share from the podium. Our business meeting is on second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Come and share your experience, strength and hope with us and let us share our fellowship with you.

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 1st 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- Kyle M.

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 T. Open meeting, Wheelchair accessible.

Lady A's, Athol Community Center, 30355 Third St, Athol. Thursday at 9am. GSR- Heather M. Alt GSR Paula T. Open. Women only. Our business meeting is the Thursday following the District Meeting at 10 AM.

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. 32119 N 5th Ave. Spirit Lake, ID 83869. HWY 41 @ New Hampshire St. Meet on Mondays at 7 pm at the VFW Post 1473. Gary M. GSR, Chris S. Alt GSR. 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 -Chris W, 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 Traditions meeting at 7pm. Big Book study Sundays at 3PM.

Primary Purpose, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Sundays @ 4pm. GSR - Kerri S. Alt GSR:

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.

Meets Tuesdays and Thursday at 7:00 PM. Meetings usually last more than one hour so that everyone gets a chance to share. Our location along the lake makes the drive down a spiritual experience. An hour and a 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 O. Serenity Sisters meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at His Place Church in Post Falls. We are an open Women's meeting. There is a speaker meeting on the last Saturday of the month, following our normal meeting.

Serious About Sobriety, 501 E Wallace, St Luke's Episcopal Church, CDA. Daily at 9:00PM. Serious About Sobriety meets 7 days a 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 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. Reading out of Twelve and Twelve book. 10-15 Women attend. Business Meeting is the third Monday of the Month. We will not be meeting on Christmas Day.

St Joe Valley Group, 1100 College Ave, Community Presbyterian Church. GSR- Lyn F. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7PM.

The Way Out, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12940 N Govt Way, Hayden. Monday and Fridays 5:30pm (Corner of Lancaster). GSR - Michelle P. 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! We meet on the upper level. Please enter at the front entrance through the big wood doors.

Truly Grateful, 308 W 12th Ave, Post Falls, ID 83854. GSR: Dot R. Thursdays at 7:00PM. 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. 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- Johnny S. 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

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to the following groups for their contributions: Fort Sherman, Keep It Simple, Primary Purpose and the St. Joe Valley Group. The District Meeting's 7th Tradition for December was \$87.00. This includes \$30 in donations received for copies of the Handbook. Total monthly income was \$527.00 and expenses paid were \$412.09. (Two checks for 2023 expenses with a combined total of \$286.71 remain outstanding.) The beginning checking account balance was \$689.85 and the ending balance is \$804.76. Prudent Reserve is \$2,426.56.

EXPENSES PAID

\$311.91 - ALT DCM reimbursement for copies of updated District 8 Handbooks to be distributed to incoming officers and GSRs.

\$15.11 - FedEx for copies for treasurer.

\$85.07 - Reimbursement to Public Information chair for mileage and supplies. Receipts turned in totaled \$124.93 but to stay within the annual budget of \$210.00, the remaining \$39.86 was not reimbursed. I would ask that the body vote to reimburse the PI Chair the \$39.86. I did not believe it was my decision to make after the meeting had closed.

Yours in service,
Rachel Hunt

Web Committee Report

I am now receiving emails sent to the webchair@idahoaa.org email address, so bring forth any requests for needed changes to the district web site. I am just starting to get familiar with the process, so please grant me some grace as I learn and grow a committee.

Yours in service,
Nathan B

Central Office Report

Greetings from the Central Office of North Idaho. Thank you to the following groups and individuals who gave this past month of December, that is:

CHRISTINA L, FT. SHERMAN, KIS, ST JOE VALLEY GROUP, 5:15 HAPPY HOUR, ATHOL BIG BOOK, PRIMARY PURPOSE & DAILY REPRIEVE II. Thank you for your retail purchases, also. This all helps to keep the office open.

We hope you all have a SERENE and BLESSED New Year!

Third Legacy Report

Hello District 8

Jan 4 2024

Third legacy Chair – Rolf M

Welcome to the start of 2024, hope that Joy, family and fun were to be had for the holidays. So with the start of a new rotation for our District, there comes a new rotation of G.S.R.'s (General Service Representative) giving their homegroup a voice and participation in AA as a whole. Welcome to District 8 and the service structure that makes AA function as a society (world wide). There are going to be questions about what a GSR does? At the Group level? At the District level? At the Area level? Many of you may already have been a GSR or an Alternate GSR and can be helpful to the new rotation, sharing your experience and strength.

I want to have a GSR workshop or several to help encourage GSR's to participate in their homegroups and District Meetings. Ideas and needs can be addressed to me and I will do what I can to help.

Some Quotes from "The A.A. Group...where it all begins" P-16 Page 12

"As the long form of Tradition Three clearly states, "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse no one who wishes to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership depends on money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

Also from "The A.A. Group...where it all begins" P-16 Page 22

"General Service Representative (G.S.R.) Working via the district and the area committees, the G.S.R. is the group's link with the General Service Conference, through which U.S. and Canadian groups share their experience and voice A.A.'s collective conscience. Sometimes called "the guardians of the Traditions," G.S.R.s became familiar with A.A.'s Third Legacy – our spiritual responsibility to give service freely.

Usually elected to serve two-year terms, they:

Represent the group at district meetings and area assemblies.

Keep group members informed about general service activities in their local areas.

Receive and share with their groups all mail from the General Service Office, including the newsletter Box 4-5-9, which is G.S.O.'s primary tool for communication with the Fellowship."

I look forward to participating in district 8 both in support of the home groups that make up District 8, but also in support of the standing committees that are also integral to what it is we do for A.A.

I am unsure of my email status to use: Third Legacy, 3rdlegacy@northidahooa.org

My personal email will work for communication: rolfm563@yahoo.com

phone (208) 704-3722

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Rolf M

Public Information Report

Continued to provide schedules and literature for hospitals, Urgent cares, Absolute drug testing, Veterans hospital, Recovery and Detox centers. Attended quarterly workshop in Spokane.

Yours in service, Chuck F.

Newsletter

Deadline for February District Eye is February 5, 2023.

Officers, Committee Chairs, and GSRs should send reports to newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com. GSRs, kindly submit any corrections to your reports to the above email address. It is important to submit any updates *prior to the 5th of each month* to ensure that reports are accurate and up to date. Thank you for allowing me to be your new Newsletter Chair! I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service. - Kaila F.

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: _____