

News from District 8 – North Idaho DISTRICT EYE February, 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
February 13th, 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
Jan R.

DCM Report-David
Alt-DCM Report-Garrett

GSR Reports

Standing Committee Reports
October 2024 Fall Assembly Committee Report-Paula T

Central Office

Unfinished Business
Unfilled District Positions, Literature Committee, Archives

New Business
Agenda Items
Online Meetings Public Information Agenda Review (District 8 Assignment)
District 8 Handbook for all incoming GSRs
Do we want Lisa G Area 92 Delegate to come to District for Agenda review?

**Upcoming Events: (Area/District Event flyers can be found on www.Area92aa.org -
Calendar tab)**

**Standing Committee Workshop in Ephrata March 16, 2024 for GSC agenda review
items-In Person**

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 flyer-info @ PRAASA.org.

**International Convention-Reminder scheduling future events – Vancouver, B.C. July 3-6,
2025**

Open Forum

Adjourn

Responsibility Statement

District 8- North Idaho AA Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by David R. followed by the Serenity Prayer.

GSR Statement: Read by James S.

Secretary Report: Minutes from December 12, 2023, read by Phil T. Kelly C. made motion for acceptance of minutes, Jim M. seconded. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Given by Rachel R. Aaron B moved to accept, seconded by Johnny S. passed unanimously.

DCM Report: David R.

Alternate DCM Report: Garret.

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: Given by Phil T. The committee is writing up topics and suggestions for further discussion. Meeting suspended until April 2024.

Unfinished Business: Literature Committee chair open, Archives Committee chair open.

New Business: Nathan B brought up hybrid meeting requirements. Zoom, Google meets were mentioned. Further Alt DCM Garret and Nathan are working on ideas to bring next month.

Open Forum: Kerri S. encouraged all to consider joining the Alano Fellowship Hall to help them pay bills and stay open. Individual membership is \$10 per month or \$100 annually.

Moved to adjourn, adjourned 8:22.

DCM Report - February 2024

Hello District 8,

I attended the January Quarterly on 01/19/2024 and 01/20/2024 and it was a particularly good meeting. I took notes throughout the proceedings and ended with a total of 17 bullet points, or a long "To Do" list. We had 3 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSR, Laurie our CPC Chair, Nathan our Web Chair, and Jan our Treasurer attend the in-person January Quarterly. I am hoping for a larger in-person showing at the next Standing Committee Workshop and at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Regardless, modem to modem, or face to face, A.A.s speak the Language of the Heart in all of our meetings!

I will be attending a Zoom training next Saturday to learn how to use the various Google programs and how to make group changes. I plan to ask Garrett to attend because as per our District 8 Handbook the Alternate DCM serves as the District Registrar, just like Area 92. I will make sure that Garrett has the login information, and I will be his backup. I have a spread sheet with all the current groups and need to review this with Garrett to ensure accuracy, and to make any needed changes with the Area 92 Registrar, Dan, who is our Alternate Delegate.

We had one Housekeeping Motion at the Quarterly which was to change old verbiage in the WSEA 92 Handbook to accurately reflect the job descriptions for the Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, and the Finance Committee. This motion did not change policy and was thus considered a Housekeeping Motion. The words "Financial Review" were changed to "Financial Audit." This motion was unanimously passed.

We also had a discussion on increasing the needed deposit for the upcoming October 2025 Election Assembly. The hotel wants a deposit of \$1500 by February 01, 2024. This event is being held at the Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, WA. The meals are very affordable at \$24 and \$15. Additionally, we can bring our own coffee, and the management is allowing food to be brought in from the Hospitality Room. There was a lot of discussion on this topic and in the end it was unanimous that we will send the deposit and move forward with the Assembly planning. There will be a motion coming out of the Finance Committee to increase the seed money for Quarterlies and Assemblies. We have not had a Seed Money increase for these events in the past 25 years. As we all know, it costs a lot more for everything today than it did 25 years ago.

Area 92 is hosting the Pacific Northwest Conference this year at the Red Lion Hotel in downtown Wenatchee. This is the oldest running Conference in Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill Wilson suggested having this annual conference after visiting the Pacific Northwest in 1948, and it has been held annually since that time, at various locations throughout the Pacific Northwest. The PNC is held each June, and I will have more information as the preparations progress. There should be a flyer on the Area 92 website Events Calendar.

The Area 92 Hispanic Districts are hosting a International Hispanic Convention in Yakima on May 24 through May 26, 2024. I plan to attend, and I hope that you will too. Registration is \$15 and meals are affordable. There is a flyer on the Area 92 Events Calendar.

District 8 has been assigned to Public Information for the upcoming Agenda Items Review. Lisa G., our current Area 92 Delegate said that she is willing to travel to any District to do a workshop on the General Service Conference Agenda Items. I sent Rolf a text message while attending the Quarterly and asked him about facilitating a workshop on the Public Information Agenda Items. We do need to get together and review these agenda items prior to the Standing Committee Workshop for the GSC Agenda Items review. The SCW will be held in Ephrata and there are flyers posted on the Area 92 Events Calendar.

The Area 92 Public Information Committee Chair, Andy from District 22, facilitates a Zoom PI Agenda Items review meeting every other Friday. I will get that login information to anyone who wants to attend. Additionally, just because we are assigned to PI does not mean that you cannot attend other committee reviews. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these Zoom meetings. You will need to contact the Area 92 Chair of the Standing Committee that you are interested in, and that Standing Committee Chair will email you the login information and meeting schedule.

Now about finances, both District 8 and Area 92 need contributions. Please speak with your home groups and even if it is \$5 every little bit helps. Area 92 did well in December, but the year-end totals are in the red. In District 8 we have had to use some of our Reserve Fund to pay the bills. We are grateful for any financial support your group may be able to provide.

The Area 92 Standing Committee Chairs hold monthly meetings, and our District 8 Standing Committee Chairs are invited to attend. Please contact the Standing Committee Chair and they will send you the Zoom login information and schedule. Additionally, I ask that all District 8 Standing Committee Chairs attend the Standing Committee Workshop which will be held in March in Ephrata, WA. There is a flyer posted on the Area 92 Events Calendar. Just Google Area 92 and the website address/link will pop up. This is the most important Standing Committee Workshop in 2024 because it helps prepare Lisa, our Area 92 Delegate, for the General Service Conference in New York a few weeks after we meet.

There is a Technology Committee Zoom meeting every second Thursday. Please contact the Area 92 Technology Committee if you are interested in attending. Nathan, our District 8 Web Chair, has been working on the functionality of the District 8 email addresses. If you are still unable to access your District 8 email, please speak with Nathan.

I will be sending a around a GSR contact information sheet and ask that you please print your name, home group, email address, mailing address, and telephone number. This is for the Area 92 Registrar and Garrett, our Alternate DCM and District 8 Registrar. We are going to reference the information on file with GSO, and Area 92 with this completed GSR contact information sheet for accuracy, then update both Registrars as needed.

Paula T is the October Assembly Host Committee Chair for the upcoming October 2024 Assembly which is hosted by District 8. Paula will have more information for us at the next District 8 meeting, and as we get closer to October.

In summary, the next three months are going to be remarkably busy. I was not expecting my first DCM Report to be this long but there was a lot of information to digest while attending the January Quarterly. I hope to see you at the next District 8 GSR Meeting at 1900 on February 13, 2024, at the Nazarene Church in Coeur d' Alene.

Yours in service,
David R.

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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 first 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 - Tom B.*

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 3rd 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!

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.

St Joe Valley Group, 1100 College Ave, Community Presbyterian Church. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7PM. Currently, no regularly scheduled business meeting. St Joe Valley Group and the The Rough Riders Group has condensed into one meeting.

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

Central Office Report

The Central Office had a great start to 2024 and we are so grateful to all of you who supported us. Thank you to the following groups who gave in the month of January: Pride in Sobriety, Women Saved By Grace, Best Ave Group, Primary Purpose, Daily Reprieve II, Way Out Group, GMAA and First Things First.

As always, we are open Monday through Saturday, 10am-2pm. We are in downtown CDA at 118 N. 7th St. Ste. B-5. The 24 hour hotline number is 208-667-4633.

Cooperation with the Professional Committee (CPC) Report

On January 19th and 20th I attended the WSEA 92 January Quarterly Assembly in Wenatchee. It was helpful to be there to learn about the other Districts and meet the Area 92 Chairs. As a result of being there, I was able to connect with the Area 92 CPC Chair, Lorri T. and schedule times to talk and get guidance about how to proceed with the efforts of our District 8 CPC Committee. Lorri T. and I have had two phone conversations in January and plan to meet via Zoom on February 8th for the Area 92 CPC regular monthly meeting. I attended the Google Workshop put on by the Tech Committee via Zoom on January 27th to learn more about Google Meets so we can communicate with professionals virtually. There will be a Standing Committee Workshop on March 16th in Ephrata, WA that I will attend via zoom. Our D8 CPC Committee met on Sunday February 4th and compiled a list of professionals that we will be contacting. We read literature and pamphlets and selected several we will use initially when contacting the professional community.

H & I meeting is on February 5th and I will attend.

In love and service,
Laurie F.
District 8 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair

Third Legacy Report

Tentative Planning for Area Delegate to give a Conference Agenda Review for the 24th of Feb. at the Nazarene Church. Also have the first GSR workshop on the 25th. With any luck we can start at 1:00 for both.

January was cold (burst water pipes and a lingering cold), it has made me slow to respond to the needs of the District. I am better now and should get things rolling.

Correct district email also working, thank you Nate.

YIS
Third Legacy Chair
Rolf Meier

Corrections

Corrections.. Looking for some men that would like to either go in-person or on Zoom to share an AA meeting in the Jail. Need to take 4 hour Prea class, finger prints, background check, at least 2 years clean and sober, working with a sponsor, doing or having done the steps and a meeting with John McSwain. This is a commitment. It is AA sharing our experience, strength and hope.

Treatment and Accessibility Update

~ We brought in panels at Kootenai Behavior Health and Kootenai detox at the end of January. The panels went great and we have committed to 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

~ Ed P and John are continuing with their panels at Kootenai in-patient.

~ We are still prospecting Heritage Health for panels.

~ Also prospecting Foundation House sober living .

Thanks!

Public Information Report

Continued to provide pamphlets and schedules to hospitals, Absolute drug testing, urgent cares, recovery and detox centers and sober living homes in district 8.

Added a rack of pamphlets and schedules to Probation and Parole for felony releases called Reconnect. They meet every Thursday afternoon.

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.

Some information in the newsletter may not be up-to-date based on conversations held at last month's District. Please let me know if there are any discrepancies that I missed, and I will make sure to correct moving forward. Thanks for your patience, and thank you to everyone who sent their reports!

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: _____