

# News from District 8 – North Idaho District Eye

## February 10th, 2026

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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 7

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District 8- North Idaho AA – January 13th 2026  
**Meeting Minutes**

- The meeting was called the order at 7:01 PM by Garret B
- GSR statement was read by Max K
- Minutes from December 9, 2025 we read by Kyle M. Ann V motioned to accept. Curtis A seconded.
- Jan R read the Treasurer’s Report. Marlene R motioned to accept. Lyn F seconded
- Additional nominations and votes were taken to fill open district positions
- GSR in attendance was 12
- Newsletter Chair: Emily W stood for position and was elected 12-0
- Open positions remaining: Literature
- Unfinished Business: get back with Correctional Facilities Chair, Curtis A on how to properly use pink cans fund.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

District 8 GSR Meeting – February 10th, 2026  
**Agenda**

- Call to Order** – 7:00 p.m.
- Serenity Prayer**
- GSR Statement**
- Secretary’s Report**-Kyle M.
- Approval of minutes
- John McSwain Volunteer Coordinator KCSO/Jail**
- Treasurer’s Report** Brenda Mc.
- DCM Report**-Garrett B.
- Alternate DCM**-Phil T.
- GSR Reports

Standing Committee Reports  
New Business  
Unfinished Business  
Open Forum  
Area motions for April Assembly  
**Adjourn**  
**Responsibility Statement**

**Upcoming Events**

(Area/District Event flyers can be found on [www.Area92aa.org](http://www.Area92aa.org) - Calendar tab)

**Live Events:**

*GSR School – Panel 76 (Year 1)*

When: 03/14/2026 @ 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Where: Lewis Clark Alano Club

1435 Elm Street, Clarkston WA 99403

*2026 Pre-Conference Assembly*

When: 04/10/2026 @ 12:00 PM – 04/12/2026 @ 1:00PM

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

1107 W Fremont Avenue

Selah, WA 98942

**Events (Online):**

- Feb 12 Thu 6:00 pm Finance Committee Monthly Meeting
- 7:00 pm Corrections Committee Monthly Meeting
- Feb 17 Tue 6:30 pm PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- Feb 19 Thu 7:00 pm Technology Committee Meeting
- Feb 23 Mon 6:00 pm DCM/Alt DCM Monthly Meeting
- Feb 26 Thu 5:30 pm Treatment Committee Monthly Meeting
- Mar 2 Mon 5:00 pm Standing Committee Chair Meeting
- Mar 3 Tue 5:00 pm Archives Steering Committee Meeting

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**DCM Report**

Hello all, not a lot to report this month. Attended the quarterly in Spokane, Friday in person and Saturday online. The only thing that came out of it was the two motions that you should have received, or we should have some copies up here at the desk. We will be discussing those this evening briefly.

Spoke with John McSwain about the big books in the jail and he offered to attend the meeting tonight to help clear up as much as he could. He should have already spoken, so I hope he answered most of our questions. I was able to attend the DCM sharing session last month, just really a meet and greet for all the new members. There is a GSR school next month in Clarkston if anyone is interested, and as soon as I receive the GSO agenda items I will send them all to you.

Yours in service  
Garrett B

**Current District Officers and Committee Chairs**

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**GSR Reports**

*\*If you believe any of the following reports may not be up-to-date, please reach out to the Newsletter Editor at [newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com).*

**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. Alt GSR: Jason P. 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 the 12&12, 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 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 – Naomi 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. On Tuesdays, we have a Grapevine meeting. 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**, *Unity Church – 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Hoffman, CDA, 83815. GSR: Rhonda F.* The meeting has moved from Ft. Sherman to Unity Church. Closed meeting. Tuesdays 7:30 PM.

**Happy Hour**, *5:15pm daily, First Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Lakeside, CDA. Enter through the basement door on 6th street. GSR - Aaron. Alt GSR – Marlene R.* 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. There is a fellowship dinner every Saturday following the 5:15 meeting at different locations around town each month. All are welcome to attend. Our business meeting is on third 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**, 414 W. Fort Grounds Dr. 7 days a week, 7:45am GSR: Gary P. This is an open meeting. The last Sunday of the month is a speaker meeting at 7:00 pm. There will be cake served at the beginning of this meeting to celebrate milestones in sobriety. Our business meeting is the second Saturday of each month following the 7:45 meeting.

**GMAA Good Morning AA**, *Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA . Daily 6:30am. GSR- Kyle M. Alt GSR: Jim P.* 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. To note, GMAA Zoom is now a separate meeting.

**Keep it Simple**, *Journey of Hope Church, 3555 E 12th, Post Falls. Monday - Friday at 12pm. GSR – Casey B. Alt GSR- Rusty T.* Open meetings are held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with a Big Book meeting on Monday and a Step meeting on Wednesday. We have started having a monthly birthday cake on the last Thursday of the month.

**Lady A's**, *Athol Community Center, 30355 Third St, Athol. Thursday at 9am. GSR-. Interim, Kim M.* Open. Women only. Lady A's encourages women to bring their children. 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**, 16138 N. Westwood Dr., Rathdrum, ID 83858. GSR -Jason P. Prairie Dogs meet Monday and Friday nights at 7pm. Monday is a closed meeting and Fridays are open meetings. We have had a great turnout, lots of newcomers and multiple years. The last Friday of the month is a potluck birthday celebration that starts at 6pm, before the regular meeting. Our business meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm, followed by our Traditions meeting at 7pm.

**Primary Purpose**, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Sundays @ 4pm. GSR - Kerri S. Alt GSR: Sally A. The Primary Purpose Group is a structured Big Book Study group that meets each Sunday at 4pm (1600) at the North Idaho Alano Fellowship Hall. Our business meeting is held quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. We study our Basic Textbook and at the end of the first 164 pages we read and study Dr. Bob's Nightmare, then the long form of the 12 Traditions. We give out monthly milestones in sobriety "Bill and Bob coins" for each month in the calendar year, to recognize members while they "trudge of the road of happy destiny." Milestones in November include Annie who celebrated 1 year, and Brittany who celebrated 5 years. We are a small but mighty group; we love newcomers and old-timers just the same!

**SCW-Sobriety Capital of the World**, New Beginnings Church, 16138 N Westwood Drive, Rathdrum. It is an OPEN Meeting and held in the basement. GSR: Kelly C. The meeting meets on Tuesdays from 6-7 PM. The first Tuesday of the month is a 12 and 12 Step Study Meeting. The 3rd Tuesday of the month is a business meeting at 5:00 PM, followed by a Traditions meeting at 6:00. We have people with varied years of sobriety at our meetings. If you are new or looking for a sponsor, please come and join us. We would love your support at our great little meeting. Problems/Concerns: improve attendance.

**Serenity Sisters**, 3079 E 16th Ave, Post Falls, Saturday - 10am. GSR - Vacant. Serenity Sisters meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at His Place Church in Post Falls. We are an open Women's meeting and children are welcome. There is a speaker meeting last Saturday, every other month. Business Meeting is held the last Saturday of the month following the regular meeting.

**Serious About Sobriety**, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Daily at 9:30PM. Serious About Sobriety meets 7 days a week. Come share your experience, strength and hope in the candlelight with us! SAS is an open meeting, all are welcome. Business meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 p.m.

**Spiritual Awakening**, 32119 N Fifth Ave, Spirit Lake, VFW Post 1147. GSR -Ann. Alt GSR – Craig. Meetings are held Saturday at 8am and Wednesdays at 7pm, which is a 12x12 book study. They are open. Meetings are going well. Potluck is last Saturday of each month at 7AM (potluck breakfast). We are having a great turnout at both meetings and our Breakfast Birthday celebration. Our business meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 9:15am.

**Sober Sisters**, 4000 N 4th Street, CDA. Monday 5:30 pm. GSR Paula W.. 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. GSR: Lyn F. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7PM. Literature-based open-discussion meeting. Currently, no regularly scheduled business meeting.

**The Way Out**, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12940 N Govt Way, Hayden. Monday and Fridays 5:30pm (Corner of Lancaster). GSR – Deborah K. 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 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! We at Truly Grateful would like to share how joyful we are that our group meetings have been growing in attendance of 30 to 35 at times. We also are grateful to receive a new Home group Member. It is exciting for us to get to share milestones of recovery: several 1 month, 3 month, 6 month, 9 months, a 3 year, and a 24 year!! Our meeting with so many wonderful shares that cause the beautiful feelings of the spirit, and in knowing if we stay and continue to do the work we will one day get to know how to live joyous, happy, and free with our own God of our own understanding and remain ever grateful. P.S. We also have many newcomers and out of town visitors yah!!

**Upriver**, Fernwood Bible Church- in the basement. Mile Marker 64, Hwy3. GSR- John B. Sunday at 3PM.

**Women in Emotional Sobriety**, Alano Hall, 425 Borah. CDA. GSR: Jennifer H. Alt GSR: Deb A. 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. Every meeting ends with a joke from the Grapevine, and at the end of most meetings (depending on 7th tradition contributions), a raffle is held and the winner wins a subscription to the Grapevine. 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- R Derek. Alt. GSR- Donna VC. 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 lighthearted approach to AA. 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.

**Treasurer's Report**

Greetings District 8,

Here I am, officially reporting on January 2026 as your new Treasurer. First and foremost, I want to thank Jan for the excellent job she has done for the District. Everything was in beautiful order when she turned over the records. She also met with me and R at the bank to ensure we could continue District business smoothly.

Banking was switched without incident... well, *mostly*. After everything was completed and we had already left, Jan reminded me that we forgot to address the savings account — UGH. I'll get that taken care of soon. So for now, I can't confidently report that our prudent reserve earned roughly 13 cents last month without full access. More on that next month.

January was a great month to step into the role since there were few expenses.

- Beginning balance: \$3,780.87
- Expenses: -\$492.30
- Income: +\$790.43
- Ending checking balance: \$4,079.00

Our prudent reserve balance at the end of December was \$3,002.24. I will report interest earned as soon as I have full access to that account.

I would like to continue using Jan's reimbursement forms for those of you seeking committee-related reimbursements. Thank you all for your support and for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in service,  
Brenda L.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Literature Committee Report**

N/A

**Third Legacy Report**

New GSR's, we really are working on getting you the GSR handbooks then we'll set a date and time for a workshop. Thanks for your patience. Going forward we'll be doing workshops on things like

- "Tips on how to do a 12th step call";
- "How to choose a sponsor and why"; and
- "How to be a sponsor".

There's lots of experience, strength, and hope with tips on how to help the new person through the steps and give them the tools to navigate sobriety. It's an honor to be of service this way! If any of the home groups are interested in having us come and speak on any of these topics we would be happy to do so. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Tim O.

**Public Information Report**

The month of January was very productive for the new committee members. I recruited a co-chair, Ryan Potter and we began recruiting additional committee members. We are currently a team of 6 and always

welcome more volunteers. Should anyone be interested in joining the committee, please have them contact me via email or phone.

We attended the January monthly H&I meeting and got to know the new committee chairs that participate in their respected arenas. We are excited to collaborate with all parties to carry the message to suffering alcoholics outside of the rooms in our community. We also researched the suggested goals outlined in the Public Information Workbook and will be discussing how we will be accomplishing these goals in the upcoming months. During the warmer months, we will continue to carry the message via attending various public events and distributing meeting schedules and informational pamphlets to those who are interested.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service-

Gratefully-

Marlene Rowland

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### **Central Office Report**

Thank you to those who gave contributions in the month of January so we could keep the office open and help the still suffering alcoholic.

I am going to be visiting as many groups as possible for their business meetings, along with one of our Central Office Reps. We are bringing information to share with the groups about the role Central Office plays to help the alcoholic and AA.

Spread the word about our newsletter which is filled with lots of important information and announcements. You can get on the newsletter list by sending your email address to [sobrin95@gmail.com](mailto:sobrin95@gmail.com) or [keepcomingback1@hotmail.com](mailto:keepcomingback1@hotmail.com).

We need a volunteer to work every other Monday from 10am-2pm. please call the office at 208-667-4633.

Have a great month.

Mary M.

Coordinator

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Report**

The CPC committee has had a busy month. We started our campaign in St. Maries, with committee member Patrice contacting the Probation Office which seemed receptive to initiating some sort of AA meeting signature accountability for alcohol related offenders. The judge in St. Maries did not want to require any kind of accountability for offenders to participate in AA. We also contacted St. Maries Prosecuting Attorneys office and supplied them with some introductory literature. We visited Heritage Health both in St. Maries and Coeur d'Alene. Both received literature and CDA said they would like us to come to a managers staff meeting and make a presentation. Kootenai Rehab and Intensive Out-patient units were also contacted and we presented introductory pamphlets to Leslie at the Out-patient unit. Both units said that they have panels which came in to present periodically, although I am not sure who that would be. We visited Syringa Health in St. Maries and presented them with AA literature for their clients. I also met with a counselor at Marimn Health In Plummer and supplied him with some literature for North American Native People in AA.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn F.

### **Corrections Report**

We'll still figure out my position, but it's coming along. Got my application in to the Chaplin and had an interview with the Chaplin. still waiting for the AA material to load onto the tablets at the jail. And as far as Big books I'm getting conflicting answers. I'm hoping that the chaplain John Swain is going to attend a meeting this evening. We shall see.

### **Treatment and Accessibility Report**

N/A

### **Web Report**

N/A

### **Newsletter**

*Deadline for March District Eye is March 5th, 2025.*

*Officers, Committee Chairs, and GSRs should send reports to [newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com).*

GSRs – if you would like to update your home group's information, please email or fill out the attached form or email the newsletter editor directly.

**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 FIFTH 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:* \_\_\_\_\_

*GSR Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*GSR Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Alt GSR Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Alt GSR Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Report Submitted By:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Report Notes**

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Treasurers	
Secretary	
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