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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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Meeting Minutes from February 10th 2026

- Meeting minutes were not submitted from last months’ meeting.

Agenda for March 10th, 2026

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. • Serenity Prayer • GSR Statement • Secretary’s Report-Kyle M. • Approval of minutes • Treasurer’s Report Brenda L. • DCM Report-Garrett B. • Alternate DCM-Phil T. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSR Reports • Standing Committee Reports • New Business • Unfinished Business • Open Forum • Adjourn • Responsibility Statement |
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Upcoming Events

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

In Person:

GSR School — Panel 76 (Year 1)
 When: 03/14/2026 @ 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
 Where: Lewis Clark Alano Club
 1435 Elm St., Clarkston, WA

2026 Pre-Conference Assembly
 When:04/10/2026 @ 12:00 pm – 04/12/2026 @ 1:00 pm
 Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
 1107 W Fremont Ave, Selah, WA 98942

Online (see calendar for access info):

- Mar 12 Thurs 6:00 pm Finance Committee Monthly Mtg
- Mar 12 Thurs 7:00 pm Corrections Committee Monthly Mtg
- Mar 16 Mon 5:00 pm PI Committee Mtg
- Mar 17 Tue 6:30 pm CPC Committee Mtg
- Mar 19 Thurs 7:00 pm Technology Committee Mtg

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- Mar 26 Thurs 5:30 pm Treatment Committee Monthly Mtg
- Apr 2 Thurs 7:00 pm Grapevine/Literature Monthly Mtg
- Apr 2 Thurs 7:00 pm Technology Committee Meeting
- Apr 6 Mon 5:00 pm Standing Committee Chair Meeting
- Apr 7 Tue 5:00 pm Archives Steering Committee Meeting

DCM Report

Hello all. Things seem to be going well. I suffered through the flu this last month got a little behind. Think I finally have the email stuff figured out. So, you should start getting bombed with emails. Sorry I had forgotten to get those motions out to you, you should have them now. I did not make the monthly DCM sharing session due to a previous engagement. I have gotten and should have sent on to you what looks like the agenda for GSO/April assembly. It doesn't look super controversial this year in my first look opinion. If we have anything that needs a deeper look, we can discuss that at district and determine if we need to move next month's meeting.

Yours in service,
Garrett B.

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GSR Reports

If anything below is outdated or incorrect, please e-mail the Newsletter Chair at 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 – 15th 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- Ann V. Alt. GSR- Kim M.* Open to 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, New Beginnings Church, 16138 N. Westwood Dr., Rathdrum, ID 83858. GSR - Jason P. Prairie Dogs meets 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 3rd 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." 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. GSR - Kevin J. Alt. GSR- Curtis A. 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 8:10 p.m.

Spiritual Awakening, 32119 N Fifth Ave, Spirit Lake, VFW Post 1147. GSR - Jean Marie S. 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 3rd 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. We meet at 1100 College Ave at the Presbyterian Community Church on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 PM. In January we voted to have the last Friday of the month designated a step meeting using the 12 and 12. Attendance is increasing and our meeting has over 100+ years of sobriety on a regular basis. Group conscience meetings do not follow a regular schedule.

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. 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, Hwy 3. 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 C.. 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. The next one is Monday March 23rd- potluck at 6pm, speaker at 7 pm. We donate quarterly to the district, area, central office, and GSO.

Treasurer's Report

Greetings District 8,

We've made it through another month, and it feels like Spring might be trying to happen—to which I give a wholehearted "YAY!". Personally, I had a very busy month working out of town, so as I sit here, I am realizing I still haven't taken care of gaining access to the District savings account. I will try to make that happen before our upcoming meeting in order to finally be able to speak confidently about the savings-account activity.

I did encounter one **snafu** related to the treasurer transition: our U-Haul storage unit was on autopay, and when Jan's name was removed from the bank accounts, her debit card was automatically cancelled. It did not occur to me that this would interrupt the payment, and we were charged a late fee by U-Haul. I am now attempting to re-establish autopay. In the meantime, I have manually paid the fees so we are current.

Here is the District's financial activity for February:

- Beginning balance: \$4,079.00
- Expenses: -\$496.80
- Income: +\$641.74.00
- Ending checking balance: \$4,223.94

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. Thank you all for your continued support as I learn the ropes.

Yours in service,
Brenda L.

Standing Committee Reports

Literature Committee Report

Position vacant

Third Legacy Report

Hi All,

An update on the GSR Workshop, it'll now be on the March 21st at the Alano hall from 2 to 4pm.

I'll have flyers next week at the District meeting. If we take them back to our Homegroups, maybe other group members can take a flyer to other meetings they might go to that are not represented at District. Thanks everybody! See you there,

Tim

Public Information Report

The PI Committee met on February 22, 2026, with ten dedicated members and a shared enthusiasm for growing our outreach. Our goals include placing AA literature in public spaces, improving accessibility for those seeking help, and building relationships with the community. Subcommittees were formed to focus on outreach to libraries, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and other community partners. We also discussed budget needs and literature distribution, and we will continue meeting monthly.

As we prepare for our next meeting on March 29th at 4:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church basement in downtown CDA, members are gathering outreach lists, making initial contacts, and identifying literature needs. Hardback books have been ordered and will soon be distributed to schools and public libraries. We are also exploring upcoming warm-weather events where we can set up booths and share the AA message with the broader community. We always welcome fresh ideas, new event opportunities, and suggestions for organizations that may benefit from our efforts to carry the message and represent A.A. accurately and responsibly. Please feel free to attend our next meeting, join our committee, bring any ideas to us and HAVE FUN- enjoying life, staying sober and carrying the message.

Gratefully-

Marlene R. email- sobrietyisserenity@email.com

Central Office Report

Thank you to all who so generously gave in the month of February. All bills were paid and we were able to stock up on cases of Big Books. Come get what your groups need. If you are wondering why prices have increased on Conference approved literature, I can send you the correspondence from GSO as to their increase of at least \$3.00 on all books and a big percentage rise in cost of pamphlets, etc. This is a necessary part of running a successful

non-profit to be able to pay the bills and keep the doors open for the still suffering alcoholic. Our volunteer positions are filled, for now but we will always take backups. Please call the office if you are interested!! As always, we are open M-F 10am-2pm and Sat. 12 noon - 4pm. The **24/7 hotline is 208-667-4633**.

Treasurer Report from January

DEPOSITS = \$3,059.92

CONTRIBUTIONS = \$1,202.83 (Paula n Stan p ,1st things 1st, Lake City Thursday Women's, Anonymous, Weis Group, Serenity Sisters, Daily Reprieve II. Saved by Grace, Grateful Ladies, Primary Purpose).

RETAIL SALES = \$1,857.09

BILLS IN JANUARY \$2,611.61 (rent, coordinator, ziplly, afg, cda press, aaws, recovery accents, office supplies).

CHECKING BALANCE = \$3565.85

RESERVE BALANCE = \$6,087.73 (funds to pay bills in emergency.)

Phone Report from January

In Office: 8 for meetings, 6 for business.

After Hours: 5 for meetings, 4 for business, 2 for Alanon, and 2 "new to AA" calls.

Sincerely in Service,
Mary, coordinator

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Report

February was another busy month.

- North Idaho College Nursing department was contacted and was receptive to a panel discussion for their nursing students in the Fall semester. (Their curriculum was already set for the spring semester). So far myself and another RN have volunteered to do the presentation.
- I also have reached out to the Benewah Community Hospital Director of Nursing who was very receptive to accepting literature for professionals and patients. I also gave her contact info to keep her stocked with literature.
- While at the hospital I also visited the walk-in clinic (a sort of urgent care) and the Family Practice Physician group and also gave them literature for patients and professionals and contact info. I will check back with these departments every 2 months or so to see if they are using the resources and if they need more.
- We visited the Veterans' outreach center in St. Maries and gave them literature and contact information and will be checking in with them regularly. They were very receptive to receiving our literature.
- We had a member from the St. Maries' food bank reach out for newcomer packets and AA schedules which we supplied.
- We visited the Sheriffs office and Benewah County Jail and supplied them with appropriate literature for inmates and professional as well as contact info for Men and Women needing 12 Step information and help.

We will be working our way North, East and West over the coming Months.

Yours In Service,
Lyn F.

Corrections Report

Hi from Curtis A. I have nothing new to report this month.

Treatment and Accessibility Report

No report. Position holder resigned last month; vacant.

Web Committee Report

No report.

Newsletter Report

I was out of the country last month; thank you to Kaila for filling in one last time.

- In January, the outgoing chair & I met up to review procedures and resources- I'm well prepared now.
- The contact information, inbox labeling, and file directory of this google account has not been well set-up or maintained, so I've been trying to improve the organization and on-boarding information for the next person.
- I do not have many phone numbers for my fellow committee members. It's **insanity** to not have a better system for updating and sharing a directory, at least for committee members and possibly GSRs.
- I have been having a hard time getting people to submit their reports. I don't know that some committee chairs are using the district addresses designated for their various positions. This is something I am told needs to be set up by the webmaster. Anyone with difficulties should contact Mark who will have the webmaster / host correct the e-mail forwarding (outgoing chairs should be facilitating).
- Deadline for January District Eye is **April 5th, 2025**. Officers, Committee Chairs, and GSRs should send reports to 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.
- FYI the total printing cost per month is \$50-55 for 25 copies.

In Service,
Emily W.

GSR Report Form for District Eye Newsletter

Use this form to write up your group’s monthly report for the district newsletter OR 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 the information with your report. *We currently are not including flyers in printed copies of the district eye due to costs*, so groups will have to be self-supporting and print their own flyers to have at district meetings.

You don’t have to change your report each month if you don’t want to. If you do want to make a change or update something, please *let the newsletter editor know if it is a replacement or simply an addition*.

Submissions must be received by the fifth (5th) day of the month for guaranteed placement in 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: _____

Tell us something about your meeting:

Report Submitted By: _____

Date: _____

Committee Report Notes to take back to your homegroup

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