

News from District 8: the North Idaho District Eye

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**The general
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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 April 7th 2026

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Garrett B
GSR statement was read by Ann V.
Minutes from March 10th were read by
Kyle M. Gary B motioned to accept, Ann V seconded.
Brenda L read the Treasurers Report.
Naomi J motioned to accept, Gary B seconded.
New Business: Discuss and vote on 2026 Pre Conference Assembly
R Derrek C motioned to end meeting, Jean Marie S seconded.
Meeting ended at 8:29pm

Agenda for May 12th, 2026 *tentative*

- 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.
GSR Reports
Standing Committee Reports
New Business
Unfinished Business
Open Forum
Adjourn
Responsibility Statement

Upcoming Events

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

In Person:

Service Workshop

05/16/2026 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Church of Christ

100 N 72nd Ave, Yakima, WA 98908

Delegate report from 2026 General Service Conference

When: 05/30/2026 @ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: Spokane First Church

828 W. Indiana Ave, Spokane, WA 99205

Online (see calendar for access info):

- May 14 Thurs 6:00 pm Finance Committee Monthly Meeting
- May 14 Thurs 7:00 pm Corrections Committee Monthly Me...
- May 14 Thurs 7:00 pm Technology Committee Meeting
- May 18 Mon 5:00 pm PI Committee Meeting
- May 19 Tue 6:30 pm CPC Committee Meeting
- May 28 Thu 5:30 pm Treatment Committee Monthly Meeting
- May 28 Thurs 7:00 pm Technology Committee Meeting
- Jun 1 Mon 5:00 pm Standing Committee Chair Meeting
- June 2 Tue 5:00 pm Archives Steering Committee Meeting

DCM Report

No Report.

Current District Officers and Committee Chairs

Name	Position	Email
Garrett B.	DCM	dcm8@area92aa.org
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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- Naomi J. Alt GSR – Gary B. 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: open. 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. Alt GSR- Jon S. Prairie Dogs meets Monday and Friday nights at 7pm. Both 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 third Sunday 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. We meet Saturdays at 8am and Wednesdays at 7pm, which is a 12x12 book study. They are both open and 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: Morgan K. Alt GSR: Open. WIES meets 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. We donate quarterly to the district, area, central office, and GSO. *The yearly reprieve campout will be 2 p.m. July 16th through 10 a.m. July 19th.* Kids free; tickets and shirts t.b.d.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – April 30, 2026

Greetings District 8,

Nothing out of the ordinary for the month. April 2026 financial activity is as follows:

- Beginning balance: \$2,976.74
- Income: +\$484.00
- Expenses: -\$935.19
- **Ending checking balance: \$2,525.55**

April 2026 Revenues			
Date	Group	Amount	Deposit Date
4/01/2026	Primary Purpose – <i>Thank you</i>	\$10.00	4/30/2026
4/02/2026	First Things First – <i>Thank you</i>	52.00	4/30/2026
4/07/2026	District 8 - 7 th Tradition	32.00	4/30/2026
4/07/2026	Serious About Sobriety - <i>Thank you</i>	50.00	4/30/2026
4/07/2026	Keep It Simple - <i>Thank you</i>	200.00	4/30/2026
4/15/2026	Jackass Group – <i>Thank you</i>	40.00	4/30/2026
4/21/2026	Upriver Group - <i>Thank you</i>	100.00	4/30/2026
	TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$484.00	

March 2026 Expenses			
Date	Payee	Purpose	Amount
4/07/2026	Emily W.	Newsletter – March Printing Expense	\$48.11
4/16/2026	UHaul	Archives Storage	159.95
4/24/2026	Phil T.	Reimburse -Pre-Conf Assembly expenses	727.13
		TOTAL EXPENSE	\$935.19

After earning 12 cents in April, our **Prudent Reserve Balance is \$3,002.72.**

Yours in service,
Brenda L.

Standing Committee Reports

Literature Committee Report

There are not any changes from last month. I hope to be feeling better by next month's district meeting so I can attend. In the meantime, let me know if anyone needs books.

From last month: We need to have a group conscience on what to do with the large balance we have in the account at US Bank. Should we donate some books to hospitals, recovery houses and institutions? Is there an amount we should keep on hand for a prudent reserve? *Input from the group would be appreciated.*

Steve B.
208-916-7059
Literature chair

Third Legacy Report

No report.

Public Information Report

Everyone is welcome. All members and anyone interested in helping carry the message are encouraged to attend, participate, and join the committee.

When: Monthly on the last Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM

Where: Basement of the First Presbyterian Church, downtown Coeur d'Alene (entrance off 6th Ave)

Subcommittees:

- Medical Outreach (hospitals/urgent cares)
- Schools & Libraries / Community Media
- First Responder Outreach (Fire/EMS)
- Senior Facilities & Accessibility
- Hotels/Motels
- Literature / Pamphlets & Supplies (including shared outreach tracking)

Upcoming Events (Scheduled)

- Pride in the Park — Sat, June 6
- Community Information Resource Fair (CIRF) — Thu, June 18, 2:00–7:00 PM (Christ the King Church)
- Day of Hope — Kootenai County Fairgrounds July 12
- NAMI Walks — Riverstone Park Sept 19, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM

Under review:

- Post Falls Festival
- Art on the Green
- Rathdrum Days
- Hayden Days

Current Needs / Supplies & Literature (Update)

Need: Identify a cost-effective vendor to purchase ~100 acrylic, free-standing 3-pamphlet displays (brochure/pamphlet holders).

Expense: Two rolling totes purchased this month to help transport pamphlets/literature to events (~\$60.00). Receipts will be submitted to the treasurer.

Literature: A larger order of pamphlets and literature will be placed so we can stock outreach locations; local businesses and events have been identified for literature placement.

Meeting schedules: Ensure current meeting schedules are available for outreach distribution.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service-

Gratefully,

Marlene R

619.806.1764

Central Office Report

We had a strong month with total contributions of one thousand one hundred seventy-one dollars and forty-eight cents.

- Thank you to the Unity Group, Keep it Simple, District 8, First things First, Best Ave. Group, Sisters in Sobriety and Primary Purpose Group.
- We currently need a volunteer for Mondays from 10am to 2pm, and every other Wednesday from 10am to 2pm, as well.
- As a reminder, the big books are currently on sale for fourteen dollars for a limited time.
- I'm currently working on schedule changes based on feedback received.

I'd also like to send out an open invitation for anyone who hasn't visited the office yet to come by and see what we're about. For more information about the office, our financial report, phone report and anything else, please subscribe to our newsletter by emailing soberin95@gmail.com.

Have a glorious month of May! Enjoy the sunshine.

Mary M.

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Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Report

No report. Lyn had an emergent personal matter that delayed her submission and will give an oral report.

Corrections Report

Curtis A. writes: "All is going fine in the corrections department" and plans attend the PREA training on Monday May 11th.

Treatment and Accessibility Report

No Report.

Web Committee Report

Mark says "nothing new to report".

Newsletter Report

If you did not submit a report, please refer to the handbook and review the job description. I believe everyone has their proper e-mail forwarding! (Contact the web chair, Mark B., if you have questions).

The deadline for January District Eye is June 5th. 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.

Thank you for your participation,
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 Reports – take this back to your homegroups

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Third Legacy	
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