MAY 2026 ASSEMBLY REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate Report

See presentation at: Delegate Report May Assembly 2026

Chairperson

Thank you to those who attended our May 2026 Assembly! Your continued support is truly appreciated. We had about 100 people in the room and 180 online on Zoom. A summary of our Assembly Survey indicated 51% thought it was better than previous assemblies they have attended while 42% felt it was about the same.

Most valuable part of the Assembly:

- Delegate presentation
- In-person fellowship
- Stuck to agenda
- Insurance and treasurer presentations
- Group Representative (GR) Discussion/Questions/Comments
- All of it was valuable!
- Learning about upcoming events
- I appreciate how the assembly was available in Spanish.
- Getting information and watching GRs participate and vote
- Alateen and Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC) updates

Suggestions for Improving Assemblies:

- Some thought the Delegate presentation could be shorter; others loved it.
- Some wanted to be seated at tables and wanted the facility to be cleaner.
- Many indicated problems reading the screen.
- Technical problems using QR codes for voting.
- Some wanted a shorter assembly, while some want a longer assembly to allow more time for discussion.
- Some mentioned problems with technology, others thought they did a great job!
- Need to hear from coordinators and hear what is happening in other districts so we build camaraderie among members.
- Too many items on the Agenda.
- Highlight speakers on Zoom when speaking.
- The roll call process was a little long.
- Please use the full words, not the acronyms when speaking.
- Speakers need to remember to stand farther away from the mic.

Other comments

- Great hospitality!
- Loved the love gifts to share!

- All of the flyers put out on display were great, the food provided was great, and selling books was an added bonus.
- I so appreciate and respect the participants in this assembly. You represent the best of service to our wonderful program. It was inspiring.
- Overall, great meeting, well organized and timely.
- More charging near seating area.
- It would also be nice to have a bit more time for lunch.
- I appreciated the tech group that really worked to not have much feedback. It was WAY BETTER than the last time.

Upcoming events:

- June 20, 10 am to Noon, Public Outreach Workshop on Zoom
- July 12-14, Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC)
- July 25, 9 am to Noon, Special Assembly for Bylaws and Policy
- Aug 1, 10 am to Noon, DR Workshop on Zoom
- Aug 15, 9 am to 4 pm, AWSC Meeting on Zoom
- Aug 22 1 to 4:30 pm, Longtimers' Event on Zoom and In Person in Glendale
- Nov 7, 10 am to Noon, GR Workshop on Zoom
- Nov 21, 9 am to 4 pm, Area Assembly on Zoom and In Person in Glendale

Volunteer needed (email chairperson@scws-al-anon.org:

- Helper for Insurance Coordinator
- Charter Task Force
- Technology Team
- Longtimers' Event Planning Committee
- Alateen Electronic Thought Force

Vicki V, our Treasurer, has resigned. We thank her for her service and dedication to our area! We definitely appreciate all she has done! If any of you would like to contact Vicki directly, email me and I can send you her personal email address. Mary M. and Sandy W. who are past DRs and are both on the Finance Committee will be Co-Treasurers to complete the term on the panel through 2026.

Don't forget to send in your contributions and registrations for the SCAC taking place July 12-14.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Special Assembly on July 25 to discuss bylaws and policy!

Irene C., Chairperson
Southern California World Service (CA-S) - Panel 64

Secretary

See Draft Minutes at May 2026 Draft Assembly Minutes

Treasurer

My Fellow Al-Anon Members,

It was with a great deal of sadness that I tendered my resignation as Treasurer for SCWS. It has been an honor to serve SCWS first as Chair and then as Treasurer. There were some discussions regarding the Treasurer position that I was not included in. These discussions directly affected the Treasurer position, and based on the discussions, decisions were then made. Unfortunately, I was not consulted prior to the decisions being made, and I am uncomfortable with both the process and the decisions made. So, I have decided it is in my best interest to step aside.

Thank you for trusting me these past two years with your contributions and for your kind and often funny letters of support. I don't know where my journey will take me from here, but I look forward to seeing many of you as we continue our recovery journey. I have learned so much from all of you.

In service,
Vicki V.
Outgoing Treasurer

Also see May 2026 Assembly Financial Reports at
https://scws-al-anon.org/area-assembly-information/#meeting-information

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Alateen Events Coordinator

Alateen is in full swing this spring season,
We have had a successful AFG 2026 in March.
We had the Golden Empire Round Up with Alateen participation on 5/23/26.
Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC) had their Beach Party fundraiser 5/30/26.
SCAC has their Last Chance Picnic fundraiser on 6/20/26.
SCAC will take place in July 2026 (pending final approval).
It has been a pleasure serving Alateen.

Regards,
Jeri M.
Alateen Events Coordinator, California South

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

As of 05/03/2026 the Alateen program for SCWS has 44 active groups and a total of 285 certified AMIAS.

AMIAS/Group Sponsors

- 184 – New certifications and recertifications this calendar year
- 6 – AMIAS with email bounce backs
- 101 – AMIAS pending recertification before the May 15th deadline

Alateen Groups
- 9 – Spanish meetings
- 23 – Limited access meetings (in schools)
- 16 – Meetings with handicap access

Reminder: Each group is required to have 2 SCWS certified AMIAS in attendance to meet the SCWS Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR).

Each District Representative (DR) can access Alateen Group and AMIAS information using their personal log in provided by the World Service Office at ogr.al-anon.org. This is the best way for the DR to monitor and provide information to the District Alateen Liaison. For any DR requiring assistance please reach out to me and I will be happy to provide a group or one-on-one assistance via Zoom. Make sure you can access your district account at ogr.al-anon.org to obtain Alateen meeting and AMIAS information.

Group sponsor/AMIAS recertification period officially started January 11th and ended May 15th. AMIAS can attend the June 14th initial AMIAS training to complete their recertification. All AMIAS/Sponsors who have not recertified will be made inactive after June 15, 2026. Once they are made inactive the AMIAS must go through the initial AMIAS certification process to be reactivated.

Betty D., AAPP Coordinator

Archives Coordinator

Hello SCWS,

I wrote the following over 20 years ago!!

It is a joy to have the Archives commitment for these last years. Being so close to the people who shaped our Area in the fellowship has been life changing. I love, love reading the early writings of our precious long timers. It has shown me that each one of us is vital to the future of Al-Anon. Meeting so many while being of service is a gift.

You can meet the longtimers too. Join us:

SAVE THE DATE: August 22 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm, Southern California Celebrates Longtimers and Al-Anon's 75th Anniversary.

Our fellowship lives on because of these members, and especially because you choose to go to meetings. Picking a home group and taking a seat has kept Al-Anon alive for 75 years so far.

In 2026 we have now officially gone back to Assemblies in person and on zoom. With this, we get to see each other and share flyers and news throughout the day. In the past we have had our Traveling Archives that are shown at the Assemblies and have been borrowed for Conventions and District events. We are now able to bring them out regularly. This year the San Diego Round Up borrowed one.

Also, after 25 years, our boards needed replacing and refreshing.

One of my goals is to collect and pass on district items from their longtimers to have in their own District files. California South is far too large for one archive coordinator to make even a dent in all she wants to do in her years. For every District to get information to the area, we need easier ways to get the information on paper.

There will be a tab added to the SCWS website for archives. There will be forms you are able to fill out online.

1. Meeting Histories
2. Member Histories
3. Possibly District Histories

Everything we ask you to do is for fun and for free. Completing these histories will take time. A quote shared from Lois W. on October 12, 1986 speaks to what our area is looking for in our area archives.

"*We have an archives in part to provide a record of our development for future historians . . . but also because, as time passes and or Fellowship continues to grow and expand, we find ourselves further and further away from the events of our past. . . we must be assured that the facts will always be available to guard against a misunderstanding of what has taken place."*

I look forward to reading all the submissions from you on our website. Write any questions to archives@scws-al-anon.org.

See you at the Longtimers' Celebration on August 22 in Glendale.

Love in service to all of you,
Kathy G., Archives Coordinator 2024-2026

Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Coordinator

May is my first year Anniversary of being elected to the coordinator position for Public Outreach working with Professionals (CPC). I entered on a whirlwind as volunteers for the Long Beach Booth for Counselors needed to be filled. I still hold thanks for the cooperation and work everyone put in that weekend. We are stronger when we work together.

I had the privilege of attending the 75th Anniversary Gala for Al-Anon. The Gala was memorable but the treat came in touring the World Service Office (WSO) in Virginia Beach, VA. If you have an opportunity to visit WSO you will be treated to architectural

Al-Anon symbols, archives, the Public Outreach that is done by WSO and again the knowledge of how strong we are when we work together.

The Al-Anon survey taken in 2024 and published in 2026 showed that there was a 5% increase of members coming to the program from Professional Referrals. With that in mind, I hope everyone will spread the word to attend the Public Outreach Workshop. As I am presently working on the committee that will present the workshop, I have thoughts of that percentage of members that arrive in the rooms of Al-Anon from Professional referrals increasing as we work together to reach out to Professionals to share the word."

Wendy B., CPC Coordinator

Group Records Coordinator

#1: Area Meeting Data

Category / Categoria	11/03/24	2/07/25	5/14/25	08/16/25	10/31/25	01/30/26	05/04/26
Active Meetings / Reuniones activas	**1222**	**1211**	**1207**	**1204**	**1214**	**1209**	**1207**
No Mail / Sin Correo	**24**	**40**	**38**	**42**	**43**	**40**	**42**
Reported Not Meeting / No reunion reportada	0	1	2	5	0	1	0
Bounced CMA Email / Correo electrónico CMA devuelto	8	13	9	33	36	56	59
New Meetings / Nuevas reunions	13	4	11	13	16	11	19

#2: <u>Bounced emails</u> (CMA emails no longer working or incorrect) and <u>No Mail</u> (CMA's US mailing addresses getting returned to WSO) are ongoing issues. **The number of meetings in these categories has increased**. DRs are encouraged to continue reviewing and resolving the status of these meetings.

- **Bounced emails –** no way to communicate with the CMA.
- **No Mail –** no way to communicate with the group. The group will be inactivated after a period of time, as WSO will assume the group has disbanded.

#3: Electronic Groups/Meetings Update: We currently have (as of 5/4/2026) **243 Electronic Meetings**

included in the Active meetings # above.

#4: Registered Group Representatives (GRs). 60.0% (605) of our groups have registered GRs. We have 1,008 groups/1,207 meetings (98 groups meet multiple times per week).

Please continue to check and see if your meeting information is listed correctly. Email grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org for corrections or submit changes via www.scws-al-anon.org/group- records/al-anon-group-change-form/

All registered Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG) in active published status are listed on the World Service Office (WSO) "find an Al-Anon Meeting" online directory at https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/find-an- al-anon-meeting/. The WSO maintains other information on registered groups, but the meeting directory listing is very important, as the WSO website is typically the first place a newcomer finds a meeting. In addition, your group is listed on your local Al-Anon Information Service (AIS), Literature Distribution, or District Website. We want the information to be **consistent and accurate**.

Every Group needs to have a Current Mailing Address (CMA) who attends the group to be connected to our WSO and SCWS. Additionally, both the CMA and the GR must have their primary residence in our Area (Southern California). Don't let your group be disconnected.

Cathy W., Group Records Coordinator

Hospitality Coordinator

We had our May Assembly, and I want to thank the following Districts for their help in making this event a success. Thank you to Districts 17, 40, 45, 60, 75 and 63.

A special thank you to District 17 for providing the "women power" at the welcome/check in table to assist Cathy W. District 42 supplied the volunteers to help set up and stock the coffee, tea, and snack tables.

It's a full-time job! Members were treated to healthy snacks as well as any chocolate craving they might have had! This event has been the smoothest one yet for me and I can't thank these DR's/ADR's enough for making this so easy. Their support is much appreciated.

Maria N., Hospitality Coordinator

Institutions Coordinator

Institutions is very busy moving forward with the OC Jail Project. The Al-Anon meeting proposal was submitted again to the Volunteer Coordinator in the jail. There was a meeting with the Volunteer Coordinator and the OC Jail Volunteer Coordinator on April 27th. The potential Al-Anon volunteers are submitting background checks which can take 4-6 weeks. Then they will attend a mandatory security clearance. The literature will

be submitted to the jail for approval a week prior to the start date. I will be working with our Website Coordinator to create a flyer to be distributed internally in the jails to announce the start of Al-Anon meetings. The Volunteer Coordinator stated that they are excited to have Al-Anon. They have many AA meetings and some NA meetings.

We are still in need of more volunteers. Please contact Shauna at institutions@scws-al-anon.org or Dick at H_I@ocais.org if you are interested in volunteering with this very important outreach project.

Shauna S., Institutions Coordinator

Insurance Coordinator

Link to Assembly Presentation: https://scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Insurance-presentation-May-2026.pdf

Checklist to Request SCWS Insurance Certificate

1. Only request a certificate if your facility says they require a Certificate. Your registered Group is already covered, with or without a Certificate. scws-al-anon.org/insurance/ BUT, please read the following before requesting a Certificate.
2. **If your facility requires a Certificate, it is critical that SCWS Insurance MUST have working EMAIL contact information on file for your group and for your facility**. Paper Certificates won't be sent. Certificates are sent only by email.
3. Prior to submitting your Certificate request online, review the online Request Form and collect all the needed information - especially appropriate email addresses (and test them to be sure they're accurate). Insurance Certificate Request Form - SCWS
4. **Updates to your Email addresses** or other details can be made using the same "Insurance Certificate Request" form. Keep insurance contact information current.
5. Some facilities may request being listed as Additional Insured on the certificate. If so, you must provide a copy of the lease/rental/use agreement between your meeting and the facility. See #9 below regarding specific Additional Insured or other Endorsements.
6. **INSURANCE RENEWAL**: You do not need to submit a request to get next year's Certificate. If a new policy is put in place, the new Certificate will be **sent automatically to the emails you have provided as the Group contact and the Facility contact**. You can also check the SCWS Insurance webpage this fall for any Renewal update information. scws-al-anon.org/insurance/
7. Your Group Member Contact and the Facility Contact both need to check email frequently, watching for requests, questions, updates, or changes to your policy. Incomplete information or late response to emails could delay issuance of the Certificate - or notice that your coverage has ended.

8. **Please update your insurance information** when there are changes to your Group or Facility Contact information, your location, or if your facility no longer requires an actual Certificate. Go to https://scws-al-anon.org/insurance-certificate-request-form/ and check the box for "Update Information."
9. ADDITIONAL INSURED Endorsement information (see #5) require the following:
    1. The rental (lease) agreement for your meeting's use of the facility must be signed by both parties and submitted BEFORE the Insurance Certificate will be provided.
    2. A new rental agreement must be resubmitted each time your facility renews the rental agreement.
    3. Your meeting name on the agreement must begin with SCWS, for example: "SCWS - Saturday Afternoon Literature Study" and your WSO Group's ID #. This will not affect your meeting name with WSO. (You can handwrite SCWS in front of your group name and write in your WSO ID# if needed.)

NOT COVERED:

1. Activities associated with babysitting at Al-Anon meetings
2. District meetings and events (SCWS only covers listed meetings)

Please do not contact the Insurance Company! For all questions and concerns, contact our Insurance Coordinator at insurance@scws-al-anon.org. (**Always include your meeting's WSO ID# in EVERY correspondence.**)

Please update your Group and Facility's email addresses and phone numbers. If you're not sure what details we have, help us and resubmit it now! This is critical SCWS insurance contact information. Thank you for doing your part.

Chris C., Insurance Coordinator

Literature Coordinator

Hi, this is Annah, your Literature Coordinator. I was excited about facilitating the online Literature and Writing Workshop on Saturday May 30th from 1-3 pm. We had a nice turn out and great participation! I also would like to plan an in-person workshop possibly early fall for the San Diego districts 69, 72, and 75. Please contact me if you know of a centrally located location in San Diego County to have the workshop. I would also be available to speak at your district meeting or facilitate a literature and/ or writing workshop.

I encourage you to submit a writing to the WSO through the link https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/literature-resources/send-your-sharing/. The deadline for submitting sharing for the new CAL on Sponsorship is June 30th. Spread the word that writings are still needed. You can submit material anytime for *The Forum* and other publications, including a proposed new CAL on Finances in Alcoholic Relationships. Remember all our literature is written by and for

Al-Anon members. The more we participate by sending in sharing, the more literature we have and the better it is. Contact me at literature@scws-al-anon.org.

Annah H., Literature Coordinator

Public Information Coordinator

The Public Outreach Workshop is happening! Join us on Saturday, June 20, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for a virtual (Zoom) workshop to find out everything you want to know about Public Outreach. We're going to cover:

- What Is Public Outreach and who can do Public Outreach?
- What are the Area Coordinators responsible for and how can they help the Districts, Groups, and AIS offices with their own Public Outreach efforts?
- Resources
- Sharing of successful projects
- How are Public Outreach projects funded?

The Public Outreach Committee, headed by our Immediate Past Delegate, has been meeting and planning this first workshop – we are enthusiastic about providing information and sharing ideas with our Area membership. We also want to know what you need and how we can support your Groups, Districts, and Intergroup/AIS offices.

WSO hosts Public Outreach Coordinators Meetings several times a year, and I've gotten to attend three so far. These meetings are open to Public Outreach Coordinators (Public Information, Cooperating with the Professional Community, Institutions, Public Information, French and Spanish Coordinators, WSO Public Outreach Committee) throughout the country and include Delegates in Areas where the position is vacant. These have been open discussion meetings where members have been able to share ideas and ask questions. They have been very informative for me.

Gratitude in service,
Cherie S., Public Information Coordinator
Email: publicinformation@scws-al-anon.org

Spanish Coordinator–Coordinadora Hispana

I am Marilen, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service and join this Service Panel. With your input, we will coordinate projects to improve Public Outreach to the Hispanic Community in 2026. Please send your suggestions. I am looking for information to add to the bulletin in Spanish, workshop ideas, and public outreach possibilities. Please send those suggestions to spanish@scws-al-anon.org.

Since I started in January, I had the opportunity to translate several documents like the Group Representative Welcome Package to support the New GR training and various announcements. I also facilitated the use of translation equipment. If any group needs to borrow it, there is a form to complete. Please contact me to make arrangements.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Public Outreach workshop on Zoom on June 20, 2026. Announcements will be sent soon. Hope to see you there to share strategies to serve our Area.

Thanks again for the warm welcome!

In Service
Marilen H.
Coordinadora Hispana

Website Coordinator

The SCWS website continues to grow and evolve as a tool for our Area. Please visit often as the home page carousel always contains information about upcoming Area Events, the calendar is up-to-date with Area, AIS, and District events as well as conventions.

I have been working with our Archives coordinator, to create an Archive page and a form that you can use to submit your group history and your personal Al-Anon history that you may want to share.

We have seen an increase in DRs, ADRs, and DALs, using an Area email address for our District information page.

If you find any errors or are looking for information, Contact us! We would love to help.

Love in Service,
Heather G. Website Coordinator

AIS (INTERGROUP) LIAISONS

Inland Empire

We're in the clear! The Colton Inland Empire Service & Literature Distribution Center has finally stabilized its finances following a very challenging year, though adjustments—such as reduced office hours and volunteer shortages — remain in effect. Volunteers are still urgently needed to answer phones. To sign up, please contact the main office directly at (909) 824-1516.

Please call ahead before visiting the Colton center. New Service Center Operating hours of operation:

- Monday: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Friday: Closed
- Saturday: 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM (2nd Saturday of the month only)
- Sunday: Closed

District Zelle Challenges: A competition is running from April through June 2026 across Districts 10, 36, 39, and 40. Members donate via Zelle, and include their district number, with a prize awarded to the district with the most donations. The first month alone raised $500. Well Done!

D40 Spring Fling: Taking place on May 30th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with funds distributed to various service arms.

Board Capacity: Following several resignations, open board positions have been filled, and the board is operating near full capacity.

Quarterly Appeal: An additional appeal letter was circulated to direct additional donations exclusively to the IE Service Center.

The IE Website is getting a much-needed redesign. More shall be revealed!

Steve F., AIS Liaison Inland Empire
Website - https://iealanon.org

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

District 8

Our district is Southern Santa Barbara County. We are restarting our public outreach program with placards in all the city buses that give information about Al-Anon. We have also started H and I meetings at the Cottage Residential Center for families of the clients. These have been well attended. We are planning a workshop in the fall and at least one picnic.

Jessie S., DR

District 27

District 27 has been busy! On Valentine's Day, we hosted an Al-Anon focused Intimacy Workshop. The workshop was focused on three topics: Celebrating Intimacy through Self-Love and a Relationship with our Higher Power, Courageous Communication in our Relationships, and Applying our Al-Anon Principles to Finances. We involved a lot of readings from our literature for each section. And for the finance portion of the day, we gave members the opportunity to write about their experiences, and then shared those writings (if they wish) with the WSO for their new literature on finances. Thanks to our hosting partner, District 21, who were instrumental in making the workshop happen!

In April we had a booth at the LA Times Festival of Books. Volunteers at our booth were able to spread the Al-Anon message, and the Los Angeles AIS/LDC sold literature to many people who attended the festival. Thanks to our partners, District 54, AISLA and the SCWS Area, all of whom contributed to make this happen!

Our ADR traveled to SWRDM this year, a meeting of current and past Delegates and area officers from the Southwest Region. And we were honored to send our ADR to the National Native American Al-Anon Conference in Minneapolis. We want to keep our connections to the larger service structure going! And we hope to expand Al-Anon participation to our local Native communities.

Nate S.
District Rep, D27 SCWS
D27.scws.alanon@gmail.com

District 45

District 45 continues to work with District 17 to organize an Alathon/Workshop. We haven't finalized it yet and plan to have more conversations around this, hoping to get it ready for the Fall. We also will meet in person with GRs of District 17 to get to know them better.

Our District 45 now has a Public Outreach Coordinator who was voted/elected into that position at our last meeting. We are thrilled to have this person connect with others and see how we can move forward to be of service with Public Outreach.

We have a committee that is planning a get together for our GRs this summer. It will be a fun date. We normally have about 13 to 17 GRs in attendance at our District meetings.

There are 40 groups in District 45 with about 22 registered GRs. The ADR and I continue to attend meetings emphasizing those that don't have registered GRs to encourage them to participate. We lovingly do our part and connect. The results are up to God.

Patricia D., DR

District 69

We made our May District meeting special: instead of by Zoom, we organized an in-person meeting with our GRs, with a potluck and Teresa F. (Delegate) as our guest speaker. Our Al-Anon PublicOutreach Coordinator and our District Alateen Liaison set up a table with various CAL material that participants could bring back to their meetings. They also presented their activity plan. Our Workshop and Event Coordinator announced she is preparing a District workshop on June 6 on the theme “A Little Time for Myself.”

We were positively surprised by the turnout: 40 in total of which 22 were GRs, slightly over 50% of all registered GRs in our District versus 20-25% at our previous two Zoom meetings. Our members unanimously agreed that our November 2026 meeting should be another in-person event.

Currently, 55% of the groups in our District have a registered GR. One of our objectives for 2026 is to try to increase this number through various communications by either attending meetings that do not have a GR or through other channels, making them aware of the important role of the GR and the possibility of combining this service role with that of the CMA. Wish us luck!

Werner B., DR