AUGUST 2026 AWSC REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairperson

Thank you to all who participated in and submitted reports for our August 15 Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting. A summary of our **AWSC Survey responses** indicated 85.7% thought it was better than previous assemblies they have attended while 14.3% felt it was about the same.

What was the most valuable part of the AWSC meeting?

- All topics and all information.
- Coordinator and District Representative Reports.
- Budget presented clearly.
- Discussion about public outreach.
- Insurance report.
- Treasurer's report--it was easy to follow and I loved how they explained it slowly enough. The charts were big enough to follow. I understood what they were saying which is the first time for me. Loved it. Loved having 2 people as well. I think that helped.
- I liked the presentation on Excess Funds. I think it will add to the presentation to reiterate that we can fund public outreach project(s) or whatever they are passionate about if there's a plan and a budget for it. I also think we should emphasize that if they want to spend their group or district dollars locally that all they need to do is keep their money!
- Short reports, everyone was respectful of time.

What ideas, changes or suggestions do you have regarding future AWSC Meetings for next year's Panel?

- Try to always finish by 2:30 pm latest.
- Kept it flowing and facilitating members to address the topic on hand. That was fantastic and evident at today's meeting.
- Continued enthusiasm, unity, and communication from and between the Panel members, which spreads outward to the DRs and GRs. Transparency and inclusion has been key to this Panel's success!!
- Is it possible to create a Thought Force for District 64 that can create or divide current geographical area of District 64 into 3 or 4 additional districts to be able to accommodate districts needs more efficiently for our Spanish GR's?
- Shorter meetings with business that can reach the groups and more focus on KBDM.
- This one was well organized. Zoom works well for AWSC meetings.

<u>Elected Officer and Appointed Coordinator Applications</u>

- Please consider applying for an officer or coordinator position for next year's panel beginning in January 2027.

- Applications now being accepted online for next year's SCWS Officers. For information: https://scws-al-anon.org/officer-application-information/
- Officer and Coordinator Job Descriptions: https://scws-al-anon.org/area-panel/
- **Officer applications are due by October 22.**
- The opportunity to submit Coordinator applications will open on October 15 and are due by December 1.

Insurance
As we are getting ready to renew our insurance for group meetings. It is important that we have current email addresses for the requestor as well as a specific facility contact email for any groups that request a Certificate of Insurance. The update for that is on the insurance form: https://scws-al-anon.org/insurance-certificate-request-form/.

Upcoming November Assembly Agenda Items
- Elections
- Financial Reports
- WSO Contribution
- 2027 Budget
- Vote on disbanding District 15 (the Electronic Overlay District) – There are no groups in that District.
- Insurance Update
- Task Force and Committee Report Updates
- DR and Coordinator Reports

Important Upcoming Dates
- October 22 – Officer Applications due
- November 7 – GR Zoom Workshop, 10 am to Noon
- November 21 – SCWS Hybrid Assembly Meeting, 9 am to 4 pm
- December 1 – Coordinator Applications due

Volunteers Needed – Email altdelegate@scws-al-anon.org
- Alateen Electronic Thought Force
- Help in planning January 16, 2027 Sharing of Service Workshop

I really hope that many of you will consider applying for an officer or coordinator position for our next panel. Please reach out to any of us with your questions about our positions. We have made good progress with so much more to do in our Area by virtue of its size and needs. Al-Anon gave me a life and saved my relationships, and I really want it to continue as there are still too many who do not know about Al-Anon and how it can transform lives! It can only continue if people step up to be of service and get involved! Please consider getting involved beyond the group and district levels to serve at the Area level!

With love in service,

Irene C., Area Chairperson

Southern California World Service (CA-S) - Panel 64

Delegate

Dear Al-Anon and Alateen Members,

It is hard to believe that this was the last Area World Service Committee for this panel.

- For those of you not able to attend, I shared information about the upcoming **Road Trip** in Rosemont, Chicago, on **Saturday, October 24th**. Road Trip is where the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and local and visiting members get together for fellowship, learning, and connecting. https://al-anon.org/world-service-office-events/ If there is not space at the local hotel, there may be space nearby.
- In addition, the Al-Anon International in Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be July 20-23, 2028. Registration opens in September 2027!
- I also mentioned in my presentation, and it has been shared by our Area Chair in a recent email, that all questions, including some updated questions submitted from the recent survey regarding **the Southern California World Service (SCWS) of AFG, Inc. Bylaws**, are also on our website under the Special Assembly July 2026: https://scws-al-anon.org/area-assembly-information/

Listen for updates regarding the Southern California World Service Area Charter Task Force – in which we hope to create and present to the AWSC and then the Assembly, with input, the informal document that is a bridge between the legal organization and traditional fellowship of our Area. Refer in the meantime to the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter, pages 227-231 in our current Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. This will be our main reference document to adapt for the SCWS Area.

In addition, I want to do my part to encourage any members willing and interested in serving in the next panel to reach out to the current Area Panel Coordinators as well as the officers of the Assembly to ask questions. We don't do service alone, and service is incredibly rewarding to help carry the message of help and hope in our Area. You can find the email addresses on our website in the Contact Us location at https://scws-al-anon.org/contact-us/

Please read about the elected officer positions of the Assembly, the appointed Area Panel Coordinator positions, and keep up by reading up on all of the past Area Assembly presentations and Area World Service Committee Presentations on our website as well.

Exciting Opportunities

Always consider if you might be interested in applying for one of the World Service Office Committees – At Large Members. Read about them here: https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/at-large-committees/

In addition, this was recently shared by the Director of Programs at the World Service Office – I had not had a chance to present it in my prior Delegate presentations and wanted to share it here:

> *Dear Al-Anon/Alateen Member,*
> *The World Service Office is offering an exciting opportunity for you to enhance your recovery by serving the fellowship in a meaningful and lasting way.*
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> *Over the years, there have been many conversations about the importance of service, how it strengthens personal recovery, and how we pass service knowledge experience on to others. To address this need, the Board of Trustees created the Growing Future Volunteer Leaders Task Force, which introduced the Passing It On Project at the 2025 World Service Conference. The goal of Passing It On is to reignite passion for Al-Anon service and ensure that foundational wisdom is preserved and shared across generations. Passing It On aims to create a service tool that provides basic information about the role of service as part of Al-Anon recovery. In addition to the spiritual principles that support service, this tool will also provide practical information and resources to help future generations of Al-Anon trusted servants draw upon the experience and wisdom of those who have served before them, helping strengthen and preserve Al-Anon around the world.*
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> *To create this new service tool, the Passing It On Task Force is seeking Al-Anon members who carry the spirit of service and can write with clarity and warmth to help members understand service as an outward expression of recovery. As a volunteer Content Developer, you will contribute to this valuable service tool, which will support members while preserving and passing on the fellowship's collective experience and understanding of service.*
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> ***The Task Force encourages applications from all qualified English-speaking members, including those serving within international Al-Anon structures.***
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> ***Content Developers will:***
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> - *Review existing fellowship materials as a foundation for new content.*
> - *Draft service materials using a framework developed by the Task Force.*
> - *Participate in review and revision cycles.*
> - *Collaborate with the Task Force and other Content Developers throughout the process.*
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> *Required qualifications include: current, consistent Al-Anon membership; meaningful service experience, demonstrated writing ability; and fluency in written and spoken English. All materials created will become the property of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. and must reflect the Al-Anon perspective. If selected, you may continue to serve in your current Al-Anon service role(s) while supporting the creation of this new service tool.*

*The application window will open on **October 1, 2026, and will close on November 15**. We know you may have questions. Additional information will be available when the application window opens on October 1.*

We encourage you to share this announcement with your fellow Al-Anon/Alateen members. We invite you to consider this service opportunity as a commitment to your own personal recovery and as a way to give back what has been so freely shared with you through Al-Anon/Alateen.

With gratitude,
Passing It On Task Force
Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.

It has been a privilege and a humbling experience to serve as your Area Delegate. I have tried to share and inspire you all with what I have learned over these two and a half years. The panel is not over yet!

Love in Service,

Teresa F.

Area Delegate

“Panel 64 – In Service We Soar”

75 Years, One Purpose
75 años, un propósito
-2026 World Service Conference (WSC)Theme

Secretary

The Draft Minutes of the August 15 website are posted at this link:
https://scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/AWSC-August-2026-Draft-Minutes.pdf

Treasurer

Reports and presentations posted for August 2026 AWSC Meeting at this link:
https://scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-committee-meeting-information/

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Archives

What a hot summer in California South!!

I have had the coordinator position for a few panels during my Al-Anon service. As I have done previously, I have been scanning more documents with some being past bulletins!! Bulletins have served as our AWSC and Assembly meeting minutes. The meeting minutes, and agenda are included to use at the meetings. It contains reports from the officers, coordinators, AIS liaisons, convention updates and financials!! There has always been a good amount to read and study. Yet, as time moves on the relevance of a written bulletin is in question!! If you keep coming back you will hear from your Group Representatives and District Representatives topics and votes taken and reported on in the bulletin.

This is part of the goings-on of our area. In the 1950's, no one could have dreamed of the internet and the part it has grown to play in the Al-Anon Family Groups. Some of you may not know we once had a lone member coordinator!! This Al-Anon member corresponded with those in our fellowship who were unable to attend meetings in person!! Al-Anon expands committees as our fellowship grows and changes.

On August 22, we held our 12th Longtimers Celebration in Glendale. What a day it was. For the first time it was hybrid!! We had nearly as many Al-Anon members attend online as we had in person. For me, hybrid gives an opportunity for those out of state, unable to travel and others an opportunity to join in this fellowship event. We had valuable teamwork from our Website Coordinator in planning and our Technology Coordinator managing the Zoom online August 22, with our Zoom hosts that professionally provided assistance to make the online experience nearly seamless in person. Two of our longtimers with 56 and 46 years spoke from Carlsbad and San Diego from home! Our third speaker with 51 years was with us in person.

We invited our 35-year plus Al-Anon members online and in person to put their names in "the hat." Our Delegate pulled out the names with 5 minutes for each to share.
Our hospitality work was simply fabulous. A spread of finger sandwiches, chips and so much more. Our Group Records Coordinator led the charge. What a great part of my planning and event. My sponsor and other Al-Anon's helped on site at registration, and another volunteered as the timer for the speakers. We had a meeting leader with 37 years in the program who kept us on schedule. Our final portion on the agenda was the Al-Anon countdown led by our alternate delegate. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and everyone who attended. It took an Al-Anon village to pull it together.

It was a time to celebrate the Al-Anon members who arrived long before we did. Which brings me to an important point of reference. In 2009, I began my first term as Archives Coordinator. What has resurfaced over and over is how hard it is to get any area meeting histories or group histories from anyone. Seems I have been doing the same thing over and over expecting different results! One of the best ways to get histories is to interview one on one. Past Archive Coordinator Charlene interviewed many longtimers one on one, as did Dan P. and Carol G. One on one, a casual conversation letting each member know that their history in Al-Anon and the history of the meetings

they attend is the foundation of our area.

It looks like the remaining time I have as the Archive Coordinator will have me carrying these forms with me to interview you myself or to find others to help continue this service.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness, and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. ~Suggested Al-Anon Preamble to the Twelve Steps

In gratitude for Al-Anon service,
Kathy G.
Archive Coordinator, 2024-2026

Area Alateen Events Coordinator

Here is the update for Alateen events in the area:

- The Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC) took place July 10 thru July 12, and what a wonderful event we had. We had 41 Alateens registered and 39 actual participants, half were first timers.
- We have the So Cal AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation in October and SFVAA in 2027. Both have submitted their provisional event plans thus far.
- We started a new Alateen meeting in Thousand Oaks.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Jeri M.
Alateen Events Coordinator, CA South

Area Information Service/Intergroup (AIS/Intergroup) Coordinator

As your AIS/Intergroup Coordinator, I serve as the primary contact between the Area, Al-Anon Information Service Intergroups (AISs), and their respective decision-making bodies. My role is to help ensure that important information from the World Service Office (WSO) and Southern California World Service (SCWS) is communicated clearly and consistently throughout our Area and connecting across Southern California.

This Fall 2026, I will be attending the final meetings of the panel with the following AIS/Intergroups: I am scheduled to attend the upcoming Information Service Representative Meetings for the Inland Empire, Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County/Greater Long Beach, and Spanish Intergroup San Diego. Outreach and coordination are underway with Spanish Intergrupal.

These visits have been a wonderful opportunity to strengthen communication, collaboration, and the sharing of updates from WSO and SCWS as we work together to carry the Al-Anon message.

If you are considering a service opportunity for the next panel, 2027–2029, please consider applying for this important position. Serving as the AIS/Intergroup Coordinator has enriched both my personal recovery and my service recovery. It has been a rewarding experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity to connect with so many members throughout Southern California.

Bring your recovery to the next level with service!

Yoly W.-H., AIS/Intergroup Coordinator

Group Records Coordinator

#1: Area Meeting Data

Category / Categoria	2/07/25	5/14/25	08/16/25	10/31/25	01/30/26	05/04/26	08/03/26
Active Meetings / Reuniones activas	**1211**	**1207**	**1204**	**1214**	**1209**	**1207**	**1208**
No Mail / Sin Correo	**40**	**38**	**42**	**43**	**40**	**42**	**45**
Reported Not Meeting / No reunion reportada	1	2	5	0	1	0	0
Bounced CMA Email / Correo electrónico CMA devuelto	13	9	33	36	56	59	58
New Meetings / Nuevas reunions	4	11	13	16	11	19	10

#2: Bounced emails (CMA emails no longer working or incorrect) and No Mail (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 8/3/2026) **247 Electronic Meetings** included in the Active meetings number above. Additionally, there are 96 hybrid meetings.

#4: Registered Group Representatives (GRs). 60% (604) of our groups have registered GRs. We have 1,006 groups/1,208 meetings (95 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 are all set for our November Assembly. I want to thank Districts 3, 24, 33, 42, 51, 54, 73, and 75 for being willing to chip in for the refreshments which will be available all day long.

We'll be offering croissants, coffee, tea and yogurt in the morning and then after lunch we'll have some other snacks as well as a cake celebrating Al-Anon's 75th anniversary. Don't miss the coffee dipping goodies and the shortbread tea cookies at the tea table! We will also provide a water filling station, so bring your water bottle from home. Needless to say, no one will go hungry. HOWEVER, we will not be providing lunch.

A special thank you to GRs from District 42 who will once again be assisting me with the morning set up, refilling the tables all day, and helping break down. They will also be working the welcome table. This is my final event, and it's been a privilege to serve at the Area level.

Maria N., Hospitality

Institutions Coordinator

Institutions has been very busy starting a new meeting at the Anaheim Lighthouse, a residential substance abuse facility. The first meeting was on 8/8/26. The meeting is every Saturday from 10am-11am. The meeting is in need of volunteers to help co-lead the meeting and donations for literature.

The Orange County Jail Project has all background checks approved and is waiting for all members to complete orientation in August. The next step is to have our literature approved and then set up start dates and times. Volunteers and donations are always needed.

The Thelma McMillan Recovery Center, a residential treatment facility in Torrance, had speaker panels for several years. The volunteer who coordinated it had to step down earlier this year. The recovery center requested that the speaker panels continue. Volunteers and donations of literature are needed.

If anyone is interested in volunteering or learning more about any of these projects, please don't hesitate to reach out to Shauna at Institutions@scws-al-anon.org. For the Thelma McMillan speaker panels in Torrance please also reach out to Elisabeth at institutions@lalanonla.org.

A huge thank you to Dick, the former Orange County AIS Hospital and Institutions Coordinator, and Elisabeth, the Los Angeles AIS Hospital and Institutions Coordinator, for their support and assistance. I really appreciate both!! They have helped so much!

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Love in Service,
Shauna S.
SCWS Institutions Coordinator

Insurance Coordinator

The Assembly meeting is approaching, and we are in the process of deciding on the renewal of our insurance policy at the Assembly in November 2026. For the insurance policy to continue successfully, and for the Insurance Coordinator position to operate smoothly and efficiently, there are several important requirements that need to be followed.

One of the most important requirements is that we have the necessary information for each meeting that requires a Certificate of Insurance (COI). The member responsible for the group must:

- Be an active member of the group.
- Be willing and able to receive and send correspondence by email.
- Provide a current and accurate email address.

A current email address is required for your Certificate of Insurance both now and in the future. We will no longer be mailing Certificates of Insurance to groups.

Facility Contact Information
If your meeting requires a Certificate of Insurance, we will also need the email address of the contact person at the facility where your meeting takes place. If you do not have the facility's email address, please contact the facility directly to obtain it. Do not guess or assume an email address. Incorrect information can create additional work and be very time-consuming for the Insurance Coordinator.

Important Information About the Insurance Policy
Please remember that this insurance policy is intended to provide coverage for liability involving the facility. It is not intended to be used by individual members for personal slip-and-fall incidents. The deductible for each claim is $2,500. We would like to avoid having to use the insurance policy whenever possible. As we all know, insurance rates can increase with each claim, which can affect the cost of maintaining our coverage.

Your cooperation in providing accurate and current information is greatly appreciated and will help the Insurance Coordinator manage the insurance requirements smoothly and efficiently.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Chris C.
Insurance Coordinator

Public Information Coordinator

The Public Outreach Workshop that took place on Saturday, June 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Zoom was very successful! We hope to have more workshops in the future. Besides the general information regarding Public Outreach (Public Information, Institutions, and Cooperating with the Professional Community), the majority of the workshop consisted of members sharing some AIS/Intergroup and District successful outreach events (such as the Billboards at the Border project, the Orange County Jail Project, and Los Angeles Times Festival of Books). The questions and discussion generated a lot of enthusiasm for Public Outreach and brainstorming for future projects. If you missed the workshop, you can view the slides from the presentation on the SCWS website at scws-al-anon.org in both English and Spanish: https://scws-al-anon.org/area-workshops/.

In addition to answering email requests from individuals to provide information on resources available for Public Information, I was contacted by Mental Health Hookup, a 501c3 organization based in Valencia, about participating in their annual Stop the Stigma SCV community event. The event is being held in the same facility as a regular Al-Anon meeting that meets the same day (Saturday, September 19, on the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital campus). Cathy, our Group Records Coordinator, lives in the area and has been helping to facilitate communication with the former DR to put together a group of volunteers to participate in this event.

On Saturday, August 9, District 36 (Pomona) participated in the first Community Health Fair. They were very excited about the opportunity and look forward to continuing to participate on the second Saturday of each month.
Both of these events were requiring insurance, which has not been available for them because they are not a registered meeting. The Pomona Community Health Fair leaders waived the insurance requirement for them (while they research options), and we're still working on the Stop the Stigma event requirements. Obtaining insurance for

events that Districts are sponsoring is cost-prohibitive and seems to be restricting some public outreach opportunities.

Finally, I am continuing to work with a media company affiliated with a variety of radio stations based in Los Angeles, with 4 radio stations that cover 95% of the Southern California Area, to develop an outreach project that the Area could financially support – radio ads for example. They also sponsor community events where a District or AIS could participate with an information table and Al-Anon would obtain some radio exposure. We're currently working on opportunities for next year, along with developing budgets to present.

I continue to be extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve the Area with Public Information resources and share opportunities to get the information about Al-Anon out to the public. This is such an important part of fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the message to the families and friends of alcoholics.

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

Spanish Coordinator – Coordinadora Hispana

This quarter we have been busy translating various documents, including the materials presented at the Public Outreach Workshop in June. I will be meeting with Zully, the District Representative for District 64, to get her input in planning a Public Outreach Spanish Workshop, probably in the fall.

I have received requests for the rental of the translation equipment from the Spanish Al-Anon program at the Ventura AA Convention in September and the Convencion Hispana de Al-Anon in November. I am gathering information to set up written instructions about how to use the equipment to provide to these two events.

In the meantime, if translation equipment is needed, there is a form to complete, a deposit to pay, and pick up can be coordinated. Also, if you have any suggestions or ideas to improve participation and communication with the Spanish communities, please contact me at spanish@scws-al-anon.org. Thank you all for your support.

In Service,
Marilen H.
Coordinadora Hispana

Website Coordinator

The Area website scws-al-anon.org continues to be updated frequently, please continue to check it. Elections are coming in November, the Officer application and job descriptions are online now.

Our Area Zoom meetings have been testing an interpretation tool that runs during the meeting for our Spanish speaking members. Please come to the Assembly and help us test it to better serve our area.

If you are in Area service at the District level, please contact me to create your district email address.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Heather G., Website Coordinator

AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICE (AIS)/INTERGROUP LIAISONS

Inland Empire

Forty-eight out of 150 meetings in the Inland Empire (IE) do not make contributions. Overall meeting attendance has been down since the pandemic. One of our Information Service Representatives (ISRs) suggested that meetings need to be more intentional about newcomers. Many families today are affected by addiction, she emphasized the importance of creating an atmosphere where EVERYONE feels accepted.

Due to lack of participation, the Inland Empire has been forced to consolidate board member responsibilities. The bylaws were amended to include a change to membership and officers that allows an Information Service Representative (ISR) or Alternate ISR to simultaneously serve as a service board member.

Our wonderful Treasurer Becky C. set up a functional and much needed QR Code that processed donations through their Area website, thus taking out any connection to a person and sustaining member trust.

Steve F., AIS/Intergroup Liaison
Inland Empire

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

District 6

Our district continues to experience strong participation and engagement. Attendance at our district meetings has been excellent, and groups are reporting newcomers and holding regular business meetings.

We recently hosted a fun and fellowship event featuring “When Love Is Not Enough: The Lois Wilson Story.” Approximately 30 members attended and enjoyed popcorn, candy, and sodas while learning more about the beginnings of Al-Anon. It was a meaningful opportunity to learn about our incredible program and fellowship, including how Al-Anon began in Bill and Lois Wilson’s home.

Our district recently registered to participate in the Veterans Stand Down event, and we are exploring additional public service opportunities. We also welcomed a new AMIAS to the district, and our meetings and outreach efforts are going well.

Several district members attended the Longtimers Event. Our Spanish-speaking meetings have also reported that they are planning to attend the SCWS Hispanic Conference.

We continue to hold our monthly Family Speaker Meeting, where both AA and Al-Anon members share their experience, strength, and hope. We also celebrate Al-Anon birthdays during these meetings.

Overall, our district is grateful for the continued participation, fellowship, and service of our members.

Sarah H., DR

District 17

District 17 consists of about 25 meetings, 6 of which are on Zoom. The rest are in person. Approximate 10-11 GRs attend District meetings. Though we have recently lost a GR to resignation, we have gained 2 new GRs. We are looking forward to meeting together in person (plus hybrid) for our November District meeting. The GRs report that their meetings vary between small and large and are all very loving.

We are focused on growing our Alateen membership (we currently have 17 Alateen members in one meeting in the District). We are also focused on Public Outreach and those efforts are ongoing. Finally, we would like to hold an Alathon in conjunction with District 45 sometime in the Fall. We are also discussing having an in-person AMIAS certification meeting sometime, probably in the Spring of 2027.

Ann H., DR

District 27

District 27 and AISLA are hosting a service workshop on September 19 from 12-3 pm at the Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Blvd. LA, CA 90024. For more info, please reach out to d27.scws.alanon@gmail.com.

Nate S.
District Rep, D27 SCWS

District 42

Active Meetings in District 42: In Person 22, Zoom 6, Hybrid 2.

Our District meetings are held monthly with 85%-90% of GRs who attend. We hold

quarterly hybrid District Meetings and get about 50-60% in person attendance. We provide a light meal prior to the meeting, and we find it really helps to get people there.

We have a fabulous website that contains a vast amount of information. Visit www.alanoninthedesert.com to check us out. We have moved our quarterly newsletter to the website for everyone to view. We worked with World Service to make sure the online newsletter is compliant with their G21 guidelines.

Our next District 42 Event is called Gratitude in Action and "One Wave at a Time" is the theme. It is a free event other than a fee for lunch. The event is on October 24, and the flyer is on our website.

One of the most recent things we did was to put together a pie chart detailing the costs to run the District per year/meeting modeled after the WSO pie chart. This was a great visual for GRs to take back to their meeting.

Our Alateen has been quiet for the summer and will start back up on October 19.

Emelinda McG., DR

District 45

Our District 45 had our first Get Together on August 2, 2026. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time getting to know one another and share stories and food. For some of us it was our first time meeting other GRs in person since we meet electronically for our meetings. We hope to have another one with more attendance. Our Delegate, Teresa F., came to support us as well.

For our next District 45 meeting, we invited our Public Information Coordinator, Cherie S., to give us a presentation and help us start the ball rolling with Public Outreach project ideas. We plan to have a meaningful conversation around this topic.

Finally, we are planning with District 17 to have an Alathon either in December or February of next year. Plans have started and we are thrilled to work together with another district to make this happen. There is foot work to be done, so we will share the responsibilities.

Our district has between 13 to 17 GRs who regularly attend district meetings and who willingly serve. I am grateful to have such a cohesive group of GRs and look ahead to our next project.

Patricia D., DR

District 54

Hello from the South Bay. I am happy to say our two new meetings seem to be thriving; one is in an area unserved for decades and the other at a recovery center that had

reached out to the Area with "space" for Al-Anon. We are taking full advantage...but paying rent! While attendance is small, every week brings at least one person "in need" of a meeting, returnees and/or newcomers.

Unfortunately, we were not able to staff volunteers to chair our annual Alathon this year. This was the first time since Covid that we did not have a District-wide get together in the South Bay. A little disappointing but maybe in 2027.

On the plus side, two Al-Anon panels were invited back to a locally based treatment facility: one for families of minor patients and the other for families of adult patients. Watch for upcoming announcements of opportunities to share on one (or both) of these panels. Our SCWS Institutions Coordinator is keen that all Area Al-Anon members have an opportunity to participate. So once coordinators have set the details as to dates and times, the SCWS Institutions Coordinator will publicize. Volunteer panelists will be scheduled by the local panel coordinators since it is a locked facility. We're excited to be invited back, it is always a heartwarming experience to see families beginning recovery together. Consider joining us or starting a panel of your own locally.

Laurie M., DR

District 60

Greetings from District 60 SCWS! We have been trying to focus on Public Outreach, and have a box of literature available to the GRs to distribute, including the "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" publication. They in turn can distribute to any member in their meetings who would like to do Al-Anon reach-out.

We had our last District meeting on August 7, and one of our past GRs offered to list Al-Anon in the Orange County Navigator, a website that posts community resources. She will be using one of the Public Outreach posters, along with how to get in touch with Al-Anon.

We will be hosting our annual District 60 Workshop on October 3 at the Richfield Community Church in Yorba Linda, from 10AM to 2PM. The theme is: Peace and Serenity in Al-Anon - A Lifelong Pursuit. We have invited Teresa, our Delegate, to share, and Annah, the SCWS Literature Coordinator, will be leading a writing workshop. I hope you can join us!

Karen G., DR

District 63

Greetings All,

Detachment with Love Workshop on June 13, 2026 Highlights:
Ninety-three members attended with 4 panelists sharing their experience, strength, and hope with a question and answer and comment portion of the event. We collected $345 for the 7th Tradition which covered half of the expenses. Our District covered the second half. Fourteen books were donated from the groups and members. We gave out two “How Al-Anon Works” to newcomers. Twelve books were given out to members during our free drawing for attending. Eighty plus literature packets were shared with each member attending along with a “Detachment with Love Resource List” collected from our CAL literature.

July 25,2026 District Meeting Highlights:
Guest speaker was Cindy M. from Arizona on our 12 Concepts. She shared her experience, strength, and hope in summarizing the concepts with questions and with everyone participating how they can be applied to our lives.

Public Outreach – Bookmarks:
All of our district's GRs have a supply and will continue to distribute at their literature tables.

With Gratitude in Service,
Diane M., DR

District 69

For the first time ever, District 69 signed up for a booth at the Oceanside Health and Wellness Fair which took place on August 13, 2026. As a non-member, we had to pay over $400 to the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce for the slot, table and chairs. The pop-up tent, pamphlets stand and tablecloth could be borrowed from the San Diego AIS who also sponsored some of the bookmarks. Not to forget the generous time offered by members of the District fellowship. The event was a big success and allowed us to interact with lots of visitors and to understand that similar opportunities might present an avenue to carry the message at similar fairs in future.

Werner B., DR

District 78

District 78 presented at the National Al-Anon Convention in Guadalajara, Mexico in August. District 78 members continue to attend Spanish groups this summer.

Luz T., DR