

Idaho Falls Family Group  
started their meetings in Aug. 1966.

These meetings were held every two weeks  
in a private home. Two or three women  
were encouraged to start the program  
going. Some nights the chairman sat  
in her home, where the meetings were held,  
all alone. Nevertheless, with keeping an  
open mind and the understanding, their  
determination began to work.

After two years the need for a  
weekly meeting was brought up for  
discussion. A very good group conscience  
had been developed by this time. Through  
this, it was decided to have meetings  
each week. Another member with  
gratitude of the program, opened her

home to meetings every other  
week. With the use of two homes  
and a Meeting every week personal  
growth was felt and seen.

Several months passed by and each  
week the front rooms of these two homes  
soon were filled.

There had been a change of phone  
numbers to a member not working.  
With someone home more often more  
phone calls were received. We again  
needed a change and was voted on to  
find a larger meeting place.

The Sacred Heart Hospital was  
contacted. Much to our delight were  
donated the Sister's dining room.

This was early in the year 1970. Meeting

time and place was placed in the local paper - Wed. 8:00 P.M.

Again the growth was felt. The group had supported well with contributions and the literature supply good. A beautiful but sturdy case had been purchased to house this literature. With money on hand it was decided to buy the tape - "Same To Believe". At this point a lending library was decided upon and extra books purchased. This was a good idea and has been used to good advantage.

With a Room large enough to show films time has been devoted for this. "Time for Decision" was shown.

By now the need for an alternate group was being felt. Two members

from the group were asked to get things going on this line. After weeks of making appointments with the Mayor, judges, probation officers and School Counselors, a Meeting place needed to be found.

The first meeting of the Alateen group was held April 19, 1972 at the Court house. Several meetings were held there on Thursday nights at 8:00 P.M. This didn't seem to work well as a meeting place. Again the Sacred Heart Hospital donated. Alateens were now to meet on Monday nights 8:00 P.M. in the Nurses class rooms. The group is small but active. At Christmas time the AA's asked the

Alateens to participate in the Christmas party. They decorated and felt the co-operation of AA and Al-anon by feeling needed.

A public Relations Chairman was elected and work began to let the public know there is an Al-anon in their City and what it is. The Idaho Falls Public Library was the first to be contacted. The Al-anons were listened to with great interest. Books were donated and accepted.

The meeting Room again is filled. The Newer members need more on a "first contact" level. The group conscience has decided it is time for a Beginners Group. Two older

members meet with the new members at 7:00 P.M. each Wed.

Regular meetings follow at 8:00 and the new members are encouraged to stay for this.

With a program chairman, Public relations chairman, etc. the established good group conscience this group works well with unity. The growth of the group is showing through the efforts of all-by group participation.

The Idaho Falls Group was hostess to the first Al-anon State Assembly held in May 1973 at Idaho Falls.

The following pages bring to date (Nov. 1973) the progress of Idaho Falls Al-anon Public Relations.

1966 - Aug.

IF YOUR loved one has a drinking  
problem. Call Al-Anon family group.  
Call 522-3306 or 523-0289.

Our aim is to grow and carry the  
message from this small add.

A la-teen was started April 19, 1972. We held our meetings in the courthouse until we moved to the downstairs nurse's classroom at the Sacred Heart Hospital. Our meetings were at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday nights until December 18, 1972, when we changed to Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.



TEENS: If there is a drinking problem  
in your family, call 524-1194 or 522-  
4749.

April 19, 1972

a New add, a New  
program. More hope,  
More progress.

Announcements of Meeting  
times are also on the Radio.

March 13 - Made posters for schools

Feb. 1973 - Made film for public  
service - T.V. Kid Channel 3.

April 19, 1973

We have been accepted