

Al-Anon Idaho Area 13 Newsletter

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Idaho Area 13 Spring Assembly is May 18-19 in Coeur d'Alene!

Get ready for the Idaho Area 13 Al-Anon Spring Assembly May 18-19 in Coeur d'Alene! The theme is "There Is No Standing Still" The event will be held at the Hampton Inn in Riverstone (1500 Riverstone Drive, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815). May 18 is the Friday night spiritual meeting from 8 PM – 9 PM and May 19 is the

Spring Assembly 8 AM -4:30 PM. For more information:

- Call or text Brianna at 208 640 9158.
- Mary at 208-651-6014 or Idahodistrict1@gmail.com.

Special Room Rates available until April 25th or until sold out. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details on the special room rates.

Delegate Gifts

Traditionally districts have made 100 small gifts for their delegate to give to other delegates. At WSC (World Service Conference) there is a Hospitality Room where Delegates receive their mail, and where we display all the small gifts that districts in their home states have sent them. Examples are, from my previous experiences, small or large notebook with fancy covers or labels with slogans and the District's location, homemade luggage tags from Hawaii, beads from Louisiana, pens with added designs and slogans, bookmarks with slogans, small homemade bags with candy, key chains, flyswatter in the shape of a hand with the saying Let the Hand of Al-Anon always be there! All of these things with such amazing creativity and most very useful and all labeled with District and location and a message such as ES&H from Michigan or a message in Spanish or French! For me the gifts are a lasting memory of the hands and hugs around the World that is the best of Al-Anon.

Members in your Area may ask you for the address of the hotel so that they can send a card or package to you. Please ask them to include (Hold for WSC 4/16-4/20, 2018) in the address and to put your name and address in the return address section of the envelope or box in the event that mail delivery is delayed. Please plan to have mail arrive **after April 13th**.

Renaissance Westchester Hotel
80 W. Red Oak Ln.
West Harrison, NY 10604
Happy Crafting! Joy in Service!
Kathy B, Area 13 Delegate

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Take this opportunity to share the message of hope of Al-Anon and Alateen with others. Share your story and a meeting schedule or some other resource. Thank you for your service!

Fact Sheet for Professionals

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Al-Anon Fact Sheet for Professionals in English and Spanish

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Area 13 Service Openings

Area 13 is looking for a Literature Center Liaison and a Public Outreach Coordinator. For more information, contact Janet D, Area 13 Chair, at Janetafg95@gmail.com.

Attention Group Representatives

At next month's 2018 Spring Assembly in Coeur d'Alene, you (the Group Representatives) will be asked to affirm the revised Alateen guidelines. These guidelines have been reviewed line-by-line & approved by the Area World Service Committee. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the revised guidelines. If you have questions, contact Ruth B, Area 13 Alateen Coordinator, at ruthineagle@gmail.com

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2018 Spring Assembly registration form!

Thank you for your interest in the Idaho Area 13 Al-Anon Newsletter! This document is published on the 10th of each month with the deadline for submissions being the 5th of the month. If you have items to be included in the newsletter, please email them to area13newsletter@gmail.com. Please keep your submissions to 140 words or less and include relevant links if possible. Your feedback for the newsletter would be greatly appreciated. To receive this FREE monthly newsletter, email area13newsletter@gmail.com.

District 1 Update

District 1 is getting geared up to host the Spring Assembly May 18-19. Gift bags and goodies are being assembled by a living group of volunteers. We are so excited to be hosting such a terrific event. Also, a new meeting is starting on Thursdays at 9am at Kootenai Recovery Center located at [1111 Ironwood Drive](#), downstairs Suite B in Coeur d'Alene. This meeting will be reading out of the book "As We Understood".

District 2 Update

District two is going well, planning the workshop for this month. We have been invited to participate in the Lewiston city/county employee wellness fair on May 3rd and will man a table for Al-Anon there, on the 21st of this month will cooperate with AA in doing a Fling in the Spring by having a topic table, helping with lunch and supplying an Al-Anon speaker yet to be determined. Spring is definitely here with flowers, birds and warmer weather. The meetings here in this district are getting the spring boost of new folks, which is great. Am trying to get more of our meetings listed in the local newspaper, for getting the word out for Al-Anon.

District 3 Update

Links of Service is a new concept for me. I always thought Al-Anon had a standard "line and staff" organization like President followed by Vice Presidents, followed by Directors, followed by minions. Al-Anon has a much more web-like organization that allows cross-overs between all levels. The Members elect a Delegate that represents them at World. Groups elect GRs to represent them at District and elect a District Representative. But Area doesn't oversee District, District doesn't oversee the GRs and GRs don't oversee the Groups. We are all linked through Service.

District 3 Update (cont.)

World can provide help for Districts, Groups or Areas. Area can help Districts with issues. The result is a multi-threaded connection across all of Al-Anon resulting in a wonderful sense of combined comradely. We are all part of a greater whole with minimal hierarchy. There is a great pamphlet if you want to learn more!-

District 4 Update

Hi from District 4,
We are excited and looking forward to the assembly in Coeur D'Alene. Hope to see many of you there.

We are having a fund raiser called the "no bake bake sale". We hand out envelopes with a list of baked goods such as cookies, bars, cakes, candy. You mark the ones you would have made and instead contribute the money it takes to make it. People love it because they don't have to man a table and sell. This goes on for 4 meetings. It's very successful.

We have 2 new groups in District 4. Hailey has a new noon group and Burley has an evening group. Our next job is getting a meeting on the north side of the river. They haven't had a group there for a long time.

We are working on getting a new phone and getting meeting information in the newspapers in Twin Falls and Burley. So the work goes on!

District 5 Update

No District 5 update was provided for this month.

District 6 Update

District 6 does not currently participate in the Area 13 activities.

District 7 Update

District 7 will be working on our Love Gift during our District meeting, Saturday April 7th a Trinity Lutheran in Nampa. We will also talk about the Area meeting and preparing for the upcoming Assembly.

Great news!

The World Service Office (WSO) has shipped 208,050 copies of the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2018 (AFA 2018) second printing magazines to the fellowship.* This is an eight percent increase in the number of AFA 2018 second printing copies purchased by members in comparison to the first printing of AFA 2018.

There is still more to celebrate. **A total of 400,325 copies of the AFA 2018 magazine issue were ordered by members.** This is the first time that the WSO has published more than 400,000 copies of an AFA magazine issue since the outreach project began in 2007.

Congratulations to our fellowship. The willingness of members to distribute information about our program in their communities using the AFA magazine as an outreach tool is gratifying.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the online version of the 2018 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazine.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Area 13 website to download meeting schedules for any or all of the seven districts in Idaho Area 13.