

# The Butterfly

The Colorado Area Newsletter



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### Our Three Legacies

The threefold guides of Al-Anon point the way to a normal, useful life for the individual. They also are a framework within which the groups can carry on their affairs in harmony.

- RECOVERY:** Through the Steps
- UNITY:** Through the Traditions
- SERVICE:** Through the Concepts

## FROM OUR COLORADO AREA CHAIR

### GREETINGS TO PANEL 65 AND ALL COLORADO AFG MEMBERS,

Well, it seems like this year we went from Fall to Spring and skipped Winter! I do enjoy the warmer weather however I know that snow helps with water needs to assist in growing. It reminds me that I need the Al-Anon program to continue to grow into the person my Higher Power wants me to be.

I'm currently focusing on the 3 A's:

- **Awareness** - Identifying the Truth and my Feelings.
- **Acceptance** - Letting Go of Control by using the Serenity Prayer and embracing "Let It Begin with Me" – I can only change my own actions and attitude.
- **Action** – Self-Care and Changes by setting boundaries, working the Steps, listening to my Service Sponsor, and reaching out to fellow members to discuss, process, and act on, rather than just worrying about situations.

Thank you all for being an example that helps me in my service journey!

As I look over the past year, these are the accomplishments that our Area completed in 2025:

- We started the year with the new Panel 65 – Keeping our Legacies Alive!
- The implementation of the Hybrid Assembly has continued with increasing participation by members.
- Workshops that were given: Are You the Missing Link? Group Naming Policy, KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making)
- Started Thought Forces for the Website and Al-Anon Participation in AA Assemblies,
- Updated the Area's Guidelines to include the Spanish Coordinator position.(
- Approved a temporary Co Area Process for 2025 Southwest Regional Trustee and voted to forward Tom B. application to (World Service Office) WSO.
- Elected Judy R. as Area Secretary for Panel 65.
- Implemented a (Group Representative) GR Survey and established the GR Solutions Committee as part of GR Connection and an on-line survey for the (Area World Service Committee) AWSC and Assembly.
- Our Districts successfully hosted (Day in Al-Anon) DIA, (Weekend in Al-Anon) WIA, and State Convention
- Approved the (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) AMIAS training after the 3-year trial period.
- Approved and passed the 2026 Budget.

**Thank you all for your participation in moving the business of our Colorado Area forward!**

**There are just a few items that are currently underway:**

#### **Spring Assembly - March 20 - 22, 2026, Fort Collins, Colorado**

You might notice some changes to the agenda for this Assembly. The Early Bird meetings on Saturday and Sunday will begin at 7:30 AM. There won't be a Night Owl meeting on Saturday since the Speaker Meeting will serve as a meeting. I hope you will use the time afterwards to use for fellowship! Our lunch speaker, Sheila A., Website Coordinator will share with us for 30 minutes right before the Assembly resumes from 1:00 to 1:30 PM. This time change may give enough time for lunch so you can listen to the speaker.

As a reminder to all Group Representatives, you will be voting at the Spring Assembly for the following items:

1. Approval of an increase of (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) AMIAS background checks – (This is to change the policy to match the budget increase that was approved last Assembly.)
2. Elect (Group Representative) GR Connection Co-Chair for 2026
3. District Bid for Summer Assembly 2026 to be held in Ignacio, CO (30 minutes south of Durango, CO)
4. Elect 2026 (Weekend in Al-Anon) WIA Co-Chair for 2026

We will be continuing the hybrid format for Saturday. We will have our conversation with our Delegate, TMF, as he is preparing to go to the World Service Conference in the week of April 19 th . The work continues for the Al-Anon

Participation in AA Assemblies Thought Forces. We will be hearing from the Website Thought Force on the progress that has been made. I'm looking forward to the Groups at Work Workshop. The publication "Groups at Work" provides a framework within which each group can develop and grow. It is an indispensable resource for members and groups. and includes Meeting Format, as well as ideas and information to encourage group unity.

Please contact me by email at any time to share any ideas or questions you may have.  
Thank you for the opportunity to be your Area Chair and I look forward to seeing you all soon!



In Loving Service,  
Linda C.  
Colorado Area Chair  
[chair@al-anon-co.org](mailto:chair@al-anon-co.org)

*"Our hearts do not need logic. They can love and forgive and accept that which our minds cannot comprehend. Hearts understand in ways minds cannot." Lois W.*

FROM OUR COLORADO AREA DELEGATE  
HELLO TO MY AL-ANON COLORADO FAMILY !

Hope you all are having a wonderful start to your year. For me as the Delegate we are preparing for World Service Conference (WSC) and Southwest Regional Delegate's Meeting (SWRDM), so times have been busy. There's a lot of work that I've been doing such as reading documentation, participating in Task Forces, and contributing to conversations as we all prepare for our Conference and separate Delegate meetings. Somehow it feels this year is busier than the last but it's exciting to be a part of it and I'm grateful for the chance to serve. Unfortunately, a lot is confidential, but I can tell you that WSO does have a Task Force that is looking at whether we should continue to have this level of confidentiality about policies. I'm hoping to be able to add my Experience Strength and Hope (ESH) to that conversation as I feel it would be beneficial for us to discuss matters more completely with our Areas before having to vote on these matters. The Chairperson of the Board letters should be out shortly, and I'll be covering the information in my report at the Assembly.

I did want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that I am still accepting love gifts for WSC. Love gifts can take any form that you and/or your groups/districts wish for them to take. I saw people putting slogans on packets of tissues, creating their own pens or pins, some made book covers out of used calendars, and many donated edible items such as chocolate or candy. The goal is as an Area we contribute to the gifts for the Delegates across the WSO and then Delegates will bring back love gifts to share with our members. Everything but the candy/chocolate would make it back as the Delegates need snacks during our business days. I'm hoping to take some additional personal snacks this time since I now have a WSC mentee! Hope to make all of Colorado proud at this upcoming SWRDM and WSC, but I'll only be taking love gifts to the WSC. If you want to send me any love gifts, please reach out to me directly (email is preferred) for my address.

Also, I'm still seeking as much input about the Group Naming policy, the Single Trustee Process, and the Electronic Alateen for our Area as possible. I'm currently Chairing the Task Force about Electronic Alateen but we will not have

our final report at the Spring Assembly. This is a deep topic that we want to take as much care with as we possibly can, so we'll have a brief update at the Spring Assembly and hope to have our final report at the Summer Assembly. Very excited to continue this conversation with our Area as we want to do our best to help our teen members and uphold the Al-anon principles.

Lastly, if you want to invite me to speak at your event or meeting, please email me so we can coordinate! Currently, I can't speak at anything until after April, but I'm currently committed to speak at the 5th Saturday meeting in Greeley on May 30th and at Southeast Aurora Potluck on June 13th! I'm also traveling to the San Diego Round-up over Easter weekend to speak to the California Area about the willingness to serve. I am very excited to be invited by so many members to share my Experience, Strength, and Hope (ESH) and if you're interested in attending any of these events, please reach out to me and I'll get you the information.

Thank you everyone for your trust and the privilege to serve and represent you all across the world. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Assembly!! Be well and I'll be praying for everyone to stay healthy and safe.

With love and gratitude in service,  
TMF  
Delegate - Colorado - Panel 65  
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WSC 2026 Theme:  
Seventy-five Years, One Purpose  
Setenta y cinco años, un propósito  
Soixante-quinze ans, un but



*It is the season for Love Gifts from Colorado* 

FROM OUR COLORADO AREA ALTERNATE DELEGATE  
HELLO COLORADO!

I can't believe it has already been a year since this panel began. I hope your 2026 is going well. Thank you to all who were patient with our budget process at last Assembly in November. I know it can be confusing, but we made it through. Yay! Please feel free to reach out to me if you still have questions or concerns. I will do my best to answer them and provide the information you need. (See the approved budget for 2026 below).

This coming year we will have conversations about electronic payments and donations, updating our guidelines to reflect more current practices and maybe even adding some clarifying language around some processes that can be confusing. I look forward to the thoughtful discussions.

I also want to remind the Area about the Special Projects topic that was brought up at the November Assembly. If a group, district, member, coordinator, or anyone would like to request some money for a special project, they only need to fill out the [request form](#) (Click on "request form" for Special Projects Request form) and send it to me, the Alternate Delegate. If the finance committee approves it, then they will be able to move forward with that project. Our Area is blessed to have members, groups and districts that give generously so that we can do the business of the Area and still have some funds leftover for additional unbudgeted projects. Let's use these blessings to benefit those out there who are still suffering from the disease of Alcoholism.

I look forward to seeing many of you in March at the Spring Assembly in Fort Collins.

Yours in Service,  
Grete  
Alternate Delegate  
Panel 65



You can zoom in on the next two pages by expanding them with your thumb and forefinger.

		2026 Assembly Approved Budget	2025 Assembly Appr Budget	2025 YTD (12/16/25)	Descriptions
<b>INCOME:</b>					
<b>Contributions:</b>					
1	Assembly Collections	5,250.00	5,000.00	4,264.00	7th Tradition, silent auction proceeds, donation can amounts
2	Birthday Donations	150.00	100.00	170.00	Individual donations based on years in Al-Anon
3	Day In Al-Anon (DIA)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,055.13	Includes seed money (line 24) returned to assembly
4	District Donations	5,625.00	5,500.00	6,038.04	Donations from Colorado Area Districts
5	Group Donations	27,500.00	25,000.00	29,413.46	Donations from Al-Anon Groups in Colorado
	<b>Total Contribution Income:</b>	<b>39,525.00</b>	<b>36,600.00</b>	<b>40,940.63</b>	
<b>Interest Income:</b>					
6	Interest - CDs	500.00	300.00	523.03	interest earned on ample reserve funds (CDs)
7	Other Interest - Savings & Other	5.00	5.00	0.98	primarily interest from savings account
	<b>Total Interest Income:</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>305.00</b>	<b>524.01</b>	
8	Other Donations	500.00	100.00	1,544.00	Miscellaneous individual donations
9	Weekend In Al-Anon (WIA)	4,500.00	500.00	3,179.45	Facility deposit - Offset by expense (line 40)
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL INCOME:</b>	<b>45,030.00</b>	<b>37,505.00</b>	<b>46,188.09</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
<b>Assemblies:</b>					
10	General Assembly Expenses	750.00	750.00	758.98	To be used for printing and miscellaneous supplies by host committee, officers, coordinators and GR connection
11	Rent	2,400.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	Rent paid for Assembly meeting rooms, as needed; presently this is determined in cooperation with AA, post assembly
12	Thought/Task Force - Printing & Misc Exp	100.00	100.00	0.00	Printing for Thought/Task Forces & misc. supplies & expenses.
13	Translator Travel	1,125.00	975.00	625.64	Travel to assemblies 3 times a year @ \$375 each
14	Travel to Assemblies	17,250.00	20,250.00	14,625.27	Travel for Officers, Coordinators, Past Delegates - avg. of 18 positions @ \$375X3 Assemblies, minus \$3,000 for unused expenses (Based on double occupancy and reimbursed for receipts submitted); mileage @ \$.14/mile
15	Travel - Trustee Visit 1/panel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trustee visit once every three years - will request a visit in 2027
16	Unfunded FinCom Budget Assembly Attendance	0.00	0.00	0.00	Travel to Finance Cmte. mtgs. & Budget Assembly for Finance Cmte. members with no travel budget; @ \$.14/mile
17	Unfunded travel expenses	750.00	650.00	343.96	Travel funding for otherwise unfunded service. Filled w/funded members when possible. With the hybrid set up, we may need this on occasion
	<b>Total for Assemblies:</b>	<b>22,375.00</b>	<b>24,825.00</b>	<b>18,453.85</b>	
<b>Coordinators &amp; Area Event Chairs:</b>					
18	Alateen Coordinator	500.00	100.00	97.50	Misc supplies and outreach projects
19	Archives Coordinator	300.00	0.00	0.00	Misc supplies (increased to purchase display stands for the quilts)
20	Archives Coord - Travel in Area	700.00	500.00	346.04	Travel /registration for WIA and/or DIA and/or State Convention; mileage @ \$.14/mile
21	Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Printing of Training Material and travel to training sessions; mileage @ \$.14/mile
22	Printing and Mailing	0.00	0.00	0.00	Printing and mailing of material to AMIAS
23	Butterfly Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	Supplies & misc. expenses
24	Day In Al-Anon (DIA) Seed Money	200.00	200.00	200.00	Costs related to planning DIA - returned with proceeds in line 3 above
25	IT/Media Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	Supplies & misc. expenses - see Misc Exp - Coord and Event Chairs
26	Literature / Forum Coordinator		0.00	0.00	
27	Travel in Area	50.00	0.00	0.00	Travel to districts for Forum workshops etc.; mileage @ \$.14/mile
28	Literature Coord - Purchase of Literature	50.00	50.00	0.00	Cost of literature to display (not for resale)
29	Misc Exp - Coord and Event Chairs	100.00	500.00	0.00	Supplies & misc. expenses for coordinators that are not already a part of their budget.
30	Public Outreach Coordinator (POC)		0.00	0.00	
31	POC Community Outreach	250.00	250.00	0.00	Travel to districts to assist with establishing public outreach projects @ \$.14/mile). Expenses related to Public Outreach projects to the community are to be funded from Area Surplus Funds, as needed and approved by the Assembly
32	Records Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	
33	Spanish Coordinator		0.00	0.00	
34	Spanish Coord - Travel in Area	375.00	250.00	0.00	Travel expenses related to unfunded travel
35	State Convention Chairperson	350.00	250.00	73.19	Supplies, travel to non-assembly mtgs & AA Convention planning meetings; misc. expenses; mileage @ \$.14/mile (Includes \$110 for translation costs)
36	Travel - Convention 2026	500.00	625.00	584.98	Chair travel to St. Conv. & for St. Conv. incl. lodging & Full package registration; mileage @\$.14/mile (Assumes a shared room)
37	Travel - Next Chair 2027	500.00	150.00	385.13	Next Chair travel to A.A. State Conv. Mtgs; mileage @\$.14/mile. Includes full registration, meals and lodging (assumes a shared room)
38	Weekend In Al-Anon Chairperson	0.00	0.00	0.00	In reality, any expenses incurred should come directly out of proceeds for the event
39	Weekend In Al-Anon Co-Chairperson	0.00	0.00	0.00	
40	Weekend In Al-Anon (WIA) Facility Deposit	4,000.00	0.00	2,306.25	Deposit to facility from Area Account.
41	Website Coordinator				
42	Site and Domain Fees	400.00	600.00	246.32	Fees for site & domain name, some paid every 3 years.
	<b>Total for Coordinators &amp; Area Event Chairs:</b>	<b>8,275.00</b>	<b>3,475.00</b>	<b>4,239.41</b>	

	<b>Officers:</b>				
43	Alternate Delegate				
44	Travel in Area	25.00	50.00	0.00	Non-assembly travel in Area related to the position of Alternate Delegate; mileage @ \$.14/mile
45	Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	Printing of reports, etc. - see General Assembly Expenses
46	Area Chairperson				
47	Travel in Area	50.00	300.00	0.00	Non-assembly travel in Area related to the position of Area Chair; mileage @ \$.14/mile
48	Printing	50.00	200.00	0.00	Printing for Assembly agendas, etc.
49	Delegate				
50	Travel in Area	700.00	500.00	345.00	Travel/registrations for WIA, DIA & State Convention; non-assembly travel in Area related to the position of Delegate; mileage @ \$.14/mile
51	Printing	0.00	200.00	0.00	Printing of reports, etc. (gets free printing from library)
52	Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Supplies & misc. expenses - see General Assembly Expenses
53	Treasurer		0.00	0.00	Supplies & misc. expenses - see General Assembly Expenses
54	Bank Fees	50.00	60.00	61.60	Monthly service charges, Debit Card annual fee, purchase of checks, deposit slips etc.
55	Postage	150.00	175.00	72.75	Mailing of reimbursement checks to Officers, Coordinators and Event Chairs. Previously also included mailing of the appeal letter which is now emailed.
56	Printing	125.00	150.00	31.48	Printing of PNL and Balance sheet for assembly. Previously also included printing of the appeal letter which is now emailed.
	<b>Total for Officers:</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>1,635.00</b>	<b>510.83</b>	
	<b>Other Area Expenses:</b>				
57	Contribution to WSO	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Area contribution to WSO to be paid by end of fiscal year
58	Insurance & Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,126.15	Liability insurance, and Directors & Officers Insurance
59	Travel to Non-Assembly Mtgs	100.00	50.00	0.00	Past delegates and Officers/Coordinators/Event Chairs travel to non-Assembly meetings @ \$0.14/mile.
60	Post Office Box Rentals	200.00	200.00	192.00	Area Post Office Box
	Professional Fees				
61	Accountant and Tax Preparation	550.00	550.00	25.00	Fees paid to CPA for annual review & tax preparation.
62	Attorney	600.00	600.00	0.00	Legal & other professional services
63	Background Checks for AMIAS	1,875.00	500.00	775.00	25 NEW background checks for new AMIAS @ \$25 each (includes additional BG for current AMIAAS to be completed every 2 years)
64	Purchase of Equipment & Software	2,000.00	1,750.00	2,217.59	Purchase of needed equipment - Computers, software etc. Includes Zoom, Quick Books and Microsoft 365
65	Rent for Archives	5,424.00	4,250.00	4,911.00	Rent Storage Unit for use of Archives storage space.
	SWRDM (SW Regional Delegates Mtg.):				
66	Area Registration	250.00	250.00	250.00	SWRDM registration fee for the Area
67	Badge Fees	80.00	80.00	240.00	Badge fees for Delegate, Immediate Past Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Chair.
68	Past-Delegate/Past-Trustee SWRDM Travel	1,800.00	3,300.00	2,174.78	6 @ \$300 (3 year trial) 2024, 25, and 26) Exception - 2025 - 11 @ \$300 RE: In Colorado
69	Travel, Lodging & Meals	8,600.00	1,800.00	1,500.24	Travel, lodging (Based on Single Occupancy) & meals for Delegate, Immediate Past Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Chair.
	World Service Conference:				
70	Conference Summaries	250.00	250.00	14.05	Purchase 45 conference summaries @ \$5/copy + \$25 postage.
71	Delegate Travel	500.00	250.00	354.05	Incidentals while Delegate is at WSC including additional meals & lodging, car rental, etc. (includes extra night to attend 75th anniversary celebration
72	Equalization Fund to WSO	3,119.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	Contribution to WSO for WSC to cover Delegate travel, meals & lodging. All Areas contribute to the equalization fund. (actual expense = \$3,119, equalized expense = \$2,183
	<b>Total for Other Area Expenses:</b>	<b>28,348.00</b>	<b>19,830.00</b>	<b>19,779.86</b>	
	<b>TOTAL General Expense</b>	<b>60,148.00</b>	<b>49,765.00</b>	<b>42,983.95</b>	
	<b>NET INCOME/EXPENSES:</b>	<b>(15,118.00)</b>	<b>(12,260.00)</b>	<b>3,204.14</b>	

FROM OUR COLORADO AREA TREASURER

HELLO COLORADO AREA!



Thank you to members, Groups and Districts for your on-going contributions to the Colorado Area. I recently received a Birthday Contribution for the Colorado Area from one of our members. A Birthday Contribution is a contribution made by a member to commemorate and celebrate their years in Al-Anon. A member donates a given amount of money for each year they have been in the program. Receiving this contribution reminded me of the statement I hear at meetings from our Service Manual, “We have no dues or fees; according to our Seventh Tradition, “Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. We contribute in gratitude for what we have received from Al-Anon.” (p.18). Sending a Birthday Contribution is a great way for me to express my gratitude for Al-Anon. In addition to gratitude, I am practicing the spiritual principles of abundance, commitment, generosity, integrity, kindness, love, prudence, responsibility, service, trust, willingness, and participation. Yet another way for me to exercise my program.

Please send donations to...

**Colorado AFG**

**c/o Janice Z**

**2606 E. 148th Drive**

**Thornton, CO 80602**

**Make checks payable to Colorado AFG**

**Please include group name and WSO# in the memo section of the check.**

Let It Begin With Me,

Janice Z., Colorado Area Treasurer, Panel 65

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FROM OUR COLORADO AREA WEBSITE COORDINATOR

HELLO COLORADO AREA

I'm honored to serve as your Colorado Area website coordinator. You can find our website at <https://al-anon-co.org/>.

With the new year, I've been busy purging documents over 3 years old, adding monthly WSO updates to our website, collaborating with our Butterfly coordinator to update our Newsletter page (<https://al-anon-co.org/newsletter/>), tweaking the website to make navigation using smartphones easier, and documenting procedures for the next website coordinator.

If you have an Al-Anon event you would like listed on the Colorado Area Home page's "Upcoming Events" and calendar, send me a flyer or other information. If you are an officer or coordinator who would like to update the information on your website page, I'd love to share ideas with you. Many thanks to those members who have emailed me ([website@al-anon-co.org](mailto:website@al-anon-co.org)) when they noticed the website didn't appear to be working as it should.

The Website Thought Force (see update in this newsletter) has provided information on the wants and needs of our Colorado Area members. I look forward to the formation of a website advisory committee to help enhance our website and facilitate our mission to provide help and hope to those affected by someone else's drinking.

With gratitude,

Sheila A., Website Coordinator - Panel 65

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FROM OUR COLORADO AREA BUTTERFLY COORDINATOR

SPRING GREETINGS TO OUR COLORADO FELLOWSHIP!

## Experience, Strength, Hope, and the Newsletter

2025 and the pre-assembly newsletters were emailed to our Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and our members. I have received so much growth and recovery moments in building and editing those newsletters. I'm even remembering some of my Spanish lessons and growing my Al-Anon English vocabulary. To add to the experience the News has become increasingly enjoyable especially with the thank you notes received. I appreciate you as well for your interest in the Colorado Area News. We have such a strong presence in the Colorado Area, the Officers and Coordinators. We exchange ideas, our understanding of service, and our members who show up, contribute, and participate. Al-Anon is a gift and service at the Area level has widened my perspective and grown my recovery.

Recently, I have been working with the Website Coordinator in building the Newsletter Page on the website, for Subscription and Submission use, so check it out! [To Subscribe or Submit an article or photograph](#) . You can also use [butterfly@al-anon-co.org](mailto:butterfly@al-anon-co.org) with Subscribe or Submission in the subject line of the email. Choices in Al-Anon are just one of the things we learn in the rooms and from our sponsors. I gratefully appreciate that the Districts, Meetings, and members are contributing by sending me flyers and their personal Experience, Strength, and Hope. My vision of what the newsletter can contribute to our fellowship continues to expand. Thank you!

Currently the hope is that more members will subscribe and receive The Butterfly and use the articles for discussions during announcements, business meetings, along with using other articles that can be used to lead a meeting. For the Group Representatives (GRs), preassembly information will prepare you for what will be discussed, possible motions, and what will be voted on. The draft agenda is always available in The Butterfly and can be used to assist with talking with your group about topics that will be discussed at the Assembly.



*"Wow! There's a lot going on at the Colorado Area!"*

Gratitude Abound,

Sue W. Butterfly Coordinator – Panel 65

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The Website Thought Force will be presenting our Knowledge Based Decision Process and answers to our charge at the Spring Assembly. We will also include the results of the last website survey from 2021 along with our new findings from our website survey in 2026 from this thought force. We appreciate all the information from the participants in that 2026 survey, it helped guide us in our recommendations.

**Website Thought Force Charge:**

1. Research our current website and determine if it meets our current and immediate future needs.
  - Identify key functions and/or primary purpose of the website and whether these needs are currently being met or need to be addressed.
  - Please look at any other areas you believe may be pertinent and relevant to the Colorado Area.
2. Explore the benefits and/or downsides of the website and how it could be optimized for ease of use.
3. Research what are the management requirements we need to maintain our current or future webpage?
4. Use Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) to determine considerations of what is being asked for.
  - Five Elements of Knowledge Based Decision Making:
    - 1.) Open communication between leadership and membership
    - 2.) Dialogue before deliberation.
    - 3.) Common access to full information
    - 4.) Exist in a culture of trust.
    - 5.) Confidence in the competency of partners
  - Some examples of questions to consider through KBDM could be:
    - Is there currently a need?
    - Have our members asked for this?
    - Would there be a need to coordinate the task and how would this happen?
5. Prepare recommendations for the (Area World Service Committee) AWSC and Assembly regarding the above information,
  - Keep in mind which would best serve the needs of our members and Area.
  - Please investigate and include any other issues this Thought Force considers to be relevant, pertinent, and in the best interest of the Area.

Submitted by:

Sue W., Sheila A., Marcia M., Marcia S.

The Website Thought Force



*“Hello, Denver Area Service Center,*

*How can I help you today?”*



Our Recovery through the Arts event in December was a huge success. So many talented musicians, poets, visual and culinary artists, and expert crafters contributed their work to this event. We are so grateful to them and to our members that showed up to make this event so great.

As you know, our 12th Step says “...we tried to carry this message to others...” What better way to carry this message than to serve as a phone volunteer and to be there when someone reaches out to Al-Anon in their time of great need? You could help someone find their first Al-Anon meeting, or answer questions about our program. Phone volunteers make themselves available to take 12th Step calls for a few hours and at times that work within their schedule. If you can serve in this way, please contact us (details below).

We still have some new Alateen group funds available through an anonymous memorial gift. Our website is [denverasc.org](http://denverasc.org). You can find printable meeting lists and local event flyers there. Please stop by and visit us—you can get a clipping from our Pass-It-Along plant while you’re there.

What is the DASC you may ask? We are a Literature Distribution Center (LDC) and Al-Anon Information Service (AIS), meaning that we sell English and Spanish Al-Anon and Alateen Literature and service tools, and serve as an information clearinghouse for groups and districts in the Greater Denver area and beyond! We are supported by the groups in districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, and 25—though we’re here to support anyone reaching out for help. How can we help you?

Denver Area Service Center

2133 S. Bellaire St. #3

Denver, CO 80222

Office hours: 10am – 2pm, M - F

Office phone 303-321-8895

Helpline: 303-321-8788

Submitted by Jason B., DASC Liaison to Colorado Area

[liaison@denverasc.org](mailto:liaison@denverasc.org)

# Colorado Area Spring Assembly Fort Collins - March 20-22, 2026

*Located at the Hilton Hotel*

425 W. Prospect Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80526 | (970) 482-2626

Book your room [HERE \(clickable link\)](#), or call 800-768-0605.  
Use the **booking code D10** for the special rate of \$129/night.

*A.A. will have tickets on sale (cash only) for:*

- Taco Bar Luncheon: Sat, 12 pm \$27
- Ice Cream Social: \$17
- Coffee: All Day Sat & Sun

<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Registration: 4-9 pm	Registration: 8-12 pm	Assembly Opens: 9 am
AWSC Mtg: 7-9 pm	Assembly Opens: 9 am	
GR Connection: 7-9 pm	Al-Anon & AA Speakers: 7 pm	

### *Relaxation Room Donations Needed*

**IDEAS:** Prepackaged snack items only. Chips, store-baked goods, fruit cups, individual fresh fruit, granola/protein bars, trail mix, breakfast pastries, yogurt, snack cheese (must bring any refrigerated snacks in a cooler with ice).

### *Silent Auction Donations Needed*

**IDEAS:** Items or baskets themed for both men and women using CAL, Journals, Spa theme, Tea/Coffee, Gardening, Crafting, Hobbies, Pottery, Jewelry, Pet supplies, Plants/Plant care



*Al-Anon invites you to volunteer!*  
*Scan the QR Code or click [HERE \(clickable link\)](#).*

*Take this flyer with you! Scan here >*



*Al-Anon Host: Fort Collins/Windsor District 20 Questions? Contact Colleen D. [dr20@al-anon-co.org](mailto:dr20@al-anon-co.org).*

## Additional Information on the 2026 Spring Assembly

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#### Nearby Hotels:

- 1. Best Western University Inn:** 0.6 miles from the Hilton  
914 S. College Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80524  
970.484.2984
- 2. The Fort Collins Marriott:** 2.6 miles from the Hilton  
350 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525  
970.226.5200
- 3. Holiday Inn Express:** 4.3 miles from Hilton  
1426 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525  
970.225.2200
- 4. The Armstrong Hotel:** 2.1 miles from Hilton  
A boutique option located in Old Town  
259 S. College Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80524  
970.484.3883
- 5. The Elizabeth Hotel:** 2.4 miles from Hilton  
A modern, upscale hotel  
111 Chesnut Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524  
970.490.2600

At-Home Host: Fort Collins/Windsor District 20 Questions? Contact Colleen D. [dr20@al-anon-co.org](mailto:dr20@al-anon-co.org)

**NOTE:** This Hotel list is for informational purposes ONLY, NOT an endorsement or promotion of the listed hotels etc.

#### Additional Tidbits About Fort Collins

- The "Choice City" was established in 1873; Elevation 5,003 feet.
- **Main Street, USA Inspiration:** The historic buildings in Old Town Fort Collins were the primary inspiration for Disneyland's Main Street, USA.
- **Bicycle-Friendly:** Designated as a Platinum-level bike-friendly community, the city boasts over 280 miles of trails.
- **Wild & Scenic River:** The **Cache La Poudre River** runs through the city and is Colorado's only nationally designated "Wild & Scenic" river.
- **Pianos About Town:** You will find roughly 20 hand-painted pianos placed in public spaces across town, inviting anyone to sit down and play.
- **A "Lamb-Feeding" History:** In the early 1900s, Fort Collins was known as the "Lamb Feeding Capital of the World" due to its massive agricultural success with sugar beets.

#### March 20-22, 2026 Average Weather

- Average high is 53°F; average low is 27°F. The area enjoys over 300 days of sunshine a year, though March is historically one of the area's snowiest months and can feel slightly windy.

#### Multiple Historic Sites & Museums

- **Fort Collins Museum of Discovery** (History & Science)
- **The Avery House** (Victorian-era home)
- **Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures**
- **The Farm at Lee Martinez Park** (Working farm animals & history)
- **Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum**

#### Dining in Old Town

- **Silver Grill Cafe:** The oldest restaurant in Northern Colorado, famous for its giant cinnamon rolls.
- **Ginger and Baker:** Located in a 100-year-old historic mill, it offers a pie shop, café, and market.
- **Union Bar & Soda Fountain:** A modern version of a classic American diner serving comfort food.
- **Jax Fish House & Oyster Bar:** Fresh, sustainably sourced seafood in a lively atmosphere.
- **The Regional:** Features "farm-to-fork" comfort foods sourced from local producers.
- **Rainbow Restaurant:** A local staple since 1976, known for breakfast and extensive vegetarian/vegan options.

**NOTE:** This Fort Collins info is for informational purposes ONLY, NOT an endorsement or promotion of the city, restaurants, museums, etc. For more details, visit [Visit Fort Collins](#).

Registration for attending the Assembly remotely:  
(Saturday only)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/MzyT79LDSOyAL0LnFQ47MA#/registration>

**COLORADO AREA AL-ANON/ALATEEN ASSEMBLY 2026**

**Assembly Agenda \*\*DRAFT\*\***

**March 20 - 22, 2026 – Fort Collins, Colorado**

**FRIDAY, March 20, 2026**

- 4:00PM **Registration Opens** -Signin, pickup your chip, meet and visit with Area Coordinators
- 7:00 PM **Group Representative Connection** – Salon IV & VI Rooms  
*(All Group Representatives & Alternate GRs attend - bring your Service Manual)*  
**Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting** – Green & Gold Room  
*(Officers, Coordinators, DRs, Liaisons, Event Chairs, Past-Delegates attend)*
- 9:00 PM **Night Owl Meeting** – Green & Gold Room

**SATURDAY, March 21, 2026**

- 7:30 AM **Early Bird Meeting** – Rams Room (Note time change)
- 9:00 AM **Assembly Opening** - please be prompt – Twelve Traditions - Salon IV & VI Rooms  
**Purpose & Welcome Past Delegates and new GRs**  
**Host Announcements** - District 20  
**Roll Call** – Judy R., Secretary *(all members please be present)*  
**Approval of Minutes** from November 2025 Assembly **(GRs VOTE)**
- 9:30 AM **Officer's Reports** - 2 min each, unless otherwise noted  
Chair / Secretary / Treasurer / Delegate  
**2026 Financial Report** – Grete M., Alt. Delegate  
**Area Banner** - DRs count how many GRs present and provide to the host committee.  
**Ask-it-Basket** - Past Delegate (TBD)
- 10:00 AM **Old Business:**
- **Thought/Task Force Updates**
    - **Task Force:** Implementation of a Hybrid Assembly – Teri M.
    - **Thought Forces:** Al-Anon Participation in AA Assemblies — Eloy M. \ Kathy C.
    - **Thought Force:** Website – Sue W.
  - **Approval of AMIAS Background Checks Frequency** – Lori O., AAPP **(GRs VOTE)**
  - **Elect GR Connection Co-Chair for 2026 (GRs VOTE)**
  - **Elect WIA Co-Chair for 2026 (GRs VOTE)**
- 10:30AM **Time with our Delegate: -SWRDM & WSC – T MF**
- 11:30 AM **Area Coordinator Reports** - Alateen / Archives / Area Alateen Process Person / Butterfly / Literature & Forum / IT - Media / Records /Spanish / Public Outreach / Website / DIA / WIA / AA/Al-Anon State Convention / Service Center Liaisons.
- 12:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM **Lunchtime Speaker:** Sheila A., Website Coordinator - Salon IV & VI Rooms
- 1:30 PM **Assembly Resumes** – Concepts & Warranties  
**Host Announcements** - District 20

- 1:40 PM **District Representative Reports** - (2 min each)
- 2:00 PM **Financial recap 2025/2026 Budget** - Grete M., Alt. Delegate
- 2:30 PM **Workshop**– Groups at Work – Chesley M. & Debbe P., Past Delegates
- 3:30 PM **New Business** –
- District Bid for Summer Assembly 2026 – Ignacio, CO
  - New Business from the floor to be brought forward for next Assembly
    - Proposed Topic for Area Consideration Form
- 4:00 PM **GRs Speak** - *What's on your Mind?*
- 4:30 PM **Awarding of the Banner** – District 20
- Invitation to Summer Assembly** - District Host TBD
- 5:00 PM **Assembly Adjourns**
- 7:00 PM **AA & AI-Anon Speaker Meeting** (AI-Anon Speaker – Eloy M., Past Delegate)  
**Ice Cream Social (hosted by AA Area 10)**

### SUNDAY, March 22, 2026

- 7:30 AM **Early Bird Meeting** - Rams Room (Note time change)
- 9:00 AM **Assembly Opening:** - Salon IV & VI Rooms  
**Ask-it-BasketQuestions Answered** – Past Delegates  
**7th Tradition Report** – Janice Z., Treasurer
- 9:20 AM **Breakouts** -
- District Representatives – Rams Room (w/Alt Delegate, Grete M.)
  - Coordinators – Green & Gold Room (w/Delegate, TMF)
  - Group Representatives - Salon IV & VI Rooms (w/Area Chair, Linda C.)
- 10:45 AM **Assembly Closing**

#### ASSEMBLY DATES:

**Summer Assembly – July 24-26, 2026**  
 Sky Ute Casino Resort  
 14324 CO 172  
 Ignacio, CO 81137  
**Host: TBD**

**Winter Assembly – Nov. 6-8, 2026**  
 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel DTC  
 7801 East Orchard Road,  
 Greenwood Village, CO 80111  
 Host: District 14 and District 13

#### EVENT DATES:

**Day In AI-Anon, 4/11/2026, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
 St. Phillip Lutheran Church  
 7531 S Kendall Blvd  
 Littleton, 80128

**Colorado State Convention – August 21-23, 2026**  
 The Antlers Hotel  
 4 S. Cascade Ave.  
 Colorado Springs, CO 8090

# Colorado Events

## DAY IN AL-ANON Hello Colorado Area,

I've had a few people reach out to ask for the location for DIA 2026, all mentioning that it's not on the flyer. You can find that information by going to the registration page via the link and/or QR code on the flyer. Feel free to tell your friends!

Also, if you're contacted by members of your group(s) who are reporting that they're unable to get the [bit.ly](http://bit.ly) page to load on their mobile device(s) please ask them to turn off the Wi-Fi on that device and try reloading the page with the Wi-Fi off. (I know it's weird, but it is what it is). This appears to only affect Apple users, and I would love to be able to explain it better but that's well outside of my wheelhouse.

If anything else comes up or you have any other questions, please feel free to email me.

Honey Collier, Day in Al-Anon  
[DIA@al-anon-co.org](mailto:DIA@al-anon-co.org)



## DISTRICT 14 Presents: Al-Anon's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**District 14 presents a local celebration for  
Al-Anon's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Windsor Gardens Community Center  
595 S. Clinton St. Denver, CO 80247**

**\*Speakers, Slogans Bingo, 1950s Attire Encouraged, Bake Sale\***

**Food, fun and lots of history and recovery!**

**Suggested \$10 donation**

**Direct questions to [DR14@al-anon-co.org](mailto:DR14@al-anon-co.org)**



## Denver Noon Group (AFG)

### Now Meeting Three Days Weekly

- **NEW:** Monday – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (In-Person)
- Thursday – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (In-Person)  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
1820 Broadway, Denver, CO  
Family Center – Room 114 (Basement Level)
- Wednesday – 12:00 PM (Online)  
Denver Noon Online AFG  
Meeting ID: 821 605 6811  
Password: AFG1954

If Monday falls on a federal holiday, the meeting will be held Tuesday at 12:00 PM at the same location.

The Denver Noon Group has added a new in-person Monday meeting at 12:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway, Denver (Family Center Room 114, basement level). The group also continues to meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM in person and Wednesdays at 12:00 PM online. If Monday falls on a federal holiday, the meeting will be held Tuesday at the same time and location.

## ALATEEN MEETINGS IN THE COLORADO AREA

TO FIND A MEETING IN COLORADO: [ALATEEN MEETINGS](#)

For a printable list of Alateen Meetings: [Alateen Printable Listing](#)

For information on Alateen the App for your Mobile Phone: [Download the Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App to attend electronic Alateen meetings. Click here for step-by-step instructions](#)

### **Alateen members learn:**

- Compulsive drinking is a disease.
- They can detach themselves emotionally from the drinker's problems while continuing to love the person.
- They are not the cause of anyone else's drinking or behavior.
- They cannot change or control anyone but themselves.
- They have spiritual and intellectual resources with which to develop their own potentials, no matter what happens at home.
- They can build satisfying and rewarding life experiences for themselves.



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

### THE WSO



*2028 International Convention-- And the Host City Is .*

*The "City of Lakes," Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, will host the 2028 Al-Anon Family Groups International Convention at the Minneapolis Convention Center from July 20-23, 2028. We, along with the host Areas Minnesota North and Minnesota South, are excited to invite you to this celebration!*

*You may want to order Literature at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org) or contact our literature distribution centers: **Denver Area Service Center: [denverasc.org](http://denverasc.org) or Pikes Peak Service Center in Colorado Springs: (719) 632-0063***

[Link to Online Service Manual 2026-2029](#)

Members,

Happy New Year!

Printed copies of the **2025 World Service Conference Summary** will be available for sale January 16.

We will post the **2026-2029 Service Manual** to the website this month and will provide an update here when we do so. The print version will be in house in April.

## Reflections from the WSO Archivist on 75 Years of Al-Anon History

As Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. prepares to commemorate 75 years of help and hope in 2026, I reflect on the fellowship's long, remarkable journey and the role of the [World Service Office \(WSO\) Archives](#) in preserving its story.

The Archives began in New York City as a modest effort to safeguard early correspondence, meeting minutes, and literature. What started in a few filing cabinets has grown into a rich historical collection documenting Al-Anon's evolution from its founding in 1951 to its global presence today. These records capture the voices of pioneers, the growth of groups, the publication of recovery literature, and the development of Alateen in 1957—each milestone reflecting courage and unity.

Over time, the Archives have transformed from paper files to a digital repository, making photographs, audio recordings, newsletters, and personal stories accessible worldwide. This work ensures that members, researchers, and the public can connect with the fellowship's legacy through exhibits, publications, and curated resources.

Serving as Archivist has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my service journey. Each letter and photograph tells a story, not just of individuals, but of a collective effort to bring hope to families affected by alcoholism. Handwritten correspondence from early members speaks of isolation and the

longing for understanding, reminding me that even the smallest act of service can ripple outward and change lives. From these stories, I've learned that progress often comes through patience and collaboration. The challenges faced decades ago of limited resources, cultural barriers, and skepticism mirror those we encounter today. Yet, the solutions remain rooted in our principles: unity, humility, and trust in a Higher Power.

Archives are more than records; they are a living testimony that the Al-Anon message transcends borders and languages. They show that no matter where we live, we share common struggles and a common hope. Digitizing these materials brings challenges, but also excitement; technology allows us to connect with our history in new ways and inspire future generations.

If I could share one message with today's members, it would be this: Your service matters. Every experience you share becomes part of a legacy that will encourage someone tomorrow. Preserving our past honors the courage, love, and hope that built this fellowship—and reminds me every day why I serve.

By Jennifer U., Archivist & Conference Specialist

*The Forum, March 2026*

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## **AI use with Conference Approved Literature (CAL)**



World Service Organization (WSO) sent out information regarding a few conversations in Al-Anon Family Groups AFG Connects about how some members are using AI to create study guides with CAL.

Please read WSO's response and avoid uploading any CAL to AI systems. Thank you everyone!!!

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Uploading CAL to an AI platform is a violation of the copyright statement above as it would be "stored in, or introduced into a retrieval system, or transmitted...without prior permission." To the extent a PDF was created from CAL, that reproduction is likely an additional violation of copyright if done without AFG, Inc.'s permission.

Documents uploaded to an AI system may end up on the AI provider's servers, thus making them available to third parties and/or for possible use as part of AI training or educational processes and thereby violating AFG, Inc.'s copyright.

Use of AI is also concerning from the perspective of our spiritual principles. Concept Four reminds us that participation is the key to harmony. This is accomplished through the engagement and connection of individual members, trusted servants, WSO Staff, leaders through the links or service, and our Board of Trustees. While AI may be a useful tool in some instances, it should not take the place of talking to each other and reasoning things out, reaching out to a Sponsor, or requesting and participating in a group conscience to resolve difficulties.

In this particular instance, we note that both Paths to Recovery (B-24) and Paths to Recovery Workbook (P-93) already contain thoughtful questions suitable for exploration in a workshop. Of course, there may be more questions that can be developed for that purpose, and we welcome individuals and groups to come together and engage with the material directly. The human awareness and understanding that comes out of dealing with the effects of living with the disease of alcoholism cannot be artificially created or replicated. In other words, human input and thought is central to accurately communicating the experience, strength, and hope that is contained in – and grows out of – interaction with our unique CAL.

The WSO is currently working to develop a more comprehensive guide regarding AI to be delivered as quickly as possible.

*AFG Connects*

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## Al-Anon Fellowship Corner



### 3As Here Again

Here I am again.

Awareness frequent

Acceptance needed

Action and Prayer

*Anonymous Haiku 2026*

### Butterfly by Cathy S

Defined as a scaled, winged creature,  
with vibrant colors, 18,000 known species  
Conforming to many different environments

Metamorphosis the act of changing.

Growing, evolving

from the immature to the adult

As the butterfly changes

We too can push forth from our cocoon.

No longer in need of its protection

Following steps that lead to serenity.

Evolving slowly, purposefully

Focusing on our own lives

Like the butterfly we grow

At our own pace

In God's time

Our colors become stronger.

We shine through self-worth.

We grow through self-care.

We learn to spread our wings.

No longer confined by our minds

We become who we were meant to be.



## **Website Thought Force Final Report**

Date of Report: March 22, 2026

To: AWSC and Colorado Area Assembly

From: Website Thought Force

Subject: Final Report and Recommended Next Steps

### **Website Thought Force Charge:**

1. Research our current Colorado Area website and determine if it meets our current and immediate future needs.
  - Identify key functions and/or primary purpose of the website and whether these needs are currently being met or need to be addressed.
2. Look at any other areas you believe may be pertinent and relevant to Colorado Area
3. Explore the benefits and/or downsides of the Area website and how it could be optimized for ease of use and navigation for members and newcomers so that it would best serve our Colorado Area.
4. Research what are the management requirements we need to maintain our current or future webpage?
5. Use Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) to determine considerations of what is being asked for.
  - Five Elements of Knowledge Based Decision Making:
    - 1.) Open communication between leadership and membership
    - 2.) Dialogue before deliberation
    - 3.) Common access to full information
    - 4.) Exist in a culture of trust
    - 5.) Confidence in the competency of partners
  - Some examples of questions to consider through KBDM could be:
    - Is there currently a need?
    - Have our members asked for this?
    - Would there be a need to coordinate the task and how would this happen?
6. Prepare recommendations to the AWSC regarding the above information, keeping in mind which would best serve the needs of our members and Area using the Template for Task/Thought Force Final Report.
7. Investigate and include any other issues this Thought Force considers to be relevant, pertinent and in the best interest of Area 5.

### **Overview of Thought Force Work Plan:**

Met on zoom biweekly to weekly and supplemented with email communication

1. Clarified the websites primary purpose
  - a. Reviewed the Colorado Area website history and Web Site Procedures (revised but not adopted on 9/11/23)
  - b. Reviewed the WSO Guidelines (G-40) Al-Anon Service Arm Websites
  - c. Reviewed the Website Coordinator Position Description
2. Viewed other Area Websites for comparison
3. Utilized AFG Connects Website Coordinator resource for suggestions and tips including the creation and use of a website committee
4. Reviewed previous website thought force findings (2021)
5. Surveyed membership for feedback and analyzed data on website needs and wants

### **Summary of Thought Force Findings:**

- The purpose of our website is to support Al-Anon’s primary purpose of providing help and hope to friends and families of problem drinkers:
  - Public Outreach (newcomers and professionals resource)
  - Member resources (Events/Calendar, newsletter, service arm links, literature, meetings, donations etc)
  - Colorado Area Resources and Communication tool (Assembly Documents, GR Resources, Skits and Workshops)
- Area Website Comparison:
  - Our website is comparable to those we found most useful
  - Navigation and organization has room for improvement
  - Many Areas similar in size to the Colorado Area had AWSC/Assembly Archives available through their website
  - Most Area websites had a stronger Alateen presence
  - Most Area websites have more prominent contribution information
  - Several Area websites have dedicated pages for Al-Anon service opportunities
  - District Meeting information was included in some event calendars
- AFG Connects informed:
  - Areas created website committees to support the Website Coordinator
  - Tips and guidance toward simplifying design and navigation
- 2021 Thought force survey results
  - Top Website Need from July 2021
    - Finding a Meeting was #1
    - Finding Help was #2
    - Finding Event/General Info. #3
    - 63% found what they needed
    - 29% had a good experience
    - 29% found our website hard to use
    - Missed opportunity with No Spanish survey
- 2026 Website Thought force Survey Analytics
  - The majority of responses (61%) indicates no need to overhaul the website
  - Improving Navigation and links were most requested improvements
  - Information posted needs to be reviewed, updated, and/or deleted (13%)
  - Current users are looking for:
    - Calendar and Events (61.8%)
    - Assembly information (54.4%)
    - Meeting Information (47.1%)
    - General Information (36.8)
    - Past Assembly information/Area Maps and Documents (27.9%)
    - Literature (23.5%)
    - Area Contact Information/Newsletter (20.6%)

### **Website Thought Force Recommendations:**

Based on the research of other websites and the 2026 survey results, an overhaul of the website is not indicated at this time. There may be a need in the future to upgrade from our current economy web hosting plan. We recommend the following:

**Recommendation #1:** To form a committee to aid in work and direction to the current website coordinator (A Website Advisory Committee) since it is not necessary or desirable to overhaul the website at this time. This website advisory committee would be used to review the following:

- Newcomers/Alateen/Members
  - Ease of Navigation/Search Bar

- Increase Welcoming Alateen Presence on website
- Members in service to their groups IE:
  - Continue to add to GR Connections
  - Continue Newsletter page for GRs and Members
- Members in service to the Area
  - Assembly documents
  - Archive needs
- Depending upon the scope of the work of the website advisory committee, upgrading to a new website hosting plan may be necessary. Current web hosting plan is economy - Web Hosting Economy \$5.99/mo (25GB), Web Hosting Deluxe \$7.99/mo (50GB), Web Hosting Ultimate \$12.99/mo (75 GB)
- To determine the direction of the website as we try to meet our current and immediate future needs, .

**Recommendation #2:** To create a Thought Force for Electronic Archives since a majority of Area websites that we reviewed had access to extensive Area history and archived materials; including assembly motions, thought and task forces, presentations, workshops, minutes etc.

**Action to be Taken:** The Task Force asks the AWSC to adopt the 2 recommendations, and the Assembly for confirmation vote on our recommendations, which do not require funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

**List of the Task/Thought force members:**

- Marcia M.
- Marcia S.
- Sheila A.
- Sue W. (chair)