

NEWS & VIEWS - November 2009

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The Attitude of Gratitude was held in Helena on Saturday, November 21. We had a wonderful time with meetings, a report from our Delegate, Pennie K., AA and Al-Anon speakers, a count down of years in Al-Anon, and a wonderful time of fellowship was had by all. If you missed it, the next one will be next year in Helena on the Saturday before Thanksgiving so keep the date open!

AL-ANON BILLBOARD IN MONTANA

The Al-Anon Billboard in Helena went up on North Montana on November 27 until after Christmas. It has our local phone number on it, the 888 number and the Al-Anon website address: www.al-anon.alateen.org. District 11 is so excited about this!

There are still some service openings in our District, however, more of our groups have active GR's which is great.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Yours in Service,
Connie W,
DR for District 11

CBS TELEVISION NETWORK STARTS PRODUCTION IN TORONTO ON LOIS W.'S STORY - "WHEN LOVE IS NOT ENOUGH: THE LOIS WILSON STORY" (Hallmark Hall of Fame!)

This drama, based on the Biography by William G. Borchert, is about the trials and ultimate triumph of Lois W., the co-founder of Al-Anon, whose alcoholic husband co-founded AA.

After devoting 17 years to healing her sick husband, Bill W., Lois felt isolated and resentful that he was sober without her help. Lois eventually discovered that she was not alone. She slowly engaged the wives of the men in Bill's program and came to realize that while Bill was addicted to alcohol, she was addicted to him - and that the family and friends of alcoholics are, in some ways, as sick as their loved ones. Lois gained the necessary understanding needed to repair her fractured relationship and to help millions of others do the same, and became the co-founder Al-Anon in 1951.

The director; William G. Borchert ("My Name Is Bill W") and Camille Thomasson ("The Magic of Ordinary Days") wrote the script based on the book of the same name by Borchert.

We'll watch for it and keep you posted on the premier date.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL GROUP DONATIONS* TO AL-ANON

When your regular group business meetings are held and the group votes on what to do with your funds, here's a gentle reminder to remember to support Al-Anon at three different levels: 1) your local District, 2) Montana Area, and 3) the Al-Anon World Service Organization. Ask your District Representative (DR) for the contact information for your District Treasurer so you can mail your donation or present your gift donation at a District meeting.

Your checks for Area donations should be made out to Montana Allied AFG and sent to current Area Treasurer, Betty D., whose mailing address is in the pdf version of your Area directory, or in a recent hard copy of the News & Views. (If you are a new officer, DR or GR and need a current directory, email newsnviewsmt@yahoo.com and we'll send you a PDF of the most current directory. WSO donations should be

sent to: Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617. (www.al-anon.org) Thank you so much for remembering to support Al-Anon at all three levels!

*Please also remember to put your group number in the memo area on your checks so Al-Anon will know for sure which group donated - some groups may have the same name.

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