

District 3 AWSC Report – March 2026

Greetings from D3!!

Here in Nevada where I live, last week we went from 68 degrees, sunny, and dry on Monday, 2/16, to 23 degrees and 9 inches of snow on Friday, 2/20!!! The sparkling snow is beautiful to look at!

I've been getting into my new service position as much as I can when I'm not being the best daughter to my elderly mom, elderly is difficult to say about her, chasing my oldest grandson around to his senior wrestling competitions, and still working full time. God gives all that I need to do it all.

We've had a couple challenges come up in District 3. A group requested to change their name through WSO, and it was denied/not supported. That's been a learning experience, and the traditions play into their decision. Using a personal name, such as "Lois", as part of a group name could be confusing for a newcomer because they might see the group as belonging to or managed by one person (Tradition 4). In addition, Lois was the co-founder of the Al-Anon Clearinghouse, WSO, not Al-Anon. Al-Anon Family Groups was started by a group of anonymous members affected by the disease of alcoholism (Tradition 3 & 5). Lois did not want to be recognized as a celebrity nor elevated in importance above any other member (Tradition 4 & 12).

WSO replied to our Group Records coordinator with a well thought out response, and the request was sent back to the group for further consideration, with review of pp. 85-86 in *Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies* and pp. 28-29 in "Groups at Work" section of the new service manual suggested for more details as the group continues their discussion. I hope the group uses the AFG "Conflict Resolution" CAL available to find a solution.

Speaking of conflict resolution, I'll be using that CAL to work through whether it's appropriate for the district to assist with some of my expenses associated with attending the RDM. I asked for consideration at our last district meeting, and I've since heard rumblings regarding the appropriateness.

To end on some happy notes, we'll be working on a meeting format for the Friday night session at Spring Assembly, and I reserved the Calkin's Nature Center near Iowa Falls for our annual D3 Serenity Day on Saturday, July 11, 2026. We're having an Al-Anon 75th Birthday Party! So, save the date!

In gracious service,

Jody H, D3 DR