

Area 42 Fall Assembly

Friday, September 9, 2016

Open: 6:00

Phil; opened, Bryce; serenity prayer, Matt; Unity statement, Anne; Anonymity statement
Phil; opening announcements / introductions (A. A. Comes of Age pages 275-276)

Delegate; Mike: Trustee at Large nomination for Area 42, Bid for forum to come to Area 42 for 2020

Secretary; Paul: Minutes from April approved unanimously

Area Treasurer; Tinna: Our treasury is in good shape as evidenced by the report included in your assembly packet. Our taxes were filed on time, and we are registered with the Secretary of State of NV. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to serve for the last year and a half as your treasurer. I look forward to serving you as finance committee chair. I plan to propose some financial guideline changes in the next couple years that will support our future servants in performing the duties of Treasurer. Thank you all for your willingness to serve, your example, and support. Tinna O. Area 42 Treasurer

Presentations:

Roberta L; Concept 4 (right of participation), (page 19 of the Service Manual last 2 paragraphs)

Ruth J; Voting 3rd legacy procedure, (Service Manual chapter on Delegate leadership), 3 types of voting formal 2/3rds or more (substantial unanimity), non-formal simple majority, sense of the room. Concept 5 (right of Appeal / minority opinion)

Julian R; Concept 12 (6 Warranties) spiritual principles, Bill W. referred to the 12 Concepts as the why of our service structure.

Break: 7:15 - Resume: 7:30

GSR Orientation; Pete L; Discussed General Service and the General Service Conference structure and the role of the GSR. Outlined Area 42 election process. **Lisa T;** Discussed responsibility of the GSR and following the 36 principles of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.

Area Committee meeting; Reviewed budget. Delegate; Mike, Please tailor your talk to the new person at the Assembly. Be nice to each other. Be thorough in your communication.

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Open: 8:05

Phil; Opened, Jay, serenity prayer, Julie, Unity statement, Karie, Anonymity statement, Tinna, announcements, Phil, service manual chapter 6

Delegate; Mike, Purpose of why we are here "communication". How will this affect the groups? 12 step work, our primary purpose. Vote for those who seem to have the most potential. We all learn as we go. **Trustee at Large:** Election in April 2017 Suggested 10 years of sobriety, Serves the conference, 3 quality meetings, world service meeting every two years and international travel. **Finance:** Contributions are better than budgeted, at about \$3.4 million for the first six months of 2016, which is about \$250,000 better than budgeted and about \$233,000 better than the same period last year. The Big Book is currently available in 70 languages, including the original English, and there are 15 translations pending, including Navajo, Haitian Creole, Lao, and Thai. General Service Office will be making a price reduction on the 75th Anniversary Commemorative edition Big Book in order to move the current inventory. Net literature sales for the first six months of 2016 were about \$6.8 million, which is about \$345,000 better than budgeted and about \$341,000 better than the same period last year. Overall revenues (literature profit plus contributions) for the first six months of 2016 were almost \$8 million. That's about \$594,000 (8 %) better than budget and about \$544,000 (7.3%) better than the same period last year. Net profits are up about \$360K for first six months. This does not include the 714 campaign **Grapevine:** Subscriptions are up! Total Grapevine circulation for the first six months of 2016 averaged about 78,000, which is about 2500 over budget and about 300 over the same period last year. The total includes print subscriptions, Grapevine online, and the Grapevine subscription app, and it's the online and app sales that have put us ahead over last year. Total La Viña circulation for the period averaged about 10,400, which is about 250 better than budgeted and about 100 better than the same period last year.

Elections and Reports: see below for complete election results

Break: 10:00 - Resume: 10:15

DCM Reports:

District 1; Claudia, Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 1. Our business meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month. First, we would also like to thank everyone who helped to make our 4th step workshop at the GVG a big success. The feedback was very positive. Next, we are planning our District One picnic which will take place on October 8 from 11 to 4 at Broadbent Park in Boulder City. We will have a guest speaker at 2:00pm, a face painter for the kids, hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share and a chair. We will also be holding a Workshop at the beginning of November on Sweet Amends and there will be more information to come. For those who heard about the fire at the Lost and Found in Boulder City, the city helped us find a new location at the Safenest Building behind the courthouse. Meetings will be held at the same times as usual, just at the new location. In terms of the hotline, our District will continue to handle calls on the first Monday of each month from 8:00pm until 8:00am. As the outgoing DCM from this district at my last Assembly in this position, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

District 2; Mary, Summer attendance has been steady at District 2. Our meeting time changed to 6:30pm, still the 2nd Thursday of the month, upstairs at the Reno Triangle Club. Roberta was our special guest in June for Accessibilities and Joyce in July for electing with third legacy, thank you both! We held elections, August 8, 2016 at 6:30pm for the District Officers. Tom M is the new DCM, Joel is the alt DCM, Jim is Secretary and Steve will continue

as district Treasurer. With generous support from our groups, all GSRs and/or Alternate GSRs may attend the Area Assembly in Tonopah this September with district financial assistance. This fall's schedule: a Bridging the Gap presentation in September, PI in October and GSR trainer in November. We look forward to supporting fourth quarter Northern Area special events. Guideline committee members are putting finishing touches on the District Guidelines for group consideration

District 3; Jerry, I will be rotating out at the end of the year and it has been informative sometimes and a pleasure to service in General Service again. We will be electing a new DCM at our business meeting here in Tonopah this weekend. Although for the most part we only have 4 active groups in General Service District 3 remains financial solvent thanks in whole to group participation and contributions. In attendance at this assembly is Steve McK Graduates Group, Dave M, Mesquite AA Group, Lisa S, Weekend Warriors and Rabeca F How it Works Group. Our Service Festival held in Mesquite in May was well supported by Area 42 officers and chairs and well attended by AA members. Great food, information and fellowship. During the AA meeting before the event a fellow was attending his first AA meeting reminding us why we're here. District 3 is supplying the donuts for our November SAGSC meeting or as Jonelle puts it we're hosting. Much Love, Jerry B

District 4; Wayne, Hi, I'm Wayne and I am the alcoholic DCM for District 4. I am pleased to announce that I now have an alternate DCM. Sonny will be stepping into that role for the final portion of the term. We held district elections for the upcoming two year cycle last month. I am delighted that we have filled all the major offices for the next cycle. I would like to thank everyone that stepped up to fill these positions. I would especially like to thank Sonny, who will be taking over for me as the new DCM at the end of the year. We have started reading a concept at every district meeting, followed by a discussion on it as time allows. Last week we had Roberta come and give us her presentation on accessibility. Next month we will be having Patrick give his presentation on Bridging the Gap. Thank you for listening. Wayne H. DCM District 4

District 5B; Bryce, MY NAME IS BRYCE AND I'M AN ALCOHOLIC. This is my report for Aug/Sept 2016. In June we had a pre-history of Alcoholics Anonymous workshop that was a huge success. It was attended by over 60 people in spite of the fact that there were numerous other events that were going on at the same time. We have our annual picnic set to go on the 2nd Sunday of October; flyers are available. We are also doing another joint workshop with districts 3,7 and 9. The theme is "Why AA works". Our panelists will touch on steps 10 and 11; traditions 5,6 and 10 and Concepts 3,4 and 5. The purpose of this workshop is to give some exposure to how AA works from a broad view. It will take place on the 5th of Nov at the Serenity Club. Complete information should be out on our websites in a couple of weeks. We're still finalizing some details. So this is my final assembly as the DCM of District 5B. I want to express my gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve the Area in this capacity. Our district has been blessed with some awesome people who have been willing to step up to the plate and jump in and participate. It's been a real privilege to be the facilitator of this fantastic group of GSR's and officers. Going forward I feel confident that the next crew will continue the tradition of excellence. Again, thanks. Bryce B, DCM district 5B

District 6; John, District 6 has held all of its' election last meeting. These individuals will begin there service positions in January. Every position was filled except for one committee chair. Mile L. Will be our new DCM and Drew H. will be the Alt DCM. The District has been gathering some new GSR's and having some groups participate that have been off the radar for a while. Our District is hosting the NNIG Speaker meeting in October, so please come support Intergroup on the 15th of October 7:00 pm at the Silver Legacy. District 6 will also be hosting a traditions panel workshop in October with past Delegates features as the presenters, more details on the way ...but for sure it will be in Carson City and include food! I am excited to be attending the upcoming forum and seeing what new service adventures come down the road of happy destiny. Thank for the opportunity to serve! John DCM District 6

District 7; Bud, Hello everyone my name is Bud and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as your District 7 DCM. What an honor and privilege it is to serve you in this position. I am now in the last few months of my term and it has been great to be able to serve at this capacity. This year has been amazing as we have had great participation within our District. We consistently have 20 to 25 GSR's and Alt's at our monthly business meetings. As I have said before it is refreshing to have this much enthusiasm and participation within our District. Thanks to everyone in District 7 on making my job easier. We had our 2nd event of the year in June and it was a great success. It was titled "Snow White and the 7 Character Defects." We had over 120 in attendance and what a great way to give back to the District. Thanks to all who attended Our 3rd event was on August 21st "The 31st Annual District 7 Mt. Charleston Picnic." Went off without a hitch mostly, had us scratching our heads at times and questioning ourselves as well. Amazing that trusting in God and his plan for us always seems to work better than our plans. The smoking ban was lifted the food was great and the music by Brad and his band "Coinslot" was fantastic. The kids had fun playing games and winning prizes as well as our 50/50 raffle which over \$375 was donated to central office. Nice to be able to give back!! Parking was thought to be an issue but worked itself out. Imagine that. Again thanks to the hard work of our picnic committee, fun was had by all, under the direction of Sherrie W. Our final service event of the year we have decided to have a multi District event with District 5B on Nov 5th at the Serenity Club from 11-2pm. The details and flyers will be out soon, of course there will be food. As our year comes to a close I am very grateful that you have allowed me to serve you as the DCM for District 7 and will continue my work in General Service as long as that is what Gods plan is for me. I love coming to Tonopah for our Assembly's and getting to know our friends in the North. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of Area 42 in any capacity. Have a great Weekend.

District 8; Scott, Hi Everyone, It is great to see you all in Tonopah again for this fall assembly. It was a long hot summer and fall is on the way. For the past two years it has been my privilege to serve as the DCM for District 8. Our district is located in Eastern California. It runs south to north about 100 miles between Lone Pine and the Nevada border. The main population centers are Bishop and Mammoth Lakes and there are currently 10 registered groups. The newest group in the district is in Benton California and they celebrated their 6th anniversary this past August. The oldest group is the Bishop group that has been holding meetings at the same location for over 60 years. I would like to fill you in on some events that have taken place in our district since we last met as a body in the spring. District 8 held its 4th annual Chili-Cook off in June and that event was very well attended. Mike M. traveled from Las Vegas to deliver his Delegate's report and Joyce Y. traveled from Reno to give a General Service 101 presentation. We also had the District archive binders on display. Thanks to Pat S. for providing copies of those and to all of the district members who helped make that event possible. The 40th annual Mammoth Lakes campout took place last weekend in Mammoth Lakes and was very well attended. This was a multi-day event with plenty of food and activities. A high-light for me was the Saturday night pot-luck/campfire/speaker meeting. As usual the food and fellowship was great and the speaker was very good. This is an annual event held every August and all are welcome. At our last district business meeting in July, we conducted the second reading and voting on our district guideline revisions. All of the proposed revisions were accepted by a majority of the voting members present. This guideline revision process started at the second business meeting of this rotation and took about 18 months to complete. Thanks

to the district 8 committee that worked on that task. This is the final report I will make to this body as DCM for District 8. Thanks so much for giving me this opportunity to be of service. Scott B District 8 DCM

District 9; John, Hi everybody, my name is John F and I'm the DCM for District nine. The current balance in the treasury is \$1884.18. The step 12 step study meeting was canceled in June because of lack of attendance. We are going to try to finish up the step studies sometime this year. I want to thank the GSR for district 9 for all their support. We are going to hold elections to like the new DCM for the next two years. Yours in service, John

District 10A; report sent in by Dennis, I sent out your request but it fell on deaf ears. Actually on no ears. I saw Ronnie from Battle Mountain today and he is going to hand carry the Archives book back to the assembly for me. As of now we will only have two GSRs attending and Ronnie being one of them is going to leave for Fallon area and we lost another GSR to a move as well. That leaves the district with me the treasurer and one GSR. We are a little dark here but not blacked out yet. Our elections are in November and I really hope someone steps up and takes these much needed positions. Thanks, Dennis W

District 10B; no report

District 11; no report

District 12; Ed, Hi Everyone, My name is Ed and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 12. Sadly this is my last report as I will be stepping down from area for a while to focus on other AA commitments. District 12 has flourished over the last four years first with Roberta as our DCM and now the Special Abilities Chair and with all of the participation from the members of our district. We encompass a huge area as we adopted district 18 about 8 years ago. Roberta brought us up to date with a set of guidelines that will help those whom come after and keep the traditions and concepts alive and well. Before I forget I have copies of our guidelines with me for any district who would like to use the as a template. The excellent participation from all of our area chairs has given the members in our district a better understanding of the types of service work available in AA. We have a recovery center in Fallon called New Frontiers they attend meetings during the week and some of our GSR's Monica S, Nick M and Randall L bring a meeting in every week as well. They also attend our Monthly Birthday Speaker meeting. By sharing the types of service work available in AA many chose to stay in the Fallon area after treatment because it is a safe place with a lot of support. The Oasis Festival every October needs a ton of volunteers and many of the new comers find a service work on one or two of the committees and the day of the festival. This in turn equates to wanting more service work and we all no service equals sobriety. This is the core reason for our work at the district level isn't it? At our last business meeting we elected all of our new officers Welcome Virginia our new DCM Kate our new Alt DCM Mike our new Secretary Ruth our new Treasure and Nick as our Birthday Speaker Coordinator and a host of new GRS' attending now so that they are prepared to take over in January. In the eight years that I have been a part of District 12 we have grown in leaps and bounds. I remember John the Silver Springs GSR and I going through 7 years of financial receipts given to him in 4 paper sacks when he was the newly elected treasurer. From that time on everyone associated with our district has work diligently to bring us to where we are today a force to be reckoned with. In closing we as a district would like to thank Michael for the tremendous job as our delegate. You brought incite and humor into your reports and the daily updates and pictures you sent from New York meant a great deal to every one of us in Area 42. Phil, Carol, Laura, Paul and many others you have become friends and some like family to us all. Thank You for your dedication and service. If I didn't mention you by name you are still in our hearts. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

District 13; Dick Alt. DCM gave report for Alison, District 13 is doing well, Tammy T was recently elected to serve as our Accessibilities Rep in August. We are still looking for a Treasurer and have a few other positions open at the district level. We are still hosting the monthly speaker meeting that is held on the second Tuesday of each month @ 6:30p in the big room of The Triangle Club. Our last workshop, which was based around Tradition 11 and anonymity, was very informative and well received. We only got off topic a couple times. ☺ Our last and final event of the year will be a safety workshop on November 5th from 2p-330p. Rhonda will be sharing her safety presentation with us and will also have the archives table setup. We will be having our district elections in November and we would like to thank Glenn, our past DCM, in advance for helping us facilitate the election meeting. Thank you for allowing me to be of service the past 2 years it has been very rewarding and I am forever grateful. Respectfully submitted on behalf of Alison, Dick W. District 13 Alt. DCM

District 14; Anne, All is well we have all of our district chairs. We only have one group that does not have a GSR. The Jamboree was August 10th it was very well attended. We had a desert raffle that made quite a bit of money. We were able to cover all of our expenses and still have a little money left over for distributions. The Incline Village group is doing an inventory. So far there are quite a few people interested. We shall see how it turns out.

District 15; David Alt. DCM gave report for Randy, Hi I'm Dave K and I'm an alcoholic I am the Alternate DCM for District 15 and I am giving the report because our DCM couldn't make it due to automotive difficulties. On June 18th we had a "History of A. A." workshop in conjunction with District 5Band our Archivist at the T.I.E. club in Las Vegas which we believe was a great event. It was a review of the Washingtonians and the Oxford Group and the efforts leading to the A.A. we know today. We would like to thank all those involved, once again, because the result was informative and outstanding. For the future, we will have a Grapevine writing workshop in conjunction with our Grapevine chair, Jake S. which he has promised will be amazing and carnival-like. So plan to attend September 24th from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM at the T.I.E. club. There are flyers on the tables in the front and back. As well, we have been approved for the H & I workshop for October which will be on October 22nd between 1:30 and 4:00 PM at the T.I.E. club. We hope you will all be there. Finally, we will be sponsoring the Christmas and New Year's Alcotons again this year and will have sign-up sheets available sometime after Thanksgiving. It provides a place for those to go during the holidays to get some hot coffee and fellowship. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

District 16; Cathy, Hello, I am Cathy grateful alcoholic, presently serving as District Committee Member of District 16. Now that my term is almost over, and I'm starting to understand the commitment I have taken and now it is time to rotate out. On April 19 we were privileged to have the Northern Area Archivist Pat S. to attend our meeting. He showed and explained to our District exactly how important it is to send a copy of all paperwork to the archives. We as a District did have some problems a couple of years ago by not being able to find any records and there was not a full copy of the guidelines. To ensure that this will not happen again, we as a district made sure several copies were made and sent to Northern Area, Area 42, and appointed a District 16 Archivist Ryan K. GSR for Caring and Sharing. On May 16 at our District meeting Pete L. the Northern Area GSR Trainer attended our meeting. We were privileged to have Pete take over 30 minutes to make sure everyone's questions were answered. I usually give all of our guests 10 minutes to speak. This man was full of information and I know if I let him he could have taken up the whole hour. Thank you Pete for all of

your time and knowledge concerning AA service, I would have you back any time. At our July meeting I had asked Paul E. Area 42's Recording Sec. and my service sponsor to explain the voting procedures at Area Assembly, since this Assembly is a voting Assembly, and also to explain what each of the four Area 42's Assemblies are for during a two-year term. This is one of the things I had the most questions about being new in service. A lot of questions were asked and answered and I feel District 16 is ready for this election. On July 19 I was asked if Pat B. could address our District meeting. He is now on the NNIG Committee "Bridging The Gap". He explained to us how "Bridging The Gap" works. By the time he was finished just about everyone at the meeting signed up to help this cause and to be available to take someone to their first AA meeting. On August 13 we as a District hosted the NNIG speaker meeting at the Silver Legacy. Sue our committee chair did a spectacular job. I hate to sound sorry again, because I'm not, but I won one of the raffle prizes again. The truly special thing about this day was our speaker. A woman I look up to, the NAGCS chair, the Alternate Delegate of Area 42, our own Carol B. and if you haven't heard her story yet, you need to. I found it very touching; I teared up a little and laughed a lot. At our August meeting we concentrated on business, getting ready for Area Assembly, and discuss District Elections. Nominations will be this October. November we will vote in the people for the new term. One more thing, I hope I haven't left anything out but December 10, 2016 will be the "30th Annual Christmas Affair" we as a District have moved this so it does not interfere with the NAGCS meeting so that all of you may attend a great day of fun food and fellowship. Please come join us As a District we have worked together to have a full new set of guidelines and have already had one guideline change approved. We have made sure records are in place to make the next DCM's job a little easier. Our attendance at District meetings has gone up. I hope that the next District Committee member and all of the incoming GSR's find what I have found. Thanks to serving in General Service I feel that my sobriety is a lot stronger, and I thank all of you for allowing me to serve as District 16 DCM. Thank you!

District 17; James, I'm very grateful for the opportunity of being in service. We are doing well. The District is growing we are getting more and more GSRs coming to District meetings. The Dist. 17 is putting on a speaker meeting and campout Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd. I have enjoyed watching Dist. 17 coming together and making all this happen. Dist. 17 is doing well and growing. Thank you for my service opportunity.

District 21; Gabriel, I am the out going DCM Gabriel for District 21, we have 17 groups in Southern Nevada, 2 new groups just opened up one named fe y Esperanza and one is Nervana. August 6th we had our own forum and the Delegate came and gave his report. July 16th the elections were done for the District and Jose became the new DCM and the 3rd legacy was used and he was taken out of the hat, Jose B. secretary, Mary C. Treasurer, Martin will be in charge of the forum, Alejandra M. Public Information, Sipreano Archives. We go out of our way to make sure every position is filled. June 16th we had a Public Information workshop and we would like to thank the English speaking members who came and had it translated to them from Spanish. This is my last Assembly as DCM I would like to give everyone thanks for letting me be a part of this and helping me out the past two years

District 20; Larry, This is my last assembly as DCM for District 20. I must make my first priority an amends to the translators and to the Spanish Districts. I believe that this service is vital to establish and maintain the unity in the fellowship which is so essential to our survival. In that interest I set myself a two-week deadline for sending off the completed report to the Area 42 Secretary. However, I don't believe I have ever met that deadline, even though the Secretary never fails to remind me. I would like to say that there were pressing family matters, or some urgent crisis. That may have been true once or even twice but in all honesty my own self-centered, selfish focus is the true cause and for that I am responsible. My lax behavior has made the jobs of the translators more difficult, may have compromised the message delivered, and further caused the Area Secretary unnecessary aggravation and stress. This is my apology, the form of the amends will come after consultation with my service sponsor and other AA members. Suggestions are welcome. Now the District: The Sierra Cascade Campout was revived, broadly supported and a success. There appears to me to be a renewed interest in service and a recognition of its' importance to our general well-being. We quickly acted to hold elections for district position in time for the assembly and to revise our guidelines accordingly. We have a new DCM, Heidi R.; and Alternate, Jay S. A special thanks to Lyle C. and Julie C. who have consistently served this district and the fellowship for years and for serving this rotation as H & I Chair and Treasurer respectively. I find this all very exciting. I would like to relate that I assumed the position of DCM believing that I was to come to the assembly, share, discuss, and make a collective informed decision by virtue of a group conscious – in other words conduct AA business spiritually. I leave believing that the process is more important than the decision, that I should listen more than I speak, that what each individual AA member shares is of equal value, that it takes real courage to reveal our true selves to one another, and the sense of security and safety necessary to venture this level of intimacy depends on my ability to extend and project our code of love and tolerance. I leave believing that the quality of our decisions is directly related to the depth of our intimacy; with ourselves, with each other, and with our higher power. What a powerful lesson, what a miraculous process - I am truly grateful for this growth opportunity. It seems in this program that I receive more than I contribute - Thank You for being a part of the gift!

District 22; Henry, Good morning my name is Henry B. and I am an alcoholic. District 22 would like to give gratitude to 24 hours of sobriety. The last week of August elected a new DCM, we are still looking for a new secretary and treasurer. We are continuously working with the jails in Warm Springs and Carson City and we are trying to get into Parr Blvd. We continue to celebrate the anniversaries of the groups. Our last convention our 18th went great. I would like to personally give you thanks for the past two years that they let me serve you guys as the DCM of District 22, thank you.

NAGSC Reports:

NAGSC Secretary; Laura, I want to thank everyone who has helped me in my rotation as Northern Area recording secretary. When I came into this service position, I thought I already knew everything about how to do this commitment as I have been secretary at other service levels. Turns out I had a lot to learn. For one thing, I had thought that I understood and was diligent about AA's tradition of anonymity, but I have found that I was quite lacking in this area, especially as it applies to the internet. Thanks to being able to serve on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee, I have reevaluated my understanding and am now much better at adhering to this tradition. I have also learned to appreciate the importance of translating our written material to assist the linguistic districts. I now am trying to translate everything that I email out to the body, not just the attachments but also the actual wording of the email. I am using a website called "freetranslation.com", which as you can tell is free, but is only adequate in its translation, according to feedback from districts 21 & 22. I think we can do better here and I know this will be discussed at Area level soon. However, in the meantime, I intend to continue translating as much information as I can if for no other reason than to let the linguistics districts know that we are trying! The last thing I want to mention, especially to anyone thinking of standing for a secretary position, is that I really enjoy the love I feel when I am able to communicate on such a personal level with so many members of Area 42. I especially want to thank everyone who answers back from my sometimes tedious, business necessary, emails; even if you emailed back just to say hello! Those were my favorites. So, thank you again to all who helped me to figure this commitment out, I look forward to the last months of this service position and to serving the Area in any way I can in the new rotation.

NAGSC Treasure; Will, Hi my name is Will currently serving as your treasurer. We have a current balance of \$7,443.40 in the checking. Our contributions have been down about 21% right now so if you could let your groups know it would really help out. We have a CD with 1,251.84 PLEASE have your groups send your contributions to: P.O. Box 2507 Dayton, NV. 89403 Any questions contact Will thanks

NAGSC Archivist – Area Alt. Archivist; Pat, I am a retired writer, yet I'm struggling to find words to express my pleasure, my occasional frustration (it comes with the job) and my absolute gratitude to you for allowing me to serve as your Alternate Archivist for the past four years. At the onset I met with volunteers to set some objectives. Most have been met. Archives in the northern half of Area 42 have grown significantly. We've added binders of photos and memorabilia ranging from meeting halls to official records. Although not official archives, it's also been fun to collect A.A. coffee mugs and t-shirts, which I will gladly pass on to our next Archivist. Thank you to the many groups, districts and special events for inviting us to bring to you displays and workshops and to participate in panel discussions. Thank you to all of Area 42 for allowing me to participate in PRAASA, a Forum and other major AA events. I pray I pass on what I learned. I look forward to working with the new Area 42 Archivist as we transition. I am humbled. I am grateful. Happy Trails as we all continue to trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

NAGSC CPC; Cheryl, Here are the activities that CPC (NAGSC CPC and NNIG PI/CPC) have been involved with since Area 42 Assembly report in April 2016.

University of Nevada Medical School, Reno: Joyce Y. (NNIG PI chair) and Cheryl, along with other CPC committee members meet with Dr. D. and 4-5 third year medical students. We provide the students with some appropriate pamphlets and central office meeting schedules and a short presentation on CPC. The students get an assignment from Dr. D. to attend a 12 step meeting and then they report back on their experience in about 6 weeks. We also attend the report backs. We meet with a new rotation of students every 6 weeks. This continues throughout the year. Since the last assembly report, we met on April 11th, April 25th, May 24th, June 6th, July 8th, July 29th, August 17th, and Sept. 9th.

Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno: We are working with some counselors at the Washoe County School District to create a presentation on alcoholism and AA geared for high school students during a health class. Joyce, Tom, and Cheryl met on April 24th, May 30th, June 10th, June 27th (mock presentation), July 1st, July 25th, and August 28th (mock presentation). We plan to meet again and modify per last mock feedback, and then meet with counselors at the school to do a mock presentation with them.

Victim Impact Program: In Douglas County, folks that get a DUI must attend a Victim Impact Panel as part of their requirements. There are four folks on the panel, one of them in recovery from our committee. Joyce, Cheryl, Sue, and Joanne met with Linda, the Victim Impact Panel Coordinator on May 17th. Victim Impact Panels were held on April 21st (Minden), June 14th (Stateline), and August 18th (Minden).

Orientation to AA Presentation: Joyce and several other members have been working on a presentation called Orientation to AA for the past couple years. The purpose of this presentation is to help folks new to AA and court ordered folks to understand AA meetings and the language of AA and how and why we do what we do. There will be 6 standalone presentations. These are NOT AA meetings. These presentations are a service to help folks learn about AA. There will be facilitators of these presentations. They will need to be "trained" to facilitate to provide consistency. The project committee meets weekly on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Biggest Little Fellowship. Mock presentations were done at the Spring Festival in April and at SWACYPAA in June. Joyce, Merl, and Sue will be meeting with Bristlecone Treatment Center on Sept. 7th. At this meeting, it will be determined what day and time presentations will begin in October.

Volunteers Of America Restart Mental Health Division: Joyce and Cheryl met with Sheree' and Jacquelyn, Case Managers at Restart on July 26th. We went to gather information about what their needs were so we could determine if AA would and could fill their needs and if so, what committee would do this. Restart is an 8am to 5pm facility for clients that are chronically homeless and have mental health issues and need assistance. The facility is locked to the public. One must be a client to get in. They would like to have AA info for their rack in the sitting area and for case managers to give out. The pamphlets they would like are: AA schedules; Info on AA; Is AA For Me?; A Newcomer Asks...; AA and Medications; Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs; Problems Other Than Alcohol, Sponsorship; and old AA Grapevines. We agreed to provide 12 of each of these to start. Joyce picked up the literature Aug. 2nd and delivered it to Restart. Joyce and Cheryl attended the NNIG H&I committee on Aug. 25th to see if this service falls under their responsibility rather than PI/CPC. The NNIG H&I committee will be talking with the NNIG steering committee regarding this and will get back with us. In the meantime, NNIG PI/CPC committee will continue to provide them with literature as needed.

District Meetings: Attended the District 12 (Fallon) business meeting on August 13th, and gave an overview of CPC committee work. Great reception. Thank you, District 12!

CPC Committee Meetings: We held committee meetings on April 24th, June 12th, July 10th, and Aug. 28th.

NNIG CPC: Cheryl stood for the chair position of NNIG CPC at the June election business meeting. Cheryl was elected by acclamation. Cheryl wanted to stay with CPC to see some of the current projects in development through to implementation and into maintenance. This will also add continuity as new NAGSC CPC and PI chairs are appointed in Dec. Cheryl also wanted to understand NNIG better and to continue the teamwork between NAGSC and NNIG. Joyce and Cheryl met with the NNIG Steering Committee on August 30th. They explained the CPC/PI committee teamwork and submitted a budget for the next 12 months. Joyce will be writing up a summary of the committee teamwork for them. Awaiting response to budget. It has been a wonderful experience for me this past two years as NAGSC CPC chair. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and to grow my sobriety/recovery. I love General Service. And although I will be serving as NNIG CPC chair for the next year, I will continue the teamwork with NAGSC. Cheryl E. NAGSC CPC Chair

NAGSC Registrar – Area Alt. Registrar; Julie, I left the last assembly feeling frustrated and confused. I felt like the conversation was incomplete; that we had unfinished business. I wasn't able to verbalize my discomfort, just a knowing that people were not heard. What I didn't understand is that was the good news. What has transpired between the two assemblies has been a growing unity between the members of the north and the south. Rather than feel frustrated and helpless a number of us jumped into discussions about what is the best solution for the area, questioning whether we had an informed group conscience and did we rush to completion. I am reminded of many of the truths I have heard from our past trusted servants: nothing is permanent in Alcoholics Anonymous; when we have conflict we must keep talking – don't stop talking and walk away; and always inclusive, never exclusive. Over the past six months I have had the privilege to spend time working with people from both the north and the south to try to rectify what appears to be the exclusion of the standing committee chairs from the area committee. Almost everyone I talked with believes that the chairs are an integral part of the area and should be able to participate on the area committee. I am humbled by how much we love the area and how passionately people want to make sure the people who are doing the most important work of the standing committees be included. It is an honor to be part of Area 42. It's that time of the panel for new GSRs to be listed with our General Service Office. As you have your elections at your districts in the North, please complete the group change forms and send to me. I will review and forward onto Emily. I know that the form says you can mail or email directly to GSO, but sometimes there are misunderstandings (especially when the forms are not complete), so if you send them to me we can review and ask any questions if there is confusion. In the past we have had GSRs not receive any information because GSO didn't know to ask for clarification and mistakes

were made. Please know we are here to help streamline the process of listing new GSRs and DCMs with GSO. As always: DCMs: Please continue to send New Group Forms and Group Change Forms to either Emily or me. You can text a picture of the form if you like. Link to Group change form: English: http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/e_infchan.pdf Spanish: http://www.aa.org/assets/es_ES/s_infchan.pdf GSRs: Please let us know if you don't get your packets. We will contact GSO to see what happened and most importantly to get your packets to you as soon as possible. Thank you especially to Emily C, our Area Registrar who has included me throughout the panel; allowing me to learn and grow. It has been an honor to see new GSRs and visitors come to their first assembly. It is my hope that I was able to help people feel welcome and answer questions. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Alternate Registrar. Julie C.

NAGSC Corrections; Mike, Hello everyone my name is Mike L and I am alcoholic serving as NAGSC Correction Facilities chair. I am very grateful to be here at the Assembly again, my 17th assembly. As corrections chair my goal has been to make myself available to the districts and groups to bring how to bring the AA message of hope to the incarcerated AA member. One thing that has come out this on a personal note that I am very grateful for is that I am corresponding to a AA member in the Nevada Lovelock facility, I don't think he knows how much he is helping me. Every time I have taken a position I learn more about myself and become more grateful to be able to serve. Over the years I have seen the love of AA by our trusted servants who set an example of love and service for me. This coming rotation I have a hard act to follow, having been elected to serve as DCM of district 6, allowing me continue to serve. Thank you again for letting me serve, my contact information can be found on the roster.

NAGSC Treatment; Kathleen gave report for Gary, My name is Gary S, I am your outgoing Northern AREA 42 Treatment Chair. And I am an alcoholic. Hello fellow wanderers. I wish I could be there with you all this weekend, but unexpected family health issues forced me to change my travel planes from joining you all in Tonopah to flying to Minnesota this weekend. First of all, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Northern Area Treatment Chair for the last two years. Most of all thanks to Carol B for having the faith in me to asking me to get into area service and serve as your treatment chair. The last two years have been a huge growing and learning experience. Not to mention all of the wonderful friends I have met from all over the Pacific Region I would never have met had it not been for this opportunity to serve. When I first accepted this service commitment, Carol B wanted to build the unity between those serving as area chairs and their counterparts in NNIG, I am happy to report that during my time as Treatment Chair, I have been able to do just that. Having Known Joel B the NNIG treatment Chair before I accepted this commitment, it was easy to combine and maximize our efforts to serve the northern area. Early on in my time as treatment chair, I also met Matt P. my counter part in the south, we were able to meet several times at both area assemblies and PRAASA, even if the opportunity to work together was limited, We did have an open line for communication with each other. I can only hope that these lines of communication between both Area and NNIG as well as between the North and South continue to strengthen and grow. As my service commitment comes to an end, I have great confidence that the level of service from both the AREA and NNIG chairs in the north will continue to grow. NNIG has a new Treatment Chair, while young, he seems to be very excited and motivated, and he and the outgoing Treatment Chair are working closely to make the transition smooth and efficient. NNIG has also been able to fill its BTG chair that has been vacant for the last two years. The new BTG Chair, Pat B comes to us out of AREA 06 and has past experience in the BTG field. He has hit the ground running and has already made several presentations around the northern area and started to build a network of people interested in supporting his efforts. I know he wanted to be here this weekend, but he is attending the National BTG Conference this weekend. I will also be available to whoever fills the Treatment Chair when my commitment ends to help them transition in. Again, I wish I could have been there with you all this weekend. I wanted to be able to continue my path of service in the Northern Area by standing for any position I could have been of service in. But I will see you all next year at the spring assembly. Until then, GOD SPEED. And thank you for allowing me to be of service. Gary S Northern Area Treatment Chair

NAGSC Grapevine; Debbie, Hello, my name is Debbie, your alcoholic Northern Area Grapevine Chair. First, news from the aagrapevine.org website... Then new Spanish book this year is titled "Un dia a la vez" and a new Grapevine book, just out September 2, is titled "Our Twelve Traditions". You can order them from the aagrapevine.org website, by visiting store. You can now subscribe the Grapevine magazine through an app, download your issue for offline viewing, archive past issue, and more at \$23.99 for a 12 month subscription. The Grapevine 30 pack is good for hospitals and institutions. Packs contain assorted back issues with multiple copies of the same issue in the pack. You can order them at aagrapevine.org for \$54.00 plus shipping. Grow Your Grapevine, this year's promotional contest, is running from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. We, Area 42, have submitted a total of 12 arbor cards. All cards will be entered into a drawing, five winners will receive a selection of Grapevine books and other items. The area with the greatest number of arbor cards will be featured in a magazine section and online during 2017. There are a large number of areas with no participation, while Area 86 is leading with a total of 231 cards. Now, news from your Northern Area Grapevine Chair... We will be playing AA Jeopardy during the banquet on Saturday night. You must qualify to be a contestant. Please see me to take the qualifying test. I am located in the back, by the sodas and snacks. Cut-off time to qualify will be at last break on Saturday. I have been able to set up a few displays and a writing workshop over this past summer. In June, I set-up a small, informational only display for SWACYPA in Reno. July we had a story writing workshop with a full on display, trivia games and Chili Cook-off in Winnemucca, Dist.10b. August I set up displays at the Sierra Cascade Campout, Dist. 20 and at the High Sierra Campout, Dist. 8. We gave out information on writing stories to the Grapevine Magazine, and sold some books that our membership did not know were available through the aagrapevine.org website. In October I will set up a display at the Oasis Festival in Fallon, Dist. 12. In November we will set up a display at the Minden/Gardnerville Gratitude Dinner, Dist. 6. Thank you for this fun filled service position and your trust in me with your Northern Area inventory. Debbie S.

NAGSC P.I.; Lyle, Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Public Information chair for the North. It has been my pleasure to be allowed to participate and be a part of the area. In the north the PI committee informed the districts within California that often the first webpage which pops up is a private web site and is run by a man from Staten Island who has decided to manage a listing of meetings for many states due to personal reasons. Local PI chairs for districts and groups should be made aware of updated him with meetings changes. Making sure that correct meeting information is available on the web is a full time job. After the last assembly there were multiple meetings in both the north and south to address what has been perceived as an exclusion of the standing committee chairs from the area committee. Our feelings ranged from confusion, frustration, anger to hurt. I am grateful to have been involved, and for the unity that the process brought. I certainly didn't feel unified when I left the last assembly. There is more to the exclusion than just not going to the blue room. For example, some people may or may not know that in the past when our area had conference calls for the area committee, standing committee chairs have been asked to not participate on the conference calls. Because the area officer did not believe that the standing committee chairs, by definition were part of the area committee. It has been a privilege to watch and be a part of DCMs, area officers, standing committee chairs and GSRs trying to find a resolution of what was perceived as a uniformed group conscience. We looked at our Concepts and discussed in both the north and south how best to rectify what we felt was not a fully informed group conscience at the last assembly. The unity was coming up with ideas, discussing them, hearing the minority opinions, changing our minds and working toward a common solution. I still have four

months left and the NAGSC Public Information Committee is available to come to your districts. We are scheduled to come to District 2 in October. In Fellowship and Service, Lyle C ~ Public Information ~ Northern Area

NAGSC Accessibilities; Roberta, This is the last Assembly of the rotation and I want to summarize what has happened during my time as chairman of this committee. In the first year it took a few months to get up to speed as this committee covers many areas from service animals to wheelchair bound individuals. Since there was no outgoing chair of the committee, I had to reinvent the wheel. Seven people agreed to be on the committee, but only one replied when I sent info or inquiry. I started by sending a survey questionnaire to every DCM in the Northern Area to see what their needs were. There are over 450 groups and I received 7 replies. In speaking with the Accessibilities desk at GSO, this is about average for surveys. GSO has sent surveys to the entire US community and received less than 15 replies. I decided the focus of my term would be service animals and access to meeting rooms. Two things I am particularly interested in and two things I know to be issues in the Northern Area. I learned that in addition to trained dogs, trained miniature horses can be service animals, but no other animal trained or untrained. So you can lawfully ask that the monkey or goat be removed from your meeting. I also learned that those who do not have accessibility issues have no idea about those of us who do. I have been told on numerous occasions buildings that no longer meeting ADA requirements for access were “grandfathered in”, so it’s ok to have meetings there, even when it is not accessible to everyone in AA. I ask you to think about how welcome to AA you would feel if you were unable to attend a meeting because the building in which it was held in was not inaccessible to you because of your physical condition. I have visited all but three of the districts in the Northern Area. I hope to visit the remaining districts before the end of December. Of the remaining 3 districts, one has been scheduled for October. I also made a presentation to one home group that requested it. I had a request from Cornerstone in Reno for information on wheelchair access and I am pleased to report they got to work and made the bathroom wheelchair accessible. At the request of the SWACYPAA convention committee, I researched interpreters for hearing impaired and the cost of same and made a report to them at a committee meeting in December. I also gave them information regarding room arrangements for wheelchair access. It has been a rewarding two years. I have met lots of fellow AA members and been welcomed at every business meeting. I will make myself available to share any information I have with the next Chairman of the Accessibilities Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Respectfully submitted, Roberta B., Chair, Accessibilities Committee

Area Reports:

Area Web Master; Libby, Hi, my name is Libby and I’m your alcoholic webmaster. Since the Spring Assembly I’ve been a very busy. I worked with the ad hoc committee to fix the anonymity breaks on the Area website. There is a separate report for this so I’ll save my comments. At this point my only comment is that this has been the busiest I’ve been since accepting this job. Other than that I’ve been doing the usual dates to the website. I would like to thank this body for the opportunity to service as your webmaster. It has been a great experience. I’ve met some wonderful people and got to be part of Area service in a way I never had before. Lastly, as some of you know, my husband, Ted G., passed away in early August. He loved AA and loved doing service for AA. He was the ADCM for District 1, heavily involved in the Hotline in Las Vegas and has held other SAGSC and District offices. Every opportunity he got he was up here at Tonopah and not just for the ice cream in Beaty and the cigars out front during breaks. Since his passing I have been surrounded by the love of AA and I want to thank everyone for all their support over the past month. It has meant so much to me and I know Ted would be grateful for all the kind words. Thanks to everyone for letting me be of service, Libby G. Area Web Servant

Area Archivist; Rhonda, First, thank you, thank you, thank you for electing and allowing me to serve you as your Area Archivist. I have had a wonderful time and have thoroughly enjoyed taking care of and sharing your Archives. I also want to thank all of those people who volunteered in the Archives. Jack F., the Las Vegas Central Office Manager and past Archivist, who has always been available to answer questions, share stories, and provide encouragement; Caroline T.J., who did an incredible job of helping with the first major sort of Area 42 and “Other” records; Anne K., who was indispensable in putting together creating a great Las Vegas Roundup history display, and recorded old Timers; and Pat S., the Area 42 Alt Archivist who has been a delight to work with these past 4 years. And, especially, thank you to all of you who volunteered your time and talents to man the Archives at various picnics, roundups, service events, and other AA-related activities, and those of you who stopped by those events to say hello, find and update your homegroup’s information, and share your love of AA with us. To whoever comes in as the next Archivist: please know that you are not alone. I am looking forward to working with you in the Archives and so are a lot of other people. The primary purpose of an Area Archivist is to preserve, protect, and share the Area’s records. Whatever you choose to do on top of that is up to you. We all have our own unique skills, talents, and character defects. Prior Area 42 Archivists have done an incredible job of collecting “stuff” – we have recordings, papers, video, books, buttons, photos, t-shirts, you-name-it. I have written monthly columns for the Silver Streak and attended Intergroup, SAGSC, and Area meetings and assemblies. I’ve made Archives-related announcements in AA meetings all over town. I’ve attended District meetings, when invited, and brought Archives displays to their picnics, workshops, and service events. I’ve organized the SAGSC records and am working on putting the Area’s records in order. I encourage everyone to stand for the Archivist position. It will be what you make of it. There is so much to do, but the work goes slowly, because you **get to** (not “have to”) stop and look at everything. The most important things an Archivist can do is to love AA and want to know more about its people & its history. Put together a committee of people with various interests and talents to help you along the journey. I would love to continue to be a part of the Archives Committee – there are a couple of projects I would like to finish. You don’t have to do the same things I – or anyone else – did – make it your own – and enjoy! In Love and Service, Rhonda W Area 42 Archivist 2013 - 2016

SAGSC Reports:

SAGSC Chair; Jonelle, Greetings Area 42, My name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. This is my final report to the entire Area as your SAGSC Chair. On May 15th, we devoted our meeting to the Post Conference report. Our delegate, Mike, gave us a full rundown of the General Service Conference. At our July 10th meeting, we were able to hear reports from all our Southern Area DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and Area Officers. We were also graced by a visit from Carol B., our Alt. Area Delegate and Phil W., our Area Chair. Our next SAGSC meeting is November 13, 2016. We will approve the budget for the next rotation, hear first readings of any proposals and hear final reports from all of the Southern Area’s outgoing trusted servants... When I was elected into this position at the November 2014 SAGSC meeting, all I knew was, this is Gods will for me... I thought how difficult, challenging, uncomfortable, nerve wracking could this possibly be? All I have to do is stand up in front of a bunch of service oriented alcoholics, full of passion, dedication and opinions just like you Jonelle! And guide their meeting! Make them believe you know what you are doing and if you don’t ... Use your superior acting skills!!!! In the spirit of transparency, the weeks leading up to the first several Sags meeting were some of my most ungraceful times... Every defect I had was glaring... Ask Matt! I have to admit, I don’t do New good... Ahhh but what growth!!!! These past two years of my sobriety and journey through service have been some of the toughest personally in my 22 and a half years in Alcoholics Anonymous. It took everything I had to be here last year... On my ride up to the Fall Assembly last September, I had my final conversation with my father...The day after I returned home

from Tonopah, my father died. I sometimes forget that service gives me a strength and courage in a way that is different from anything else. I knew the day was coming, and I truly believe that because I was here, with all of you, living my primary purpose... I was grounded enough to walk through this experience. What I have learned through this position is... When I am allowed to serve in any capacity, I have this expectation of myself to be "on"... That doesn't mean I have to know everything, it means I just have to be as present as I can be... I had to be present a lot! As I stated in my blurb in the most recent Newsletter... I can never tell someone that all you have to do in this position is this, this and this... It is always much much more! And thank God that it is!!! You kept me real busy these past two years and I will never know how to thank you enough... Thank you for all that you do and allowing me to do that with you! Jonelle SAGSC Chair

SAGSC Secretary – Area Alt. Secretary; Glenn, Hello everybody my name is Glenn and I'm honored to serve as our Alternate Area Secretary. My primary duties include serving the southern area as the recording secretary, provide a literature display at the assembly, and assist and coordinate with the area secretary. The SAGSC minutes from our last meeting have been sent out. If there are any changes that need to be made please let me know before the next Sags meeting so I can get the changes made. If you did not get a copy please come see me and I will get you a copy to bring back to your group. Most of my time this weekend will be spent back at the literature table with my friend and fellow servant Pam L. - GSR from the Henderson Closed group in District #1. Please come back and see us to purchase any AAWS literature you may need. Our area literature is always sold at cost. At the beginning of the Spring Assembly the literature cash box had a starting balance of \$103.68, we had 96.05 in literature sales and we paid 166.90 for new pamphlets and books which leaves us with \$32.83. My report would never be complete without acknowledging all the hard work that our trusted servants have done to serve our area and fellowship over the past two years, especially our GRS. Thank you all so very much for allowing me this wonderful and spiritual opportunity to serve as your Alternate Secretary for Area 42. Respectfully submitted, Glenn W. Alt. Area 42 Secretary

SAGSC DCM Coordinator; Glenn, Hi everybody, My name is Glenn and I'm honored to be the DCM Coordinator for the south. It has been an amazing journey these last two years. Getting to know our areas DCM's, working with them, going to some of their events, answering their questions and offering my experience as a past DCM has brought me to a new spiritual level in my recovery. One of the biggest highlights of this position is here, at our area assembly workshops. This weekend will be the last time this panel of DCM's in our area will get a chance to share among yourselves, your experience, strengths and hope with each other. The workshop is scheduled to start at 7:30am, Sunday morning in the blue room. We had an amazing workshop at this year's spring assembly with a lot of topics and solutions and we look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you and thank you for letting me be of service. Glenn W SAGSC DCM Coordinator

SAGSC Treasure; Edie, The SAGSC P&L as well as Balance Sheet reports are available at the Treasurer's table in the back of the room. We are in the process of collecting data from the various officers and standing committee chairs in order that the Finance Committee can prepare a budget for 2017 which will be presented to the SAGSC body at our November meeting. As of 8/31/16, we are showing a balance in our checking account of \$16,832.21 (which will decrease after payouts for this assembly) and \$15,010.96 in our savings. Between the Spring Assembly and now, we have been showing income that exceeds our expenses which keeps the SAGSC treasury strong. Thanks for the allowing me the opportunity to serve as your SAGSC Treasurer for this panel. Edie D. SAGSC Treasurer/Alt. Area Treasurer

SAGSC Grapevine; Jake, My name is Jake- I am alcoholic. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your southern Area 42 Grapevine chair for the past two years. It has been an absolutely amazing and rewarding service position for me and my program of recovery. I really want to thank every group that has ever asked me to come speak to them in their group, or in their business meeting, about the Grapevine rep position. I want to thank every district that has asked us to come to their event to speak, or to set up the grapevine table, or has helped us to put on a grapevine workshop. Thanks to the area for letting us have the Grapevine table up here and to put on the AA Jeopardy game. And I really want to thank everyone of you here for your service to me and to AA and for being here again in beautiful downtown Tonopah Nevada. There is a bunch of new exciting things going on with the AA Grapevine. The first thing I have to report to you is about the new AA Grapevine subscription app. In May 2016 the AA Grapevine subscription app went live. With the AA Grapevine subscription app you can access the magazine on your smart phone or tablet. You can archive past issues. You can download the magazine for off-line viewing. You can also email you favorite articles to your friends or your spouses, and much more. All of this for only \$23.99 for a 12 month subscription. So please check it out in the App Store. Hopefully by now all of you have heard about the grow your grapevine activities for this year. This year the contest is being held by area. Area 42 is currently in fifth place overall. We will be filling out a grow your Grapevine, or arbor card, this weekend. So if you would like to help us fill out the card please come see me. Also if you would like to get an Arbor card to fill out with your group or your district or just by yourself please come see me. The area that fills out the most arbor cards will get a special section in a 2017 grapevine magazine. But what I really think is extra exciting about this year's grow your grapevine is they will be taking every Arbor car that is filled out and putting them into a random sweepstakes type drawing. They are going to pick out five winners and those five winners are going to receive everything in the AA grapevine catalog. The prize is valued at \$500. So it is a big prize. The big news that I have about the grow your grapevine since the last time we met is that you do not need to fill out the arbor card and mail it in. You can go to AAgrapevine.org and fill out the card right there. When you fill it out it updates the totals immediately so please get involved and fill out a card. The next new exciting thing I have is that the AA grapevine has produced a brand new book. It is called Our 12 traditions and it was released last Friday September 2nd. It is a brand new grapevine book with AA members sharing their experience with our 12 traditions. In this collection of stories members write about their experience with the key principles contained in the 12 traditions. Born of the trial and error experience of the fellowships earliest members the 12 traditions provide the spiritual and practical underpinning of AAs ongoing adventure of living and working together. This book offers groups as well as members workable solutions to difficult problems. Please check it out and support the grapevines new book. On October 8th the grapevine committee will be setting up a table at the District One picnic in Boulder city at Broadbent park so please come out and see us there. Our biggest event of the year is hosting The Las Vegas round up this thanksgiving weekend. The Southern area grapevine committee is responsible for all of the grapevine, as well as all of the AAWS literature at the round up. The grapevine table will be in the hospitality room this time so it will be open 24 hours a day. This year will be the 50th anniversary of the Las Vegas round up. So please come out to support this event. The most important thing that I have to report to you is that two weeks from now district 15 and the grapevine committee will be holding a HUGE grapevine workshop ho-down hoot-a-nanee jamboree. That's right! This event will be held at the T.I.E. Club in Las Vegas on September 24th from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM. We will be talking about everything that goes on with the AA grapevine. We will show you how to submit stories, jokes, artwork, and anything else to the magazine. Please bring your I phone, I pad, or a laptop computer. Start writing your story now so we can submit it with you. We will have people there who have been published in the magazine sharing their stories with us so please please please come out and support district 15 and the grapevine committee and help us to make this the greatest grapevine workshop in the history of the universe. In closing I would also like to thank Gabriel and all of District 21 for all of their support and inviting me to come be with them these last 2 years. If you have never been to a district 21 event you are missing out. I had the privilege of going to 3 more this year and at every one I had the best food of my entire life. Thank you district 21. I would also like to thank our alternate area chair Justin for his confidence in me and the

opportunity to serve in this position. Just to be clear I am still the grapevine chair until the end of the year. So if you would like us to attend your group or event please do not hesitate to ask. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. I owe everything in my life to the people sitting in this room. Thank you all so much for giving me a life worth living. I love you all.

SAGSC GSR Survival; Lisa, Hi everyone, Lisa grateful alcoholic, I am your southern area 42 GSR Trainer. Since our last Assembly SAGSC has met twice. In May we had 4 new GSR'S & July we had 11. At May's meeting, for those who did not attend the Spring Assembly, we talked about the General Service Conference & the agenda items. Included was what Mike would present to us regarding the outcome of those items and his overview of the Conference in general. At July's meeting we stuck mostly to the business which would take place that day. The elections were briefly discussed as well as a summary of the Area Assembly. Phil attended the training & was very helpful in explaining the role of the Area Officers. Thank you Phil. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Lisa T. Dist. 7 Alt. DCM Area 42 S. GSR Trainer

SAGSC H & I; Matt, I'm an alcoholic my name is Matt. I've been clean and sober since August 31 of 98. I am the H&I Chair for Southern Nevada Area 42. We would like to thank all the individuals and groups that have donated their time, energy and contributions to H&I. Without your support and help we will not be able to take the vital message of Alcoholics Anonymous into these institutions and facilities and carry the 12-step message to another alcoholic. This year we started to have quarterly H&I work shops around the los Vegas area and the A.A. community has come and supported us. We have had more people volunteer this year then ever before. Are next workshop is coming up. Will have flyers at the next H&I meeting. Right now we need more volunteers for the jails and prisons. We've been trying to get more people actively involved on the correction side of H@I. There are about a dozen individuals that have been covering all the panels for the jails and prisons. So we need more dedicated A.A. members that would be willing to take meetings into the jails and prisons. This year we have been given the opportunity to go into 7 new hospital and treatment facilities with around twenty five new panels a week. We are looking for more volunteers that would be willing to go into the hospitals and treatment facilities. I would like to thank H&I for allowing me to serve as there chair it has been an honor. When I come to H&I all I wanted was a panel and I've received so much more. Thank you.

SAGSC Bridging the Gap; Lenny, Am grateful to report that since our last assembly B t G awesome volunteers have surpassed our goal of 3 contacts per request. HOW you might ask? I had asks representatives of groups please personally hand carry form to said groups and hand carry back to me. I do realize there is more work to do with this issue. Hanging the volunteer form on the wall is pretty much ineffectual. Our plan in the next 6 months is to afford our brothers and sisters in treatment centers the same opportunity. We have received no requests from treatment center patients. I do know that our awesome volunteers are doing their utmost. My hope is to expand and grow in this arena. Always much more footwork for us all Much Love and Life in Service, Lenny H.

SAGSC CPC / PI; Cherie, I am Cherie M. the Southern Area CPC Chair and Tim is the PI Chair and not able to attend so I am combining the PI/CPC reports. PI/CPC committees meet at 4:30 PM at Central Office on 2nd Mon. of the month (before intergroup). We'd welcome more District Liaisons & group reps. for PI/CPC – DCMs/GSRs please bring this up at your business meetings, all are welcome! Our 1st workshop was in April, a big thank you to all participants & our wonderful speakers! Also Dist. 3 for sponsoring/hosting the event! Literature tables at 5 A.A. events including 2 where we gave brief overviews of PI/CPC committee work. We've had tables at 10 other events in the community resource area & MFI events for professionals and faith leaders. Library project – ongoing literature support including Big Books and Grapevines at 5 libraries (Henderson & Pahrump) we can check out past issues from the library. Literature racks – We place & refill racks upon request I.E. Foundation for Recovery (FfR) in English & Spanish, women's West Care, State of Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, (7 locations so far) we also get request for other items such as the video Bridge for young people and literature when they do trainings. We attend Care, Pact, and MFI monthly meetings (we do not partner or affiliate but we are there as a resource). A few upcoming Fall events; 9/10 today we had tables in Henderson & Pahrump at Suicide Prevention Walks, 9/24 FfR rally in Las Vegas at city hall, Oct. NNO in Henderson, 10/17-19 Life Style Intervention Conference at the Bellagio (GSO sponsored), 11/15 Project Homeless Connect at the Cashman, 11/16-17 Clark County Health Fair, 11/19 Convoy of Hope at the Champion Center, Thanksgiving weekend at the Westgate at the Las Vegas Roundup, If anyone is interested in the DVDs we show you can go to aa.org and look at the link for the professional. Thank you to everyone that contributed through the "green can" we are looking forward to being self-supporting. Also big thank yous to everyone that has given their valuable time & energy to help carry the message! Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Cherie

SAGSC Accessibilities; Darryl, We have been occupied in recent months taking meetings to Lisa every Tuesday at Las Vegas Rehab from 1:00pm to 2:00pm, thanks Michelle J., Randy and Therisa. Lisa is a stroke survivor. Taking meetings to Anna who has been in Hospital on numerous occasions and I now home bound, thank you Verna. And supporting the Spanish community's workshop. We will be doing several events in the immediate future, four of which are confirmed. Let's Start the Conversation an alcohol and addictions conference at City Hall on September 8th from 8:00 am. till 3:00pm. Presented by various Treatment facilities in cooperation with the Mayor's Faith initiative and Foundation for Recovery. Disabilities Awareness Day or DAD on October 15th. Convoy of Hope November 19th. And of course Our very own Roundup, Thanksgiving weekend at the Westgate. Anybody interested in Volunteering for one or all of these event please contact me or my Co-chair Dan. And one last need has come to my attention Ed at Lake Mead Rehabilitation Center in Henderson would like to goto outside meetings or have meetings brought into him he is partially ambulant with the help of a cane or walker. Thank you for your attention and allowing me to be of service. Darryl B.

SAGSC Intergroup Liaison; Kellie gave report for John, Central Office: Jack F. Reporting

	<u>Central Office</u>	<u>Hotline</u>
<u>Phones</u>		
Information Calls	710	2273
12 Step Calls	56	115
<u>Web Site</u>		
Average Visitors Per Day	178	
Total Monthly Visits	5518	

During the old Business section of the July 11, 2016 Intergroup meeting an Alt. Intergroup/SAGSC Liaison was elected to fill vacant position. Kellie M. is the new Alt. Intergroup/SAGSC Liaison to fill this position until new intergroup officers assume office beginning 2017. Previous Alt. Robin moved to Florida. **50th Annual Las Vegas Roundup is Nov 24th-27th, 2016** At Your Service: John C./SAGSC-Intergroup Liaison

Area Alt. Delegate; Carol, This is already my last report of this panel. It has been an exciting two years, chairing the NAGSC meetings and overseeing the summarizing of the GSC agenda items along with my duties as the Finance Committee chair in putting together the budget for these last two years. It's been a pleasure and learning experience having served with this committee for four years now. I want to acknowledge the commitment and loving service I have seen and appreciated during this rotation from the members of NAGSC. It's been truly a work of love and dedication by the Officers, Committee Chairs and DCMs in making the panels and presentations happen, throughout the northern area. I have had the privilege of attending a couple of SAGSC meetings and also a Service event Bryce hosted in the south. I just wish I could have had the opportunity to travel down there more often to enjoy the many AA District events held each year. I really enjoyed working with Mike and Jonelle in getting the assembly pre-conference agenda items selected and then presented the last two years. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this position. It's been a pleasure and as always an opportunity to serve and give back what you have so freely given to me. Carol B.

Area Registrar; Emily, The next Assembly will be March 24-26, 2017. Attendance at this Assembly is 198, with 164 voting. We had 104 pre-registrations and 80 banquet tickets sold. Thank you, Emily

Area Secretary; Paul, Hi everyone I'm Paul your Area 42 secretary. When I stood for this position I thought I knew what was involved, but like all of the other positions that I have held there was a lot more. Why would I think this one would be any different? It has been my pleasure to serve as your Area 42 secretary. All though my job is not over yet, like everyone else that is currently in a position we have till the end of the year and hopefully we can help the incoming person to transition in to our position to help everything run smoothly. I would like to thank all of you that sent me a report so that I could translate them into Spanish for our translators and helps me so much with the minutes. I have learned a lot about how much the minutes and the Area 42 web site have to do with anonymity and how easy it is to miss something. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

Area Alt. Chair; Justin, Justin alcoholic, I'm great full for my service at the area level because of many reasons, one of them is the fellowship we have in general service, and the friends we make. Several of whom are missed at this assembly. They live on in our memories and our archives. One of My duties is to help the area chair with the assembly. Thank you to Phil for giving me opportunities to participate in planning and execution of the assembly. I've also had the translation equipment and was able to attend the District 21 Foro which was a joy to meet Spanish speaking AAers from all over the west. Thank you again for letting me be of service, Justin

Ad-Hoc Communications Committee Report: Justin Opens: At the Spring Assembly an issue came up in the Area Committee meeting concerning anonymity breaks in the minutes posted to our Area website. That body elected to form an Ad Hoc committee to look into this issue. Phil appointed me to chair this group which was made up of Paul, Area secretary; Libby, Webmaster; Jonelle, SAGSC Chair; Ann, Newsletter Editor; Glenn, SAGSC Secretary and Laura, NAGSC Secretary. I looked up the definition of "Ad hoc" which in Latin means "For this, a very specific purpose". In the case of our anonymity breaks this mainly refers to last names, personal phone numbers and addresses on our Area 42 website. This does not comply with our Area's website guidelines, GSO's website guidelines and more importantly it does not adhere to AA's tradition of Anonymity which is "Our spiritual foundation". Mainly, the anonymity breaks were in our Area, Sagsc, and Nagsc minutes. However we looked at everything on the website. The first thing we did was to move all of the minutes off the open page and put them in the password protected page. We then used a system of "2 sets of eyes" to read each document on the entire website, identifying and correcting the Anonymity breaks then returned the documents to the open page of the website. We used GSO website guidelines and Area guidelines as a resource, we contacted other areas to ask them about their procedures. We used a free online translation method and translated to Spanish every document we could, however there is a lot of work that needs to be done on that topic, not covered in our committee to great extent. Our committee met 6 times by conference call, and used some email correspondence. After lengthy and productive discussion we came to an informed group conscientious and developed 6 recommendations for the Area which you will hear in just a bit. Now, If they would like to each member of the committee can come forward to share their personal experience of serving with this committee. **Paul:** As part of the Ad-Hoc communications committee, we were tasked with anonymity breaks on the Area 42 web site. Justin chaired this committee and we divided up the three different sets of minutes (Area, NAGSC, & SAGSC) and the Area newsletter with two members looking at each. My set was the NAGSC minutes and these go from 2008 to 2015 with four sets each year. That is 32 sets of minutes and out of the 32 there were 24 that had at least one anonymity break. This was very surprising to me as I thought when we started this that there may be one or two here and there. The breaks included last names, personal phone numbers, and personal email addresses. This was not an easy task as I was the first set of eyes to look at the NAGSC minutes and I thought I was being very thorough but I missed breaks in about half of what I had checked and found some but didn't find them all. Thanks to Libby she was my second set of eyes, this is why moving forward we need at least two sets of eyes to look at everything. Thank you for allowing me to serve. **Jonelle:** Hello all my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as your SAGSC Chair. My experience on this committee has been personal. Last year, after doing a Google search on myself for my professional career, I found a set of SAGSC minutes posted with a DCM report I had written in 2013 as the first entry under the search. That's not good, I thought. I had used my full name. I did not fear an anonymity break when I wrote that report... However, that's what happened. Thank God for God, amazing sponsorship, and members of our fellowship who are proactive! Laura and I scrubbed the Area Minutes. I did the first reading documenting a list of my changes, she did the second reading, adding to that list and translating the minutes to Spanish. Once the minutes were complete, I was asked to reach out to my PRAASA Area Chair Roundtable's email list to see what they do re: Area Communication. The response was so helpful. Most had a Communications Committee... Some have a Translation and Interpretation Committee as well... They shared info surrounding their Area Websites, offering any assistance needed. We refined our recommendations and discussed how to best present this information to the Area. I believe we all dug deep on this, which is to say none of us took this appointment lightly. Everyone was passionate and considerate. Everyone brought questions and experience, concerns and solutions. I didn't realize how little I knew or understood... (especially surrounding the website guidelines!) I thank this amazing group for all its hard work and allowing me to use my voice and participate. **Laura:** This was a fantastic and dedicated group of people to work with. Though we only met by phone conference 6 times for about an hour each time, the real work was done on each person's personal time. We each spent countless hours reading over 15 years of posted material. For my part, I worked with Jonelle as the 2nd set of eyes to scrub the Area minutes of anonymity breaks. Sounds boring, right? Well, to my surprise I found the opposite to be true. In fact, it took me much longer than it should have because I would start reading the Area minutes, focused only on looking for names, email address, and phone numbers, but soon found myself engrossed in what was being discussed at that particular Assembly. Then I would realize I hadn't even been looking for any anonymity breaks at all and I would have to start over. I'm sharing this with you to remind you that the posted minutes on our website are an important resource of information that is often overlooked. It is a fascinating look at the history of our Area. Not just of the motions made and voted on but of all the people who have come through this room and through our General Service structure. It came to mind to me of how important the people really are. The issues come and go, in fact, they seem to cycle through, so that mostly the things we "lovingly discuss" today are the same things that were "lovingly discussed" 15 years ago. But there is a long list of dedicated members who have come to this building over the years who are lovingly remembered and noted in the minutes. They, like you here today are the backbone of General Service. Some of those people are still here today, some

are names of people that I never knew but have often heard spoken of, and some have passed. But their legacy and the legacy of Area 42 is preserved in those posted minutes! So please, become familiar with your Area's website, use this as a recovery tool, share this resource with your groups and help the newcomer to become familiar with the site. Read the website guidelines and help the Area to keep our tradition of anonymity. As Justin said, "It's up to all of us!" **Glenn:** My name is Glenn and I currently serve as our alt. Area Secretary and the recording secretary for the SAGSC body. At this year's Spring Assembly, I asked our Area Committee in the blue room to discuss a resolution regarding the anonymity breaks on our website and for clarity on the proper protocol for posting items on the site. Through that discussion this Ad-hoc committee was formed. My primary job on this committee was to be the first set of eyes to review and revise if necessary the current postings of the SAGSC minutes and scrub out any personal information that may be attached to any member or trusted servant of Alcoholics Anonymous. The SAGSC files were then sent to Justin as the second set of eyes who corrected anything I had missed. I was then asked to translate the files into Spanish for our Spanish speaking members before resubmitting them to Libby for reposting. Secondly, we all discussed why and how this happened and looked at ways to prevent it from happening in the future. I want to thank the Area Committee for listening to my presentation last spring and suggesting an ad-hoc committee be formed as the resolution to fixing the anonymity breaks on the website, our Area Chair for appointing such bright, and dedicated people to this committee and our Area 42 fellowship for your patience and understanding while this work was going on. Thank you for letting me be of service. **Anne:** Thank you for allowing me to serve on this ad hoc committee. I am honored to have served with such a patient and tolerant group of people. This was a maiden voyage for me and I learned a great deal through the experience. As most of the other members of my committee have reported, we spent a lot of time looking at each and every document on the Area 42 website - including the posted newsletters. (Thank you, Irene P. for your help with the task of looking over and re-working these files. You were a great help as always.) While the newsletters as a whole didn't contain a slew of anonymity breaks, like the rest of the documents, they did contain a few telephone numbers, first and last names and personal email addresses that make a person identifiable by the nature of the name in the email address. In fact, this process was a great catalyst for me - a person who those who takes great pride in adhering to anonymity - to change the email address I use for A.A. purposes to something that did not include my last name. As someone who believes wholeheartedly in the spirit of anonymity and how it keeps us and A.A. safe and protected, I realized that my last name in my email was entirely inconsistent. My intentions and actions did not match up. I had known that my email address broke my anonymity since shortly after I joined the fellowship in November of 2011. Laziness and fear kept me from taking action. Yes, as you can imagine, it's been difficult and takes quite a bit more effort on my part to navigate through all my personal email on two different accounts. However, like most things. It is absolutely necessary for me because I believe that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our whole society. You have taught me that my actions and my belief system must be in sync - even if it's a huge inconvenience. When we finished the tasks of scrubbing the site so that all the anonymity breaks were gone, we began to talk about what we can do as a committee to insure that the Area does not repeat the same mistakes twice. You all have taught me that a real mistake is not learning from the first mistake. With that, I feel confident and hopeful that the committee's recommendations - if adopted - will help protect us all as we continue our digital journeys through this life as A.A.s and citizens of humanity. **Libby:** It has been an honor to work with these devoted servants of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 42. It was obvious from the beginning of this ad hoc committee that everyone was on board to do whatever needed to be done to protect people's anonymity and thereby the principles of AA. The very first action I had was to move all the minutes and newsletters from the public areas of the website to the password protected area. Then the work of the committee began. At each meeting everyone was able to present their understanding of the project and we were able to iron out what we wanted to achieve. Once there was agreement, the group dug in and started to go through all the archives on the website. Everyone was good about keeping everyone one else informed of progress. I worked with Paul and reviewed the Minutes from the NAGSC meetings. It was an interesting read. As each pair of reviewers completed their mission I was given the revised files and uploaded the new ones on the website in the public folders. Everything has now been replaced. The final activity was to come up with suggestions for the Area to help mitigate this type of situation in the future. Thanks to everyone for letting me be of service.

Laura Reads Recommendations:

1. Any item to be posted to the area website be reviewed by 2 "sets of eyes" to insure the document adheres to Area 42 website guidelines. ie – Area secretary might have alternate secretary check area minutes, Nagsc & Sagsc minutes could be scrubbed by area or alternate area secretary.
2. Members should refer to and be familiar with the Area 42 website guidelines and aa.org guidelines for any document being posted to the website, that full last names be removed (last initial is okay), that personal email addresses be removed (AA addresses are okay, such as delegate@nevadaarea42.org), that non AA affiliated website links such as youtube.com should not appear in posted material, personal phone numbers be removed (AA numbers such as those for Central Offices are okay), that personal physical addresses be removed (AA addresses such as Central Offices are okay). This would only apply to the material as it will appear on the website not to oral reports.
3. We recommend that the online registration link to Eventbrite be removed from the website to comply with the Area 42 Website Guidelines but that the link can be communicated to the body through our various email lists.
4. We recommend that all material on the website be translated into Spanish and that the area look into improving and funding our current method of translation. We further recommend that all material sent out to the Area body or presented at Area Assembly be translated into Spanish.
5. Members should refer to and be familiar with AA's traditions concerning anonymity at the public level, stressing the importance of protecting all member's anonymity, including deceased members, that it is better to leave out all last names rather than risk breaking one member's anonymity, that adherence and education on this tradition at the area level will reduce the likelihood of further anonymity breaks and assist newcomers unfamiliar with AA's tradition of anonymity at the public level.
6. Ad hoc committee recommends that a permanent Area Communications Committee be established.
 - a. Committee to be made up of the following members: Area Alternate Chairperson, Area Secretary, current Web Servant, immediate past Web Servant, three members at large, at least one to be from a linguistics district.
 - b. The scope of the duties of the committee not be restricted to website anonymity but may include any issues concerning communication such as translation, ASL, PI issues, bulk email concerns or any issue of communication brought forward by an area member.
7. We recommend that the Area keep an Ad Hoc Communications committee in place until a permanent committee is established.

Justin: This committee met to fix the current anonymity breaks and to help this not happen in the future. It's up to the incoming panels of officers and members to make sure our anonymity is protected. It's up to ALL of us! We will now open the floor for questions and comments. Thank You

NAGSC DCM Coordinator; Chris, First of all I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the DCM's and Committee Chairs for making this a rewarding experience. This was only the second rotation of this position so I guess I could say that we were still trying to figure it out. My job as the DCM Coordinator is to facilitate a meeting with the Northern DCM's and NAGSC Chairs so we can create a discussion of how we can better carry the message of AA. As a DCM in prior rotations I held District meetings and workshops for my district but only twice did I invite a NAGSC chair to come and do a presentation. As a NAGSC chair I only did a couple of presentations at a District and never really pushed harder to do more. I will say today that I would really be surprised if there was a NAGSC chair that has not been to most of the districts in the north. One of the things we pushed in the 1 hour meeting before the NAGSC meeting was presentations at the Districts and it happen. The DCM meeting in the blue room on Sunday at the Area

assembly's also has been very important to all the DCM's of Area 42. Talk about finding a solution to a problem or hardship that a DCM is going through, if you can't find one before the Area assembly you'll find one at the assembly. I would also like to say thank you to Glenn my other partner in the south and Allison our wonderful scribe even though I don't think how roped into the blue room with us she was going to get. Thank you for allowing me to be of service Chris S NAGSC DCM Coordinator

Area Newsletter Editor; Anne, Hello, everyone. My name is Anne and I am an alcoholic. I also have the great honor of serving as your Area 42 Newsletter Editor for this rotation. With many thanks to all those who contributed, edited and supported the effort, the Summer 2015 Newsletter made its way to the Area on Aug. 13. It included the tentative agenda; messages from our Delegate, Mike M., chairman, Phil W., the Southern Area General Service Committee and the Northern Area General Service Committee chairs also contributed this issue. You will also find a chart of the area service committee positions that are up for election at this assembly. In an effort to keep somewhat current, some of the images that are included are ripe for coloring. (We are not a glum lot.) It also includes Dr. Bob's last talk at the first International at Cleveland, along with some information on general service and the spirit of rotation from the Service Manual along with a special report that explains the particulars of how it came to be that our Area assembles twice a year in Tonopah. Thank you, Ruth J. The next newsletter for this rotation is set to come out in late October – which is the start of gratitude season. If you are feeling especially grateful and would like to share your thoughts or tips on how to maintain an attitude of gratitude, I would like to hear from you. Please contact me at least one month before deadline so your suggestions may be considered. The next newsletter will be published on Oct. 31. Finally, I'd like to thank you all again for allowing me to serve as your Area 42 Newsletter Editor. I've enjoyed every minute of this service rotation and I look forward to seeing you all again as we continue our journey through this life. Yours in love and continued service, Anne K.

Area Chair; Phil, Hi to all of you As I sit here with 1 week to go till the Fall Assembly I understand that this has been A huge honor to serve as the Area Chair for these past 20 months. I have had the chance to meet many of you here and in other places. At first I wasn't too sure how I would be able to follow Michael in this position, he has been a great help in all kinds of ways. I felt from the very first that I should be the Area's Chair and so have made it a point to be at both NAGSC meetings and SAGSC meetings when I could be at them. This year we lost a few friends that I came to know and love. In May Laura and I attended a small gathering for one of my dear friends Ed DP, Ed had been very helpful in getting me interested in the history of AA, and in his last years was also someone whom I could talk to and listen to. In June NAGSC had their meeting at the Nugget in Sparks where we heard the Delegate's Report presented by Michael M. A few weeks later Dist 8 had a picnic where Michael once again gave a report. On the Sunday after the Dist. 8 gets together I was able to show a few of our Gen Service folks around Devils Post pile National Monument. In July I was able to attend the SAGSC meeting I really enjoyed meeting a few of our newer GSRs and talking with friends at the meeting. August came with a NAGSC meeting in Susanville, after which Laura, and Scott B. and myself found a newcomers meeting that was really an inspiration. Later that month I made a trip down to Las Vegas to a service for our friend Ted G. and was also able to take in a little of the Dist. 7 Mt Charleston Picnic, The following week I was at the High Sierra Campout in Mammoth hosting a friend from Area 06 Ken M. That brings us up to right here right now, and I am so grateful for all the love and trust you all have shown me in this time that we have been together I truly enjoy being with all of you. May your higher powers be close to you and help you to enjoy your lives. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity Phil W Area 42 Chair.

Break: 3:17 - Resume: 3:30

A.A. History reports: The Temperance Society was formed in Massachusetts in 1813 – another formed in Connecticut a few years later and in 1826 the American Temperance Union was established. By the end of 1828 there were approximately 225 temperance societies, with more than 100,000 members who had signed a pledge of abstinence. The movement urged temperance (abstinence) for everyone, not just those who were already problem drinkers, and at first opposed only the use of distilled spirits, not fermented spirits. Many of the poor objected because they could only afford cider and beer, not wine. In response, a new pledge was initiated, prohibiting the use of all spirits. This was called the Teetotal Pledge. The temperance movement also aimed to wipe out the sale of alcohol. Not only did its members agree to abstain, but they campaigned to close down distilleries and merchants who dealt in liquor and they lobbied for temperance legislation. Since alcohol was the "cause" of alcoholism, the temperance movement was aimed solely at keeping the non alcoholic from becoming alcoholic; in effect, preventing alcoholism, not dealing with it once it had occurred. This clergy led temperance movement believed that there was no hope for the alcoholic. The temperance movement took a pivotal turn on April 5, 1840. Six men sat in a barroom of a tavern in Baltimore. Their names were William M, David H, Charles A, George S, Bill McC, and Tom C. They usually met there to mingle and drink. They all confessedly suffered severely from the frequent and intemperate use of intoxicating drinks – they suffered in health, estates, families, their habits, their feelings and their reputation. They were in business and 5 of them had families. They all started life with dreams and ambitions. Then they found themselves in the grips of alcoholism and they knew it was wrong. So, on April 5, 1840 they deliberately weighed the movement about to be made, and them rising in the energy of their still surviving manhood, they resolved that they would never drink any more of the poisonous drink forever; and to carry out their resolutions, they would form a society with a pledge to that effect, and bind themselves under it to each other for life. They named the group the Washingtonian Temperance Society of Baltimore, in honor of the nation's first President. The idea was that by relying on each other, sharing their alcoholic experiences and creating an atmosphere of conviviality, they could keep each other sober. Total abstinence was their goal. They all signed Total Abstinence Pledges. They were given a pledge card which read. "The undersigned do pledge my work and honor to abstain from ALL intoxicating liquors as a beverage and that I will by all honorable means encourage others to abstain." Here for the first time were drunkards bonding together to solve their own problem, rather than to attack the ills of society as a whole. The movement caught on quickly – especially after the "President" suggested that each member should rise in his place and give his experience; and by the way of commencement, he arose and told what he had passed through in the last 15 years and the advantages he had derived from signing the Total Abstinence Pledge. The similarities with the best practices and principles of A.A. are striking: Above all, alcoholics helping each other in practical ways and through the sharing of "experience, strength, and hope". The Washingtonians developed this tripartite temperance story – which in A.A. is called "qualification": how one's life had been destroyed by drinking, what happened, and what one's life is like in sobriety. The movement spread to other cities and began to hold large public meetings. Several powerful speakers rose to prominence in its ranks and within 2-3 years the Washingtonians could be found in every part of the country and claimed thousands of members (close to 400,000-600,000 at the peak of popularity). In February of 1842, Abraham L gave a speech at one of the Washingtonian's great revivals. He said, "But when one who has long been known as the victim of intemperance bursts the fetters that have bound him and appears before his neighbors clothed in his right mind, a redeemed specimen of long lost humanity, and stand up with tears of joy trembling in his eyes to tell the miseries once endured, now to be endured no more... In my judgment it is to the battles of this new class of champions our late success is greatly, perhaps chiefly, owing." Abraham criticizes the traditional temperance advocates for speaking to drunks in the thundering tones of anathema (hatred) and denunciation (public condemnation), and says it is not wonderful that they were slow, very slow, to acknowledge the truth of such denunciation... To have expected them to do otherwise... was to expect a reversal of human nature... On this point the Washingtonians greatly excel the temperance advocates of former times. Those whom they desire to convince and persuade are their old friends and companions. They know they are not

demons, nor even the worst of men: they know that generally they are kind, generous, and charitable, even beyond the example of the more respectable and sober neighbors... and when such is the temper of the advocate... no good cause can be unsuccessful. In 1843, Abraham stated, "I believe, if we take drunkards as a class, their heads, and their hearts will bear an advantageous (powerful or beneficial) comparison with those of any other class." But its success, though spectacular, lasted only a short time. As early as 1843, interest was beginning to fade, and by 1848 the Washingtonians had virtually disappeared, except for some lingering activity in Boston. But the impact of this movement went far beyond its success rate, for it introduced two elements that changed alcoholism treatment significantly; the concept that the alcoholic was not simply a moral degenerate but a human being who could and should be helped... and the role played by "reformed" drunkards themselves in their own rehabilitation. At several points in his writings, Bill W reflected on the Washingtonians as an object lesson for Alcoholics Anonymous. The two were similar in many respects: alcoholics helped each other, held weekly meetings, and shared personal experiences. Each featured the fellowship of a group and the availability of its members, and of course, total abstinence. Numerous factors have been suggested as leading to the demise of the Washingtonians. Two main causes were... the failure to restrict membership to alcoholics and the failure to maintain a single purpose – rescuing drunkards. Membership – Unlike A.A., whose membership is open only to alcoholics, the Washingtonian societies were open to everyone. As the Washingtonian cause became explosively popular, it seemed that everyone wanted to get into the act. At one of the meetings in March of 1842 there were many in attendance. Not only were there alcoholic speakers, but there was musical entertainment, a choir composed mainly of ladies, and a glee club composed of "fine looking young firemen". The vast presence of non-alcoholics tended to dilute the movement and to draw it away from its original goal; in addition it allowed the clergy and others to co-opt and subvert the movement for their own purposes. Single Purpose – The survival of A.A. owes much to having a single purpose – to carry the message of sobriety to the alcoholic who still suffers. The Washingtonians also started out with a clear mandate – To "snatch the poor inebriate from his destructive habits", but their original purpose got lost as non-alcoholic members promoted their own causes: for example, prohibition, sectarian religion, politics and abolition of slavery. These extraneous causes introduced dissension (disagreement or dispute) and destroyed the unity that was necessary for the movement's survival. Conclusions: Religiosity is detrimental to the task of sobering up alcoholics. The Washingtonians took off like a rocket when they approached drunkards with human kindness and understanding – without the condemnation and moralistic preaching of the old, clergy – led temperance movement. Some Washingtonians were hostile to the clergy, and with good reason. In narrative of Charles T. W, a reformed inebriate in 1843, Charles bitterly recalls that "in my hour of degradation, no friendly hand in the old temperance times ever gave me encouragement to rise and live; but many were not only indifferent to my situation, but actually, in more ways than one, were my oppressors." When Charles took the Pledge of Abstinence, and began a new life in sobriety, one clergyman, who ought to have offered him support and hope, instead went around the community, telling people that Charles would soon be back drinking, Charles confronted him: "I told him plainly that it was such religious bigots as he that had kept the drunkard confined to his cups for years, and that I considered him more in the way of the cause than ten open opposers; and in fact such men are complete icebergs around any reform, chilling the atmosphere wherever they approach." Some of the clergy were hostile to the Washingtonians, who seemed to be trespassing on their turf. Good causes were supposed to be led by themselves, the men of the cloth, not by mere laymen. The Washingtonian approach totally ignored sin; it embraced the heretical notion that drunkards could be reformed without religious conversion; it undercut the prohibitionist narrative, that alcohol leads inevitably to death; and it bypassed the sacred cause of Prohibition. The hostility of some clergy is undoubtedly among the multiple causes that led to the demise of Washingtonianism as a movement. By the end of the 1840's, Washingtonianism had died out as a movement, although some groups lasted for many more decades. However, it was hardly a failure. One may hope and assume that most of the many tens of thousands of reformed drunkards, with the support of friends and family, maintained their sobriety. One may reasonably imagine that on the local level, reformed drunkards continued to carry the message of sobriety to other drunkards. And the Washingtonian ideas lived on, even if underground. As the Washingtonian movement was starting to disappear, a loose network of facilities both public and private offered treatment to drunkards. Referred to as inebriate asylums and reformatory homes, they included the N.Y. State Asylum, The Inebriate Home of Long Island N.Y., the Home for Incurables in San Francisco, the Franklin Reformatory Home in Philadelphia and the Washingtonian Homes which opened in Boston and Chicago in 1857. And now Lisa is going to continue the timeline and talk about some "cures" for alcoholism and The Oxford Group. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Lisa, Warning!! The prehistory of AA included lots of religious verbiage so please don't be scared off by any talk of Christ or Sin if that is not your thing. I promise there is a happy ending, and that is that we have AA free and clear of any affiliation. **What was it like for alcoholics in the time between the Washingtonians and the Oxford Group?** 1) Mandatory sterilization - During the late 1800s science believed that the hereditary transmission of the disease could be eradicated by sterilizing those suffering from what we now call alcoholism. Literature was common to say the something like the following: "Often the higher moral faculties of the person are underdeveloped, and children of alcoholized people are born criminals without consciousness of right and wrong, and with a feeble sense of duty and obligation" T.D.C., 1902. 2) The idea was that natural selection would weed out the drunkards, but the process could be speeded up through marriage bans, sexual segregation, and mandatory, state funded sterilization of degenerates. 3) Involuntary sterilization laws came in two waves: 1907-1913 and 1923 - 1929. Fifteen states passed sterilization laws before 1922, and 2/3 of all states went on to pass some type of involuntary sterilization law. as a result more than 60,000 Americans were subjected to involuntary sterilization. In 1905 Indiana passed a law prohibiting marriages of any people who were mentally deficient or habitual drunkards. 1911 Iowa passed a law that made inmates of public institutions who were involved in crime or drug addiction eligible for sterilization. In many other institutions sterilization was considered voluntary but the only way to be released from a psychiatric hospital was to volunteer for sterilization. 4) The Nazi's have been quoted as saying "alcoholism harms too many but kills too few" They also employed forced sterilization to nearly 30,000 people.

What was it like for alcoholics in the years between the Washingtonians and the Oxford Group? Other therapies were not as invasive. Natural therapies include: 1) Specialized diet: patients were told that red meat and spicy food would excite their cravings for alcohol. vegetarian diets were suggested, along with a milk diet and fasting regimen. 2) Exercise: One text notes 22 exercises the patients found useful in speeding up their recovery. 3) Water treatments of all kind: electric light baths, hot enemas, electric stimulation, massage, and more! 4) Curative gymnastics. 5) air and sun baths. 6) Drug therapies included replacing alcohol with cocaine or morphine.

Oxford Group Practices: 1) Oxford Groups attempted to recreate First Century Christianity and discipleship. 2) They developed a way of life based on changing one's life and helping others have deep and effective spiritual experiences that would in turn change their lives. Frank called it 'soul surgery'. 3) Each member bore witness throughout their daily affairs to the transformation Christ made in their lives. It is an approach not on eventual rewards in heaven but in finding a more fulfilling and exciting life in service to God here and now. 4) Oxford Group was the basis for all Twelve-Step Groups, and much of the early AA literature is based directly on the Oxford teachings. All of the AA authors were or had been members of the Oxford Group.

Frank B: 1) Born in a small town in Pennsylvania, population of 1200, where the only permissible vice was overeating. 2) went to seminary school and was called to a new parish, where he built up the vigor and the life of the church, and established a hospice for young men. Frank had disagreements about the budget and funding was shut which led Frank to resign from his position. 3) Frank spent several months in Europe, still stewing over the disagreement. In 1908 he attended an annual gathering of evangelical Christians, and it was here where he was deeply moved by the preaching of Jessie P-L. 4) "I thought of those six men back in Philadelphia who I felt had wronged me. They probably had, but I got so mixed in the wrong that I was the seventh wrong man...I can only tell you I sat there and realized how my sin, my pride, my selfishness and my ill will had eclipsed me from God to Christ. I was the center my own life. That big "I" had to be crossed out. I saw my resentments against those men standing out like tombstones in my

heart. I asked God to change me, and He told me to put things right with them. It produced in me a vibrant feeling, as though a strong current of life had suddenly been poured into me, and afterwards a dazed sense of spiritual shaking up.” 5) He wrote letters to these former “bosses” where he took ownership of his own prideful behavior in holding onto the resentments.

YMCA: 1) When Frank B returned to the US he was hired as the secretary of the Penn State College YMCA. He had grave reservations about the drunkenness at what he called “the most godless University in the country.” 2) It was here where he discovered the power in working one-on-one. He converted a crowd of notables which impacted the other people watching. 3) In April 1915, Frank left for India and then China. His hope was to convert a few key players to help convert these huge nations to Christianity. These ideas were seen as naive by his critics. Asian trips were ultimately failed efforts, but “he remarked one day that it had only been in China that (he had learned) the confession of one’s own shortcomings, privately or publicly, was an important way to help others.” Lean, PG 63 Sam S meanwhile would work with Frank for 20 years, as the American head of the Oxford Group movement. When Bill W got out of Towns hospital after his last drink, “still shaky, he visited Dr. S at Calvary Mission and made a decision to become very active in the Missions work and to try to bring other alcoholics from Towns to the Oxford Group”. (The Evolution of Alcoholics Anonymous, Jim B) 4) Bill would later acknowledge that, “The early AA got its ideas of self examination, acknowledgment of character defects, restitution for harm done, and working with others directly from Oxford Group and Sam, their former leader, and nowhere else.” (AA Comes of Age p 39)

Oxford Group and Frank’s departure from the Christian Church: 1) 1921, history of friction between Frank and the Church culminated in his decision to quit the church proper and create his own organization, which he vowed would be a protest against the organized, committeeed, and lifeless christian work of doctrinal and institution-based religion”. (Language of the Heart: A Cultural History of the Recovery movement from Alcoholics to Oprah W, Trysh T, 2009, p. 71) These efforts were financed by wealthy sponsors. 2) His primary focus was on ‘soul sickness’. he saw the glorification of the physical and material as what he called materialism, which encompassed sexual acting out, profligacy (lacking legal and moral restraint / wildly extravagant), vanity, envy, gluttony, and excessive drinking. This theme of antimaterialism agrees with Bill W’s later ideas of “self propulsion in the quest to become a self made ‘Number One Man’.” 3) The vision and principles were passed person to person throughout Britain and later in the US. Members would gather together for informal house parties in addition to their duties at their own congregations. At the house parties, they studied the bible with an eye for modern application. sought God’s direct guidance for individual and world concerns, and shared openly their sins with one another for confession and witness. 4) A regular meeting that had been held at Corpus Christi College grew so popular that by 1928 the group moved to the ballroom of the Randolph Hotel, and then to the library of the Oxford University Church, St. Mary’s. The movement got its name this same year when six Oxford students on a mission to South Africa were branded the Oxford Group by the press.

<http://aaagnostica.org/2013/11/03/frank-bxxxxx-and-the-oxford-group/>

They reached America in 1931. A few years later, Oxford Groupers assisted Russell “Bud” F in conquering a severe drinking problem by turning to God. Bud’s father, Harvey, had four things the Oxford Group liked, wealth, fame, generosity, and gratitude. The magnate in his appreciation hosted a ten day gala, in January, 1933, that brought the religious group to the forefront of Akron society. This set the table for Oxford Group members to arrange the famous Mother’s Day meeting, two and a half years later, of Bill W and Dr. Bob S. (It was not until Dr. Bob had met with Bill W and was relating, one drunk to another, that he eventually surrendered. Dr. Bob met Bill on mothers day of 1935, and later drank while at a medical convention in Atlantic City in June of 1935. Bill Gave Bob his last drink of beer just prior to performing surgery on June 10th, 1935. This was to be Dr. Bob’s last slip.) It is worth noting that at about this time, Frank had an even more notable candidate in mind for religious conversion, Adolph H. At least two approaches were made, in 1932 and 1933, to get a Frank audience with the German leader. The extraordinarily optimistic thinking was that if the Fuhrer could be led to a “decision for Christ”, millions would follow, and the world would be changed. Some Frank critics, former colleagues among them have leveled the charge of megalomania. Not without grounds. Reinhold N – author of the Serenity Prayer – was a critic of Frank and the Oxford Group. “We can see how unbelievably naïve this movement is in its efforts to save the world. If it would content itself with preaching repentance to drunkards and adulterers one might be willing to respect it as a religious revival method which knows how to confront the sinner with God,” Reinhold wrote. “But when it runs to... Adolph, or to any seat of power, always with the idea that it is on the verge of saving the world by bringing the people who control the world under God-control, it is difficult to restrain the contempt which one feels for this dangerous childishness.” Even with this controversy and criticism, Russell F’s conversion still brought a lot of attention to those in Akron and this is where it came to the attention of Anne S, Dr Bob’s wife. Initially in merely an attempt to appease his spouse, Dr. Bob began to attend the Christian gatherings, no doubt remembering the mandatory, unpleasant forced Church attendance of his childhood. Despite his original antipathy, Dr. Bob was somewhat drawn to the Oxford folks, “...because of their seeming poise, health, and happiness. They spoke with great freedom from embarrassment, which I could never do, and they seemed more at ease on all occasions... I was selfconscious and ill at ease most of the time, my health was at the breaking point, and I was thoroughly miserable... I gave the matter much time and study for the next two and one half years, but I still got tight every night nevertheless”. (Nightmare, p. 178) “My wife became deeply interested and it was her interest that had sustained mine, though I at no time thought it might be the answer to my liquor problem.” (Nightmare, p. 178)

Groups principles: 1) 3 Assumptions from which everything else is based 2) 4 Absolutes and their opposite, 4 Standards are the means by which one could tell one’s self will from God’s will. 3) 4 Steps are the design for personal living that gets and keeps one free from whatever separates one from God. 4) 5 C’s of Life Changing are the framework one uses to help others achieve the life change he to she has received. 5) From the Groups simple program, one receives a different conception of one’s relationship with God, a standard by which to live and practical suggestions in how to do so. 6) the author of the Oxford Group states: The aims of the Oxford groups are to bring into the world the realization of the power of the Holy Spirit as a force for spiritual and material stability and betterment of the world; to awaken in us as individuals the knowledge that we are dissipating our spiritual inheritance and that Sin is the frustration of God’s plan for us all. (What Is The Oxford Group) 7) The Oxford group has a very definite idea as to the nature of sin. It is anything that keeps us from God or from one another. 8) They believe that all people are caught in the internal struggle between flesh and spirit. We are constantly torn between the voices within of God and of self. The voice of Self separates us from God and keeps us in total darkness. The voice of God seeks to guide us towards the ultimate good both for ourselves and for those around us. This is the voice that leads us to life change. The ultimate goal of the Oxford Group is to learn to listen to and follow the direction of this voice. This is how we come in line with God’s will for us and fulfill our purpose in God’s plan. 9) Oxford group believes that to live in God’s will is life’s ultimate joy.

Three Assumptions: 1) **God Speaks** - If we listen then we can ask What is God saying to each of us Today? The Oxford Group believes that God reveals himself directly to each believer by the voice within. When debated if it is God or one’s conscience, James H says, “Your conscience can tally the difference between right and wrong, but only God can show you the difference between two rights... When we listen to God and test our thoughts, we find that God directs us toward the path that is of maximum benefit to everyone.” 2) **God has a plan for us** - Not only is God speaking, but what he has to say is relevant to each of us. Each of us can make decisions to move toward or away from God’s will. 3) **God will reveal Himself to us if we listen.** We cannot follow God’s will on our own action, we must depend on the Group to teach us how to listen and depend on God to give us the direction. We need to remove the impediments between us and God so that we can learn what His will is for us. Finding that plan is the rest of the program.

Four Absolutes: This is the heart of the Oxford program. The life change begins when one devotes oneself to striving to these ideals. "Jesus kept to these four points in their fullness...the nearer we live to the Absolute in these four points the nearer we are to Christ." WITOG. 1) **Perfect Honesty** - The relentless pursuit of the truth. When we are not actively seeking truth, we are in danger of letting falsehood control our thoughts. "Brutal Honesty is no more acceptable than nominal honesty (cash register honesty). This truthfulness is tempered with common sense and kindness. We aim for perfect candor with ourselves and others, but not at the expense of others" 2) **Absolute Purity** - Honesty in Action 3) **Absolute Unselfishness** - We must first learn to put God's will ahead of our self will. then we can discover that we are putting others interests ahead of our own. 4) **Absolute Love** - This is the essence of all the other absolutes. This is the very substance of the program. The motive power for Honesty, purity and unselfishness. We can have none of these qualities without Love. If we ever hope to live by these Absolutes we need to clear away the rubbish that keeps us from God.

Four Steps: Individual self interest is the causation of our separation from God and each other. With the Four Steps we can be freed of them. Their purpose is to produce a "life-changing alteration in perception" that will allow us to live a God directed life of purpose and meaning beyond our wildest dreams. 1) **Surrender** - Surrender to God's will. This is necessary to have strength to share honestly. Surrender is not a single event but an ongoing process. God waits to see if we will Surrender today with as much sincerity as we did yesterday. We must acknowledge that we have lived lives of self-sufficiency and that life has proven unsatisfying. We have bowed down to the false idols of alcohol, drugs, fame, food and fortune. We could add to that list fun, sex, work, exercise, academia, and countless other worldly distractions. "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content." Paul (steps one two and three) 2) **Sharing** - Now that we have surrendered, how do i get free of sin? In this process we see how sin manifests itself specifically in our lives. We examine our lives for those things that separate us from God. By working with someone else who has already acknowledged their faults, we learn to see our lives through a different lens. (Sound familiar:) We start to see all the ways we are driven by self-will. "To put our sins into words before Christ and another Christian, as a witness, is the only healthy way of making sure that the spiritual system is virtually cleansed."

WITOG We scour our lives for the four Standards of dishonesty, impurity of thought and deed, selfishness, and fear. These are the opposites of the Four Absolutes by which we strive to get closer to God's will. Fear may look like hatred, resentment or anger. Selfishness can look like ambition, laziness, or jealousy. We share all our faults with another person. "Confessions shared become the property of God, not man." (This makes me think of overtime I have done a 5th step with a girl that I sponsor how I don't retain all of the details for some reason) This person helps us see where we missed our sins. We need someone else to help us clearly see ourselves. This is the moment where it is truly darkest before the dawn. The Oxford Group believed that when thoroughly investigated all of our faults could be attributed to one or more of the Four standards. By applying the Standards or the Absolutes we can tell if we are listening to the voice of self or the voice of God. We can see after sharing how desperately we truly need the help of God. 3) **Restitution** - The guilt and shame of the lives we have led burden us. In order for us to be free of this pain we must make efforts to right our wrongs.

Through this step we begin to lay aside our selfishness and begin to be of service. It is only through restitution that we can be free of our past in order to move into the future God has prepared for us. In this process we make a list of all who we have harmed and ask God to show us how to make it right. We learn to forgive ourselves so that we can accept God's forgiveness. We learn also to forgive others (like in step 8). Step 9 4) **Guidance** - Final step is seeking God's will throughout our lives. Oxford members held daily Quiet Times with the Holy Spirit, both individually and communally. "These early morning Quiet Times in which God impresses on our minds His counsel become living spots in the routine of ordinary life." WITOG 60 The pamphlet "How to Listen to God" was a blueprint that members used for quiet time. The conditions to receive guidance were: to be quiet and still, to listen, to be honest about every thought that comes, to test thoughts to be sure they come from God, and to obey. Basically the process was to become quiet, pray for guidance, write whatever came to mind and test what was written with the Four Absolutes. If it conformed with the Four Absolutes it was from God. Once these steps have been done, a person became changed. It is imperative for a Changed person to help others to have the same kind of life change. Once the Change has occurred one wants to share what has so freely been given. No process is done in isolation and a witness (which is what we in AA call a sponsor) is necessary, and each of these steps brings one closer in community with God's people.

Five C's of Life-Changing: served as the original framework for sharing the curriculum of the Oxford Group. Later they fell in disuse in favor of the Step and Absolutes as outlined in WITOG. 1) Confidence 2) Confession 3) Conviction 4) Conversion 5) Continuance

Positives and Negatives: 1) AA broke away, New York in 1937, Cleveland in May of 1939, and Akron last and most reluctantly at the end of 1939. (this timeline is debatable and challenged by other literature) 2) Some of the most pressing reasons for the separation were that AA steadfastly and consistently: 1. Avoided absolutes, 2. avoided aggressive evangelism (preaching or pushing the Christian Bible), 3. embraced anonymity, 4. strove to avoid offending anyone who might need the program. 3) Of these and others, the most clear and convincing reason for the split was likely Bill W's vision of the future. The earliest years convinced him that for AA to have a religious attachment would be a mistake. Bill's unexpected ally in separating AA from the Christian Protestant Oxfords was Clarence S of Cleveland, who was concerned that many of Cleveland's Catholics would be prevented from seeking sobriety through a group with a Protestant affiliation. Today, it is hard to imagine the power held over cities by organized religion in the 1930's, and the impassible chasm that divided these two Christian groups. 4) it is abundantly clear that we owe a great debt to these Oxford folks. Self-examination, acknowledgment of character defects, restitution for harms done, working with others, quiet time (meditation), and the quest for change are all practices alive and well in AA. 5) At its peak, the group had a membership of over 50,000, but Frank made a major misstep in endorsing Adolph's anti-communism, making some statements to the press that were seen as pro-Nazi. That AA distanced itself from Oxford roots may have had to do with the negative publicity that came. Hence Tradition 10. 6) In 1938, the Oxford Group was renamed "Moral Rearmament" and continues today as "Initiatives of Change", but its heyday has long past. 7) In 1978, a 100th birthday memorial was organized for founder Frank B, who had died in August 7, 1961. 8) This memorial drew cooperation from a number of prominent individuals who had benefitted from Frank's work, but an invitation to Alcoholics Anonymous was politely declined. There were two problems: 1. the anonymity principle ruled out anyone speaking for AA, and 2. Bob P. (then the GM of AA World Services) put it, 'I think some of our members would say that we got out of bed with those people, why should we now get back in?'

Bryce, Alcoholism has been a problem for some people ever since man first crushed grapes. Take Noah for example. The first thing he did after the flood was plant a vineyard. It was noted that he got drunk and passed out naked. And Lot's 2 daughters took turns getting Lot drunk and while he was in his blackout, proceeded to lay with him until they both got pregnant. And we're all familiar with the story of how Jesus turned water into wine and they said "you've saved the best for last!" There has been problem drinkers ever since man first crushed grapes. In the 1600's there were lots of plagues in Europe because of bad water. So they drank a whole lot more than they do today. Back then, they drank around 34 gallons of beer, 5 gallons of hard spirits and 5 gallons of wine. Today here in the states we only drink about 2.3 gallons of spirits period. Back in the day drunkenness was to be expected but if you couldn't handle your booze, you were humiliated by various punishments. Dr. Benjamin R; considered the father of American psychiatry and a signer of the Declaration of Independence was the first doctor to realize that some of us drunks were different. Dr. R pioneered the therapeutic approach to addiction. Prior to his work, drunkenness was viewed as being sinful and a matter of choice. Dr. R believed that the alcoholic loses control over himself and identified the properties of alcohol, rather than the alcoholic's choice, as the causal agent. He developed the conception of alcoholism as a form of medical disease and proposed that alcoholics should be weaned from their addiction via less potent substances. (from Wikipedia; Benjamin R) We've talked about the Washingtonian Society; but between them and the Oxford Group there were the Emanuel and the Jacoby societies. Founded by Dr. Elwood W, Dr Samuel McC and Ernest J these two societies cooperated together in Boston helping drunks and addicts to recover. In 1907 the

Emanuel movement was founded and in 1910 the Jacoby Society came about. Dr W administered psychiatric and psychological treatment; the Jacoby's offered meetings and fellowship. The Jacoby's met in the church basement of the Emanuel Church and eventually got so big that they had to move to a new location on Newberry St. In 1913 a fellow named Dr. Courtney B joined the Emanuel team. Like Dr W he had been educated at Princeton University and had psychiatric degrees. I mention Dr. B because there is some evidence that Roland H may have spent as much as a year in the mid 20's under his care before going to Switzerland to spend a year with Dr. Carl J. He specialized in the treatment of neuroses such as PTSD, anxiety and stress. Dr. B did not see alcoholics different from all people who suffered with the various ailments. Dr. B's theory was that if you drank at all, you might have a mental problem. Dr. B's goal with a patient was "to help him to help himself so that his reconstruction would be permanent". He felt that stress over occurrences led to drinking and the drinking led to more stress. He saw alcoholism as a circle of cause and effect, a circle which he coined, "neurasthenia". His solution was to promote physical and mental relaxation. And to try to redirect a patients attention away from his stress. Dr. W, Dr. McC and Dr. B worked as a team to not only help drunks, but all people with various mental disorders. See page 47, 12&12: "We thought conditions drove us to drink...." Besides Roland H, there was a fellow named Richard P who came to the Emanuel Clinic in the early 20's and sobered up. He later went on to open his own clinic in NYC on the same street as Sam S's Episcopal Church. He wrote a book entitled "The Common Sense of Drinking" which was read by Bill W. Richard P coined the phrase "Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic". Richard P dismissed the spiritual solution of the Oxford group and died drunk in 1934. Some of their methods used in the 19th and early 20th centuries were: shock treatments, morphine shots, arsenic and deadly nightshade (a plant used in the Belladonna treatment), adrenal gland injections, "hot air boxes" that simulated equatorial conditions, and finally, lobotomies. My own sponsor has had 23 shock treatments and another old timer, Fred M; from the Tie Club had a frontal lobotomy for his alcoholism. An important off- shoot of the Emmanuel movement was a church sponsored club for alcoholics. Founded in 1910 by a non-alcoholic parishioner named Ernest J, the club held meetings in the church basement on Saturdays and its place was used for socializing most other nights. The purpose of the club was to help reinforce the newly sober persons' sobriety by providing a place to meet. Its motto was; "A club for men to help themselves by helping others". There were no dues or fees. The only requirement was to lead a decent life and help others do the same. And don't show up in church drunk. They also had a form of sponsorship which they called "special brothers". Many faiths were represented; the club was open to both alcoholic and non-alcoholic persons. By 1914 the Jacoby's had moved from the Emmanuel Church and into their own clubhouse because of increased membership. In 1940 a fellow named Paddy K started AA at the Jacoby Club, 115 Newbury st, Boston Mass. It wasn't until 1942 that the group Paddy started moved to its own place and thus separated itself from the Jacoby's. Records end for the Jacoby's in 1989. As a side note, a drunk named Richmond W came to his first AA meeting at Boston's Newbury group. In 1942. 6 years later he wrote the book "Twenty-Four Hours a Day". Early on that little black book became as popular as the Big Book. It is still very popular today. Since none of these Dr.'s and psychiatrists were alcoholic, it is easy to understand why they became frustrated with a certain type of alcoholic which today we know as the hopeless variety. Dr. S noted in his opinion that "some form of moral psychology was of urgent importance to alcoholics but its application presented difficulties beyond our conception." Later on he noted "Though the aggregate of recoveries resulting from psychiatric effort is considerable, we physicians must admit we have made little impression upon the problem as a whole. Many types do not respond to the ordinary psychological approach." So in conclusion; beginning with the thoughts of Dr. Benjamin R. it's apparent that through out the years that the disease of alcoholism has been a type of "rubics cube". Many people and movements have found bits and pieces of the problem with us and the solution. Bill got the description of the disease from Dr. S and the spiritual solution from Dr Carl J. and the Oxford Group. But it wasn't until Lois's innocent statement to Bill that the puzzle was solved. "Yes Bill, but you're staying sober"; that seemed to be our turning point when the medical, psychological and spiritual pieces came together with a plan of action that has shaped AA into what it is today. Again, thank you for this opportunity to share. Bryce B.

Rhonda, Here is a bit of a recap. In 1813 Temperance Society was created. In 1826 The American Temperance Union was started. The Washingtonians, a group of 6 men that wanted to focus on changing the alcoholic created a way for the drunkards to take part in their own recovery. The Washingtonians destroyed themselves by getting involved in religion and politics and had a non-restricted membership. By 1848 the Washingtonians were gone, they almost had it they were so close. Between 1848 and 1921 there were many attempts both colorful and devastating to stop the alcoholic from drinking. In 1931 the Oxford groups came on the scene in America. Sam S, set up house at the Calvary Chapel in New York. In 1932 Rowland H an Alcoholic visited Carl J and he was told he was hopeless and should consult a religious group role and joined the Oxford Group in New York City. In 1933 Jim N who was associated with the F's, had helped bring Akron the Oxford groups Frank B leading a team of thirty men and women descended on Akron for the first time to give testimonials at the Mayflower Hotel and in Akron churches and initiate the townspeople in the experiences of the Oxford Group. Jim N knew the F's and had been to T church group, some of the people that attended these first Oxford group's meetings were Clarice W, T Henry W, Henrietta S and Ann S. 1934 Rowland saves Ebby T from a jail sentence, Rowland introduced Ebby to the Oxford Groups and Ebby introduced Bill to the Oxford Groups. Bill first attended the Oxford Groups Drunk, he was intrigued by the program and went to see Dr. S to detox one last time. Bill shows up at Towns Hospital with a beer in his hand telling Dr. S he has found a solution!. Ebby was always a little resentful that Bill didn't consider him a cofounder of AA. For the next 6 months Bill and Louis both worked endlessly trying to practice the Oxford group program and help others. 1935 Back in New York Bill had been attending the Oxford Group meetings and trying to help the drunks that have come through the doors Bill was not having any success he would sometimes take them to Stewart's cafeteria but no one was staying sober except for Bill because Bill's reputation had been ruined on Wall Street he couldn't find much work but one friend Howard Thompson T of beer and Company was impressed by bills recovery, through his connection with Howard Bill learned about a proxy fight for control of a small Machine Tool Company in Akron Ohio according to Bill he insinuated himself into this proxy fight and actually had fantasies of becoming president of the company when his group gained control, he made a quick study of the Akron company then in April he went to Ohio to persuade disgruntled shareholders to support his group's bid for control. Bill could not have insinuated himself had he not had the support confidence and cooperation of his business associates although he did have no money he did have assets of considerable value. Bill found himself at the end of this Venture frustrated and Afraid that leads us to the Mayflower Hotel that fateful night when Bill looked at the bar and decided to go to the pay phone instead. it was Reverend T that Bill phoned and Reverend T got in touch with Henrietta S and She called Anne S and the rest is history. The Oxford groups was a non-denominational Christian Society based on Christ that was trying to change the world. AA broke away from the Oxford groups by the time the big book was written and depending on what literature you read the story varies Bill's story says that the first group started in Akron followed by New York and then a third in Cleveland. Clarence S and Oxford group member in Cleveland stated that it started in Cleveland. Cleveland was the first group to make a clean split from the Oxford groups and called the group a Alcoholics Anonymous after the title of the book so even though alcoholics were meeting separately from the Oxford groups they were still a part of the Oxford groups in "pass it on" Bill's story, Bill tells how he broke away from the Oxford Group, he also talks about the resentments and the Oxford Group now named the moral reenactment because of Adolph's public controversy we're getting tired of the drunks and discouraged by our lack of ability to stay sober. This is what Bill had to say about the Oxford Group split, "I'm always glad to say privately that some of the Oxford Group presentation and emphasis upon the Christian message saved my life, yet it is equally true that other attitudes of the Oxford Group nearly got me drunk again, and we long since discovered that if we were to approach alcoholic successfully these attitudes would have to be abandoned. recovery being a life-or-death matter for most alcoholics it became a question of adopting that which worked and rejecting that which would not" They were basically eight reasons why we separated from the Oxford Group 1) the principle of aggressive evangelism had to be dropped.2) excessive personal publicity had to be

abandoned drunks were likely to get inflated and drink again.3) the word absolute we found didn't work for us absolute honesty absolute Purity absolute unselfishness and love are our goals but certainly not rules.4) it was discovered that all forms of coercion both direct and indirect had to be dropped we found that checking in the hands of amateurs too often resulted in criticism and that resulted in resentment.5) While most of us believe profoundly in the principle of guidance it was soon apparent that to receive it accurately, considerable spiritual preparation was necessary. 6) We found that the principles of Tolerance and love had to be much more emphasized in their actual practice than they were in the Oxford groups especially tolerance. The Atheist May stand up in an AA meeting tonight in God yet reporting he has been helped in other ways experience tells us he will presently changes mind but nobody tells him he must do so. 7) To reinforce tolerance we would make no religious requirements on anyone. 8) We were not to make any religious demands upon people. Many Catholics felt they could not be interested in a day because of confession to anyone other than a priest. While Bill was very grateful to the Oxford Group for all they had given us he gave all the credit to Samuel S he never Associated us with Frank B. Bill never would say that he owed all of AA's success to the Oxford Groups, he did state that he had overwhelming gratitude for the group, but giving them credit would have been like give his primary school teacher credit. So much more was involved in creating AA. Im going to wrap this all up by talking about traditions 5 and 10. After researching and reading all of the presentations, though all of the traditions can be found in all of these groups. These are the two that stood out the most to me. Tradition 5 "Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers" The Oxford groups were trying to save the whole world, had we stayed as part of a "Sub Group" within the Now called Moral Rearmament movement we would have had to deal with more issues than just alcoholism. Today one of our greatest asset and certainly our name helps the alcoholic find a home, a place to go when all hell breaks loose and a program designed for living that really works. If you are an alcoholic you belong here, no matter what you race, creed, age or religious views. Tradition 10 "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. The Washingtonians really had the right idea, they were helping Alcoholics recover at an alarming rate, then enter politics and reform. The Washingtonians entered into public controversy, even the President of the United States got in on the controversy. The Oxford groups got caught up in trying to get influential men to support the cause, the controversy surrounding the Adolph Ordeal shed a dark light on the group and they never fully recovered. Today there is a lot of talk about AA being to anonymous and creating a stigma for the man who is still sick. I would hope that we have learned from these past experiences that although we are proud to be sober, we will not jump on the band wagon of public controversy. AA will hopefully remain that silent anonymous gift that so few receive, yet is available to the entire world. Thank You Rhonda W

Break for Dinner: 4:35

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Elections Results: Here is a list of your new Area 42 officers for 2017 – 2018;

Delegate – Phil W. (hat) 4 standing
Alternate Delegate – Rhonda W. (3rd vote) 6 standing
Area Chair – Emily C. (3rd vote) 5 standing
Alternate Area Chair – Julie C. (hat) 6 standing
Treasurer – Paul E. (3rd vote) 4 standing
Alternate Treasurer – Edie D. (hat) 5 standing
Secretary – Jonelle W. (2nd vote) 5 standing
Alternate Secretary – Monica S. (4th vote) 5 standing
Registrar – Laura J. (1st vote) 3 standing
Alternate Registrar – Jake S. (3rd vote) 6 standing
Archivist – Lyle C. (4 years) (3rd vote) 4 standing
Alternate Archivist – Gabriel R. (4 years) (4th vote) 4 standing

PRAASA report; Mike, My name is Mike and I am an alcoholic and I been asked to give you an update on PRAASA 2018. PRAASA is an annual service assembly that is the first full weekend in March and it travels through the Pacific Region there is 9 states and 15 Areas in the Pacific Region and March 2018 it will be coming to Area 42. It will be in Sparks, Nevada at the Nugget. We are expecting a crowd of about 1800 to 2000 people to be there. There was an election between Pete L and myself and I was elected to be the Chair. After the dust settled I immediately went to Pete and asked him to be the program chair. The next person I asked to help us out was Marita to be our Treasurer. The next job was to go and open a checking account and it is called PRAASA 2018 and the past PRAASA's have given us some seed money and we currently have \$19,403.05 in our account. We had about a 3 or 4 hour meeting with the Nugget and they seem ready to accommodate us and make things go as smooth as possible. The next I have asked Edie to help with registration and Rhonda has agreed to help us out with Archives. We will get together at the PRAASA in March in Sacramento and then again at our next Assembly in March to start filling some more positions. PRAASA 2018 will be March 2, 3, & 4 in Sparks, NV. at the Nugget.

Budget; Carol, Amended to add \$25.00 to Interpreting Equipment. Passed unanimously as amended. See Area 42 web site for full budget.

Ad-Hoc discussion; It was determined that the Ad-Hoc committee had done their job and was no longer needed. That there were already enough guidelines in place to prevent any further anonymity breaks. The committee was thanked for a job well done and none of the recommendations were needed at this time.

Update Area 42 Guidelines; 2nd reading, Proposal to Update Area 42 Guidelines

A guidelines change proposal First reading September, 2015, Second reading September, 2016 From: Carol B.

Background: There are some items that were not addressed during the revisions passed in 2014. This is basically a guideline housecleaning proposal.

Currently: Most of this proposal consists of items that are not being followed, so they need to be changed, eliminated or if you so choose; adhered to, and stay in place.

Proposed changes are in a **bold larger** font.

Clarification Statements are in *italics*, not to be included in the guidelines.

5.0 AREA DISTRICTS

5.3 District Elections (qualifications and election procedure per Service Manual) *This policy has not been followed for several years, if at all. Do we want to follow it as stated or as we have been doing it? The Group Change forms turned into the Registrar replace item C. instructions.*

B. The outgoing DCM and DCMC shall notify in writing the ~~Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson,~~ Area Secretary, and Area Registrar of the name, address, and phone number of their replacements. ~~and the alternates.~~

C. The DCM shall ~~notify, in writing, forward to the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Area Secretary, and Area Registrar of the name, address, phone number, and group of each CSR at least once a year and as changes occur.~~ Group Change Forms as they are turned in.

These proposals carry no financial impact. To become effective: immediately upon adoption Carol B. Alternate Delegate Passed only 2 opposed

Area 42 Finance Guideline proposal; Carol, Area 42 Finance Guideline (Addendum) Changing Proposal; Proposed changes are in a **bold larger** font. Clarification Statements are in *italics*, not to be included in the guidelines. **Background:** Because of the proposal passed in March 2015, there are changes necessary to the finance guidelines addendum to the Area 42 Guidelines, and a couple items that I hope to also address: *First item to be located at the very end of the current area 42 guidelines; this shall precede the Finance Committee guidelines addendum section.*

1. (Addendum to guidelines)

AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE – APPROVED 2012

Item 2. Is the Statement of Purpose.

2. The purpose of the FC is to define fiscal responsibility and standardize procedures in Area 42. (amended no change was made)

This third item is a change I am suggesting because I feel that the Alternate Treasurer, as an active financial participant for the area, should be partaking in the committee business activities. In my opinion, the Chair is the facilitator/moderator, and should be the non-voter in the case of an even number.

3. 1.0 AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE

1.1 Membership

The current Area Treasurer, and alternate, NAGSC and SAGSC Treasurers, and immediate past treasurer shall automatically be members of the committee. In addition, two at-large members will be elected, one residing in the North and one residing in the South. In the event there is an even number of members on the committee, the ~~Alternate Treasurer~~ **Chairperson** shall be a non-voting member.

4. 1.4 Replacement

If a member of the Finance Committee is unable to complete the rotation, the ~~Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair~~ **Finance Committee** will select a replacement to be confirmed, ~~by the Finance Committee~~ **or replaced at the next regularly Area 42 Finance Guideline (Addendum) Changing Proposal scheduled Area Assembly.** The replacement assumes duties immediately.

5. 2.1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

B. Drafts **and submits proposals to** financial guidelines policy/amendments for consideration by the Area Committee and the Assembly.

Because there has not been a prudent reserve equivalent to 1/3 of previous annual expenses, this probably should be reworded. This is up to you (not the Finance Committee) to leave it as is or change it.

6. 4.0 PRUDENT RESERVE

The Prudent Reserve is to ensure that, after all obligations are paid, enough funds are held to conduct area business. **We shall strive to attain a savings account** ~~Experience has shown that, for any given year a~~ reserve equal to 1/3 of the previous year's expenses, **will** to ensure that the Assembly will be able to meet its financial obligations. A ¾ majority vote of area officers is necessary to draw upon our prudent reserve.

7. 6.0 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

This requested addition to 6.2 is the definition of "funds permitting", directly from, and as stated in the Area 42 Guidelines before the 2014 revision.

6.2 Area Officers Funding

H. Some travel expenditures are authorized on a "funds permitting" basis. A "funds permitting" condition exists when \$1,000.00 or more, will remain in the operating account after the expenditure. This is in addition to the prudent reserve, savings account.

These proposals carry no financial impact Passed as amended only 1 opposed

Break: 10:35 - Resume: 10:45

Trustee at Large Nominee: Pete L.

End 11:00