Welcome members of Area 42 to the 2009/2010 rotation.

For starters, thank you for allowing me to be of service as Area 42 Delegate. By the time this newsletter is published, the area committee will be in full stride with sorting agenda items, creating summaries for each item and planning for round tables.

Please use the committee that you elected. The members of the Area Committee are willing and available to help you with your questions and concerns. Also, take a moment to visit our Area 42 website, www.nevadaarea42.org.

PRAASA is March 6th-8th, 2009. Many thanks to those people willing to be of service at PRAASA. Your names were forwarded to Bill M. the Program Chairperson and he has probably already contacted some of you to be of service.

The 2009 General Service Conference will be held April 26 – May 2. This year I have been assigned to the Public Information Committee.

Thank all of you who are participating in summaries, round table presentations and writing guidelines, and for providing support in so many ways. You are great. As Delegate, I know anything can be accomplished with the loving support of his/her committee. As I watch you work and sacrifice and give to Area 42 and A.A., I am humbled. You make me want to do more for A.A.

I will now share about the events that will take place in Area 42 over the next 6 weeks.

Final Agenda Items and Summaries
Sophie and Marion are co-chairing a 6 person committee who will summarize all 78 Conference Agenda Items. All individuals participating in the summary process will receive a copy of the summary.

Please Accept My Whole Hearted Thanks
If ever I needed a family to pick me up, pick up the slack and comfort me by letting me know you are there, it was 4 weeks ago and the days after. My father died suddenly and without warning in his home in upstate NY on January 18. He was a great man and without health issues so we thought. This weighed so, so heavy on my heart when I got the call and for 2 weeks after. I am better now, but still feel a tremendous loss. There are many of you who were there for me. I forget how many times I heard, “...Anything you need...” Forgive me for not calling you by name. To all of you, I thank you, deeply. When I was depressed and could not keep it together, work or care for my Delegate responsibilities, you were there for me. I have a huge and wonderful God in my life and a lot of friends who I would not trade for anything. Again, thank you so much.

Jason C

General Service December 2008 Workshop

Theme: Communication and Participation- The Key to Unity and Self-Support

Reference Materials
Traditions 1, 5, 7 and 12 in the 12& 12, Concept 4 in the 12 Concepts pamphlet and the 2008 Conference Report

Presentation
The theme for this panel is Communication and Participation- The Key to Unity and Self-Support. Let’s consider first what we in AA mean by Unity and by Self-support.

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Agenda Items Used for Round Tables:

Finance A - Review material submitted from the Fellowship concerning the 2008 Conference Advisory Actions “the Trustees’ Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups.”

Literature G - Discuss whether there is a need to develop Conference –approved literature that focuses on the topics of spirituality, and agnostic or atheists/nonbelievers in A.A.

Corrections D - Discuss issues that may be involved in A.A. members’ complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing “sponsorship agreements” or legally binding documents.

Literature H - Consider request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities.

Literature J - Consider request to develop a video on the General Service Representative

Grapevine C - Consider request that the following 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded: “To allow the widest distribution of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña to all purchasers, while guarding against affiliations with any outside enterprise, a) subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc. or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. Note: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursues the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets.”

Agenda items, not including 6 RT topics

- To all members of Area 42, please share all comments on any agenda item not discussed in round tables. I am particularly interested in any agenda item under Public Information. PI is the committee that I was assigned to. I will be discussing all PI agenda items in great depth with my fellow committee members at the conference. Please send comments via email or postal mail by April 11.
Unity by definition means, the state of being one; oneness; conjunction; agreement; uniformity. If any one of us here thought momentarily we could probably come up with an AA experience that resembles this definition. I certainly can. My understanding of AA Unity has grown immensely since walking through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I thank God today that at least a portion of us if not all us experience continued release from self-centered thought and action. Unity is only possible by thinking of others, by practicing investigation prior to contempt. I met individuals early in recovery that cared for others and cared for AA. Marty S. was my first sponsor when I “came to” in Upstate NY. He cared for others, arguably, more than he cared for himself. He always greeted the newcomer and spent time with them after the meeting if he could catch them before they ran off. I remember being hurt, anxious and sometimes angry that he gave newcomers or guests immediate attention after the meeting. What about me? I thought, what about me? Thank God he thought of others because it taught me so much. I use Marty’s experience even today, 15 years later. When it’s tempting to just talk with someone I like, who I am comfortable with, those who are my friends, I think of Marty. He would greet the nervous fellow in the back that looked awkward and isolated. He would sit in his own discomfort to help someone feel welcomed. Marty gave me an ideal to shoot for. He was not perfect, but he was well enough to teach a self-centered fellow about being inclusive and about AA unity at the meeting hall.

Those of you who do not know me, I want you to know that I believe in service. Service at all levels, in and out of AA. There was never any question of what I should be doing when I came to AA. Service to others and to AA was always the message passed along to me. Feeling down? Help another alcoholic. Bored? Ask your group
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given 10-12 minutes to accomplish this. After the presentation, there will be time allowed for questions of clarification only. We wish to ensure that everyone is clear on what the agenda item is and what concerns or points people shared during the round table discussion. This is not a time to debate the issue or share opinions. The March 1 round table discussions allow for this.

After questions for clarification, the Area Chairperson will call for a sense of the assembly. The Chairperson will read the agenda item and the voting members will vote by raising their hands in favor or opposition to the agenda item.

Much was considered when we decided to keep the round tables at the NAGSC and SAGSC and not hold them at the area assembly. It was felt that we would better serve area 42 and honor the conference process if we only had presentations at the assembly. This allows enough time to give proper attention to the 5 proposals on the assembly floor. All of which will need to be addressed. There may also be additional new business that we are not aware of yet.

Also, I have listened to the feedback from you the participant. We typically have 9-10 items that we use for roundtables. We split them and send half to the North and half to the south. Then at the assembly, everyone gets to participate in the remainder of the round tables. At the end of the assembly, everyone had the opportunity to sit through all 9 or 10 round tables. That kind of worked. Each year, only 5-6 items were really good for the round table discussion. Participants did not have much to discuss with several of the items. After seeing this 2 times, we decided that 6 was a good number (maximum) and we could accomplish all 6 in the north and south. Everyone still gets to sit through all the round tables.

I say this to you because I feel a great amount of responsibility to Area 42. I respect that we are all a part of what makes AA work in NV and the Eastern Sierras of California.

Additional Agenda Items Given Consideration
Everyone on the mailing list will have the opportunity to share with their groups the summaries for all of the agenda items. I understand that some members may have an opinion about some of the other items. I encourage you to share those opinions with me through email, letter or a phone call. You can also write something down and give it to me at the area assembly. The point is that all the items are important, some are better for round table discussion than others.

The Area Committee
We the Area Committee are open to suggestions and input on this process. We work hard to be more efficient and effective with each assembly and particularly the pre-conference assembly. It’s important to pay attention to what works and what doesn't and to pass it on year after year. We are very much aware of this fact.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me, any member of the Area Committee or the NAGSC and SAGSC Chairpersons.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as Delegate.

Jason C.
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what you can do to be of service? Feeling anxious because you only work 15-20 hours a week flipping burgers at your local Wendy’s and you have the energy to work 100 hours? Get involved in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Let’s now consider what we in AA know about self-support. Typically, self-support inspires thoughts of money and particularly, AA member contributions. For the keen mind self-support is about AA members paying through the 7th tradition, all expenses that AA incurs. AA would be fully self-supporting based on this scenario. Those who are even more aware of AA and self-support would say that AA is not self-supporting through our own contributions. The truth is that we must use book sales from AAWS, AA's publishing division, to fully pay for AA’s operating expenses. Literature sales compensate for our shortage of 7th tradition money. What I just said is true.

Allow me to digress and speak to self-support from a slightly different perspective. Who attends the business meeting of their home group? Who knows where the money goes when the 7th tradition basket is passed, collected and perhaps distributed, in their home group? It’s important to attend the business meeting of my home group. I want to know what we are doing as a home group to be a healthy link in the AA chain. It’s also important for me to know where the 7th tradition money is distributed. One person, one member of AA, can help AA be self-supporting by attending their home group. I may be losing some of you. I might even, through your eyes, have an AA police badge on or perhaps I am the representative for the AA corporate world and I am here to drown you in AA politics, business and to get you away from our primary purpose. If you think this, congratulations. You are human and alcoholic like the rest of us. I love AA. I see many, many ways to help the alcoholic who still suffers. I am one of those people who believe that AA should be around for everyone who wants it, 50 years from now. I am also one of those people who know that when I attend my home group business meeting, I get a say in what happens to the money that comes into our group. I get to vote or even make a motion to send a portion to GSO, Area 42, Northern Area, to District and Central Office. My voice as an AA member counts. My opinion on where the money goes is vital to self-support. When we say AA...that means you, that means me and that especially means us. We are AA. When an individual takes ownership in their home group, it’s reflected in AA as a whole. We need money to host workshops, to have literature readily available to us and the newcomer and to ensure that AA will always be here. Self-support is a spoke in the AA wheel and all of us can be a part of that even in the most simple of ways.

When I contribute to the practice and idea of self-support with my own money, this is how it looks. My home group will typically get most of my AA contributions. I will usually give 3-5 dollars for each meeting of my home group that I attend. The reason is because I am able to and also because I know where the money goes. We do not hoard our money or use it for purposes that do not support AA and self-support. At other meetings I attend I give less than that, usually 2 per meeting. This is just my experience and not a suggestion or implication for what everyone or anyone should contribute. This is what I am able to do and how I do it based on what I have learned about self-support.

Once again, the topic is **Communication and Participation - The Key to Unity and Self-Support.** I have touched on Unity and Self-support. I tricked you a little or not. Perhaps I am not as clever as I think. I also shared about communication and participation, the keys that open the door to unity and self-support. I shared much about the home group and meetings. Service exists at the Central Office, District, Area, Correctional and Treatment Facilities, at high schools, business seminars and much more. At all of these places, service started with a willing individual or group of people, who initiated communication with another individual or group of individuals, continued to communicate until participation was allowed. **Example 1:** The Northern Area Corrections Chair contacts a correctional facility, gets
permission from the warden to hold a meeting there, gathers volunteers, the volunteers attend an orientation, a time is set for the meeting, the volunteers come and host a meeting of AA. **Example 2:** A member of the health care field knows of a conference held in Sparks NV, this person contacts the Central Office, the Manager of central office contacts the CPC or Cooperation with Professional Community Chairperson, the CPC Chair contacts the member of the health care field, the CPC chair agrees to set up a table to provide information about AA at the conference and does so. In these two examples, communication was established and participation followed. What you may not see, is that AA came to these places and showed others that we are reliable, respectful and courteous. We of AA promoted unity. There are now more people that know about AA and what AA can do for alcoholics.

**Example 3** I get to hear that my District, District 16, is holding a Christmas Celebration. The GSR for my home group attended the District meeting and then passed that information to our home group. And then I realize that my group is part of a communication chain as I pass the cranberry sauce.

At times, I sit and wonder how to get more AA members involved in AA. This is an age old “issue”. I have some thoughts. I know that it’s not enough for me to attend meetings, drink coffee, assassinate the daylights out of somebody’s character, or join forces with another spiritually challenged individual and talk about who is sexy, important, or otherwise. There is a need for me to develop my own character to be strong for AA. In doing so, maybe another will follow. Maybe as I grumble to attend a NAGSC meeting, perhaps knowledge of this will encourage another to think of contributing to AA in their own way, at their own pace and in their own time. It takes each and every one of us to make AA what it is. The only way to get others involved, that I know of personally, is to get involved myself. I choose, rather than to complain about what is not getting done, to get involved and do my small part. There is no right or wrong, there is only involved or not involved. We have a choice to participate in Unity and Self-Support each and every day by communicating with others and participating in our lives.

I would like to close with a quote from Rob R.. It seems to fit. “Everybody talks about wanting to change things and help and fix, but ultimately all you can do is fix yourself. And that’s a lot. Because if you can fix yourself, it has a ripple effect.”

**Editor’s Note:**
The Area 42 Newsletter is comprised of service oriented articles submitted by its members. We welcome submissions and suggestions. The deadline for the next newsletter is March 15th, 2008. Please submit to area42newsletter@gmail.com
The following are guideline and non-guideline proposals for Area 42 that will be presented the Spring Assembly:

Date: April 1, 2008

Proposal to Add Statement of Purpose to Area 42 Guidelines  
A guidelines change proposal
First reading September, 2008

From: Paul E, Caroline T-J, Libby G, & Ray G.

Background: As a result of the Area Inventory at the September 2007 Area Assembly, following are the findings and feedback from our subcommittee on the question of "What is the Purpose of the Area?"

Based upon the Assembly members' comments and assumptions as to what the Area's purpose actually is, a general Statement of Purpose would clarify our guidelines. When this matter was reported to the spring 2008 Area Assembly, it was the sense of the Assembly that this Ad Hoc Committee should draft and submit the following Statement of Purpose.

Currently: None exists

Proposal to add: Statement of Purpose, immediately following the Area 42 Guidelines Preamble.

"Area 42's purpose is to help carry out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous, thus insuring growth and harmony in the A.A. Fellowship. The Area carries the voices of its individuals and groups through the G.S.R.s and D. CM.s to the Delegate and on to the General Service Conference. The Delegate brings back information from the General Service Conference to the G.S.R.s and D. CM.s and on to the groups and individual members.

The Area conducts its business through its service committees and is a service body only, never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous."

To become effective: immediately upon adoption

References: The AA Service Manual Chapter Four: page S32
(Note: Page S34 of the Service Manual states: "... the area holds an important middle position in the Conference structure - through the elected delegate, it participates in AA worldwide, while through the D.C.M.s and G.S.R.s, it is close to the local scene.")

Chapter Five: page S40 Appendix C: page S93
Tradition Five

Respectfully submitted by Paul E, Caroline T-J, Libby G, & Ray G.
Date: April 6, 2008

Proposal for Trial Rotation of the Spring Assembly Location A non-guidelines change proposal
First reading Sept. 2008

From: Dist. 6, Area 42 Kevin B., DCM

With reference to the Area 42 Guidelines

1.2 Meetings
   A. The Area Assembly shall meet semi-annually at the end of March and September. The time and place of each meeting will be selected, by the Area Assembly, far enough in advance to guarantee the scheduling of the appropriate facility. (rev. 9/99)

District 6 proposes that the Area Assembly location be rotated between the Districts in the North and South on a biannual basis. The Spring Assembly could be held on a rotational basis - one year in the North and the following year in the South - in a community with the means to support the Assembly. (Reno and Las Vegas are used as examples.)

NAGSC and SAGSC could, at their discretion, develop a method of selecting the host district for their prospective Spring Assembly.

The scope of this motion is to establish a two-year trial period. At the end of the trial period the rotation would end unless a motion to continue the practice came from the Assembly. The proposal would become effective for the 2010 Spring Assembly.

Background:
This proposal is based on the following conditions:
   1. We are growing out of Tonopah and the community is becoming unable to support the logistical needs of the Assembly.
   2. We could encourage newer members from our local areas to attend the Assembly and learn how their voice is transmitted to GSO and A.A. as a whole.
   3. It would help cut down on the travel expenses for GSRs from smaller groups. They could afford to send a representative to at least one Assembly a year.
   4. For as much as we have grown attached to Tonopah, the potential of exposing all of the Area to all three sides of our triangle (recovery, unity and service) would be a great service to our fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin B., DCM
Dist. 6
April 8, 2008

Proposal to Establish an Annual Budget for the Area Archivist A guidelines change proposal
First reading Sept. 2008

From: Area 42 Webservant John B.

This is a proposal to change the Area 42 guidelines as they pertain to the Area Archivist. Effective date: Jan. 1, 2009

Background:
In accordance with Area 42 Guidelines Section 1.4, subsections F.1 and F.2, the Area Archivist has been charged with the duties to catalog and maintain all archival material for Area 42 and to provide displays of archival material at Area functions.
Due to the fact that the Area Archivist is a relatively new position within Area 42 we have never decided what funding should be allowed that position.
The Area archivist is the only area officer that receives no funding from any other source.

Proposal:
that the Area 42 Guidelines be amended as follows:
Section 4.2 add a subsection G. to read:
G. The Area 42 Archivist shall be funded in the amount not to exceed $2,000.00 per year for supplies, space, and other miscellaneous items as needed.

John B
Area 42 Web servant

You can find the minutes for the Area 42 Assembly’s
@ www.nevadaarea42.org
Proposal Concerning!! Past-Delegate Participation In Area 42 Service  
A guidelines change proposal
First reading Sept. 2008

From: Tuesday Night Men's Stagg, Dist. 13, Area 42 Justin P., GSR

Background:
Currently there are no specific instructions/suggestions in our Area 42 Guidelines pertaining to past delegates when it comes to voting and positions that they can run for.

Having done some research with many helping friends in service, it appears that many Delegate Areas have specific uses for their Past Delegates. The feeling from my group is that the Past Delegates have a lot of experience, strength, and hope that can possibly best be used in an Area position.

It is our proposal to add the following:

Section 1.0 Area Assembly

1.1 Membership:

F. Past Delegates are to be considered voting members of the Assembly.

Section 3.0 Area Elections

3. 1 Area Officer Elections:

K. Past Delegates may be nominated for any position that they have not previously held at the Area Level. They are not to be nominated for Alt. Delegate.
A guidelines change proposal
First reading March, 2009

Proposal to add 3 items to the list of Area 42 Website contents:
Propose to add the following:
1. Area and district maps
2. District hotline numbers (where applicable) or links to DCM blind e-mail on District maps
3. Digital Archives

Rationale:
Districts have mistakenly outreached to groups outside their district. These districts did not intend to recruit groups from other districts; they were mistaken about their district boundaries. The website appears to be a logical information resource for district and area maps.
Several remote districts have A.A. hotlines to help people find meetings in their districts, and have requested hotline numbers be linked to their district’s maps.
Archives are currently unavailable to many members of AA in Area 42, due to the Archives’ primary location in Las Vegas. When questions come up regarding actions taken at Assembly several years ago, the minutes needs to be accessed. Digital archives would greatly improve access to information.

Guidelines currently read as follows:

1.4.K.8) Contents of the Area Website shall be:
   a) Introduction page
   b) AA Meetings schedule – LINKS ONLY to NNIG and Las Vegas and outlying areas
   c) AA information – LINKS ONLY to aa.org
   d) AA Service Section – Area 42 Newsletter and Minutes to past assemblies
   e) AA Service Calendar of Events – Service functions only – not calendar
   f) GSR Survival Guide in English and Spanish
   g) Frequently asked questions about service specifically General Service
   h) Contact list for AA service opportunities
   i) Area Delegate Page – information and greetings
   j) List of AA general service officers and committees
   k) Webmaster page
   l) Suggestion box – comment page
   m) Guidelines for the Area 42 Website Committee
   n) Guidelines for Area 42, SAGSC and NAGSC
   o) (adopted 9/04; rev. 9/05, 9/06)

Respectfully submitted
Marion Thomas deParrie
Alternate Area Chair
Preliminary Area 42 Pre-Conference Assembly Agenda
March 27-29, 2009
Tonopah Convention Center   Tonopah, NV

Friday, March 27, 2009
3:30 p.m.  Registration opens
6:00    Assembly opens
    Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer
    Preface and reading
    Chair’s welcome and overview of weekend
6:30    GSR Orientation to the Assembly
    Area Committee Meeting
7:30    Break
7:45    DCM Reports (3 minutes each)
8:15    Registration closes
9:00    Adjourn Assembly for the evening
9:00    Area 42 Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 28, 2009 cont’d.
1:15    Agenda Item #6 Review & Sense of the Assembly
1:45    Finish DCM Reports & do Area Committee Member Reports
2:30    Proposal #1-2nd Reading & vote
3:00    Break
3:15    Proposal #2-2nd Reading & Vote
3:30    Proposal #3-2nd Reading & Vote
3:45    Proposal #4-2nd Reading & Vote
4:00    Proposal #5-2nd Reading & Vote
4:15    Additional needs of the Delegate
Adjourn for the afternoon. Please take all belongings with you.
District 21 Meeting-Blue Room
6:15    Banquet
7:15    Open A.A. meeting
Speaker
8:30    Sobriety Count up and count down
9:00    Close for the evening

Saturday, March 28, 2009
7:00    Open A.A. meeting
7:30    Registration opens
8:30    Assembly opens
    Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer
    Preface and reading
    Approval of minutes from Sept. ’08 Assembly
8:45    Explanation of today’s process
9:00    Agenda Item #1 Review & Sense of the Assembly
9:30    Agenda Item #2 Review & Sense of the Assembly
10:00   Break
10:15   Agenda Item #3 Review & Sense of the Assembly
10:45   Agenda Item #4 Review & Sense of the Assembly
11:15   Agenda Item #5 Review & Sense of the Assembly
11:50   Registration closes
11:50- 1:20 Lunch
12:10 – 1:00 Closed A.A. meeting

Sunday, March 29, 2009
7:00 a.m. Open A.A. meeting
8:30    Assembly opens
8:35    Unfinished Business
9:00    Ask It Basket w/esteemed Feather Dusters (past delegates & trustees)
10:00   Planning for Fall ’09 Assembly
10:15   Adjourn
Tonopah Motels

Spring Assembly is March 27, 28, & 29th 2009

Hi-Desert Best Western (775-482-3511) $79.99 single/$89.99 double + Tax

Ramada Tonopah Station (775-482-9777) $65.00 single and/or double($70.85 Including Sales Tax)

Jim Butler Motel (775-482-3577) 48.14 single / $56.14 double +Tax

Silver Queen Hotel (775-482-6291) ~ $54.49 single/$65.39 double (including Sales Tax)

National 9 (775-482-8202) $42.82 single / $49.23 double (including sales Tax)

Economy Inn (775-482-6238) $35.00 single / $39.00 double +Tax

The Clown Hotel (775-482-5920) $34.50 single/$36.50 double +Tax

These rates were quoted in January 2009
They are subject to change.

Jim Butler is usually pretty well booked.
The Best Western is “flexible” for “walk-ins”

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