A message from our Delegate

I am not aware of any issue or central theme that I need to be communicating to the Area 42 AA Fellowship so my letter this issue will just be a collection of thoughts on a variety of topics.

Immediately preceding our Tonopah Assembly in September, my wife Marilyn and I drove to Sparks to spend a few days with our son and daughter-in-law. Since attending our Assembly, I was privileged to represent Area 42 in Parhump where I had been invited to give a Delegate’s report. October 1st I had the honor of speaking at the Boulder City AA picnic and then attended the 21st annual National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention held at Palace Station here in Las Vegas October 6-9. Ward Ewing, Chair of the General Service Board and an A Trustee, and Rod B, Pacific Region Trustee, also attended along with 200+ folk from all over the US and Canada. I had the privilege of participating in a panel with Ward, Rod and Ken M from South Dakota where I spoke about AA service and then we invited comments from the panel attendees. This was my first ever Native American AA involvement and what a great experience. Marathon meetings, speakers, talking circle sharing sessions, social pow wow, Tying the Feather Ceremony and a Round Dance were all highlights. My hats off to Pat P (Chair), Margie A (Vice Chair) and all the other volunteers who helped put on the very special event. I certainly learned a lot about spirituality from this wonderful event.

Looking ahead, I will be attending my treatment center reunion October 20 in Minnesota, the SAGSC meeting November 13 and the Las Vegas Roundup over Thanksgiving weekend at the Riviera Hotel. On a personal note, Marilyn and I are looking forward to our Indianapolis daughter’s visit with our youngest grandchild (19 month old Emme) in mid-October. One thing I am not looking forward to is rotator cuff surgery November 2 but I expect to be back in action ASAP.

My thanks to Sophie for smoothing over an issue that came up in the North — she is a blessing to Area 42 service and in this case it was a big benefit having a split Area—North & South—because Sophie was local and skilled “boots on the ground”.

I know that some of you are already thinking about PRAASA March 2-4 in Bellevue, Washington. When I get the go-ahead to start lining up volunteers from Area 42, I will let you all know and ask for input. Also, our Tonopah March 30-April 1 Assembly planning is underway—Carol B. probably already has this thing scheduled down to the minute!! This is our Conference Agenda Item Assembly and with our Assembly dates a little later than normal, we should have slightly more scheduling breathing room to prepare, hold roundtables and get things ready for Tonopah. Preparation will begin in earnest late January when I receive final agenda items with background information.

It continues to be an honor and like a dream to serve as your Delegate. As always, let me know if I can represent Area 42 at any of your functions. I will make every effort to be there.

Yours in service,

Byron F

Area 42 Delegate, Panel 61
From the chair...

Hello Area 42 service members:

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone attending the September Assembly, for allowing us to show you some of what you may expect to participate in at all levels of AA Service. Many of you had the opportunity to come to the microphones and share your various thoughts, questions and experiences over the weekend. I truly hope you were able to take something back home with you from the workshops and service panel, along with the informative GSR orientation on Friday and the Ask- it-Basket on Sunday, which were facilitated by our Past Delegates; also affectionately referred to as our Area “Rusted Servants”.

Recognition goes out again to all of the people who stepped up to help make the September assembly the successful combination of AA informative fellowship and camaraderie we were fortunate enough to benefit from all weekend.

A reminder; the next newsletter publication is January 23, 2012 please have any written proposed amendments to the Area 42 Guidelines submitted w/ copies before that date to: Area Chair, Area Delegate, and Area Secretary

As always, I want you to feel free to contact me (or any of the other committee officers) with any questions/suggestions/comments you may have regarding the assemblies. Please utilize the Area 42 Service Website to stay aware of the most recent updates. www.nevadaarea42.org

I look forward to seeing you in Tonopah the weekend of March 30- April 1, 2012

Enjoy a safe Fall Season.

In Love and Service,
Carol B., Area 42 Chair

AA Calendar

- SAGSC — Nov. 13, 1:15 p.m. (GSR training 12:30 p.m.) TIE Club, 329 North 11th St., Las Vegas

- NAGSC — Dec. 4, Noon, 1st Congregational Church, 627 Sunnyside Dr., Reno

- SAGSC — Jan. 18, 1:15 p.m. (GSR training 12:30 p.m.) TIE Club, 329 North 11th St., Las Vegas

- Area 42 Assembly Mar. 30 - Apr 1, 2012, Tonopah


- Pacific Region Forum Sept 14 – 16, 2012, Fairbanks, AK.

- AA International Convention, July 1-3, 2015... Atlanta, GA
Hello and greetings from your Southern Area Chair. Happy Holidays to all and may the New Year be filled with health, happiness, and prosperity!

It was a great joy to make it to Tonopah and start thinking about next September and the elections coming up. I seem to never get enough of Area Assemblies and the General Service Assemblies I’m able to attend.

SAGSC will be meeting Nov. 13 at the TIE club, 329 North 11th St., Las Vegas. At 12:30 p.m. we have GSR training for anyone interested. At 1:15 p.m. we start our meeting and it usually lasts for a couple of hours. Typically we have around 100 in attendance including a large contingency of Spanish speaking AAs as well. We get a lot of reports from chairs of committees and DCM reports. These usually take the form of upcoming events or events recently passed.

As per SAGSC guidelines, any funded person from SAGSC hopefully will have turned in a projected budget by Oct. 15 to the treasurer. Please get a hold of Vince or myself to answer questions. If we don’t know the answer we will point you in the right direction.

One of the benefits of coming to a SAGSC meeting is getting to meet and exchange contact info with people in service. Many of the chairs are happy to do presentations or attend events. The main responsibility of the SAGSC chair is to prepare the agenda for the SAGSC (Southern Area General Service Committee) meeting. This is your opportunity to have a proposal or idea come before our body and discussed. This is our time to voice concerns and make recommendations. We can also use our meeting time to take inventory. We serve a vital part in the south to connect the 900 or so meetings to General Service.

Thanks for your participation!

Yours in Service,
Justin

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Why pays the Piper?

Does your home group know how its contributions are being spent?

At the Dec. 4 NAGSC meeting the GSRs and other voting members will review the budget proposal for 2012. It’s our chance to look at how we spent group contributions in 2011 and an opportunity to determine how the groups want us to manage the money in 2012.

What will be important in 2012?

We have many active standing committees — Public Information, Treatment Facilities, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Special Needs and Remote Communities — all of them ready to carry the message in person and in print. This service work needs our financial support.

We have travel expenses associated with attending NAGSC meetings, Area Assemblies and often regional service assemblies as well. This service work needs our financial support, too.

While we sort out our priorities we must remember that the GSRs hold the purse strings. Come prepared for much loving discussion!

The groups pay the piper, so the groups call the tune. How will your group want their contributions to NASC to be spent?

Sophie K., NAGSC Chairperson

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Hello all:

My name is Chris S., I am your Special Needs/ Accessibilities/ Remote Communities Chair for the NAGSC, and I have some questions for you to think about.

How inclusive is my homegroup to all:

1. Do we have wheelchair accessibility, large enough restrooms with signs, meeting schedules that show that you are a handicap accessible meeting.

2. Do we need to have larger print books for the visually impaired or older alcoholic, Interpreter for the Deaf and hard of Hearing.

3. If my homegroup does not allow animals in the meetings can I keep Service Animals out? What are service animals? http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

4. If the 12 Traditions are for the group, are we above the law as a society within a society?

5. If I can be of service to you I can be reached at nagscsnchair@gmail.com.

Humbly in Service,
Chris S.
Tonopah Motels*

Spring Assembly is March 30 - April 1, 2012

Hi-Desert Best Western (775) 482-3511
$108.99 single/$119.99 double (includes tax)

Ramada Tonopah Station (775) 482-9777
$64.86 all rooms single and double (includes tax)

Jim Butler Motel (775) 482-3577
$54.65 single / $63.37 double (includes tax)

Economy Inn (775) 482-6238
$39.00 all rooms single double (plus tax)

The Clown Hotel (775) 482-5920
$39.79 single/$43.06 for two/$46.33 for three (includes tax)

Silver Queen Motel (now called Humbug Flat)
now monthly rates only

Tonopah Motel (775)482-3987
$34.99 single (plus tax) add $3 for each additional person

National 9 Inn (775) 482-8202
$49.99 single/$54.94 double (plus tax)

*(Prices updated October, 2011 are subject to change)*

Area 42 Officers (2011 - 2012)

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Alt. Treasurer ......................... Phil W.
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*Find contact information for all officers at www.nevadaarea42.org*
Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses

Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer’s address to send Group 7th Tradition Contributions.

Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses:

General Services Office (GSO)
PO Box 459
New York, NY 10163
(Make Checks to General Fund)

Area 42 (All Nevada)
PO Box 70171
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-0171
(Make checks to Area 42 Treasury)

SOUTHERN CONTRIBUTIONS
Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)
Make checks to GSR Fund of SO NEVADA
Southern Area Treasurer
PO Box 71804-1804
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-1804

Las Vegas Intergroup
Las Vegas Central Office
1431 E. Charleston Blvd. Suite 15
Las Vegas, NV. 89104
(Make checks to Las Vegas Intergroup)

NORTHERN CONTRIBUTIONS
Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)
For address, contact:
nagsctreasurer@nevadaarea42.org
(Make checks to Northern Area 42 Treasury)

Northern Area Intergroup
436 South Rock Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431
(Make Checks to N. Nevada Intergroup)

MEETING MINUTES
Links to minutes of Area 42 Assemblies, NAGSC and SAGSC meetings and can be found online at:
www.nevadaarea42.org

FROM THE EDITOR
If you would like to submit a service-oriented article for the Area 42 Newsletter, the deadline for the next edition is tentatively Feb. 17, 2012. No last names or personal address, phone numbers or email addresses. Submit to:
area42newsletter@gmail.com
District Business meetings

District 1: 2nd Sunday in April, 10 AM, at the Lost & Found in Boulder City, NV. Email for information: district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells, Reno NV. Email for information: district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3: 2nd Sunday in January, May, July, and November at 12 noon, Las Vegas Central Office. Email for information: district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4: 1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. Reno Triangle Club 635 S. Wells Ave, Reno. Email for information: district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5b: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Email for location: district5b@nevadaarea42.org

District 6: Meeting held the second Sunday of EVEN numbered months. Email for information: district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7: 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. St. Rose Dominican Hospital. Email for information: district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: First Sunday of ODD months. Email for information: district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: 3rd Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. at Serenity Club. This will change in March. Email for information: district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A: 3rd Sunday of odd numbered months, 6:30 p.m., 680 River St., Elko, NV. Email for information: district10a@nevadaarea42.org

District 11: Email for information: district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 1st Saturday of each month at 5 p.m. at Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St., Fallon, NV. Email for information: district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13: Last Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Triangle Club small room, 4600 E. Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas. Email for information: district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14: 3rd Tuesday of each ODD month at 7p.m. Email for information: district14@nevadaarea42.org

District 15: 1st Friday of the month 6:30 p.m., T.L.E. Club, 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas. Email for information: district15@nevadaarea42.org

District 16: 3rd Monday of the month at a member’s office. Contact district16@nevadaarea.org for information district16@nevadaarea42.org

District 17: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at 360 S. Lola Ln, Pahrump, NV (basement training room). Email for information: district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 19: 2nd Friday of EVEN months at 2 p.m. Email for location: Email for information: district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20: 3rd Saturday in January, March, May, August and October, 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 50 Weatherlow, Susanville, CA (Susanville Fellowship Hall). Email for information: district20@nevadaarea42.org

District 21: Every Thursday at 7 p.m. 3111 S Valley View Suite B-212. Email for information: district21@nevadaarea42.org

District 22: Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. 1479 S. Wells Ave, Suite 2, Reno, NV. Email for information: district22@nevadaarea42.org
I was fortunate enough to go to my first Area assembly as Alternate GSR along with our GSR, John F and numerous other trusted servants from Area 42 of the Pacific Region. Being my first assembly I obviously had no expectations, well maybe I had a lot but checked them at the door, but my excitement level was through the roof. I got to see and meet representatives from all over the area and was treated like we had been friends for years. When you get in a room full of fellow alcoholics, you immediately feel like family. Remember we all have the same thing in common and no one was better than anyone else. The people with 40+ years treated me as an equal with just 19 months. I still have no idea how it all works but am so grateful to get a taste. We heard from Area 42 delegate, then we started with reports from DCMs from all the districts. These reports tell about their district’s group activities. For example in our Valley../Minden-Gardnerville, Methodist Church, Episcopal Church, Genoa Church. Now these are locations, not names of groups and what we’re doing to improve and support our groups. We got committee reports, Like on NAGSC, SAGSC, ANNYPAA, GSR, GSO, DCM, LVYPPA, now there will be a bunch of letters to these groups and don’t let me fool you. They sound nice rolling off my tongue, but I still have no idea what they all mean. We got to hear GSR reports (General Service Rep) Yaaa I know that one but still don’t know all what the job in tales. For example, Our GSR John F gave a great report and made a folder for all of us to see at our group level about his trip to the Woodland Hills and the Pacific Regional Forum. Now we have Groups, Districts, Areas, Regions and General Service and World Service and I’m sure I mixed something up in all that too. Remember, this was my first assembly and I know nothing but am learning something new every day. One report that stands out was from Byron who represents us; well he goes to GSO (General Service Office) in New York. Now he is representing all of us and heard all sorts of things, which I don’t really understand but sure sounded good. We got to hear all sorts of reports, Ideas, request, and reviews and then discuss them with the assembly. We had a great workshop for GSR’S and thought I was in there, well didn’t really understand all that either. Now I know it sounds crazy, but there was a lot of info in a very short time and was overwhelmed. One of the biggest things I learned was getting a taste of service and realized, Service for me is the key and want more of it! I also know (Be careful what you ask for) Also something even more important. Meetings are very important, but there’s a whole new world of AA out there for me and that comes with service. When I was leaving I felt like part of a family and can’t wait to see everyone again. I was with friends I’ve known for years, some decades and spending one weekend with them I feel closer to them than ever before. I did have big expectations about the town of Tonopah, I’ve never been there before and thought of it as a spot in the desert I didn’t really need to see. When I arrived I thought I was right. After going for a walk and just opening my eyes I saw what a cool, beautiful little town it is. The history was amazing, the colors and old buildings I loved. The accommodations were different and I learned one very important thing. Can you say RAMADA.LOL. I’ve been fighting this disease for a long time and have learned. Get into service and stick with the winners, learn something new every day and like I always say “Enjoy the Gift”. Be Grateful with every breath, help others and pass on the message. I want to thank the group for letting be of service and giving me the opportunity to attend this assembly and represent our group. I brought back some literature including a great report from the General Service Conference and flyers on upcoming events for my group. I want to end with this. I got a feeling for AA I have never had before and it felt GREAT!! I know today.

“God has given me another chance at life”

“Be Grateful with every breath” And for Me, well I’m Lovin Livin”

Thank You,

George M., Alt, GSR, Minden Gardnerville Group