Another New Year!

Wishing all of Area 42 a joyous and happy new year

Should Las Vegas Host PRAASA 2018?

Does Area 42 wish to host the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) the weekend of March 2-4, 2018?

The event now rotates among the areas in the Pacific Region with each area having an opportunity to host once every 15 years. Area 42’s opportunity is in 2018. The delegate of the area whose turn to host is 4 years hence must announce the area’s decision at the Pacific Regional Luncheon at the General Service Conference. The question will come to the floor at our Area’s Pre-conference Assembly in Tonopah, NV, on the weekend of March 28-30. Here is some general information about PRAASA in advance of our discussion.

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From our Delegate

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The purpose of PRAASA is to:

- Develop greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Pacific Region;
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences;
- Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The event is hosted each year by an area in the Pacific Region; it usually takes place over the first full weekend (Friday noon – Sunday noon) in March. In Las Vegas there would likely be 1500 attendees – recovering adult alcoholics and friends mainly from Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. Some international attendees would be expected.

What happens at PRAASA? During the day panel presentations are held in the main room. In the evening members can participate in round table sessions on specific topics in breakout rooms. There is a Saturday night banquet and speaker meeting. Activities in the main room are translated in Spanish and American Sign Language. There are informal opportunities for fellowship throughout the weekend.

What would be involved in hosting PRAASA? A successful PRAASA would require 60-70 committed volunteers to work together on advance committees such as: registration, website, program, meals, hospitality, facilities, Al-Anon, volunteers, I.T., publicity. Time commitments would vary from committee to committee. Some, but not all, committees would require volunteers with specific skills. Additional volunteers would be needed during the event itself. Most of the committee work would happen in the six months prior to the event. The Assembly and the PRAASA Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Would Area 42 bear any of the costs? No, PRAASA’s expenses are met through registration fees. Seed money is provided. Why not Reno? Area 42 has hosted PRAASA five times, alternating each time between Reno and Las Vegas. The last time we hosted was in Reno, in 2003.

Love & Service
Sophie K.

From our Secretary

We have so much going on in AA right now that I’m having a hard time finding that life balance! I’m sure service has kept me sober and relatively happy. So, I’ll keep doing what works; that means being a trusted Area 42 servant. Thanks for your patience! We are gearing up for PRAASA and Tonopah. Hopefully everyone has reviewed the rosters and made any corrections by now, also the minutes from the September assembly are on nevadaarea42.org for your review and corrections.

Please make every effort to email me your report for the minutes. That way they will convey exactly what you need to report. You may also get them to me at the assembly, or If you want I can enter them as you speak them at the microphone. Having a well written report can also benefit our Spanish speaking representatives. So please have a copy for them as well.

Our area assembly starts on Friday March 28, the deadline for submitting paperwork to the packets is Friday March 14th. This gives us time to format and translate if needed as well as copy and stuff envelopes.

On a fun note we will be running again from the convention center to the airport (about 7 miles) there will be rides available at any length on the way or you can turn around early. Time will be announced Friday.

Thank you,
Justin

From The Newsletter Editor

I welcome your input to the newsletter. All last names, phone numbers and personal emails are removed before publishing and emailing. Articles should be of a service oriented nature for consideration.

Submit articles or stories that you find interesting, perhaps we will be able to print them in one of the next newsletters. There are four newsletters each year February 23, April 30, August 10 and October 31.

Submission deadlines for each newsletter will be three weeks prior to the issue date listed above.

Email your submission to area42newsletter@gmail.com

Tag you’re it,
Irene P. Your Newsletter Editor
HISTORY OF LAS VEGAS ROUND-UP
by Ruth J.

Since I have heard much incorrect information said about the Las Vegas Round-Up, I want to share some history. I joined in 1974 as Registration Chair (2 years), then Vice Chairman (2 years), and Chairman in 1978 – 1979.

The Round-up was originally started by some AA’s and Al-Anon’s in General Service to show sobriety is fun, and raise a little to assist general service in the Las Vegas area get to the Area Assembly – at that time it was once a year either in Reno (expensive for Las Vegas GSR’s) or Las Vegas. For the first 14 – 16 years the Round-up reported to SAGSC. The Chair and Vice-Chair came from that service body. All Committee Chairs had to be approved by SAGSC.

The first Round-up was held at a Union Hall. Then it moved to the Stardust for ten years, then the Aladdin for 2 years. In 1980 it moved to the Riviera and it has remained there except for one year (early or mid ‘80’s) when it was at the Hilton but moved back to the Riviera.

As it grew and added non-AA activities (i.e. golf, runs, etc.) it separated from SAGSC (Early – mid ’80’s) and incorporated under Nevada corporate rules as an event for AA’s and Al Anon’s put on by AA’s and Al Anon’s. Any excess funds, after a prudent reserve and all expenses, could be divided among any or all of the following; Al Anon, SAGSC, Nevada Area, Intergroup and GSO. Since the economy struggles of the past five to six years, there has been little left over and little or none distributed to any entity.

The Las Vegas Round-up was never primarily a “fund-raiser” like the Gratitude Ball is for Central Office. No entity is ever promised or lead to believe they will get a donation. Some years we had only enough to give Al Anon their share of proceeds as they help put it on. The Round-up was never a fund raiser for or responsible to Central Office like the Gratitude Ball.

The main reason for it to continue should be to have fun, meet old and new friends, hear speakers from all over the US and Canada, and try to break even. The slogan “Fun in the Sun” has always been a part of any Public Relations flyer and program. If a little is left over, the Board of Trustees are the ones who decide which entity gets what and how much.

Happy to answer any questions I can,

Ruth J.

TRADITIONS

When an alcoholic applies the Twelve Steps of our recovery program to his personal life, his disintegration stops and his unification begins. The Power which now holds him together in one pieceovercomes those forces which had rent him apart.

Exactly the same principle applies to each A.A. group and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

So long as the ties which bind us together prove far stronger than those forces which would divide us if they could, all will be well. We shall be secure as a movement; our essential unity will remain a certainty.

*Originally published in The A.A. Grapevine.

“The willingness to grow is the essence of all spiritual development.” — Bill Wilson
Greetings from Area 42 Treasurer,

The group contributions have been most consistent and generous, thank you very much for your Area 42 participation. For current area financial information, please go to the nevadaarea42.org website, and click on the Area Member Info (login required) tab. If you don’t already know the username/password, ask your GSR or DCM. In order to get receipts out for all contributions received, please ask your group treasurers to include the group e-mail address or their personal e-mail address with contributions, so I can e-mail receipts instead of printing and mailing hard copies. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Area 42 March Assembly.

Respectfully, Carol B. Area Treasurer

Upcoming Events

NAGSC Meeting
Round Tables March 1, 1pm – 5pm
The First Congregational Church
627 Sunnyside Drive Reno

SAGSC Meeting -
Round Tables Feb 23 1:15 pm
at the Tie Club, Las Vegas

PRAASA
Mar 7 - 9, 2014 San Diego, California
Town and Country Resort and Convention Center
in Mission Valley

SPRING ASSEMBLY
Mar 28 - 30, 2014
Tonopah Convention Center
Ever attended a Regional Forum?

What’s the big deal about? At the 2009 Forum in Spokane, WA I didn’t just hear about A.A. as a whole. I FELT it! I discovered our Third Legacy, and that experience has changed my relationship with Alcoholics Anonymous forever.

Regional Forms provide a unique opportunity for A.A. members and local trusted servants throughout the U.S. and Canada to exchange information and experience with representatives of the General Service Board, A.A. World Services and A.A. Grapevine, and the General Service Office.

There is NO registration FEE!

If you have never been please consider it. The Pacific Regional Forum will be in Boise, ID at the Riverside Hotel the weekend of July 11-13, 2014. It is an informal weekend and is open to all A.A. members. This will be the closest Forum to Area 42 for at least 4 years!

Come be a part of this Third Legacy 12th Step call on the Pacific Region. For more information contact me, any rotated delegate and/or visit www.aa.org and search “Forums”.

Yours in service,
Sophie K.
Panel 63 Delegate, Area 42 Nevada/Eastern California

Communicating our Legacies
Vital in a Changing World

It’s the theme of the 64th General Service Conference and our theme to explore throughout 2014. At home group meetings, assemblies, workshops and panel presentations and we can take it in pieces or as a whole and grow together as a fellowship in recovery, unity and service.

Yours in service,
Sophie K.

SPRING ASSEMBLY - AGENDA

Friday – March 28, 2014

4:00-PM Registration Opens at Convention Center
6:00 WELCOME – Opening Announcements
6:30 DCM / Officer / Secretary / Treasure’s Report
8:00 GSR Orientation Main Room
8:00 Area Committee Meeting Blue Room

Saturday – March 29, 2014

7:00 AA Meeting Host: District 8
7:30 Registration Opens

Morning Session

8:00 Open Assembly
8:00 Delegate Report (40 Minutes)

Conference Agenda Items

9:00-11:30 Topics: Panel Presentation
11:30-1:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00-3:30 Topics: Panel Presentation
3:30-4:30 DCM / Committee reports
4:30 Adjourn: “Please Clear Room Quickly”
6:00 Saturday Night Banquet
7:30 Speaker Meeting

Sunday – March 30, 2014

7:30 AA Meeting Host: District 8

Morning Session

8:00 DCM Workshop Blue Room Rhonda & Lonnie
9:00 Assembly Opens with Serenity Prayer
9:05 Review Area Guidelines
9:30 Area Inventory Report: Ad Hoc Committee

New Business

What’s on your mind & Ask it basket
Thank you District 8 – Host District Fall 2014
Close with Responsibility Pledge
TONOPAH HOTELS

Mizpah Hotel
Queen $94  King $104
100 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3030

Jim Butler Inn
100 S. Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3577

Best Western
$115.53 single/$126.43
double (includes tax)
320 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3511

Tonopah Motel
$38.15 single/$44.45
double (includes tax)
521 North Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3987

Clown Motel
$39.79 single $43.06 double
or $46.33 triple
521 North Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3987

Economy Inn
$46.87 all rooms
(plus tax — senior rates available)
826 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-6238

National 9 Inn
$43.59 single / $49.04 double
(plus tax — senior rates available)
720 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-8202

Tonopah Ramada
1137 N Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-9777

All rates subject to change

AREA 42 District Business Meetings

District 1
2nd Sunday monthly, 10 AM
Lost & Found Club
Boulder City, NV
Email for information:
district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2
2nd Tuesday monthly 7pm
Reno Triangle Club
635 S. Wells, Reno NV
Email for information:
district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3
2nd Sunday in Jan, May, Jul and Nov at Noon
Las Vegas Central Office
Email for information:
district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4
1st Thurs monthly at 7pm
Reno Triangle Club
635 S. Wells Ave, Reno.
Email for information:
district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5b
2nd Saturday monthly 1:30pm
Email for location:
district5b@nevadaarea42.org

District 6
2nd Sunday of EVEN numbered months
Email for information:
district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7
3rd Friday monthly at 6:30pm
The Serenity Club
Email for information:
district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8
1st Sunday of ODD months
Email for information:
district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9
3rd Sunday monthly 4pm at Serenity Club.
This will change in March.
Email for information:
district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A
3rd Sunday of ODD months at 6:30 pm
680 River Street Elko, NV
Email for information:
district10a@nevadaarea42.org

District 11
Email for information:
district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12
2nd Tuesday monthly 7pm
Resurrection Church
4120 Hwy 50, 5 miles east of Fernley
Email for information:
district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13
Last Monday monthly at 5:00 pm
Triangle Club small room
4600 E. Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas
Email for information:
district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14
3rd Tuesday of ODD months
7pm Email for information:
district14@nevadaarea42.org

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

District 16
3rd Tuesday monthly at
Sparks Christian Church
Greenbrae & Pyramid 6pm
Room 204a
Email for information:
district16@nevadaarea42.org

District 17
1st Wednesday monthly
6:30 pm
360 S. Lola Ln Pahrump, NV
basement training room)
Email for information:
district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 19
2nd Friday of EVEN months
2 pm Email for location & information:
district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20
3rd Saturday in Jan, Mar, May, Aug
and Oct 12:30pm to 3pm
50 Weatherlow, Susanville, CA
(Susanville Fellowship Hall)
Email for information:
district20@nevadaarea42.org

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

District 22
Every Wednesday at 6pm
1479 S Wells Ave, Suite 2, Reno, NV
Email for information:
district22@nevadaarea42.org

District 23
7th Thursday of Even months
7pm Email for information:
district23@nevadaarea42.org

From the Editor
If you would like to submit an
article for Area 42
Submit to:
area42newsletter@gmail.com
Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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