From our Area 42 Chair

Hello, Friends of Area 42.

Hi there I thought I would say a few things about our upcoming Area Assembly. We have been working on putting an interesting and informative Assembly together for all who come. I believe that there is something that will appeal to everyone. Our guest Nancy H. who was the Trustee on the Grapevine committee will be helping us take a look at our two past inventories, Brouck H. will also be visiting and as a Technology guy has a very good understanding of e-communication and AA. He will be giving us a presentation on protecting our Anonymity online and other places. Nancy will also be our Saturday evening speaker.

We are also planning on some discussions which will include a discussion on solutions of how to keep our rooms clean.

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“So the Eleventh Tradition stands sentinel over the lifelines, announcing that there is no need for self-praise, that is better to let our friends recommend us.”

Bill W. from the October 1948 Grapevine. Published in “The Language of the Heart Bill W’s Grapevine Writings.” Please see more on page 7

An excerpt from the A.A. Internet Guidelines

Area 42 - Spring - Assembly
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Upcoming Events

**AREA 42**
**Fall Assembly**
Sept. 11-13

**Spring Assembly**
April 1-3, 2016

**NAGSC**
**Archives Workshop**
Aug. 16
Pat’s House

**District 8**
**Mammoth Lakes Campout**
Aug. 21-23

**District 4**
**Stepping Stones to Unity**
Oct. 17 1-3pm
627 Sunnyside Drive
Reno

**SAGSC**
**SAGSC Meeting**
Nov. 8 1pm
T.I.E. Club

**District 7**
**30th Annual Picnic**
Aug. 16 10am-3pm
Mt. Charleston

**District 9**
**Step Study**
Central Office
Aug. 22 2-4pm

**District 13**
**Three Legacies Workshop**
Aug. 22 3:30pm
Triangle Club

**District 1**
**Annual Fellowship Picnic**
Oct. 10 11am-4pm
Broadbent Park

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**SAGSC Chair**
**Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)**

Greetings Area 42,

On Sunday, July 12, 2015, the Southern Area met for their quarterly SAGSC meeting at the TIE Club at 1:15pm in beautiful downtown Las Vegas. We were graced with the presence and a report by our Area Chair, Phil W. He was accompanied by the fabulous NAGSC Secretary, Laura. We thank you both for making the trek and I look forward to making the trip to your guys in the near future! (Yeah... I said yous...).

I would personally like to thank Erica P., SAGSC Secretary/Alt. Area Secretary. She will be leaving us to continue her journey in Washington DC. I have had the honor to be in service with her for several years and all I can say, they are lucky to be getting her!

Best to you, Erica! This being said... well, written really, the position of SAGSC Secretary/Alt. Area Secretary is open. We will be voting a member in at the Fall Area Assembly in Tonopah. Please announce at your groups!

A reminder to all SAGSC Officers and Standing Committee Chairs that are funded through the Southern Area... your budget requests are due to Edie by November 1, 2015.

Our next SAGSC meeting is November 8, 2015. Same time. Same place. I know that between now and then, many of the Districts and Standing Committees will be hosting a bunch of different service events and workshops, even some service picnics! Support, participate, bring some newcomers, learn something new!!

Thank you all for what you do and allowing me to do it with you!
In AA Love and Service,
Jonelle W.
SAGSC Chair

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**Area 42 Chair**
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safe. There will be a few proposals for reading and also reports of what is happening in General Service in our Area. Our delegate will be passing out the General Service Conference Final Report and telling us about his time at the conference. We have some positions that are vacant and need filling. There are many reasons to be in Tonopah for our Area 42 Fall Assembly.
I hope to see you there.
Phil W. Area 42 Chair
2015 Fall Assembly Agenda
Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service
The Foundation of Our Future

Friday - Sept 11, 2015
4pm Registration opens
6:00 Welcome—Opening Announcements
6:15 Secretary/Treasure’s report/committee chair/officer reports
8:00 GSR Orientation-
8:00 Area Committee meeting

Saturday - Sept 12, 2015
7:00 AM AA Meeting
7:30 Registration Opens
8:00 Open Assembly
8:05-8:30 Delegate Report
8:30-9:00 Trustee Report
9:00 Confirmations and elections
10:00 Break
10:15-12:00 Discussions and Reports
Noon Lunch (90 Minutes) Grapevine Story Writing Workshop
1:30 Area 42 Business, Reports and Discussion’s
3:30 DCM / Committee reports
4:30 Adjourn: “Please Clear Room Quickly”
6:00 Saturday Night Banquet
7:30 Speaker Meeting

Sunday – Sept 13, 2015
7:00 AA Meeting
7:30-8:30 DCM workshop (blue room)
7:30-8:30 Standing Committee Chair get together (archive room)
8:45 Assembly opens
PRAASA report
10:00 Break
New Business
What’s on your mind & Ask it Basket
Thank you District – Chose Host District for Fall 2015
Close with Responsibility Pledge

Next Area 42 Assembly, April 1-3 2016
Tonopah, Nevada

NAGSC Chair/Alternate Delegate
Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)

Hello Area 42 Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer to date. I was privileged to have the opportunity to spend 27 days on a truly exciting, interesting and informative road trip through several of the lower US states, which had me in Atlanta for a week over July 4th, attending the International Convention.

Everything in the north is going well, plenty of picnics, camp outs and also two Fall Conventions are scheduled for Reno and Tahoe. Our August NAGSC meeting was held in June Lake, so many of us enjoyed a scenic drive through the breathtaking area views available. Perhaps we shall have some photos to view Saturday evening at the Assembly.

The Finance Committee has finalized the proposed 8-1 thru 7-31 fiscal budget, and for your convenience, it shall be sent out for your advance assessment. Please know that the northern area is in need of a NAGSC treasurer and also we shall also be electing two at-large Finance Committee members to replace Glenn and Dan. I look forward to seeing you next month in Tonopah.

Thank you for your attention and service,

Carol B. – Alternate Delegate

Area 42 Finance Committee Report

All five members (Carol, Tinna, Edie, Dan and Glenn) met to assemble the 2015- 2016 Area 42 budget. We truly missed the presence and budgeting experience of our Vincent C, Area 42 Treasurer, who passed away June 28, 2015.

Tinna O. has moved into the position and is at this time also doing the NAGSC treasurer duties. If the Alternate Treasurer elected at the assembly to finish out the rotation, is from the South, than the NAGSC shall elect a treasurer to step in immediately.

The 80 minute Conference Call meeting went smoothly. There was some discussion pertaining to the P&L categories’ being up to date because at this time (possibly until September Assembly) the paperwork, receipts and exact details of reimbursements and various March Assembly deposits are currently unavailable. The QuickBooks and Wells Fargo bank statements have reconciled, and are in order. We are pleased with the suggested proposed budget and welcome any and all questions, feedback, and suggestions. This is your Area Budget, please peruse though it at your leisure.

The committee wishes to thank everyone for turning in their officer budget requests. See you September 11,12,&13, 2015

Carol B. – Finance Committee Chair

*This is not a final agenda
A.A.® Guidelines Internet Excerpts from the A.A. Guidelines Updated 2013

Note from the editor: This is a partial reprint of the A.A. Guidelines. To access it in full, please visit aa.org.

A.A. Guidelines Internet from G.S.O., New York.

A.A. Guidelines are compiled from the shared experience of A.A. members in various service areas. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). In keeping with our Tradition of autonomy, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole, most decisions are made by the group conscience of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an informed group conscience.

A.A. TRADITIONS AND THE INTERNET

We observe all A.A.’s principles and Traditions on A.A. public media such as the Internet.

Anonymity—As anonymity is the “spiritual foundation of all our Traditions,” we practice anonymity on public websites at all times.

In 2013, the General Service Conference affirmed that “the Internet, social media, and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the short form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: ‘...at the level of press, radio, and films.’”

As Bill W. wrote: “At this altitude [public], anonymity – 100 percent anonymity—was the only possible answer. Here, principles would have to come before personalities without exception.”

In simplest form, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos.

Guarding Anonymity Online.

A 63rd General Service Conference Advisory Action affirmed that the Internet, social media and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: “...at the level of press, radio, and firms.”

Attraction not promotion

As our co-founder, Bill W., wrote: “Public information takes many forms – the simple sign outside a meeting place that says ‘A.A. meeting tonight’; listing in local phone directories; distribution of A.A. literature; and radio and television shows using sophisticated media techniques. Whatever the form, it comes down to ‘one drunk carrying the message to another drunk,’ whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media.

Self-support—In keeping with our Seventh Tradition, A.A. pays its own expenses and this also applies in cyberspace. To avoid confusion and to guard against the perception of affiliation, endorsement or promotion, care should be taken in selection of the website host. Website committees have avoided any host site that requires the inclusion of mandatory advertising space or links to commercial sites.

Not only are they much more likely to display non-A.A. and/or controversial material, but linking might imply endorsement, if not affiliation. In the final analysis, experience strongly suggests that, when considering linking to another site, proceed with caution. The same caution is advised when choosing a web hosting site. Many “free” web hosting services require that the website include mandatory advertisements or links. Most A.A. website committees see this as actual or implied affiliation or endorsement of the Production services listed in those ads. They have found it prudent to create a website through a service that does not include mandatory advertisements or links.

GUARDING ANONYMITY ONLINE

Modern communication in A.A. is flowing from one alcoholic to another in ways that are high-tech, relatively open-ended and evolving quickly. Protecting anonymity is a major concern for members, who are accessing the Internet in ever-growing numbers.
When we use digital media, we are responsible for our own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

For more information on anonymity online see pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” and the October 2010 issue of AA Grapevine on Anonymity on the Internet.

GENERAL SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES

Facebook and other social networking websites are public in nature. Though users create accounts and utilize usernames and passwords, once on the site, it is a public medium where A.A. members and non-A.A.s mingle.

As long as individuals do not identify themselves as A.A. members, there is no conflict of interest. However, someone using their full name and/or a likeness, such as a full-face photograph, would be contrary to the spirit of the Eleventh Tradition, which states in the Long Form that, “...our [last] names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed or publicly printed.”

Experience suggests that it is in keeping with the Eleventh Tradition not to disclose A.A. membership on social networking sites as well as on any other website, blog, electronic bulletin board, etc., that is not composed solely of A.A. members and not password protected, or is accessible to the public.

Websites social networking offer individuals the chance to post a great deal of personal information about themselves (and others). Our experience suggests that some A.A. members do not post anything that is “A.A. jargon” on their personal profiles and in “status updates,” while others feel it is alright to do so as long as A.A. or Alcoholics Anonymous specifically is not mentioned.

These websites often allow users to create social networking “groups” and the ability to invite others to “events” for like-minded individuals.

Some A.A.s have chosen to create A.A.-related groups. Since this is a relatively new medium, A.A. members are frequently “learning as they go,” and technology and applications change practically on a daily basis.

Our experience has shown that the evolving nature of social networking platforms makes it difficult to provide specific guidelines for using such resources for A.A. purposes. Any A.A. group or member that is thinking about entering this public arena should closely consider the privacy policies of such sites, in light of A.A.’s tradition of anonymity. For example, social networking sites often provide full names and pictures of group members, contrary to A.A.’s practice of avoiding such disclosures in public media. Even “closed” or “private” groups might still reveal an individual’s identity. Being well-informed prior to joining or starting such a group is the key to protecting your own anonymity, and that of others.

Area 42 Seventh 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)
P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163
(Make Checks to: General Fund)

All Area 42
(All Nevada & California)
P.O. 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)
C/O Tinna O.
For the mailing address please email nagsctreasurer@gmail.com
(Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury)

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

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G.S.O. has received numerous complaints from concerned A.A. members regarding anonymity breaks online, inappropriate use of the A.A. name, and copyrighted materials and protected trademarks being improperly used on Facebook and other social networking websites. No local online A.A. or non-A.A. entity should purport itself to be a spokesperson for A.A. or act as if they represent the General Service Office, A.A.W.S., or the General Service Board.

SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Based on A.A.'s strength and history of personal and intimate sharing, the spiritual nature of "one drunk talking to another" is an ongoing concern when discussing technology as a source of A.A. information. Even many Internet-savvy A.A. members say that they do not want the ease of new technology to detract from the one-on-one sharing that has been so essential to our Fellowship and our recovery from alcoholism. It is helpful to remember that there is no need to let the speed of technology dictate the speed of our actions. Based on shared experience to date, website committees not only discuss the technical aspects of developing a website but also address questions related to preserving the spiritual connection created by one alcoholic talking with another. Some committees have reported a loss of "personal touch" when relying too heavily on technology, while others report that they have found a balance that works for them.

It will be up to a committee's informed group conscience to determine what A.A. content is useful and appropriate. The good news is that today's decisions can be reviewed, revised, abandoned or expanded. A committee can always try something for a certain length of time and then come back and determine how well it is working. This is the A.A. way!

PERSONAL PHONE NUMBERS ON A.A. EVENT FLYERS

Until relatively recently, A.A. members usually had little concern about placing their first names, last initials and personal phone numbers on flyers announcing upcoming A.A. events, since these flyers were typically given out only in A.A. meetings, left on tables at other A.A. events or distributed to members. Today, event flyers can be easily uploaded and viewed on websites, accessible to the general public.

Due to search services on the Internet, it is now possible to utilize phone numbers to find out a person's identity, including full names and, possibly, other personal information. If A.A. members become increasingly uneasy with personal phone numbers being placed on flyers, event committees may need to look into alternate ways of providing contact information such as an event email address.

ANONYMITY AND EMAIL

Electronic mail is a widely used and accepted method of communication. It is now used regularly as a service tool in A.A., but as with any service, we need to ensure the Fellowship's Traditions are maintained while still receiving the most benefit from this form of communication. When using email it is necessary to consider the anonymity of the recipients of messages. Sending messages to multiple recipients that disclose the email addresses of everyone on the addressee list is a potential break of someone else's anonymity.

Therefore, it is a good idea to obtain a recipient's explicit permission before using his or her email address for A.A. correspondence, especially if it is a workplace email address. When sending A.A. mail to multiple recipients who wish to remain anonymous, use can be made of the BCC (Blind Courtesy Copy) option available on most computers.

SPEAKER TALKS ONLINE

Members report that audio files of A.A. talks increasingly are being disseminated over the Internet. If a member objects to having his or her A.A. story broadcast publicly, he or she may wish to contact the site's webmaster and request its removal.

Numerous members have acted, with good outcomes, on the following suggestion for speakers at A.A. events that appears in the G.S.O. service piece A.A. Guidelines for Conferences, Conventions and Roundups: Experience shows that it is best to encourage speakers not to use full names and not to identify third parties by full names in their talks.

The strength of our Anonymity Traditions is reinforced by speakers who do not use their last names and by taping companies whose labels and catalogs do not identify speakers by last names, titles, service jobs or descriptions.

In addition, some A.A. members, if being recorded for future play on a public website, may choose to leave out other details of their lives that may make themselves or their families identifiable. In recent years, the trustees' Public Information Committee has requested that G.S.O. contact speaker talk companies and remind them of A.A.'s Tradition of Anonymity at the public level and ask for their cooperation.

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Tradition Eleven By Bill W. October 1948
From “The Language of the Heart Bill W.’s Grapevine Writings”

Providence has been looking after Alcoholics Anonymous. It can scarcely have been otherwise. Though we are more than a dozen years old, hardly a syllable of criticism or ridicule has ever been spoken of A.A. Somehow we have been spared all the pains of medical or religious controversy and we have good friends both wet and dry, right and left. Like most societies, we are sometimes scandalous - but never yet in public. From all over the world, naught comes but keen sympathy and downright admiration. Our friends of the press and radio have outdone themselves. Anyone can see that we are in far way to be spoiled. Our reputation is already so much better than our actual character.

Surely these phenomenal blessings must have a deep purpose. Who doubts that this purpose wishes to let every alcoholic in the world know that A.A. is truly for all of us. Nothing less will do. Else our brother may turn his face to the wall because we did not care enough. Hence, our messages through public channels have never been seriously discolored, nor has the searing breath of prejudice ever issued from anywhere.

Good public relations are A.A. lifelines reaching out to the alcoholic who still does not know us. For years to come, our growth is sure to depend upon the strength and number of these lifelines. One serious public relations calamity could always turn thousands away from us to perish - a matter of life and death indeed.

The future poses no greater problem or challenge to A.A. now than how best to preserve a friendly and vital relation to all the world about us. Success contrary to usual customs, should be based on the principle of attraction rather than promotion. Shot-in-the-arm methods are not for us - no press agents, no promotional devices, no big names. The hazards are too great. Immediate results will always be illusive because easy short-cuts to notoriety can generate permanent and smothering liabilities.

More and more, therefore, we are emphasizing the principle of personal anonymity as it applies to our public relations. We ask each other the highest degree of personal responsibility in this respect. As a movement we have been, before now, tempted to exploit the names of our well-known public characters. We have rationalized that other societies, even the best, do the same. As individuals, we have sometimes believed that the public use of our names could demonstrate our personal courage in the face of stigma, so lending power and conviction to news stories and magazine articles.

But these are not the allurels they once were. Vividly, we are becoming aware that no member ought to describe himself in full view of the general public as A.A., even for the most worthy purpose, lest a perilous precedent be set which would tempt others to do likewise for purposes not so worthy.

We see that on breaking anonymity by press, radio or pictures, any one of us could easily transfer the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous over onto any enterprise or into the midst of any controversy.

So it is becoming our code that there are things that no A.A. ever does, lest he divert A.A. from its sole purpose and injure our public relations. And thereby the chances of those sick ones yet to come.

To the million alcoholics who have not yet heard our A.A. story, we should ever say, “Greetings and welcome. Be assured that we shall never weaken the lifeline which we float to you. In our public relations, we shall, God willing, keep the faith.”

Tradition Eleven (Long Form) - Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.
**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 6:30pm
680 River Street Elko, NV
Email for information: district10a@nevadaarea42.org

**District 10B**
4th Sunday of ODD months at 10 am
Location rotates between the groups.
Email for information: district10b@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
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 Oct 10:30am to 12:30pm
50 Weatherlow, Susanville
(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

**TONOPAH HOTELS**

**Mizpah Hotel**
100 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-3030

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

**Best Western**
320 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-3511

**Tonopah Motel**
325 Main
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-3987

**Clown Motel**
521 North Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-5920

**Economy Inn**
826 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-6238

**National 9 Inn**
720 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-8202

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