Hello, Friends of Area 42.

Well here we are moving through the year. Fall colors are happening and Service is in the air. I believe our Area is enjoying a breath of AA unity. In our immediate past assembly I watched our area Bask in the Love and Tolerance of our 10th step promise. I know not everything is peaches and cream but I really enjoyed the Game of Jeopardy that our Grapevine rep from the South brought to us.

I also really need to thank our DCM from 10a Samantha, and the Alternate Chair Justin for the work they put in to a review of our past inventories. I want to thank all of you General Service folks who show up and the groups

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Upcoming Events

AREA 42
Spring Assembly
April 1-3, 2016

NAGSC Meeting
Dec. 5, 1-3pm
South Reno Methodist

District 8
Nov. 21 2-4pm
Safety in AA
Mammoth Lakes Hall

District 2, 4 & 16
Jan. 10 1-3pm
Grapevine Article Writing Workshop
Sparks Alano Club

District 12
Nov. 15 10:30am
Secretary Workshop
Wolf Center Fallon

District 12
Nov. 14 5pm
PI Report, Q&A
Wolf Center Fallon

District 16
Dec. 12 12-5pm
Annual Christmas Affair
Sparks Masonic Center

NNIG
Monthly Speaker Meeting
Nov. 7 Corner Stone
Dec. 19, Jan. 9
Silver Legacy

SAGSC Meeting
Nov. 8 1:15 pm
(GSR Training: 12:15)
T.I.E. Club

Las Vegas Round-Up Marathon Meetings
Nov. 26 4pm-Nov. 29 9am
Westgate Hotel

District 7
Anonymity Workshop
Nov. 7 10am-1pm
Serenity Club

District 17
Steps Workshop
Dec. 6 2-4pm
Oasis Room
1062 Second Street
Pahrump

SAGSC Chair
Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)

Greetings Area 42,
Wasn’t our Area Assembly in September fabulous!? Informative, smooth running, somewhat non-controversial. It was wonderful to connect with those I know and all those I know now!

Our next SAGSC meeting is Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 at the T.I.E. Club in beautiful downtown Las Vegas at 1:15pm. Please note that the GSR Training will meet prior at 12:15pm.

We changed the time to allow all the new and enthusiastic GSR’s plenty of time for discussion and questions! We will have several proposals read for a first reading as well as the proposed Budget for 2016. These items will be voted on at the Jan. 10, 2016 SAGSC.

Congratulations to Edie D., our SAGSC Treasurer, who is now the Alt. Area Treasurer as well!

I would like to welcome our new Alt. Area Secretary/ SAGSC Secretary, Glenn W. I am super excited to serve with him! With that being said, I am on the hunt for a new DCM Trainer/Coordinator. If you know of anyone who is a past DCM and would be interested, please contact me at sagscchair@nevadaarea42.org.

We will begin preparations for the Agenda Item Presentations/ Roundtables in the near future... I do mean near, so if you have never summarized and presented, please consider making yourself available. I remember my experience like it was yesterday. It was on Report & Charter (yeah, that’s what I said...).

In those days, which was only a few years ago, we had a three, maybe four day turnaround, so I had to be committed (that is not to say with a longer turnaround time you don’t have to be... You know what I mean!!!!!!). In doing so, it allowed me opportunities to do research on areas I may have never thought about before. Now I love R&C!!!!! (Just don’t ask me questions about it!). Anywho... I have already asked a few folks if they would make themselves available, so that may happen too!!!! In closing, please remember to take advantage of the upcoming District events and share them with your groups! Thank you all for what you do and allowing me to do it with you!

In AA love and service,
Jonelle W.

Area 42 Chair
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that send you, I truly hope that all of our area hears about our next assembly and feels like coming, and enjoying the weekend with us. I am very proud of how you all dealt with the discussion on solutions to keeping our rooms safe I believe our archivist Rhonda did a really a great job with her presentation.

The Spring Pre-Conference assembly should be a nice get together We have our United States Trustee at Large Bob W. coming as our guest and should bring a message of AA service to the World. Our two Linguistic Districts will be teaming up as Hosts and I’m sure we will all be looking forward to that. Please don’t forget the date is April 1-3, 2016.

Phil W. Area 42 Chair
I hope this finds everyone in the best of health, and enjoying the Fall Season as it is approaching.

We are keeping busy here in the northern area, the Standing Committee Chairs are busy doing presentations with the districts and businesses inviting them to share with them. Tinna O. is working with Will L., getting the NAGSC Treasury and QuickBooks transferred over. District 4 is hosting the December NAGSC meeting in Reno.

I’m looking forward to getting together with the summarizing of the GSC agenda item volunteers in February, and putting the presentations together for the northern area Roundtables and also the Assembly presentations, Jonelle and I will be signing up the members willing to participate in this most informative service commitment. Happy Holiday Season to all…

Carol B.

Hello and happy winter, Area 42.

It’s hard to believe this is the fourth and final edition of the 2015 Area 42 Newsletter. Thank you for an incredible year. I hope you have found the newsletters to be a good resource. I strive to make them as functional and informative as possible.

Our webmaster, Libby G., does an incredible job with keeping Area 42’s online presence up to date with minutes, newsletters and calendar items and the like. In fact, the calendar printed on P. 2 of each newsletter comes directly from the website calendar. If you haven’t been to the site, please check it out. And if you need a map, on this very page you will find the “Get to know your Area 42 website” flyer that Libby created.

This edition also features a printed version of Rhonda W.’s “Safety in AA” talk from the Fall Assembly. Good service and leadership are as important as ever in today’s AA.

The first reading of the proposed guidelines changes is also included on P. 6-7. You’ll also find messages from Phil W. Area 42 Chair, Carol B. NAGCS Chair and Jonelle W. SAGCS Chair.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2016. In the meantime, peace on earth and goodwill to all.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Anne K. Newsletter Editor
Safety in AA

Presented by Rhonda W. at the Area 42 Fall 2015 Assembly

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When I was asked to share on the topic of safety in AA or predators in AA my first thought went to 13th steppers. What I discovered while reading the research was 13th stepping is only one element in a destructive thread that runs through AA. Some of the other problems we have been having involve illegal activity and bullying. Then we have some that are not so obvious like, indifference, language and lack of respect.

I am going to start with predators, we call them "13th steppers" like it is some kind of cute - next-step-in-AA - sort of thing. The truth is they are predators. Predators in AA are members who take advantage of others in sexual, spiritual or financial ways.

This is not just about the old timer trying to get the newcomer into bed, this also includes pressuring newcomers to go to church, join religious groups or attend seminars or self help programs that are not AA related.

It also includes financial predators, preying on peoples weaknesses to get them to give you money, asking straight out for money or pressure to buy items like Avon, Amway or Mary Kay. These newcomers feel pressured into helping and even believe that if they don’t purchase what is being sold or host a sales party in their home, they may be excluded from AA.

Next let’s address illegal activity. AA cannot be viewed as a sanctuary from the laws of the society we live in. Illegal activity in AA is not protected by anonymity. We have all been in a home group where the treasurer has run off with the money, I have even run off with the money once. (I paid it back in full.) Most of the time we turn the other cheek. We rely on our higher power to work it out. A lot of the times the money is returned. Sometimes it is not. and we lose that member of AA. Your group has the right to file a complaint with the police if that is what you decide. It is a theft and if it is a lot of money, you probably should. If people are selling drugs in your meeting, call the police. If people are harming others physically in your meeting, call the police. We also need to cooperate with the landlords of our meeting places.

No smoking means no smoking. No loud music blaring, no trash left around the building. Look at it like it is your home. Would you allow that behavior in your home?

Now we have bullying - a fairly new discussion in AA, but an issue that has been around for a long time. Bullying is something I have never personally looked at before now. I went online and read a bunch of non AA related material about bullying in AA. Most of the blogs and remarks were from people who didn’t like to be told what to do, (like the steps). After I weeded through the whiners I ran into a few that made me look at myself and my sponsorship tools. Do I demand that the women I sponsor do anything? Do I look down on them, talk down to them? Do I put them down or shame them for human behavior? And then, how do I act in meetings, am I holier than thou? Do I bully? Do I cross talk, or yell “Who are you” when someone forgets to identify themselves? Do I intimidate the newcomer? I once had a girl tell me she was afraid to ask me to sponsor her because she heard I was mean. Did I create that?

There is a solution. In the new pamphlet, “Many Paths to Spirituality,” it is says, “The Spirit of tolerance is strong in AA.” And our treasured Big Book says, “Love and tolerance of others is our code.”

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Area 42 Seventh Tradition
Contribution Addresses

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

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
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 Will L.
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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Safety in AA
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When do we set aside our tolerance and take action?

There are some problems that ought not be tolerated: Sexual predation; verbal threats; physical altercations; an active drunk taking over a meeting; language; vulgarity; prejudicial slurs; anonymity violations; and non-alcoholics at closed meetings.

We are not talking about general meeting disruptions, the drunk guy who puked in the hallway or the women who blurs out phrases every few minutes. We have all had to deal with the newcomer who hasn’t quite got the protocol down. We are talking about extremely disruptive, illegal and dangerous behavior.

Bruce D. wrote a paper for the Area 2 Convention in Alaska. In it he wrote a synopsis of safety in AA, using some of the traditions. I am going to relay his efforts here for us:

Tradition 1: Unity- Do I treat our meeting place in a way that will let me and others continue to meet here?

Tradition 2: We have trusted servants in our group (or we should have), use them. They are our guides. (Kinda)

Tradition 3: Meetings should offer a sense of confidentiality for anyone who wishes to recover. I shouldn’t have to worry that I am being tagged on a Facebook page at an AA meeting.

Tradition 4: Group conscious Does my group talk about these issues? What safety guidelines have we discussed?

Tradition 5: If my group is practicing Tradition 5 “having only the purpose of carrying the message” - there will be a less chance that it will become viewed as a dating service, a place to vent politics or religion, or a forum for dispensing folkloric medical advice.

What it all basically boils down to is Concept 9: “Good Service Leadership is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees. (Short Form).”

Well, we are all the trustees of the traditions.

Our trustees cannot be everywhere so we must step up and help in our own home groups and with our own sponsees.

Here are some of the suggestions from our 62nd General Service Workshop in 2012 “Safety in AA: Our common Welfare:” be on the lookout for newcomers, introduce them to healthy people.; be a great sponsor, talk with your sponsees about safety in AA; be aware of stalkers or predators, let your sponsees know that this is common; be an example of appropriate behavior. Most newcomers have no idea how to behave - sober. Seek legal help if need be. Keep your group and yourself healthy. Safety in meeting rooms needs to be taken seriously.

I would like to close with this: We are not trying to stir up a witch hunt here. The focus ought to be on healthy communication and the creation of safe environments.
Proposal to Update Area 42 Guidelines

A guideline change proposal
First reading September, 2015

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.

### 1.0 AREA ASSEMBLY

**This addition is suggested because the Webmaster is not included as a member of the Area Assembly.**

- **1.1 Membership:**
  - The following shall be members of the Area Assembly:
    - DCMs
    - DCMCs
    - Area Webmaster, Area Newsletter Editor, and any other NAGSC/SAGSC officer not already an Area Assembly/Committee member.

### 1.4 Area Officer Duties:

**B. Duties of the Alternate Chairperson:**

1. The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson shall notify the Alternate Chair and Area Treasurer, and Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator as soon as the interpretation assistance is requested so that any necessary arrangements can be made.

2. The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson, in coordination with the Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator, shall obtain from the interpreter(s), in writing, a quote for the hourly fee for services to be provided, or for a flat fee for the Assembly or meeting.

These two items were moved last year to the Alt. Chair duties, from a deleted section; titled Interpretation, in the Area 42 Guidelines. Area 42 has no Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator. Unless we want to elect a person to that position we should remove this language from these guidelines.

### 1.5 Duties of the Area Registrar:

- B. The DCM, DCM Chairperson, or alternate DCM from each district.

### 1.6 Duties of the Area 42 Webmaster:

- 2) To keep the website updated monthly as revisions/updates are submitted.

The website current events and calendar should be updated more often than monthly.

### 2.0 AREA COMMITTEE

**This proposal is attempting to add Committee Chairs & Liaisons to the Area Committee. In other words, the area committee (people listed on the 5 Area Rotators) consists of the Area Assembly members, minus the GSR’s. Perhaps we could also switch E. with B.**

- **2.1 Membership:**
  - The following shall be members of the Area General Service Committee:
    - A. Area 42 officers which include: Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Archivist, Treasurer, Registrar, and their alternates.
    - B. The DCM, DCM Chairperson, or alternate DCM from each district.
    - C. Elected and appointed NAGSC/SAGSC officer(s), liaisons and committee chair positions.

- **D.** Each member of Area Committee will have only one vote.

### 3.0 AREA ELECTIONS

**This is the General Service Manual suggested format for elections, Area 42 has not followed this, probably because it is quite time consuming.**

### 5.0 AREA DISTRICTS

**These proposals carry no financial impact.**

To become effective: Immediately upon adoption
Proposal to Update Area 42 Finance Guidelines
First Reading Fall 2015

June 20, 2015

From: Carol B.
Finance Committee Chair

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, fulfill fiscal responsibility and standardize procedures in Area 42.

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 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, in addition to the prudent reserve, will remain in the account after the expenditure.

These changes carry no financial impact.
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 Street
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)482-5920

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

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

Area 42
Spring Assembly:
April 1-3, 2015
Tonopah, NV

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 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 at
7pm
Resurrection Church
Greenbrae & Pyramid 6pm
Room 204a
Email for information:
district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13
Last Monday monthly at
5:00 pm
50 Weatherlow, Susanville
(Susanville Fellowship Hall)
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

The time is now!
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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