Greetings!

I am really excited to see you soon at our Area Assembly in a few weeks.

One big thing I plan on asking you is how you feel about bringing a Forum to Area 42. At the 2017 General Service conference - the Pacific Region Delegates will be selecting a host Area for the 2020 Forum. This would be a great thing for the Area and I am hoping you have an interest.

In a few short weeks we are going to elect a new panel of Area Officers. Please take a moment and look at the positions that are coming available on your side of the Area (See Page 5). If you have an interest in serving the fellowship, please consider making yourself available.

There are some GREAT things coming our way. See you soon!

Mike M.
delegate@nevadaarea42.org
**Upcoming Events**

**Pacific Regional Forum**
Sept. 30-Oct 2, Kona, Hawaii

**Area 42 Fall Assembly**
Sept. 9-11, Tonopah

**Pacific Region AA Service Assembly**
March 3-7, Sacramento, California

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**NAGSC**
Dec. 3
Silver Springs Senior Ctr

**District 16**
**30th Christmas Affair**
Dec. 16

**Sierra NV Fall Roundup**
Sept. 2-4
Peppermill Hotel

**Lake Tahoe Fall Fest**
Sept. 30-Oct 2
Harveys

**2016 Gratitude Dinner**
Nov. 12, 4:30-9pm
Eldorado Hotel

**New Year’s Eve Gala**
Reno-Sparks Area

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**SAGSC**
Nov. 13, 1:30 pm
T.I.E. Club

**District 1**
**Fourth Step Workshop**
Aug. 20, 2-4pm
GVG Club

**Annual Picnic**
Oct. 1
Boulder City

**District 5B**
**Annual Picnic**
Oct. 9

**District 7**
**Mt. Charleston Picnic**
Aug. 21, 10am-3pm
Foxtail Picnic Area

**Service Workshop**
Nov. 5, 11am-1pm
Serenity Club

**District 13**
**Anonymity Workshop**
Aug. 13, 2-3:30pm
Three Legacies
Aug. 22 2-3:30pm
Triangle Club

**District 15**
**Grapevine Workshop**
Sept. 24, 1:30-3:30pm
T.I.E. Club

**Las Vegas Roundup**
November 23-27
Westgate Las Vegas

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**Area 42 Chair**

Hello Area 42,

I am so happy that we are living in a day and age that there is an answer to the old question “How Can I live without Alcohol?”

I do have an answer and it is really more than that. Today I get to have a life beyond my wildest dreams. We’ve all read these words in our Big Book that Bill W. wrote back in the 1930s with the help of the fellowship at the time.

So today those of us in General Service have a job to do. It’s stated in the A.A. Service Manual that we “carry the message in ways that are impossible for the local groups—such as publication of a uniformed literature and public information resources, helping new groups get started, publishing an international magazine, and carrying the message in other languages into other countries.” Communication stands at the top of our priorities. When we communicate as members in our group, District and Area, we are able to help those still suffering alcoholics that are still out there asking that Question.

I love this Fellowship and wonder sometimes if there isn’t something more I could be doing to help carry the message. I do understand we have some dark and dim spots in our area and I wonder how we can move in such a way as to bring light back into these spots. I do understand that sometimes we can band together and visit the smaller enclaves so as to stimulate interest in General Service. This is written about in our Service Manual (See “Stimulating Interest in General Service” reprinted on page 7). Also there are a few examples of things other areas have done to grow that interest in General Service.

I’ve been working on our Fall Assembly agenda (Page 5) and am hoping to see all of you there in Tonopah Sept. 9-11. It should be a hoot and get us fired up to go out and help carry this message of Hope to all who still suffer from this deadly malady. I love you all and look forward to seeing you very soon.

Phil W.
Area 42 Chair
chairperson@nevadaarea42.org
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There are a bunch of wonderful events in the next few months and I am excited to attend as many as I can...I look forward to participate in area 42 in the years to come.

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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: S.A.G.S.C.)
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.
PO Box 2507
Dayton, NV 89403
(Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury)

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

Responsibility Declaration:

I am responsible...
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.

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Area 42 2016 Fall Assembly
Tentative Agenda***

“Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service — The Foundation of Our Future.”

Friday-Sept 9, 2016
4:00  Registration opens
6:00  Welcome—Opening Announcements
6:30  Presentations
8:00  GSR Orientation
8:00  Area Committee meeting

Saturday Sept 10, 2016
7:00  AA Meeting
7:30  Registration Opens
8:00  Open Assembly
8:10  Delegate Report
9:00  Elections and Reports
10-10:15  Break
Noon Lunch (90 Minutes)
1:10  Elections and Reports
2:30  Area 42 Finance committee Report and Budget
4:30  Adjourn: “Please Clear Room Quickly”
6:00  Saturday Night Banquet
7:30  Speaker Meeting

Sunday – Sept 11, 2016
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
9:00  PRAASA Report
10:00  Break
Old Business: Continued 2nd reading of Guidelines
New Business: What’s on your mind & Ask it Basket
Thank you District 5B — Chose Host District for Spring 2016
Close with Responsibility Pledge

*** Please note, this is a tentative agenda and all times are subject to change. Check your packet at the Assembly for the most up to date Agenda.

Area Committee Fall 2016 Election
Delegate North  Secretary South
Alt. Delegate South  Alt. Secretary North
Chair South  Registrar North
Alt. Chair North  Alt. Registrar South
Treasurer North  Archivist North *Four Year Term
Alt. Treasurer South  Alt. Archivist South *Four Year Term

Dr. Bob’s Last Talk at the First International in Cleveland, Ohio on July 30, 1950
My good friends in A.A. and of A.A.,
I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing I did a number of years ago played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible. I also get quite a thrill when I think that we all had the same problem. We all did the same things. We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness. If you will pardon the injection of a personal note at this time, let me say that I have been in bed five of the last seven months and my strength hasn’t returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be very brief.

There are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis. One is the simplicity of our program. Let’s not louse it up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual A.A. work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words “love” and “service.” We understand what love is and what service is. So let’s bear those two things in mind.

Let us also remember to guard that erring member, the tongue, and if we must use it, let’s use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance.

And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn’t taken time to explain things to us, to give us a pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get such a degree of smug complacency that we’re not willing to extend, or attempt to extend, to our less fortunate brothers that help which has been so beneficial to us.

Thank you very much.

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Dr. Bob

Declaration of Unity
This we owe to A.A.’s future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

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The Area Assembly
Then & Now
Submitted by Ruth J. Past Delegate Area 42

Background

Prior to 1972, the Nevada Area of Alcoholics Anonymous held area assemblies only on even-numbered years. The site of these assemblies, which were convened for the purpose of electing an area delegate to the General Service Conference in New York, alternated between Las Vegas and Reno.

A past Delegate recalls that when time for the assembly arrived, ten or twelve members from one end of the state would travel nearly 500 miles to the designated assembly site. In those days members paid their own way, and no more than a dozen people could afford to make the trip. With only 15 or so local members joining the visitors, the assembly size did not exceed 25-30 people, he added.

Pacific Region records show that the first delegate Nevada sent to New York was Larry N. of Reno who served on Panel 5, 1955-1956.

The 1968 Assembly was held at the Mapes Hotel in Reno in 1970 at the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas. In a compromise, the 1972 assembly was staged in Tonopah. That year, the Tonopah location was recognized as being mutually acceptable to both northern and southern Nevada groups. A decision was made to hold, on a trial basis, an annual Assembly at that location in 1973. Annual Assemblies have since been held in Tonopah in early September.

As the Nevada Area grew and sought more involvement in the General Service Conference process, a decision was made to hold a second yearly meeting. In 1992, a March meeting in Tonopah was held on a trial basis for the purpose of discussing the agenda items for the forthcoming General Service Conference in New York. The March weekend has evolved into a two-day event with agenda items being discussed on Saturday and a meeting of the Area Committee held on Sunday.

In both the September and March assemblies, the General Service Representatives (GSR) are a most important part of the process. They provide the critical link between the individual members in groups and the rest of the General Service structure.

Fall Assembly

During even-numbered years the primary purpose of the Area Assembly is to elect a new Delegate to the two subsequent General Service Conferences and to elect Area Officers. Elections are conducted by Third Legacy Procedures described in the Service Manual. The ‘election weekend’ usually includes: area business meetings; ask-it-baskets, officer and DCM reports and a Saturday night dinner meeting featuring a service-oriented speaker. Non-election year assemblies have agendas which may devote more time to panel discussions and workshops focusing on either service topics or issues of current concern to the fellowship. In recent years, the Friday night agenda calls for an Area Committee Meeting being held concurrently with roundtable or panel presentations for the GSRs. These sessions are designed to familiarize GSRs with the General Service basics and acquaint them with activities within the Area, Region and General Service Conference. The Fall Assembly, with a voting body to provide a group conscience, is the only occasion when Area conscience, policy or decision may be determined.

March Assembly

Initiated in 1992, the primary purpose of the March Assembly is to provide the Delegate with a sense of how groups and individual members feel about agenda items scheduled for discussion at the April General Service Conference in New York. Although there may be some items such as the need for a new Edition of the Big Book, about which the groups are knowledgeable, many of the agenda items are not widely known until January. During the intervening weeks until the March Assembly, background information is collected from any sources, including the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) held during the first full March weekend. Although the event may stretch out for two days, many GSRs attend only Saturday in an effort to minimize group expense. Saturday is devoted to a discussion of agenda items in the presence of the Delegate. With this information and ‘sense’ of the Area, the Nevada Area Delegate goes to New York to seek additional input from the Conference and the exercise the ‘right of decision.’ Area Committee meetings are also conducted during this weekend, but in the absence of a voting body from the groups to voice their conscience, the meetings do not result in Area policy or decisions.

General Service Representatives (GSR)

The General Service Representative has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole. The GSR represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group’s thoughts to the District Committee Member and to the Delegate, who passes them on to the Conference. This communication is a two-way street, making the GSR responsible for bringing back to the group Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health and growth. Only when a GSR keeps the group informed and communicates the group conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole.

The Principle of Rotation

Traditionally, rotation insures that service positions, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. Many positions have alternates who can step into the service positions if needed.

To step out of an A.A. office we love can be hard. If we have been doing a good job, if we honestly don’t see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if our friends agree, it’s especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth - a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship means that we forgo personal prestige for any A.A. work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us “to place principles before personalities.” Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than fame. With no A.A. “status” at stake, we needn’t compete for titles or praise - we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.”

The AA Service Manual

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Stimulating Interest in General Service

Most A.A. members are primarily interested in their groups, in their own sobriety, and in helping other drunks one-on-one. And that is how it should be. While the work of general service has precisely the same objective - carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers - the connection is not always direct or obvious. Some stimulators are usually needed to get the attention of A.A. members - to show them that service can add a rich dimension to their sober lives and Twelfth Step work, and that their participation is vital to the future of A.A.

Good communication is of vital importance. In personal Twelfth Step work, there is no end to communication. The sponsor talks with the drunk; speakers share their experience; we share with each other. But when it comes to general service work, communication has a tendency to break down. It can take hard work to get the attention of alcoholics, but with a creative approach phase of their new lives. Once A.A. members are well informed about service, they often want to become involved and take on their own service responsibilities.

In many areas, the delegate and area committee make themselves available to visit group or district meetings and talk about general service. Workshops on Traditions, Concepts, or other aspects of service are often an effective way of spreading the word of service. Sometimes two or more districts will work together to sponsor a service event.

Here is the experience of two areas: “We let committee members be responsible for running sharing sessions in their districts, then reporting on them at the monthly assembly. We created as many jobs as possible for GSRs and committee members and encouraged visitors to our assemblies, so they could see what was being done.”

TONOPAH LODGING

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)482-5920

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 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 Saturday of EVEN months
10 am
Email for location & information:
district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13
3rd Sunday of the month
6:30 pm, TIE Club
329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas
Email for information:
district13@nevadaarea42.org

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

District 15
3rd Sunday 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 18
2nd Friday of EVEN months
2 pm
Email for location & information:
district18@nevadaarea42.org

District 19
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

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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
Last Saturday of the month
at 7pm
625 Margrave Dr Reno, NV
Email for information:
district22@nevadaarea42.org

Area 42 Fall Assembly
Sept 9-11, 2016
Tonopah
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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