Hello.

As the General Service Conference comes to an end, I wanted to tell you how much gratitude I have to you for allowing me to be your trusted servant here at the GSC in New York. Last night as the Panel 66 Delegates said goodbye, they thanked us for the love and tolerance that was shown all through this week. (Editor’s note: Phil W. is sharing this as he was on his way back from the 2017 GSC in New York.)

We were able to get a lot accomplished. The Grapevine and also a AAWS will be able to set up Google for nonprofit YouTube accounts that will not accept comments. This will allow the AA message to be carried on new media platforms. One other large accomplishment was that we asked the General Service Office to please translate all the background information into both French and Spanish so that our brothers and sisters who don’t read English can understand the same things in the same way that the folks that do read English.

See Area 42 Delegate Page 2
Upcoming Events

Area 42 Fall Assembly
Sept. 8-10, 2017 Tonopah

Pacific Region AA Service Assembly
PRAASA 2018
March 2-4, Sparks, Nevada

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I really have had one of the more intense spiritual experiences in my life this week. I have gotten to watch the way AA creates its ‘informed group conscience’ and then also keeps an open mind and is able to change its own ‘informed group conscience’ based on minority opinion. After which we all came out of it with love and tolerance.

I did get to watch one of our friends Bob W., whom we got to meet at our assembly, step down in the spirit of rotation after serving four years as our U.S. trustee-at-large.

I had a lot of fun experiences too and will share them with you as much as I can in the coming weeks. I hope to see you all in at one of the assemblies or area or district meetings. Thank you again for allowing me to serve in this position.

Phil W.
Panel 67, Area 42 Delegate,
delegate@nevadaarea42.org

Area 42 Chairperson

Hello.

Please don’t forget to submit your topics from your groups for our Fall Assembly (Fully explained - Page 6). Our Spring Assembly was all about prepping our Delegate Phil for the General Service Conference in New York and the topics being discussed there.

Now it’s our turn.

What’s important to your group and to our area? Is it how to handle outside issues in your closed meetings? Perhaps you are dealing with anonymity breaks and would like to discuss ways of handling it at the area level. We are looking for your group or district to create a topic, give some background on the topic, and submit to your respective area chair to be considered for discussion at the Fall Assembly. Please get these submitted as soon as possible.

Yours in service,
Emily C.
Area Chair
chairperson@nevadaarea42.org
Alternate Area 42 Delegate

SAGSC Chair
Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)

Hello Area 42,

What a great spring assembly we had! Greg, did a great job presenting our strategic plan and sharing his story with us.

I love getting to know more and more people as we trudge this happy road of service. I missed the Tonopah trot this year, I hope to be back on the running wagon by the fall. There is nothing like running the deserted streets of Tonopah at 5am.

As I write this, Phil has just landed in Rye, NY. I know he is excited, I can’t wait to hear all his General Service adventures.

I am looking forward to the fall assembly where we will be holding a mock conference sort of (For amplification - see Page 6). We will be talking more about this at our May and July SAGSC meetings and I am sure they will be talked about at NAGSC as well.

We have some exciting items on the agenda for the May SAGSC meeting, including voting on funding for District 15, A new proposal from YPAA and distribution of funds. OK, maybe not exciting but necessary.

There are so many events this summer and I will try and get to them all - though I probably won’t. I think what I love most about the events is getting to know people better. I miss sitting behind the archive table and chatting with those who stop by. I hope I get a chance to see you all this summer. Please call or email if I can help with anything.

In Love and Service
Rhonda W.
Alternate Delegate, SAGSC
alternatedelegate@nevadaarea42.org

Alternate Area 42 Chair
NAGSC CHAIR
Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)

Hello Area 42 and hello Spring!

First, let me thank all of the people who helped summarize, present and scribe for our pre-conference agenda topics. I am always amazed at the work that you are willing to do for Alcoholics Anonymous. I thought everyone did an awesome job. We had a wonderful turnout at the Northern Area round tables, including participation from our linguistic district. I am very grateful to Emily, our Committee Chair, for all the ways she including me in the Area Assembly. I had a great time with the banquet - especially finding ways to keep us on schedule.

Our Delegate, Phil, will be giving his report in the north at the June 3rd NAGSC meeting. District 6 is hosting and we will be coordinated with their Founder’s Day picnic in Genoa, NV. It will be a packed meeting with highlights from Phil and suggestions from you for our mock conference at the fall assembly (Please be sure to read Page 6 on Mock General Service Conference).

We have many district activities taking place over the next few months. We have GRS trainings and workshops scheduled. If you want to schedule any trainings or workshops please contact your Northern standing committee chairs soon.

Enjoy the weather as it warms and have a great spring
Looking forward to seeing you in June.
Julie C.
Alternate Chairperson, NAGSC Chair
nagscchairperson@nevadaarea42.org
SAGSC Intergroup Liaison  
Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)

For the month ending February 28, 2017, Jack F. reported that Central Office took in 702 information calls and the Hotline received 1,973 information calls. Central Office received 83 twelve-step calls and the Hotline received 183 twelve-step calls. The Web Site experienced an average of 193 visitors per day and total of 5,404 visits for the month of February.

Jack F. gave the Treasurers report. According to the February 2017, Intergroup Report: Total Income $13,786.03; and expenses of $16,536.84 for a net loss of ($2,750.81). Literature income $11,673.14; Literature Expenses of $1,901.88; Intergroup Bank Balances: General Account $19,823.27 less Committee Totals ($13,954.65) for a Total Central Office balance of $5,868.62. Central Office has a Prudent Reserve of $15,551.35, a Payroll Account with a balance of $448.30, and a Literature Account with a balance of $9,951.17; Total Bank Accounts $37,819.44.

We would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who contribute to Central Office! We really appreciate your contributions to help all of us serve our community.

Intergroup held an election for the Steering Committee Chair. DaWane W. was nominated and voted in as that chair. Central Office holds two events during the year. The first is the Gratitude Ball which will be held April 1, 2017, at the Westgate and the second is Founders Day which will be held in June 10, 2017, at Christ Episcopal Church.

At the last steering committee meeting there was discussion to add a third Central Office event in the fall, we will continue to provide updates on progress of the fall event.

Intergroup meets every 2nd Monday of the month, next meeting is Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00pm at Central Office.

At your Service,
Kellie M.
SAGSC-Las Vegas Intergroup Liaison

NAGSC Intergroup Liaison  
Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)

What is a Central Office? A Central office or intergroup is an AA service that involves partnership among groups in a community and it exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The Northern Nevada Intergroup had a good month in March. The Corn Beef and Cribbage expenses were $2544.47 and they brought in $5134 which was a profit of $2589.53. For the first 3 months of 2017 group contributions were up 36% from last year. The pink can contributed $2585 worth of literature. Dod P. has been appointed interim Treasurer.

The NNIG website has had some new additions. You can now find Committee meetings and Northern Area 42 District meetings on the site. Reno, Sparks and Carson meetings have now been combined into the Nevada link. So go and check it out it looks really nice.

One of the big announcements was that Central office will now be open on Saturday starting May 6 from 10am-2pm.

NNIG also has something to do for all of you if you are interested in being part of a committee that carries the message of AA. These committees include; PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections, Bridging the Gap, Answering Service, Sunshine and RENVYPAA. Hopefully I have got them all. So you can see that Northern Nevada service is there whether your part of NNIG or Northern Nevada General Service Committee. AA and AA service has saved my life.

Chris S
NAGSC- Northern Nevada Intergroup Liaison
Area 42 Newsletter

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Pacific Region AA Service Assembly
PRAASA 2018
Hosted by Area 42
Sparks, Nevada March 2-4, 2018

If you are planning to attend PRAASA 2018, now is the time to make your hotel reservations at The Nugget in Sparks. Book a room at (800) 648-1177. Mention Code: G-PRAASA for your negotiated rate. The Reno-Sparks area is also flush with RV parks and other lodging options. The PRAASA host committee is going to be looking for volunteers as the weekend draws closer, please be sure to check in with your Area 42 Committee members and other trusted servants if you would like to help.

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)

IN GOD WE TRUST
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As you may remember from Area 42 Chairperson Emily C.’s announcement at the Pre-conference Assembly in March, Area 42 is having a “mock conference” at the Fall Assembly in September. This is an area-wide effort. So, in other words we need your help.

We are asking the assembly - GSRs, DCMs, Standing Chairs and Officers - to bring ideas to their next SAGSC and NAGSC meetings. If each GSR will ask your group for ideas that are affecting them we will be able to have an opportunity to create a conference like experience in September. It can be from a suggestion to change the 3rd Tradition to include participation from drug addicts to what to do about disruptive behavior in the meetings or anything in between. You may want to throw out controversial ideas to provoke the creative juices.

Be creative! Have fun!

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As a resource below is an excerpt from the Service Manual that explains more about how agenda items are generated for the General Service Conference.

Sources for Agenda Items

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by individual A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, and directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine.

The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way—or, when the suggestion does not concern overall policy, for routing it to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

If a G.S.R. has an idea for an agenda item, chances are that he or she will want to discuss it first with the group, then at a district or area meeting, which can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. currently serving as Conference coordinator. An A.A. who is not part of the general service structure can give the idea to the group’s G.S.R. or write directly to the Conference coordinator.

Whatever its origin, any agenda item follows the same path to the Conference agenda: The A.A. staff studies it in the light of previous Conference actions, then passes it on to the trustees’ Conference Committee or the appropriate Conference committee. Usually, the trustees’ committee determines the most appropriate way of programming it—as a work shop or presentation subject, a proposal, or a committee concern.

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Here is a suggested format you may use for our mock conference topics:

Issue: “Discuss ways to address disruptive meeting behavior”

Reason: Our group’s meeting secretaries handle disruptive behavior differently. We want to hear about ways other groups handle disruptive behavior so that we can give guidance to our meeting secretaries.

Experience: We have had some meeting secretaries tell active drunks to leave the meetings because they were disruptive. We heard later that the drunks didn’t feel welcome in AA. We have had other meeting secretaries allow the disruptive behavior to dominate the meeting. We heard later that some long timers don’t want to attend our group any longer. Our group has had heated discussions on the best way to handle disruptive behavior and cannot come to a loving conclusion.

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We would like to add that this should be a fun experience, lets get some crazy fun ideas, something like: Our neighborhood marijuana dispensary would like to fund our Tuesday night meeting. They would like to donate treats for the meeting every week. They want their logo on all the food items. Or, our meeting wants to give money to our members to help them buy groceries or whatever they need. Get creative, these ideas can be real problems that your group is experiencing or you can make them up.

Talk with your SAGSC, NAGSC or Area Chair about ideas. We are excited to help.

Respectfully yours in service,
Emily C, Committee Chair
Rhonda W, Alternate Delegate
Julie C, Alternate Committee Chairperson
Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: “Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example.” In effect we are saying to them, “Act for us, but don’t boss us.”

A leader in AA service is therefore a man (or a woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own - well, he really isn’t a leader at all.

Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its services. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.

Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can obtain, sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided of course that such actions be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility.

A “politico” is an individual who is forever trying to “get the people what they want.” A statesman is an individual who can carefully discriminate when, and when not to do this. He recognizes that even large majorities, when badly disturbed or uninformed, can, once in a while, be dead wrong. When such an occasional situation arises, and something very vital is at stake, it is always the duty of leadership, even when in a small minority, to take a stand against the storm - using its every ability of authority and persuasion to effect a change.

Nothing, however, can be more fatal to leadership than opposition for opposition’s sake. It never can be, “Let’s have it our way or no way at all.” This sort of opposition is often powered by a visionless pride or a gripe that makes us want to block something or somebody. Then there is the opposition that casts its vote saying, “No, we don’t like it.” No real reasons are never given. This won’t do. When called upon, leadership must always give its reasons, and good ones.

Then too a leader must realize that even very prideful or angry people can sometimes be dead right, when the calm and the more humble are quite mistaken.

These points are practical illustrations of the kinds of careful discrimination and soul-searching that true leadership must always try to exercise. Another qualification for leadership is “give and take” - the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction. Compromise comes hard to us “all-or-nothing drunks.” Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then it is truly necessary to stick flatfooted to one’s conviction about an issue until it is settled. These are situations for keen timing and a most careful discrimination as to which course to take.

Now comes that all-important attribute of vision. Vision is, I think, the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and for the more distant future. Some might feel this sort of striving to be a son of heresy because we AAs are constantly telling ourselves, “One day at a time.” But that valued maxim really refers to our emotional lives and means only that we are not to repine over the past nor wishfully fantasy or daydream about our future.

As individuals and as a Fellowship, we shall surely suffer if we cast the whole job of planning for tomorrow onto a kind Providence. God has endowed us human beings with considerable capability for foresight and he evidently expects us to use it. Therefore we must needs distinguish between wishful dreaming for a happy tomorrow and today’s use of our powers of thoughtful estimate - estimate of the kind which we trust will bring future progress rather than unforeseen woe.

As a matter of fact, all of AA’s Twelve Traditions were at first questions of estimate and vision for the future. Years ago we slowly evolved an idea about AA being self-supporting. There had been trouble here and there about outside gifts. Still more trouble developed. Consequently we began to devise a policy of no outside gifts. We began to suspect that large sums would tend to make us irresponsible and could divert us from our primary aim. Finally we saw that for the long pull, outside money could ruin us utterly. At this point, what had been just an idea or general policy hardened firmly down into an AA Tradition. We saw that we must sacrifice the quick, nearby advantage for long-term safety.

We went through this same process on anonymity. A few public breaks had looked good. But finally the vision came that many such breaks could raise havoc among us. So it went - first a gleam in the eye, then an experimental policy, then a firm policy, and finally a deep conviction - a vision for tomorrow. Such is our process of estimating the future. Our responsible world leadership must be especially and constantly proficient in this vital activity. This is an ability much to be desired, especially among our trustees, and I think most of them should be chosen on the basis that they have already proved their aptness for foresight in business or professional careers.

We shall continually need many of these same attributes, insofar as they can be had, among our leaders of AA services at all levels. The principles of leadership will be just about the same, no matter what the size of the operation.

This discussion on leadership may look, at first glance, like an attempt to stake out a specially privileged and superior type of AA member. But this is not really so. We are simply recognizing that our talents vary greatly. The conductor of an orchestra is not necessarily good at finance or foresight. And it is even less likely that a fine banker could be much of a musical success. When, therefore, we talk about AA leadership, we only declare that we ought select leadership on the basis of obtaining the best talent we can find, making sure that we land that talent, whatever it is, in the spot where it will do us the most good.

While this article was first thought of in connection with our world service leadership, it is quite possible that many of its suggestions can be useful to everyone who takes an active part in our Society.

Nowhere could this be more true than in the area of Twelfth Step work itself - something at which nearly all of us most eagerly work. Every sponsor is necessarily a leader. The stakes are huge. A human life, and usually the happiness of a whole family, hangs in the balance. What the sponsor does and says, how well he estimates the reactions of his prospects, how well he times and makes his presentation, how well he handles criticisms, and how well he leads his prospect on by personal spiritual example - well, these attributes of leadership can make all the difference, often the difference between life and death.

Thank God that Alcoholics Anonymous is blessed with so much leadership in each and all of its great affairs!

Bill W.

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Tonopah, NV 89049
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Jim Butler Inn
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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

Area 42
Fall Assembly
Sept 8-10, 2017
Tonopah

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 4pm
T.I.E. Club
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 1:15pm
KCB Club
5715 W. Alexander Rd
LV, NV
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
Quarterly following the SAGSC meeting at the T.I.E. Club.
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 monthly at 7pm
Wolf Center
457 Esmeralda St, Fallon
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
3rd Sunday of the month
4:30 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
Lutheran Church
650 Blagg Road
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, Aug, Oct 10:30am to 12:30pm
Rotating Location
Email for information:
district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20
3rd Saturday in Jan, Mar, May, Aug Oct 10:30am to 12:30pm
Rotating Location
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
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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Area 42 Map

Linguistic Districts
21 - Spanish language groups located in odd numbered geographic districts:
1, 3, 5A, 5B, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19
22 - Spanish language groups located in even numbered geographic districts:
2, 4, 6, 8, 10A, 10B, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20

Area 42 Officers 2017 - 2018

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