I am sitting in JFK Airport coming home from the General Service Conference. It was a really Spiritual experience. What a wonderful fellowship we all have I can’t wait to see you all soon.

I wanted to talk about General Service for a bit. General Service is a part of our program that often gets overlooked. As I sat among the Conference attendees this week I looked around and thought back to how I came to being part of this very interesting group of people. I was attracted to GS by watching a fellow member who seemed to know a bit about our literature. I went out to our Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah on a Saturday morning to see what it was about. That day I fell for what was going on in that Assembly and I learned that this thing General Service was about standing up and doing things at the Home Group, the home district, in area committees and other things going on in the State of
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Upcoming Events

Area 42 Fall Assembly
Sept. 14-16, 2018 Tonopah

NAGSC
June 2, 1pm
Community Arts Center, Truckee, CA

NNIG
Business Meeting
First Tuesday monthly, 6:45
NN Central Office

Founder's Day
June 9
Virginia Lake Park, Reno

MonthlySpeaker Meeting
May 12, 7pm
Just for Today

June 9, 7pm
RENVYPAA

District 8
Workshop
May 19, 1pm
Lake Community Center
Crowley Lake

District 8
Chili & Pie Contest
June 23, 11am
Gazebo Millpond, Bishop

District 16
Workshop
Aug. 18, 9am-4pm
St. Paul’s Episcopal, Sparks

RENVYPAA
In-Tents Sobriety
June 22-24
Taglorsville County Park, CA

SAGSC
May 20, 1:15pm
T.I.E. Club

SNIG
Business Meeting
Second Monday monthly, 6pm
LV Central Office

Founder’s Day
June 9, 7am
Christ Church Episcopal, LV

District 1
Annual Picnic
Oct. 3, 11am-4pm
Broadbent Park, Boulder City, NV

District 7
Mt. Charleston Picnic
Aug. 19, 10am-2pm
Foxtail Picnic Area

District 13
Speaker Meeting
May 8, 6:30pm
Triangle Club, Las Vegas

District 21
Workshop
May 6, 8am-3pm
Elegante Banquet Hall, LV

Tri-State Roundup
May 17-20
Riverside Hotel, Laughlin, NV

General Service Spanish Speaking Forum
May 6
WestGate Hotel, Las Vegas

Silver Springs Campout
June 8-10
Silver Springs

Gratitude Ball
Sept 29, 5pm
Palace Station, LV

Las Vegas Roundup
Nov 22-26
WestGate Hotel, Las Vegas

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Nevada. There were trips out into the center of the state to meet with other members who were doing the same thing in their districts. I had heard others share about how this Service was hard to do, and I couldn’t believe it, I was having fun.

I need to say not everyone is cut out to do General Service. There are long discussions that seem at times to go nowhere. But after a while I came to understand that these folks were passionate about A.A. and they still are. This year at the Conference I was able to be part of the most productive Conference in recent years. I was privileged to meet the Chairman of the General Service Board of India. There was sharing at the Microphones that brought tears, and anger, also pleading for explanations. We also had Items that moved us to debate about the need for new items, and possible changes of other items. I had no Idea when I arrived in General Service that I would be included in such a Spiritual Experience.

Today I would ask that as we do Our Service work around our wonderful Area 42 that we work with others so as to let everyone know how much we love this great Fellowship that has grown to a worldwide movement. I’m really looking forward to coming to visit with you, to share some of the experiences I have been privileged to enjoy on the journey I taken in General Service.

On Sat after the Conference we took a little field trip to Stepping Stones the Wilson house, as I walked up the hill to the little building at the top of the property I thought of all of you. I have included a picture of the inside of ‘Wits End’ and The Desk.

Thank you all.

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

Between Now and the Fall Assembly

First, let me thank all who helped make the Spring Assembly a success. The enthusiasm and level of participation from all members made for thoughtful and passionate discussions on the agenda topics. I especially appreciated the respect shown to those speaking at the mics, allowing them to be vulnerable and to speak from heart. Let’s keep our Area’s involvement going as we get busy with our summer plans.

*General Service Spanish Speaking Forum: Las Vegas is hosting the 16th Hispanic Forum on May 6th. Link to more information: https://www.aalatinoslv.org/eventos. Please support and join our Spanish speaking members by attending.

* The Delegate’s Report: Phil is representing both Nevada Area 42 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole at the General Service Conference. In May he will share his experience at the GSC with the southern Area and in June he will share with the Northern Area in Truckee, CA. Please mark your calendars.

* The Pacific Regional Forum: Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris (non-alcoholic), then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They are a weekend of sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure. There is no fee for registration and all members are welcome to attend. Registration form: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_Pacific_preregistration_form_2018.pdf

* Ad-hoc committees: Ad-hoc means “for this”. Our ad-hoc committees have been formed for a specific purpose. They will be in existence until they have completed their purpose. The members of the committees will be meeting via conference calls and will report back at the fall assembly.

  Communication: to recommend to the body if there is a need for the area to have a permanent communication committee.

  Interpretation & Translation: to recommend to the body if there is need for the area to have a permanent interpretation & translation committee.

  District Mapping: to update the district map to reflect the current district boundaries.

  Corrections Conference: to provide the body information on what it would take to host a future corrections conference.

District 14 will be hosting the June 2 NAGSC meeting in Truckee, CA. We will offer a GSR training at the same time the DCMs and Standing Committee Chairs meet; starting an hour before the NAGSC meeting.

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AREA 42 Archivist

For those of you not aware, the Area 42 Archives are stored in a room at the Las Vegas Central Office. Central Office only asks for a nominal rent of $1 per day or $365 per year.

Last fall Gabriel (Alt Area Archivist) and I asked the Area for $400 for shelving to help organize and display our archives at Central Office.

Central Office offered another $400. Gabe has been passing a can and many of you have been generously contributing to the can, as well.

Gabe and a group of volunteers moved all the archives out of the archives room so that the room could be painted.

Once the archives were out of the room, it became apparent that the floor needed to be replaced. The cost of the materials was $400 and the cost of the labor was $0.

The volunteers worked all night so as to not disturb the office or any AA meetings.

Now that the floor is done we will be installing the shelving. I will be visiting Las Vegas early in May to help with any remaining construction and to help in the organization of our archives. I am grateful to Gabe and all the volunteers for their generous gift of time and effort.

Thank you to Area 42, Central Office and all who contributed personally to this endeavor.

I am in awe of the love you have shown Area 42 and our archives.

Yours in Love and Service,

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NAGSC Intergroup Liaison
Northern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)

Since the beginning of the year northern Nevada intergroup and central office has been going through some changes. The most recent change has been the new temporary central office director. Ronda is now running Central office and Leslie S has come back in the part time role to help train and get Ronda up to speed with all the daily functions.

Meanwhile Central Office has to look for a new Director per the guidelines and when that happens Ronda of course will be in line for the job. An Adhoc committee was also formed at the last business meeting to go over the intergroup guidelines.

Some of the upcoming events include the 11th Step Retreat June 1-3 In Zephyr Cove Nv. The In-Tents Sobriety campout will be June 22-24 which is being put on by RENVYPA. The Silver Springs 10th annual Campout will be June 22-24. The Serenity in the Sierras XXIX campout will be July 19-22. For more information on all these events go to NNIG.org.

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SAGSC Intergroup Liaison
Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)

As Intergroup Liaison I have the unique opportunity to disseminate information between Intergroup, Area 42 and SAGSC. It is a great service position and I am grateful to the AA community for allowing me to serve.

The Las Vegas Central Office has several fundraisers during the year. The first annual Men’s Night Out will be held May 5. Founders Day will be Sat., June 9, from 7 am to 4pm at Christ Episcopal Church, tickets are $5. The Gratitude Ball will be held September 29 at Palace Station. More details can be found on the Central Office website.

There is a new column in the Silver Streak newsletter: “Meeting in the Spotlight”. It is a half page about a local meeting, its history, its format etc. Check the current issue to see how to submit a group or go to https://www.lvcentraloffice.org/silverstreak. The Silver Streak is a monthly newsletter published by Central Office. Intergroup meets every 2nd Monday of the month, next meeting is May 14, 2018, at 6:00PM at Central Office in Las Vegas.

At your Service,

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$7.40 on 7/4
AREA CHALLENGE
July 4th 2018

In 2017 GSO provided services to 1,381,954 A.A. members at a cost of $10,222,650. That's $7.40 per A.A. member for the whole year! If every member contributed $7.40 once, it would support all of the services GSO provides to all groups, for one year!

Here's how the challenge works:

Groups pass a Special Basket or Can in addition to the regular 7th Tradition. Each member contributes $7.40 (or round it up to $8 to help those who can't). Individual members can send money or contribute online at any time. Remember this is in addition to what you put in the basket to support your group.

$7.40 on 7/4 --- easy to remember!

On July 4th each group collects the contents of the can or basket and writes a check (or money order)** for the amount contributed. Cut on dotted line and be sure to enclose form with your payment to get credit for your contribution.

Send your share.
Meet the Challenge!

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**General Service Office
PO Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York NY 10163-0459

GROUP NAME/NUMBER

MEMBER NAME

ADDRESS

Amount $____________________ 2018 Contribution for $7.40 on 7/4 CHALLENGE
This is AA Jeopardy

Created by Jake S.

Round One

1. The 12 and 12 says this is the step that separates the men from the boys

2. The number of delegate areas in the US and Canada

3. This event is hosted by the General Service office every other year in the Pacific Region, where staff, trustees, and directors come to us to share what they do

4. This pamphlet has the subtitle “May be the most important job in A.A.”

5. This book tells the story of how A.A. started, how the steps and traditions evolved, and how the fellowship grew overseas

6. This is the most popular feature on aagrapevine.org

7. The name of the joke and cartoon section in the A.A. Grapevine

8. Quarterly bulletin from the US and Canada General Service office, includes information about A.A. service, literature, events, and sharing from groups.

9. Concept that says every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority

10. Year the 12 concepts of world service were adopted by the General Service conference

Round Two

1. An anthology of 56 retired stories from the first three editions of the Big Book

2. Pamphlet that was originally published as the foreword to the A.A. Service Manual

3. The 3 legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous

4. This book is a biography of Bill W. and tells of the development of the fellowship and was published in 1984

5. Pamphlet that includes stories from A.A.’s in recovery who are a clergyman, a Jew, an atheist, and an agnostic

6. 1980 biography of Dr. Bob and recollections of early A.A.’s in the Midwest.

7. This book is a collection of cartoons and jokes from the A.A. Grapevine

8. 16 1/2 minute DVD video that explains the principles of A.A., what it is and isn’t, sponsorship, home group, steps and traditions.

9. This warranty makes sure that the General Service conference place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others

10. This concept states that participation is the key to harmony, this is done by allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge
Why register your group with GSO?

Area 42 Registrar, Laura J. explains more

In a fellowship that has at its foundation the principle that “anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions” and strives to protect group autonomy it may seem counterproductive that we work so tirelessly to register groups with the General Service Office.

So, why do we do this? The simple answer, of course, lies in the Service Manual, page S15: “The Twelve Traditions make clear the principle that A.A., as such, should never be organized, that there are no bosses and no government in A.A.

Yet at the same time, the Traditions recognize the need for some kind of organization to carry the message in ways that are impossible for the local groups – such as publication of a uniform literature and public information resources, helping new groups get started, publishing an international magazine, and carrying the message in other languages into other countries.”

But let’s go back in time a bit and look at this from a historical context. Most know that the first group formed in Akron, Ohio in 1935, the second in New York City and the 3rd in Cleveland, Ohio. Communication among these early groups was by mail or telephone. Someone, at that time kept a list of the 3 groups’ names, meeting locations & times and contact information.

Voila! The registration process begins.

By 1940, membership had grown and income from book sales of “Alcoholics Anonymous” made it possible for the 1st national headquarters of A.A. to be established on Vesey Street in Manhattan.

Back to the Service Manual, page S6: “...we had lists of prospects in many cities and towns in the United States and Canada. We turned those lists over to the A.A. traveling businessman, members of already established groups. With these couriers, we corresponded constantly,

and they started still more groups. For the further benefit of our travelers, we put out a group directory. Then came an unexpected activity. Because the newborn groups saw only a little of their traveling sponsors, they turned to the New York Office for help with their innumerable troubles. By mail we relayed the experience of the older centers on to them. A little later, as we shall see, this became a major service.”

Ruth was the 1st secretary of the first general service office and she lovingly answered all requests for help with “warm, personal letters” (Service Manual, page S6) and today that is also still the case. Though the office now employs many more office staff to take on this daunting task, correspondence is still answered in person and with the same care and love given by our early secretary and the founders.

So, right from the beginning, maintaining a list of active groups and their contact information was done for the benefit of the groups, to provide services being asked for by those groups. The counsel, provided by the New York office was, also from the beginning, only “the shared experience” of groups that had already formed. This remains the case today. Our General Service office’s main purpose is to provide group services and compiled shared experience in the form of our literature.

Today, there are over 67,000 groups in the United States and Canada, so naturally our registration process had to evolve to a computerized system and perhaps the immensity of these numbers and what might appear to be a faceless system is what turns groups off from registering but remember this: our upside down organization relies not on the pointed end of Service Boards, but rather on the top heavy level of groups. In order to exercise your groups’ “Right of Participation”, (See Concept 4), it is important to have a means of communication with the pointy end of the triangle.

As to the idea that the system is faceless, I offer this: In writing this article, I corresponded by email with the records department to check some of my facts and before I had completed the 1st paragraph, I received a personal response, directly from Karen H in the records department!

So my final thought is this. Though our registration process may have evolved from what was required to connect the original 3 groups, our communication process still has the same original purpose, providing group services. By registering your group with the General Service Office, you are simply continuing a tradition begun in 1935 and you are still “one alcoholic talking to another”!

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

Tonopah Ramada
1137 N Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
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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**
1st Wednesday monthly at 5:00 pm
Lutheran Church
650 Blagg Road
Pahrump, NV
(basement training room)
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
Greenbree & Pyramid 6pm
Room 204a
Email for information:
district16@nevadaarea42.org

**District 17**
1st Wednesday monthly at 5:30 pm
Lutheran Church
650 Blagg Road
Pahrump, NV
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
Rotating Location
Email for information:
district19@nevadaarea42.org

**District 20**
Every Thursday at 7pm
3111 S Valley View Suite
B-212
Email for information:
district20@nevadaarea42.org

**District 21**
Last Saturday of the month at 7pm
625 Margrave Dr Reno, NV
Email for information:
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**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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