

**NAGSC
BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2014
GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA**

CHAIR PHIL OPENED MEETING AT 1:05 PM WITH A WELCOME AND READING WARRANTY 6.

Minutes were reviewed: no corrections Paul E moved to accept, Samantha 2nd vote unanimous.

Julie C Treasurers Report:

NAGSC Treasurer: Julie C. –

Here is your financial status: Our cash balance is higher than last year at this time and the amount budgeted. Our expenses are being covered by our contributions. In other words, we are spending within our means.

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Old Business:

Finance committee Proposal:

Proposed Amendment **One:** Julie C. Read, after discussion and verbiage changes the following was the motioned by Barbara M and 2nd my Jerilynn. Discussion on wording Samantha with Tino O moving to accept first half read and changed. Julie read the 2nd half of proposal one. After discussion and wording changes. Samantha moved to amend the wording on the proposal, Sober Sue 2nd...motions carried with no minority opinion.

The objective for this proposal: To add DCM funding assistance to the Area Assemblies.

Background: Intent-Purpose:

The current NAGSC guidelines do not provide funding assistance for the DCMs to attend the Area Assemblies. They do allow funding assistance for GSRs. A DCM from a reemerging dark

district attended the 2013 Spring Area Assembly and requested assistance. The NAGSC Finance Committee reviewed the guidelines and found no allowance for helping fund DCMs to the assembly and was unable to help the DCM at the Assembly. The committee asked for discussion at the next NAGSC meeting, where the body requested that DCMs be funded similarly to the GSRs – that DCM was provided \$50 in assistance at that time. As part of the 2014 NAGSC budget, funding assistance for two DCMs per Assembly has been approved, similarly to the GSRs.

The reasoning behind recommending the change is that DCMs are voting members of the Area and as such, funding should be made available. Traditionally, NAGSC provides up to \$50 per GSR and in during the last two years has provided \$50 for up to two DCMs per Assembly.

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5.6 Assist DCMs with expenses/ funding as follow:

- A. Assist with expenses to PRAASA, but never eliminate or discourage the responsibility of individual districts to support their representatives in accordance with Tradition Seven. The amount to assist will be determined at two NAGSC meetings prior to PRAASA. (amended 12-7-08), (Amended 8/2/2014)

Proposal is for 5.6 to read:

5.6 Assist DCMs with expenses/ funding as follow:

- A. Assist with expenses to the Area Assembly, and encourage, the responsibility of districts to support their representatives in accordance with Tradition Seven. The amount to assist will be determined at the NAGSC meeting prior to the assembly and funds will be disbursed at the Area Assembly.
- B. Assist with expenses to PRAASA, but never eliminate or discourage the responsibility of individual districts to support their representatives in accordance with Tradition Seven. The amount to assist will be determined at two NAGSC meetings prior to PRAASA. (amended 12-7-08)

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 - 3. DCM's, GSR's, funds permitting

If approved, the proposal will become effective immediately.

Proposed Amendment Two:

The objective for this proposal: To add tax preparation responsibilities to the Guidelines.

Background: Intent-Purpose:

The NAGSC guidelines do not mention tax preparation. The IRS requires that all organizations with gross receipts in excess of \$5,000 annually file a tax return. NAGSC gross receipts are typically greater than \$10,000 annually, so NAGSC is required to report to the IRS. Area 42 has exempt status and over the past few years NAGSC and SAGSC have been reporting our financial activity using the Area 42 exempt status. The NAGSC and SAGSC Treasurers have sent their respective annual QuickBooks file to the Area Finance Chair or Treasurer, who has been assembling the packages and forwarding to the tax preparer. The purpose of this proposal is to document the current process.

Proposal is for 4.2 B 11 to read:

4.2 The duties of the NAGSC officers in addition to attending Area Assemblies and NAGSC meetings will be as follows:

B. Treasurer

11. Assemble documentation for tax preparer of Federal and State filings and ensure the Area Treasurer receive the documentation. Area 42 has the tax exempt status.
(Amended 8/2/2014)

Added to Guidelines 8/2/2014 approved..

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

PROPOSAL DCM COORDINATOR/ TRAINER POSITION ADDED TO SERVICE IN GUIDELINES:

Lonnie M read the proposal as listed here:

D.C.M. Coordinator:

Guide line changes will create the position of DCM Coordinator in the North and would eliminate the position of a 2nd GSR manual trainer in the north. In the north we have had two GSR trainers. In the past 2 rotations we have been using only 1 GSR trainer. Having a DCM coordinator frees up the Chair to deal with the NAGSC Business at NAGSC meetings and allows the DCMs and Committee chairs to have a session to throw around ideas for upcoming General Service Activities.

The DCM coordinator will be appointed by the NAGSC chair.

Duties include:

- 1. Working with the D.C.M.s, to assist them with their duties.*
- 2. Conducting a meeting of the DCMs and NAGSC chair's prior to every NAGSC meeting.*
- 3. To work with the coordinator from the South Area and conduct meetings with all DCMs from North and South at the Area Assembly.*

GUIDELINE CHANGES;

#1 3.0 H7 D.C.M. Coordinator

#2 3.0 H8 G.S.R. Manual

#3 4.2, I GSR Manual

#4 4.2, J DCM Coordinator

Works with the DCMs to assist them with their duties. Conducts a meeting of the DCMs and NAGSC chair's prior to every NAGSC meeting. Coordinates with South and meets with all DCMs at Area 42 Assembly. (Added to Guidelines 8/2/2014)

Pat S moved to accept the proposal, Lyle 2nd.

Discussion:

Carol B want to strike the last sentence (works with the coordinator from the south area and conducts meetings with all DCMS from NORTH and SOUTH at the Area 42 Assembly. We cannot predict what the south is doing.

Robert: GSR Training (not part of this proposal)

Barbara M- strike the last sentence.

Sophie- is Coordinator elected by DCMs or appointed...proposal states appointed.

Laurie- This is a Separate funded position, however, a GSR position has been eliminated.

Paul= Does the South have a coordinator appointed. No, however, there has always been someone doing the job.

Joyce P= Position follow DCMC guidelines in Service Manual..Train and Facilitate... Yes, however, mostly just those duties as outlined in proposal..

Phil= Main purpose for this was to bring Chairs, and DCMs together to discuss NAGSC future. The spirit of the DCM Coordinator, would be to bring 2-3 thoughts to the table for group discussion and conscious.

Paul E called for the Question: Tino O also called for the Question.

Pat amended his motion that would strike the last sentence of the proposal, lyle c 2nd. Proposal Question called Paul E 2nd. Vote was 30 for and 1 against, minority statement, " this is clear as mud what does this position do. It is not clear. Abstained 2, no minority opinion changes. New vote 29 yes and 4 no...proposal passed. Will be added to guidelines.

Other Business:

Phil asked that this is a rotation year that each committee chair prepare an outline of duties to carry on to next member..

2:25 Pm break.

Carol B took over as Secretary; Roxann had to leave the meeting....

District 2 Roger H

District 4 Kathleen

Greetings from District 4. We've just returned from the Boise hosted Pacific Forum... where 45 attendees were from Area 42. Out of the 500 for the totals over 300 of us were first time attendees. A great weekend to listen, learn and ask questions. Recently in the district Joyce Y. and Merl C. just finished up the 4th. Concept and Service Manuel Study. Upcoming events include district elections this month, Area assembly in Sept. also Reno Round Up, and a pretty growing event; Joyce Y's 45th Birthday on September 13th. Flyers and announcement in the Bracer.

Speaking of Joyce; she is my service sponsor and has guided me to the various areas of service, for a while there, I felt like a Roadie, traveling many mile during the last NAGSC weekend, having gone up to Tahoe twice, and then off to Winnemucca to hear her speak. Thank you Joyce for your guidance. In the district, we lost a potential treasurer, but gained two GSR's, I've recently finished the special guest DCM series, for those who might be interested in standing or the position this next election, they were able to hear DCM experiences other than just the single DCM vision from me. The Biggest Little Fellowship, which is home to the Cornerstone group of

AA meetings has been recently photographed for its wall of recovery, is now a part of the Area 42 Archives.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Kathleen W. District 4

District 6 Chris S

DCM report for August 2, 2014

After our last meeting it was Founders Day already. We had a slower turn out than usual but there were other functions happening in the Northern Area. We had approx. 50 people throughout the day and our wonderful Ray G. Spoke for us. It's amazing that through all the years of securing the park for us he never shared his experience, strength and hope. Well he didn't get away this year. Next week I chaired a Secretary workshop at my home group. We had about a dozen interested AA members. My home group usually tries to have at least one a year and always wishes that we could do one once a month. The Regional Forum quickly rolled in and off we went again, to Boise. I loaded my truck up with 3 other AA members and proceeded to have an 8 hour AA meeting before even getting to Boise. Once at the regional forum excitement set in because of all the wonderful discussion, reports, and the workshops provided. After all was said and done we headed home in complete exhaustion and full of the AA message. I really love the discussion that is happening around the tables of AA today about safety in AA. The workshops that I attended were Keeping our Rooms Safe and Conducting a Healthy Meeting. I feel that through patience, love and tolerance we can help guide the AA member to recovery, but we also need to be careful to ensure the unity of the group and not drive the fellowship away when one individual is destroying the unity of the group. On July 27, Paul came to District 6 for a Grapevine workshop, we had 14 in attendance. Everyone wrote a story and read them before the meeting ended. Hopefully everyone sent in their stories. On July 28 I headed back to Carson for a Secretary workshop at the Carson City Alano club. We had about 15 in attendance. The questions have answers that we can find in The Group Pamphlet, 12 Traditions and other AA literature. The workshop creates discussion on those experiences we have had and how we can better deal with them.

Chris S DCM District 6

District 8 Laura

DCM Report – District 8 Northern Area 42

My name is Laura, I am an alcoholic and it is my pleasure to currently be serving as the DCM for District 8, which spans a length of Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierra of California, and includes meetings in Lone Pine, Big Pine, Bishop, Benton, Crowley Lake, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Bridgeport.

I am continuing my goal to improve communication and participation from the groups at the district and area level. Currently we have 11 groups meeting in our district. Seven actively participate in District events and I continue to try and visit as many of the groups as I can to carry the message of general service and to reach out to the less active groups, encouraging participation.

We meet as a District on the 1st Sunday of the odd numbered months. I am happy to see much improved participation in the District meetings.

Our unity ride continues to organize members once a month to travel some of our more remote meeting areas within the district.

Our Corrections and Treatment committee meets on the last Monday of each month in Bishop and continues to take AA meetings into 4 adult corrections facilities, 1 juvenile facility, 1 outpatient facility and recently they have started a meeting in a senior care facility!

We started a Concepts study group which meets once a month to read and discuss the 12 Concepts of World Service.

I am very impressed with all the activity that is happening in the NAGSC Districts and with the communication and shared information that is being circulated by email and on the Area calendar. I believe this is a result of the DCM/Chair meetings that we have been having before the NAGSC meetings since the last rotation. Communication and interaction is, in my opinion, the best way for general service members to improve our ability to carry the message. Let's keep up the good work!

The High Sierra Campout is schedule for August 15 – 17 in the Mammoth Lakes Area. While not a district hosted event this annual sober weekend camp provides 3 days of high altitude fun & fellowship, aa & al-anon meetings, great food, a Saturday workshop and 3 speaker meetings. This year there will be speaker with a great deal of general service experience, Greg M., who managed the General Service office for many years. Please pick up a flyer or go aamammothlakes.com to download and print.

As you can tell AA continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern part of Area 42 and I am ever grateful to have the opportunity to serve AA in this way.

Laura

DISTRICT 10B SAMANTHA G

DISTRICT 10B REPORT TO NAGSC

August 2, 2014

Today District 10B has one GSR in attendance. District 10B has four registered Groups and one not registered yet. Of these, four are now contributing to District, NAGSC, and GSO. One Group which has not had a GSR in over two years now has one.

I attended the Forum in July and took a new GSR. District 10B needed to reschedule its last two meetings and plans on getting back on track. We will be discussing our meeting days and times in hopes of improving GSR attendance.

There has not been any interest in filling the officer positions as of yet. We may consider a workshop consisting of questions and answers of our 3rd Legacy.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Samantha

Respectfully submitted by Samantha G.

DISTRICT 12 ROBERTA B

**NAGSC August 2014
DCM Report District 12**

My name is Roberta, I'm an Alcoholic. Since our last meeting we had a very successful Service Fair in Fallon. The six presentations were well received and we even had an impromptu performance by the District 12 Players. Thanks, Sophie.

Because the DCM, Alternate DCM and our interim secretary, and two Alternate GSRS were attending the Forum in Boise, the body voted to skip the business meeting in July. Area 42 was well represented and I'm pleased that five members of District 12 were able to attend this informative function to see the bigger picture of AA.

District 12 is planning another Service Fair for October 11, 2014. A flyer will be distributed as soon as all presenters are confirmed. If you want to learn more about what the various committees do, plan to attend, also the food is always good.

District 12 traditionally elects officers in September. In the past that would have been before the Assembly, but this year it will be after the Assembly, however, the members of District 12 voted to unanimously hold it in September after the Assembly.

If you have never been to our speaker meeting, here's your invitation to join us the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Wolf Center, in Fallon, NV.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted, Roberta B., DCM District 12

DISTRICT 14 LYNN D.

NAGSC Meeting

August 2, 2014

District 14

DCM Report –Lynn D

Thank you for the opportunity to host the June NAGSC meeting. Having the district support helped me recognize that this level of participation and enthusiasm are essential to attracting other members to service.

We continue to ask groups for contributions to help support the services District 14 provides specifically helping the alcoholic who still suffers by providing meeting schedules, an AA hotline and other district sponsored events. Every GSR went back to their groups to explain that lack of contributions directly affects the district's ability to print schedules and pay for a hotline. This made a huge difference in receiving financial support.

District 14 will be hosting our annual Jamboree August 31st at the Truckee Regional Park. We have invited all the NAGSC chairs to help educate and attract members to General Service.

Please let me know after this meeting if you have any questions. There are fliers available.

The district will have our first Speaker Meeting in October with a potluck dessert in an effort to have more group interaction.

If we have the funds, we will host a "Jeopardy" type of workshop for the fall to help inform our members on the history, traditions and opportunities for service in AA.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DISTRICT 16 ALT DCM BARBARA M- NO REPORT FOR MINUTES

DISTRICT 20 KYLE H- REPORT FROM LARRY B

Kyle H resigned his position of DCM effective 6/29/14 citing personal obligations that he felt compromised his performance in that position. He remains active and supportive and

joined other District 20 members at the Pacific Regional Forum in Boise in July. We were well represented there and I believe most found it a positive and enlightening experience. As per District 20 guidelines we will elect permanent officers in October. Until service positions are more stable we will maintain a basic focus on the primary purpose. We have some dedicated and competent members and a loving higher power so things are looking good.

DISTRICT 22 BLADIMIR A. NO REPORT FOR MINUTES

CPC LYLE C:

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) ~ NORTH
I was able to attend the Forum in Boise with members of District 20 and NAGSC. I went to 2 workshops, one was the CPC workshop with lots of participation and sharing experience. This was a good reminder of the difference in Areas and Districts and between rural and urban. And of course Area 42 has both. We need to keep that in mind the differences and be open and flexible as we grow and develop our CPC Committees.

It was nice to have Joyce Y. at the Forum, who is both our CPC Alternate Chair and Northern Nevada Intergroup CPC Chair. It is great to have a working relationship with my counterpart at NNIG. We have been able to attend most of the workshops this panel together, along with Larry B. and Rick B., other members of the committee.

Roberta B., DCM of District 12 put together a Service Fair in Fallon. I was able to introduce District 12 to what a Cooperation with the Professional Community committee is and does. I offered to help them get started. Thank you Roberta for the invitation and I appreciate all the work District 12 put into the fair.

I look forward to attending District 14's annual picnic in Truckee over the Labor Day weekend. Thank you Lynn for inviting us.

In Fellowship and Service, Lyle C ~ COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

PUBLIC INFORMATION- SAMANTHA G

DCMs and GSRs please read this at your meetings!

NAGSC Public Information Committee Report August 2, 2014

Committee members: Samantha G. (Winnemucca), Joyce D. (Battle Mountain), Lee R. (Winnemucca), Kim B. (Winnemucca), Mike L. (Gardnerville), Julie C. (Chester), Lynn D., Mary B., Laura J. (D8), Jennifer F., Scott L. (Mammoth), Don H. (Intergroup Liason), David J. (D7), Curt T. (D5B), John M. (D14)

The 2014 Membership Survey is underway and 6 Groups in Area 42 will be participating.

If your Group has questions we will help find the answers.

District 12 is considering hosting a PI workshop later this year.

We are hoping a few more Districts (or Groups) request a PI workshop or presentation before the year's end that haven't had one yet, such as Districts 14, 16, 2, 4 and 6. Districts in close proximity to others can host a workshop together.

Here are some questions you may want to ask at your next District or Home group meeting:

- What is this PI Committee doing for my District or Group?
- How would I like to see this PI Committee being of service?

Remember, if your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop at any of your events **PLEASE contact me** and we'll be glad to come.

The PI Committee's job is to serve the Districts and Groups when needed (asked).

Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx. Email: nagscpi@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted by Samantha G., Northern Area 42 PI Chair

This is a confidential AA document.

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES/BTG= DEBBIE S.. NO REPORT FOR MINUTES
GRAPEVINE PAUL E-**

Northern Area 42 General Service Grapevine Chair

You might be tired of hearing this but the Grapevine turned 70 years old this year and you can go to aagrapevine.org and click on the GV70 logo for a Grapevine Anniversary Kit this includes a power point presentation and also on website there are 7 free (7 minuet) audio stories much more. The Grapevine Magazine pg. 7 each month will have updates on "70th" celebrations. The 2014 August issue of the Grapevine which is out now has a special section with stories that have been in La Vina translated into English.

After our Grapevine celebration at the last NAGSC meeting in Incline; I attended District 12's service fair where I did a small presentation on the Grapevine. District 6 hosted a Grapevine story writing workshop at the Carson City Alano Club on July 27th, where after listening to the presenters (Joyce Y. and Pat S.) who have both been published in the Grapevine, 12 of us wrote and then were able to read our stories, at both of these events I had a Grapevine table with information and Grapevine merchandise for sale.

If anyone has become a Grapevine representative for there home group, district, or if you are interested in becoming a GVR please let me know. Please come see me at the Grapevine table to see some of what the Grapevine has to offer and if you don't already subscribe I have subscription forms for the Grapevine and La Vina.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

GSR SURVIVAL CHRIS S. NO REPORT FOR MINUTES AVAILABLE.

DCM CHAIR COORDINATOR- LONNIE M – NO REPORT AVAILABLE

NNIG LIASON MIKE L

NNIG Liaison Report

August 2, 2014

Hello everyone my name is Mike L I'm an alcoholic serving as NAGSC Liaison to NNIG. It is my hope to continue to express the importance of the intergroup office in Reno to help carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. With new committee chairs in place now after Intergroup held its yearly elections this past June there is a great opportunity for NAGSC standing chairs to reach out to their counterparts at NNIG I haven't received the new rooster but Central office can always be called at (775) 355-1151. When I

go to the Intergroup business meeting the first Tuesday of every month I am a nonvoting member at NNIG where I give a report what NAGSC is doing and the importance of cooperation.

At the last Intergroup Meeting the answering service chair reported the need for more volunteers because some volunteers have dropped out. It is great it is an opportunity for groups to step up to fill those slots. The new treasurer reported that contributions from the groups are down leaving a shortfall between of what is spent and contributions but the prudent reserve remains fully funded. She said she will work on the treasurer reports to make it them clearer how money is spent, The Fall Roundup is coming up will be August 29th - 31st at the Peppermill for more information contact central office. To get full financial reports, upcoming events, and a full meeting schedule for northern Nevada go can go to nnig.org. Thank you it is a great pleasure and I am grateful to be able to serve.

TREATMENT FACILITIES- KEVIN B NO REPORT AVAILABLE

TREASURERS JULIE C;

NAGSC Treasurer: Julie C. –

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SECRETARY ROXANN B

NAGSC

AUGUST 2, 2014

GARDNERVILLE NEVADA

ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO EMAIL ME YOUR REPORTS. THESE MINUTES WILL INFACCT HAVE TO BE COMPLETED IN 2 WEEKS, AS WE GO TO ASSEMBLY 6TH OF SEPTEMBER...I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE OF SERVICE IN THIS POSITION. I ACQUIRED BY PROXY,

WHEN I TOOK RICH B POSITION AS ALTERNATE IN AREA...MY GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE..AND IN THE SPIRIT OF ROTATION WILL BE STEPPING DOWN AT ELECTION...THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR LOVE, TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE.

AREA TREASURER REPORT: CAROL B

Area 42 Treasurer Report to NAGSC

Because of the groups' generous contributions this spring/summer, we received \$1298.74 more in group contributions than this same time last year. The Area 42 checking account is \$13,968.16, which is \$2,742.75 above where it was last August (\$11,225.41). We shall have enough to cover the September assembly expenses without worry. All contributions I have received are getting a receipt; either e-mailed to the group treasurer or snail-mailed to the return address on the envelope.

Our budget for August 2013 through July 2014 year has resulted in a net income of \$1920.60 rather than the -\$2653.00 projected deficit. And this final sum includes the expenses for the translation equipment that was not included in the budget, yet authorized by the assembly body to purchase up to \$3500 on the translation equipment that same afternoon.

This September assembly, along with electing our Panel 65 Area 42 Officers, you are going to be asked to pass the 2014/2015 budget for the area, I ask that you please take the time to go down the list of line items, and question any and all concerns you may have regarding any of the individual expenditures, please insure that you are content with the way we are spending your money as you authorize this budget.

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve; not only as your treasurer but also to take part in the interactions of the area steering committee.

Thank you so much, and I look forward to joining most of you next month in Tonopah

Carol B.
Area 42 Treasurer

DELEGATE REPORT SOPHIE

Delegate's Report
2014

NAGSC August 2,
Gardnerville, NV

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on news from the General Service Office and my travels on your behalf.

- Thank you Roberta B. for inviting me to join District 12 for a service workshop in June. The “Anonymity Police” skit was a hoot and a great way to consider some of the unintended consequences that can come with forgetting about anonymity.
- The 2014 Membership Surveys are now in the hands of groups randomly-selected by our GSO Public Information desk. The results will give the Fellowship and the public a snapshot of who we are, how we got here and what we do to stay here. As in 2011, the updated data will be available in the pamphlet and poster board formats.
- The report of the 2nd year of the General Service Conference’s self-inventory are now available on the delegate’s page. It’s no surprise that **communication** is a thread that winds through each topic and connects them all.

Two items of special interest in Area 42:

- *Conference agenda*: requests for more input from delegates in selecting the final agenda items.
 - *Conference deadlines*: requests for trustees to re-evaluate scheduling and deadlines for Conference agenda items and to re-define the process for greater exposure, discussion and reporting at all levels of the service structure.
- La Viña XVIII celebration – July 26-27, 2014 in Las Vegas.

Last year I accepted an invitation from District 21, to participate in the La Viña XVIII celebration to be held in Las Vegas. I had never been to a Spanish language service event and was excited to attend. What a joyful and inspirational weekend of love and service with members from all over the Pacific Region and beyond - including Irene D., La Viña editor, and Mary P. of Tucson, NM, our new and very first Hispanic Class B Non-Trustee Director on the General Service Board. The panel presentations were wide-ranging: the history and growth of the Spanish-speaking part of the Fellowship; the evolution of La Viña as a 12th Step tool, Gratitude for Service, the Conference and La Viña (my topic), La Viña in Prisons and more. The Standing Committees from the LV Central Office were there with great displays: CPC/PI, Grapevine/La Viña, Special Needs. I was positively wrapped in gratitude and passion for both La Viña and the Grapevine all weekend long. There was simultaneous interpretation the whole time, lovingly provided by volunteer members of the fellowship. I am so grateful for their courage! To all bilingual A.A.s: please consider sharing your skills with the Fellowship. Would you take a shot at interpreting? We don’t need experts. We need willingness!

The mariachi at dinner and the dance that followed were a kick! But consider this: from 2012-2013 La Vina’s circulation increased by an unprecedented 1,000 subscriptions. The fellowship worked hard to make that happen. During this one weekend in July, in Las Vegas, 733 new subscriptions to the magazine were sold.

When it was time for good-byes a woman and I recognized each other from dancing the night before. We laughed remembering how much fun it was. Then she said, “I made a video of us dancing.” The anonymity police were screaming in my head and I pleaded,

“Please, no YouTube!” She smiled, replying, “No, this is for ME so I can show my daughter that you can have fun without drinking!”

When I received the invitation to participate I didn't know that Area 42 was pulled from the hat to host the 2014 event. District 21 and its La Viña committee did an amazing job! Next year's celebration will be hosted by California Northern Coastal Area 06.

I look forward to being together again in September at our election assembly in Tonopah.
Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

7TH TRADITION BASKET \$101.25

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50PM

NEXT MEETING LOCATION NOT DECIDED: DISTRICT 16 OFFERED BECAUSE IT IS ON SAME DAY AS CHRISTMAS AFFAIR, HOWEVER, MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE AT 9 AM..GROUP CONSCIOUS DECIDED TO LOCATE SOMEWHERE ELSE...

Revised by Ad Hoc Communications Committee for Anonymity Breaks in 2016.