

## **Area 42 Assembly**

**Friday September 7, 2012**

Introductions -

Break

Area committee meeting

Carol Opened

Serenity prayer

No new committee agenda items

No new business for the area assembly

NAGSC meeting for December 1 needs help setting

Reminder for the reports out to the assembly – short and sweet

Byron has asked to give his report to those who didn't get a chance to hear it this summer – 50 minutes

We will try to fit as many reports as we can in between the elections.

Sophie – finance committee – finance business will be the budget and the finance guidelines – try to work through tomorrow

Adjourn

### **DCM workshop – Blue room**

DCM Workshop

Mike began by passing email list for all to add info to. Mike introduced himself and Lonnie who will be conducted. Sense of room incoming outnumbered the standing DCMs.

Lonnie advised that this meeting will be directed by the attendee's issues, questions and needs.

1 - Attendance of GSRs at district meetings towards end of term.

Bring food and guest speakers from standing-committees.

Everyone in the district has a job... Make them up and hold them accountable for the position. Be a team, we are in this together... Enjoy hanging out together. Carpool and communicate how much fun service can be.

One district has no participation at district meetings... DCM excited to have some guidance and likes the info on participation.

One small district is being revived through spreading the message of what positions entail. \*Invite GSR Trainer to hold a workshop.

2 - Recognize difference between a group and a meeting. Do they need/want to participate at the area level?

3 - Attend business meetings to let them know that service positions are open and available. One DCM brings snippets of spice info to the meetings.

Recruited GSRs from business meetings and district is way more active.

One DCM goes to meetings and advises that if no GSR than she is the group conscience for them. Some care, some do not.

Did you know they want to change the big book?

4 - Schedule the GSR trainer to come to district meeting and help guide the GSRs. We are not the president of AA! We are here to serve the district. The higher we are the lower we are. We don't have all the answers!

5 - Workshops help encourage service. Keeps the enthusiasm going in the district. Serve food at the end. A Different chair for each workshop to keep participation. Skits and comedy have helped one district with attendance.

Touch on topics that are close to home for district members.

One district held a workshop with varied speaks and topics that was well attended. Digital age, sponsorship, controversial topics work well to bring attendance.

Gratitude meetings, picnics and sharing meetings for workshops, etc... Taking the reins on a workshop and sending emails to various district members to get it in control for a workshop that was not taking shape.

6 - Get the forms for new GSRs to NY ASAP! That way packets and info will get sent to the GSRs quicker.

7 - What requirements for DCM and how do you let your Districts know positions available?

Let your districts know that there are positions available and if there are not enough volunteers to stand for a position hold off until there are options.

Make sure to use your service manual and a service sponsor!

DCM should have some time; and the ability to serve.

Make sure that you have the time to do the position. Time required for DCM can vary depending on the district.

Being a DCM is one of the most fulfilling but hardest jobs in service. Utilize the alternates and get them involved in the responsibilities.

8- Where is donation money sent to? POB is the best way to not lose track of contributions.

Put emails in your address book in order to reach out to others in spirit for advice etc...

9 - As incoming and outgoing DCMs should there be DCM trainings? Yes

Get tapes made for training that can be passed on... there was a conference item years ago that did not come to fruition.

Suggested that SAGSC NAGSC chairs do their own DCM trainings. Edie volunteered to make a motion in the south to do training.

Presentations/ Reports –

Each of the presentations will require feedback from the area assembly.

Officer Service position descriptions

Byron – Read from the service manual – delegate –

Sophie – Alt Delegate –

Carol – Area Chair – Area Chair Report to September 2012 Assembly

I truly hope you enjoyed the past assemblies that you've attended during this panel 61, and found the round-tables, workshops, panels, and some of the floor discussion useful, and were able to enthusiastically bring some helpful information back to your Home Groups.

Carrying out our duties is an educational and growing opportunity; we need each other, oh so much! What I have learned this last two years is the importance of stopping and looking at the whole picture, and asking for input while attempting to see it from all angles.

It's been a pleasure and an adventure serving you in this position. This last panel of serving as your area 42 Chairperson has given the expression "Experience Strength & Hope" a whole new connotation for me. Roundtables and online communication with the other area chairs, to learn of the variety of challenges and to also be included in some resourceful solutions to various quandaries has been a privilege I would never have known possible.

How the select handful of us self-indulgent/noncompliant alcoholics are able to come together at these District, Area, and Regional levels, and play a most important part in the business of Alcoholics Anonymous is yet another inexplicable miracle of our sobriety.

My admiration and gratitude go out to all of you,

Carol B. -

The Area Chairperson duties which aren't included in the guidelines are:

Set up the future assembly weekends well in advance. Rule of thumb has been the first weekend after Labor Day and the last weekend in March. Working with Diane here at the Convention Center; if you need the tables changed from what she and Manny usually have set up for us, they need to know. Fax or e-mail an agenda to Diane so they know our assembly hours.

Call Ramada and remind them what time will be ending on Friday, they have been gracious enough to keep their restaurant menu open for us late night eaters till 10:00PM.

Line up the general service weekend guest AKA Saturday Night Speaker.

Line up the District hosts' (alternating North & South) that shall bring the assembly weekend snacks and beverages, along with a Big Book for the sobriety countdown, set up and number the tables Saturday afternoon for the banquet and lead the 3 AA meetings.

Coordinate the Saturday Night Banquet with local caterers. We have been ordering 170 dinners in advance to date.

It's like my partying days; I'm the first one to get here and the last one to leave.

Make sure everything has been put away/cleared out on Sunday after the assembly adjourns.

Expect calls and e-mail contacts from various members pertaining to various situations. Your contact information is going to be in the AA Group Directories for the next two printings.

Mike M for Andy K- Alt Area Chair –

Cherie – Area Treasurer -

Phil – Alt Area Treasurer – NAGSC Secretary –

#### Alternate Treasurer

Hi my name is Phil Watts and I'm an alcoholic. For the last couple of years I have had the privilege to serve as your Alternate Treasurer. Now as the Alternate Treasurer I would have had the little job of being the Northern Area Treasurer, but I had already been in that position so I have really not had much to do. Cherri has had me help her at the assembly and I do sit on the Area Finance Committee. In the 2 years I was the NAGSC Treasurer I enjoyed working in QuickBooks. Cherri has been very good at synchronizing all 3 QuickBooks programs. The treasurer accepts contributions and Writes checks keeps track of this in QBs. Puts together a budget for NAGSC that is reviewed by the finance committee and the given to the northern Body for approval. I did this a couple of years ago and so we have Rich B as Treasurer of the North during this rotation. I enjoy being the Alternate Treasurer and hope whoever becomes the Alternate Treasurer in the next rotation enjoys working with QuickBooks and numbers.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Alternate Treasurer during this rotation Phil Watts

#### NAGSC Secretary

Hi everyone, my name is Phil Watts I'm an Alcoholic and I serve as the Northern area general service committees recording secretary. Almost two years ago as I stood for this position I was very uncomfortable mostly because of my spelling and typing abilities. I have been pleasantly surprised to find out my typing skills have improved and I know about spell check also I have two proof readers who I need to thank Carol B and my girlfriend Laura J. Now I want to talk about how I see the Job of General Service I am really grateful to be here and be part of this body we are the communicators for AA we come here and go there to meet with and Talk with other members to discuss how we carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous We also are the folks that pass our Groups Ideas to GSO and also communicate what goes on at GSO and the General Service Conference I have been very fortunate to be the NAGSC Secretary in that It gave me the commitment to communicate with you and many others. As the NAGSC secretary I was also on the communications committee and was able to help out in ways I really didn't think about before getting this position. The understandings that all who suffer should be allowed to read and hear Our Message regardless of what language they speak or read. We should be able to communicate even if we can't speak or hear there are more ways to communicate that we can explore I love this life I love doing this stuff. Thanks for allowing me the chance to be of service.

Kevin - Area Secretary – Same as always

Rich – Alt Area Secretary –

Michelle – Area Registrar – Some things you might not know about the Registrar position. You will receive phone calls from AA members with questions on a regular basis; make sure you are knowledgeable about the Traditions. The District Treasurers and Groups Treasurer's will be calling you for group numbers regularly. You will learn a lot about Acronyms and Group Names and various forms of handwriting. You will become familiar where each District is located because you will need to forward the new Group Information from New York to the correct DCM. You will need to be somewhat computer proficient or you will certainly learn it. You will take 12 hours of database training on how to use FNV Database (Future New Vision) system from New York. For each assembly you will need to break down the districts separately for each DCM. You will need to update the information into FNV in a timely manner because the new GSR, DCM or New Group will want to receive their paperwork as soon as

possible. You will also receive requests from GSO about correct addresses. Before each assembly, it takes several days breaking down each District from the database. I would guess 10 hours to get the Districts completed. Adding new information to FNV can take 3-4 hours after an assembly. All of this really depends how fast you type, how many changes you get, how proficient you are with computers and if you get a system down. It took a lot longer my first few assemblies. Thank you for letting me be of service to AA, Area 42.

Jeannette – Alt Area Registrar - I have prepared some historical data available on the table up front. Please feel free to take a copy. The spreadsheets provide attendance numbers for the area assemblies back to 2008. The fall 2010 data was unavailable at printing time. I have updated a master copy on the table to include numbers for spring and fall 2012 that you may update your copy. It has been a pleasure to be of service and I have learned a lot in this position. Thank you all for allowing me this opportunity.

Paul - Area Archivist –

#### 1.4 Area Officer Duties:

F. The duties of the Archivist shall be:

- 1) Catalog and maintain all archival material for Area 42.
- 2) Provide displays of archival material at Area functions.

First I would like to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Area 42 Archivist and I would also like to thank Caroline, without her dedication and hard work would have made my commitment impossible. The time involved in doing this commitment is anywhere from 2 hours to 20 hours per week and more if you have the time to dedicate to the Archives. The first thing that we had to do was to figure out what “archival material” was, we did this through a survey that helped us know what the Area wanted us to keep, catalog and maintain. I began collecting sorting and filing flyers, group histories and other documents from the groups and districts. District 8 and District 20 have went through their district binders and put them in order and with some help I have made it through most of the rest of the Northern district binders, I have till the end of the year to finish and plan to have that done before I end my rotation. I started a long timers project which I made recordings of members with over 40 years of sobriety. I took a small display to several events starting with WACYPA in January 2009 in Reno and the last one at the Reno Spring Festival April 2012. I started a small display and reading area at the Northern Nevada Central Office this is a project that is still a work in progress. I would like to thank Ed D., Stacy P., Cathy H., Mike D., Ed O. and anyone else who have helped me so much along the way. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

Caroline – Alt Archivist –

Pat Stanley – Newsletter Editor – The best news about putting out the newsletter is that it is fun. The editor is that ... an editor ... not an author. The delegate, chair, and other area officers write articles. I have also tapped new members for articles such as their personal experiences at their first PRAASA. The position is funded, which means travel to Area Assemblies is reimbursed, as is attendance at PRAASA, if funds are available, which they have been during my tenure. Minimal computer skills are required. The editor can choose whatever program he or she is comfortable with to produce the document, and then

save it as a PDF file, which is emailed to the Area membership. I use a Mac, so if the new editor has a Mac, I will offer my program (Pages) and copies of everything published during the past two years...if wanted. Mac or other, I will be happy to travel to the South to work with the new editor to ensure a smooth transition. Remember: The editorship is an appointed position. The new chairperson will select the editor, so if you are interested be sure the chair is aware. I can truly say serving as Area 42 Newsletter has been one of the most rewarding service positions I've had to honor to hold in sobriety ... and for that, I thank you.

JD – webmaster – Appointed – All reports, agendas; minutes, etc have been posted to the website as of 6 September 2012. I still have not gotten written Spanish translations for most of the minutes or other items. I have been using Google translation when I can convert the documents into text. Some documents I can't convert due to not having the very expensive software needed to do that. I was informed by one of our members in the south that has software and will continue to try and make contact with her. As for live translation of documents I will punt on that to the Communication Committee to try to resolve the issue. We will either have to find a volunteer with in the area to do the translations, which is a very tedious and time consuming process or we will have to pay someone if we want to get all our documents from area, NAGSC, and SAGSC. Once again I urge everyone who wants something posted on the website to review the website guidelines before sending them to the web servant. And ensure the document is scrubbed of all full names, addresses, personal phone numbers, and email addresses. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Robin –SAGSC Grapevine Rep– Appointed – we had a fairly quiet summer, after attending the corrections workshop, gratitude ball and founders day celebrations in the spring. District 7 invited us out to the annual Mt. Charleston picnic and Holly was in attendance with literature. Everyone is still doing a great job of getting the magazine out to the groups and sharing info about the Grapevine, and we still meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month, including next Friday, at 6:00pm. We appreciate any southern area group that has a GVR, or would like to have a GVR, to encourage them to attend our monthly meeting. We're gearing up for the round up and elections for our committee positions, so it would be great to have everyone's participation. Since this will likely be my last assembly as Grapevine chair I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be of service, with an awful lot of help from so many people! Although life on life's terms hasn't allowed me to give the commitment everything I had planned to, it's certainly been a life saver for me these past 18 months and I'm deeply grateful to everyone helping me to stumble through it. Thank you for keeping me sober and God bless.

Laura – NAGSC Grapevine Rep – Hello, my name is Laura; I am an alcoholic and the interim Grapevine Chair for NAGSC. I have only had this position for one month but I have helped Doreen with Grapevine committee work and this is what I have observed to be some of this chairs duties.

1. Maintain an inventory of Grapevine and La Vina books, pamphlets & products to sell at area service events and campouts.
2. Keep informed on Grapevine/La Vina news through the website and by attending workshops at PRAASA and if possible forums. I was fortunate to have attended workshops at 2 PRAASSA that were facilitated by the Editors of the Grapevine and La Vina. The aagrapevine.org website is extremely easy to use, very informative and constantly updated and makes this part of the job very easy to do.

3. Robin, the Grapevine Chair from the South, did a good job of describing the other duties for this position, but one thing that I would like to add that I believe is the most important duty is to be the champion of the Grapevine. Sometimes this important publication is considered the poor stepchild of AA. There is a lack of knowledge of what the Grapevine has to offer and a lot of misinformation. So, stay updated, informed, and spread the word.

Thank you for allowing me to speak and to serve.

Rich B – NAGSC treasurer – Report on File - please see the treasurer for details

Vince – SAGSC Treasurer – Report on file - please see the treasurer for details

852 Assembly Adjourned for the evening

### **Saturday 08 September 2012**

0830 Assembly opens

Assembly conscience about spring assembly date – end of March or April – Majority – for 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in April. Spring assembly is now April 5-6-7 2013

Motion to accept minutes – motion seconded and passed

Carol makes general housekeeping announcements.

PRAASA 2013 Boise Idaho - March 1-2-3 Ruth J is the Speaker Saturday night

Byron F. Delegate report – Same from the spring assembly - copies are available at the assembly and on the area website.

Cherie N. – Budget Discussion –

Sense of the assembly to have NAGSC and SAGSC split the difference to fund the delegate after the area contribution in order to meet the area desire to fully fund the delegate at \$6K. \$3500 from area + NAGSC and SAGSC would split the remaining \$2500 for a total of \$6000.

Sense of the assembly to increase assembly cost from \$10 to \$15 – 2/3 majority in favor

Cherie N. Finance Committee Guideline Change Presentation – in packet

Vote – to approve the Guidelines Proposal – Majority approval – Minority Opinion – needed to be taken to the groups. Pushed too quickly and the formatting is unclear. Motion passed

### **Ruth J – Area Officer Election**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>1st vote</b>	<b>2nd Vote</b>	<b>3rd Vote</b>	<b>4th Vote</b>
Delegate	Total Voting	162			
(N)					

	Sophie	140			
	Phil	22			
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Alt Delegate	Total Voting	160	158	161	161
(S)		107 to elect	106 to elect	108 to elect	108
	Justin	26	17	X	X
	Emily	9	1	X	X
	Andy	43	46	55	45
	Michelle	17	8	X	X
	Cherie	65	86	106	116
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Chair	Total Voting	164	160		
(S)	to elect	110	107		
	Justin	22	7		
	Andy	61	44		
	Mike M	81	109		
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Alt Chair	Total Voting	159	157	155	
(N)	to elect	107	105	104	
	Lonnie	20	15	X	
	Tim	14	10	X	
	Carri	1	0	X	
	Kevin	29	21	27	
	Rich	17	8	X	
	Paul	10	3	X	
	Phil	56	97	128	
	Julie	12	3	X	
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Treasurer	Total Voting	146	154		
(N)	to elect	98	103		
	Kevin	33	38		
	Paul	22	5		
	Carol	73	106		
	Jeannette	11	4		
	Lyle	7	1		
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	



Alt Treasurer	Total Voting	155	160	159	154
(S)	to elect	104	107	107	103
	Justin	50	55	79	47
	Vince	56	67	54	107
	Bud	49	38	26	X
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Secretary	Total Voting	158	157	141	
(S)	to elect	106	105	94	
	Michelle	57	51	37	
	Bud	27	11	X	
	Justin	74	95	104	
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Alt Secretary	Total Voting	148	151	152	154
(N)	to elect	99	101	102	103
	Rich	48	76	99	105
	Pat	37	41	53	49
	Debbie	18	8	X	
	Carri	18	6	X	
	Julie	27	20	X	
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Registrar	Total Voting	119	121		
(N)	to elect	80	81		
	Paul	18	5		
	Debbie	9	4		
	Jeannette	62	99		
	Julie	20	9		
	Carri	10	4		
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Alt Registrar	Total Voting	132	125		
(S)	to elect	88	84		
	Emily	63	106		
	Andy	32	9		
	Bud	19	7		
	Rich	18	3		
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Archivist	Total Voting	132	128		
(S)	to elect	88	86		

	Jonelle	31	19		
	Rhonda	85	93		
	Bud	16	16		
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
Alt. Archivist	Total Voting	132	123		
(N)	to elect	88	82		
	Pat	72	92		
	Paul	32	22		
	Kevin	8	3		
	Chuck	2	1		
	Carri	18	5		
			< 1/5 drop	< 1/3 Drop	
<b>Trustee-at-Large</b>					
Area 42 Cana date	Pete L	Majority			
To be elected at the 2013 GSC	Mike D				

Feed back from last night's presentations

Slogan – Update the cost chart comparison from 1955 to today – Do we need a theme or slogan?

Gimmicky “cute” – Slogan should reflect the special connection incurred from the act of giving – make it fun in the groups -

Traditions – Show of Hands – problem with the short form of 11 - majority fee it's ok as is...Keep it simple... concern over cost – give an AA a loop hole and they will find a way out – names should not be broadcast – most newcomers don't hear the long form only the short form read at meeting- Review the language before the press radio and films piece. – Difference between “us” outing our self vs. the press outing us – We as sponsors should be policing our sponcees – Language is limiting currently but need to be inclusive – New pamphlet for anonymity and digital media – maybe just add to the existing Anonymity pamphlet -

Archives – Sense of the assembly is to pursue digitizing our archives – consider anonymity -

Area Stats - Total groups 1051; Active 501; inactive 361; incomplete – 11; merged – 65

Reports –

Justin – SAGSC Chair – Our southern area is comprised of odd numbered districts. There are 10 geographic districts and one lingual district, district 21. We meet at the tie club (329 north 11<sup>th</sup> st Las Vegas) 4 times a year. Those meetings are the second Sunday at 1:15pm of January, May, July and

November. Our GSR survival Training (for new and returning GSRs or anyone interested in more GSR info) meets at 12:30pm before the regular meeting. We have a special meeting in February for general service agenda items. At our May meeting there were around 70 in attendance with 2 new GSRs we had a delegate report that detailed the general service conference. Thanks to Byron for that. Thanks to district 5b for hosting. At our July meeting we had around 80 in attendance including 5 new GSRs. Thanks to Ruth who gave an informative presentation. Thanks to District 11 for hosting that meeting. We also had a proposal from Jake at District 1 to move the Mothers day SAGC meeting to the third Sunday in May. It will be voted on a second time in November. We need a 2/3rds vote to move it. Also coming up at the November meeting will be suggestions from the SAGSC guidelines review committee, which will require a vote. And some elections for southern positions. Our next meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup> at the TIE club at 1:15 and 12:30 for GSR training.

Cherie – Area Treasurer – rep

Andy – No Report –

Carri – NAGSC PI – I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. I serve you as your PI chair for the northern area general service committee. I am very grateful for being able to service in this position. We the PI committee and I have been busy getting big books in all of the area 42 libraries along with the help of DCMs and PI district committees we have been successful but of course we still need to continue with the goal. I would like to thank the committee and all who participated in this goal. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Laura - PICPC SOUTH –

Tim W – CPC North – Here is my CPC report for the Area 42 Fall Assembly:

We conducted a conference call of the NAGSC CPC Committee members on August 8th included: SAGSC CPC Chair, NNIG CPC Chair, and CPC representatives for Districts 2 and 6. Each of us discussed recent CPC activities we have been doing, such as:

Meeting with area Judges

Hosting medical students at open AA meetings

Making presentations to students at high schools and nursing schools (we have a great presentation which can also be used for meetings with any professional as well)

Doing joint presentations with Al-Anon to police stations

Working with Project Homeless Connect to bring meetings into homeless shelters

Hosting information tables at Veterans Services' health fairs

Leaving literature at court houses and Parole/Probation offices

The NNIG CPC Chair has continued to meet with the UNR medical students.

The District 6 CPC Chair is drafting a letter to send to members of the medical society in the Carson City area.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Glen - Intergroup SAGSC - Southern Area 42 Intergroup Liaison - Last month Central Office reported, Check Book balance of – 13,045.16, Literature Account Balance of 12,634.04, Prudent reserve of 20,549.92, Central Office received 840 information Calls and 52 - 12th step calls, Our Hotline received 1,447 information calls and 105 - 12th Step Calls, The [lvcentraloffice.org](http://lvcentraloffice.org) website had an average of 153 hits per day for a total of 4,743 hits for the month. New and updated meeting schedules are now available at our website. Hotline committee has all shifts covered but needs volunteers to help answer the phones.

The 12 Step Committee gave no report, Our Unity committee was also absent. The Silver Streak is our monthly news letter, and is looking for local AA articles to print. All articles, stories or events need to be submitted by the 15th of the month. Please contact Patti at the Silver Streak or Jack at Central Office. Yearly Subscriptions for the Silver Streak are only \$10, \$7 for the electronic version, and \$1 dollar for single issues. The Gratitude Ball will be on April 6th, at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino. The Founders Day Celebration will be having their first planning meeting after the first of the year. Our Intergroup meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6pm, at Central Office. For more information on any of our events or to contact any of our Intergroup Committee's please go to the Las Vegas Central Office website at: [www.lvcentraloffice.org](http://www.lvcentraloffice.org) or call central office at 598-1888

Roger – NAGSC intergroup – well it's hard to believe 6 months has flown by but it has! Welcome everyone to Tonopah. To start with our intergroup in Reno is doing well and we are running pretty smooth. Our gratitude dinner made \$640 after expenses, our monthly speaker meeting netted \$2,739.24 through July. Our founder day picnic brought in \$867.68 corn beef and cabbage did a whopping \$819.93. So the total income through July with other contributions came to \$56,700.03 total profit \$39,669.18. After all expenses we showed a net income of (\$-1,917.34) pretty good, aye. We are still in the process of looking for another place for central office, hopefully one which will allow us to rent a room for meetings. All of our committees are doing a wonderful job without going into accolades. Coming up we have this year's gratitude dinner at circus circus, manalay convention center, 500 N. sierra st Reno Saturday November 3 doors open 4:30 buffet dinner 6:00. Speaker 7:30 Patrick O Pleasanton CA. Call central office for tickets. And we have a NNIG & ANNYPAA Halloween bash Saturday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, dance costume contest trick or treat for the kids. Speaker meeting Suggested donations \$10.00 open 6:00 speaker 7:00. Odd fellows building 1300 stardust Reno Contact central office. Thank you for this service and have a safe trip home.

Rose Marie – SAGSC H&I – please see the Rose Marie for details

Bruce – NAGSC Treatment – We were in a bind and NAGSC stepped up and helped the new comers we serve. We are grateful for the support and because of the generosity of the fellowship there are books going to new comers around the north. The treatment team has enjoyed lots of support and our service in the north fills us with love and gratitude. We are serving with NNIG and together with the home groups and the districts we have been very successful. There is great cooperation within the fellowship. Helping newcomers in treatment is a blessing and we wish to thank everyone who has and continues to help.

Lyle – H&I – Corrections and Bridging the Gap –

District 20 (Emory B):

- The clearances have improved at CCC in Susanville and more people are going in.
- The Federal Prison in Herlong continues to have active participation.
- Plumas County jail is good. The women and men have meetings every week.
- Lassen County Jail is doing well with Men and women's meetings are still struggling with participation, but a woman has volunteered to coordinate.

- I am still not able to go into High Desert B yard in Susanville.

District 6 (Chuck M):

- Things are going well all service positions are filled. Also have interest in more BTG.
- People that touch BTG have wanted to stay evolved

Inmates are still asking for CCS (Corrections Correspondence Service), so remember that we are always looking for people to write to inmates. We still need Spanish speaking outside members for CCC and High Desert. Some Spanish speaking members are trying to come from the Chico area (Area 07 Central Northern Interior California) I have no updates on the other districts within NAGSC. No concerns or issues have been reported, so I assume they are doing the same as the last report. I have been passionate about corrections for a long time, but the joy of bridging the gap took me by surprise. Thank you Sophie, for pointing me in the direction of BTG. Thank y'all for the opportunity to grow in service. In Fellowship and Service,

Leslie – SAGSC – Special Needs Chair – Special Needs is responding to calls received by central office for those AA members needing our services. As always I'm looking for an ASL person for AA meetings in our area. If you know anyone please contact me at central office. The AA member that utilized this service a year ago was home bound needing a liver transplant is maintaining his sobriety quite well, he now has 2 years and 9 months and although special needs has not paid him a visit in a while, due to scheduling conflicts, Jim wants us to bring meetings back into his home. The next meeting will be next week. Another person has taken advantage of this service. A woman that had extensive surgery on her left foot and was instructed to stay home bound for 6 – 8 weeks sought our help. She called central office and requested that she have a meeting. Today she has 94 Days sober. Special needs attended the past founders day held at the Salvation Army in June, we had a booth for questions and literature, supplied 2 wheel chairs for those persons needing assistance. If your group is hosting an event and need wheel chairs we have 2 available at central office, also inform your groups what accessibilities / Special needs is and that it is available for anyone needing our service. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Lunch

Chris – Special Needs/Remote Community/Accessibility – Special Needs in the North has been fairly quiet over the last few months since the last assembly. The meetings at the Gardnerville Health and Rehab Facility are still happening for those elder members who can't get to a meeting at a fellowship. We have around 15 AA members that give an hour of their time a week to carry the message to two individuals in need of a meeting. A couple of days ago I did receive an email from a lady up in Washington State. The lady was looking for a meeting for a family member who could only speak Spanish and who also has some mental illness in Elko. I was able to give her an email address for the DCM in that area, an email address for District 22 and a phone number. I also told her to send him to the AA.org web site; look up the Literature section and at the bottom of the page is an area that he could hit to read all that is available in Spanish, especially those that speak of mental illness. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Regina - ANNYPAA – awaiting report.

Brian M - LVYPAA – LVYPAA continues to work hard at service work. On June 23 2012 we held a scavenger hunt. The hunt was a big success and was held down town LV NV and the cook out and speaker meeting was held at the TIE club. We had a great time with unity. Next we have a unity campout at Nelsons landing unity campout at eagle wash, lake mead second will be a Halloween dance on October 27 2012 in LV NV LVYPAA also will host the four corners summit in April of next year 2013, which will be of service to WAYEAA states of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada for further Info see the website.

Lonnie - GSR Survival Guide Trainer – No. North – Last month I was invited to speak in bishop at their white elephant auction. It was a great group of people and I was honored. + I won a box of rocks. I worked with Mike M from Las Vegas on the work shop we did last night with the DCMs it was very well receive. This is something they would like more of. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Tim - GSR Survival Guide Trainer – So. North – no report

Emily DCM District 1 – We are doing well in district one. Our Big Book drive was successful with a case + of big books being donated, although the libraries in Las Vegas seem not to need them so we are donating the books to the PI/CPC committee. The District 1 picnic will be held on October 6th in Boulder City with music, a speaker and great food, fun and fellowship, we look forward to seeing you all there. Our next business meeting will be Saturday in the blue room at lunchtime, there will be pizza! Thank you for letting me be of service! [www.district01.org](http://www.district01.org) or [www.districtone-nv.org](http://www.districtone-nv.org)

Tom DCM District 2 – We discussed our prudent reserve this year. Our district is blessed with good financial support and we have a great group of GSR.

Dave K District 3 – Our workshop in April at st Luke's church on eastern was well attended. There were about 35 to 40 in attendance including people in early sobriety that we are introducing to service work and its importance. Our thanks to GSRs Jonelle, Mark, and dist treasurer Russ C. for their work in putting it together and feeding us so well. The mesquite group has invited Cherie up to Mesquite to conduct a group conscience on the traditions in particular tradition 5 Re our singleness of purpose. Our outreach to outlying groups in remote areas is primary on (missing page(s))

Rick S. (DCM) District 4 has continued to trudge the road of happy destiny. Our district meetings still have five to ten committed souls showing up every month. In the past six months we have renewed our efforts to reach out to 'meetings' in our district in the hopes that they would become 'Groups' in AA. Most of these meetings have let us know in no uncertain terms that they are happy NOT being involved, but like the newcomer with the court card: at least they know where we are and that they are welcome. Our district doesn't have much in the bank, but we were able to assist in funding 4 GSR's to attend this assembly. It has been a pleasure serving as DCM for district 4. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Rhonda DCM district 5B – District 5b has had an exciting year, we have held a workshop on "safety in the home group". It was a success and thanks to Byron for sharing with us. Our district is growing in meetings and GSR'S. We are preparing for our annual picnic on Oct 7th. At Wayne Bunker Park. We will be holding another workshop on November 17th "how to start a home group". In December we will be holding our district elections, we are looking forward to fresh new group. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Chris S Alt DCM district 6 – In June, District 6 held the Founders Day Picnic. I would like to thank everyone who attended. Sophie came and shared her experience, strength and hope and Bryon gave his report from the conference. I don't think that we had a larger turn out than last year but I do know that we held steady and had between 75-100 people in attendance throughout the day.

On July 22 District 6 held a question and answer desert potluck at the Alano club in Carson City. District 6 had 3 different speakers, Pete L. from Reno, Dan M. from Reno, and Chris S. from Gardnerville. The topics were, AA in the Digital Age—do we even need Anonymity, The AA Traditions and the AA Rebel, and Sponsorship and the Excuses to Drink. The speakers would talk for 15 minutes, getting through all the topics. Then we opened it up to a question/answer from the audience directed at the speakers. The meeting started out with only a few showing but ended with 20 people. I was definitely happy with that turn-out for a first time project.

District 6 formed a Visiting Groups Committee to go out and see if we could stir up any new interest in service. District 6 put together a packet of pamphlets and delivered those to the meeting secretary or the business meeting if they had one. The DCM or Alt DCM would give a quick talk on what we were trying to do. We tried to excite a couple more possible GSR's out of the groups. I think we were able to get a couple more which is always exciting to see.

I attended the NAGSC meeting over in Elko in August. The meeting ended up being good sized meeting and a few of the Elko fellowship stayed for the meeting to check it out. We had lots of food and a wonderful meeting before the NAGSC meeting started.

District 6 started their elections in August and we have filled almost all of our positions prior to coming to Tonopah. I am looking forward to serving District 6 for another 2 years as their DCM and joining all of you for another exciting 2 years.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Edie District 7 – District 7 has approximately 2 active groups out of 42 registered groups. With about 19/20 that attend our district meeting on a regular basis. Average attendance at our meetings this year has been around 20 to 25 people. We meet the third Friday of every month at 6:30 pm at the serenity club on Schiff drive in Las Vegas. We held our second service event on April 28<sup>th</sup> on sponsorship. The event started with a skit “the sponsorship game” put on by the “we are not a glum lot” players. We broke for lunch (another great job by chef bud) and resumed with a panel speaking on topics of “history of sponsorship” (Justin P, “being a sponsor” (Cherie N); “being a sponcee” (Bill S) and “Service sponsors” (Edie D). Each panelist gave a short presentation on their topic and then the ask it basket lady (Shellie) gave questions to the panelists to answer on questions from the audience on their particular topic. The skit was hilarious and the attendance was extremely good. The next event was the 27<sup>th</sup> annual mt Charleston picnic held on Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at the foxtail picnic grove in lee canyon. We made some positive changes to the event this year, the first of which was sending out bid letters for the catering. The bid was one by Chef Bud who came in well below any of the other bidders. The food was fabulous and there were tons of positive comments. The second was the door prize of a kindle. We had a couple of sponsors this year who donated 10 tickets each allowing us to give tickets to both a women's and men's recovery home, as well as have the Las Vegas rescue mission in attendance. (we sponsored them for 10 tickets and purchased an additional 10) the weather was God directed as we enjoyed a cool day with only sporadic raindrops



falling (while storms were quite heavy down the mountain) our picnic committee chaired by Dave B and co chaired by Pat G did an awesome job with all the other picnic committee members and I must give special mention to Angie M who really was the “god mother” on this committee and kept the boys in line!! Our final service event for 2012 will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> on the topic of “safety in AA’ and we are pleased that Byron F has agreed to be our main speaker. We will be holding our district elections in November and as our outgoing DCM I have to say a big thank you to all the GSRs and committee officers in district 7 who have made my tenure as DCM extremely easy and filled with watching the spirit of service work in action. What an imaginative and dedicated group of people. I will truly miss being the DCM but in the spirit of rotation it is time for me to move on to my next “adventure” in general service, whatever that may be.

Scott – District 8 Alt DCM – District 8 is located in Eastern California. The district is bordered to the west by the Sierra Nevada crest and the Nevada border to the east. It extends from Lone Pine to the south to Bridgeport in the north. The two largest groups in the district are the Mammoth Lakes group in Mammoth Lakes, and the High Sierra Group in Bishop. There are numerous smaller groups which are located in Lone Pine, Big Pine, Benton, June Lake, and Bridgeport. In August the Mammoth Lakes Group hosted its annual summer camp out at the Shady Rest campground. It was very well attended and was three days of fellowship, food, and fun. District 8 will be holding elections at its next scheduled business meeting in November.

Bob District 9 DCM – meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at turning point 21 California st Las Vegas. At 2<sup>30</sup> pm. We held an outreach to find which groups had GSRs and which groups need one. We had a bigger turn out at our Sunday meeting. We are holding a free picnic / ice cream social; archive will be there, on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at the turning point from 1-4 pm. All are invited. We are still pushing for groups to join our activities, thank you for allowing me to serve.

Dennis District 10A DCM – I only have a few items to report. We have added 7 meetings a week in Elko, all at 9am at the fellowship hall at 680 River St. They are listed with NNIG and you can find more information on them there. We are still looking for speakers to come to Elko for our Friday night Speakers meeting, the group pays expenses and it is a good time for all. Our annual campout in the Rubies was a big success, we had three wonderful speakers and lots of love was shared. We are looking forward to our Gratitude dinner that is in the planning stages, no date yet. This is my last Assembly as DCM for District 10a, and I wanted to express how grateful I am for having the opportunity to serve with such a great body of selfless, caring, and patient people. Just being in this setting has helped me grow personally as I watch this process unfold in a manner that inspires hope for me that AA will live on forever. Once again, thanks for letting me share and serve

Ken District 10B DCM –

Chip District 11 –

Debbie District 12 – we have had a fairly quite 6 months. This being my last report, I want to say that this has been an absolute wonderful experience to get up to the microphone, in front of you all. Thank you for the 12 step call you have done on me...not only for my sobriety, but for the chance to grow. Thank you for listening to my reports of our district’s happenings, problems and solutions. These past two years I have had the opportunity to attend my first PRAASA fully funded by my district! We held our district



elections at our regular business meeting last Saturday and I am proud to announce that all the positions were filled, along with alternates! Our current alternate DCM Roberta B from Yerington is our incoming DCM. I am confident that she will serve district 12 well. Roberta has helped me in attending all the groups and their business meetings; she has also put big books in all of our libraries with the PI chair.

Don District 13 –

Ron - District 14 – District 14 is made up of the north Lake Tahoe and the sierra valley areas. With registered groups in incline village, kings beach, Tahoe city, Truckee, Sierraville and loyalton. At the last assembly I mentioned that several meetings in our district had changed locations. We updated our schedules and website as well as notifying intergroup and GSO. We were promptly besieged with complaints that our website was incorrect. After some investigation it was found that when someone did a Google search for AA meetings in north Lake Tahoe the first search result was a web site out of Staten Island New York that we were not aware of. I am sure that whoever put this site up meant well by listing meetings all over the country to assist the traveling alcoholic, however, since we had no way of knowing it existed we didn't know to update them of our changes. The situation was resolved by contacting the site in Staten Island and requesting that instead of trying to maintain a current list of our meeting that they instead provide a link to our website. The lesson learned from this is that I am still not spiritually enough to accept criticism and complaints on issues that I am not aware of, have no reasonable reason to be aware of , and have no control over. Another more pertinent lesson is that there is a lot being posted out there our meetings that we are not aware of and we will be exercising more diligence on keeping track of it. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Shannon – Alt DCM district 15 – I am new to this position and am looking forward to what this position holds. Our district is alive and well, we have several events planned for the next 4 months. Our annual picnic date will be announced upon return home from Tonopah as we didn't want the date to conflict with any other district events in the south. Flyers will be distributed with the date & 3 featured speakers. Also Jack F has agreed to conduct a concepts workshop date to be announced. Our second annual Halloween costume party will be held on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. We will also be hosting our annual thanksgiving & Christmas dinner, as well as our marathon meetings for Christmas & new years. I look forward to serving my district & helping to keep service fun and exciting I would like to thank all those GSRs who suited up and showed up.

Ed - Alt DCM district 16 – We are busy in the district, we are updating our guidelines and planning Christmas and getting ready to rotate officers. We have a bunch of new GSRs and our finances are in great shape. We have purchased 2 grapevines subscriptions for the clients in our adopted treatment center and we have funded several GSRs to the assembly.

Scarlett - DCM District 17 – we are re-grouping at district level. We have an accurate schedule for district 17 – 40 regular groups. As our district includes Beatty, Death Valley and sandy valley. We are working on setting up an alchathon New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve. We are working on getting our web site up to date. We will be having a workshop on how to use the website. We have a new 500 bed jail that is pending we will be a Tuesday nite Men's meeting and a Wednesday nite women's meeting at 7pm. We are continuing to work with the federal prison it is mostly Spanish. The meeting is men's only; we are hoping to be able to bring these meetings literature. Today we have 6 GSRs present.

Damon G. - District 19 - Recently Elected district treasurer Alt DCM. Activities, Sept 16 end of summer BBQ, Dec 8 Christmas dinner. Plea for anyone interested in coming to our community for speaker meetings. Participation is growing in the district & we are no longer a dark district.

Julie - DCM District 20 - It was with great sadness that we had to postpone our campout this year due to the "Chips" fire. The fire burned all the way to the trees which line the meadow where we have our Sunday morning "Spirit Walk". It is our plan to not actually cancel the campout but to postpone 2012 to 2013; to have the same speakers next year, if they are available. I want to personally thank our friends in Area 42 who texted, emailed and called to check on our safety. I was especially proud of the people who came to our district meeting in August during the fire. We had the privilege of having Carol B., Area 42 Chair and Roberta, the Alt DCM from district 12 attend our meeting. Carol has graciously agreed to attend our 2nd annual Sharing day in early October. We have suggested the topics that were proposed at the April Conference regarding keeping our meetings safe. Last year our sharing was incredibly powerful. I can only hope we are as successful this year as last. We don't have elections until after the fall assembly, so we are encouraging people to stand for positions in Tonopah and the district. I am overwhelmed by the love and kindness in Area 42. It has been a huge honor to be the DCM from District 20. I am so very proud of the commitment from the people who I have been privileged to serve with. I have learned so much. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. In Love and Service

Andre's - DCM - District 21 - we have 18 groups Spanish speaking we visit on every week. We have a new group in Henderson NV their meetings are in Club 51. Their group name is the third tradition and their meetings are Monday at 6:00am, 7:30pm, and Saturday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Public information is still working. H&I still visiting clinics hospitals and jails, and very soon will start visiting Henderson detention. La Vina continues promotion subscriptions of La Vina in all the groups. The round up committee is working now with registrations in the groups. We celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> local forum for general services on AA last may. Thanks for your support. "Let's keep together"

Question for the Chair - Recognize food allergies and offer a choice

1630 Adjourn

## **Sunday 09 September 2012**

0830 - Assembly opens

Ruth J - Serenity Prayer

Elections Continues

Paul E - feel free to donate old grapevines or other literature to the archives -

Ely would love to have some support - Pete L offered the central office speakers list.

AD Hoc guideline committee - Joan Sophie Edie Dan Cherie Don L

Carol Hands off to Mike M the reigns of Area Chair

Asha - Spiritually pamphlet - how we are carrying the message in non-Christian countries -

Byron F – trustees committee is working on the pamphlet – to continue the project – most stories were atheistic and the committee felt like there needed to be more balance.

District 16 GSR –

Dan M – ACYPAA at the Cal Neva in N Lake Tahoe – 10/19/2012

Scott – District 8 A DCM – hosting a workshop on the three legacies 9/22 June lake community center – Entrée Provided Potluck

Ryan – LVYPAA – [www.4corners2013.org](http://www.4corners2013.org) – for information

District 16 Christmas Affair - \$5 suggested donation – 10 am - 6pm - speakers – Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Sat Masonic Temple

Ken - 10 B Halloween party 10/27 after the regular 6:30 pm meeting come in costume...267 pacific st Winnemucca.

Carol – Gratitude Dinner – info at NNIG.org

Justin – Las Vegas Round up – Flyers on the table – Las Vegas Central Office for more information.

Ask it Basket –

Respectfully Submitted

Kevin B

Area 42 Secretary