# Area 42 Assembly April 5, 6, 7, 2013

6 pm Mike M. starts assembly

Welcomes and asks for brand new GSRs, applause and raising hands; don't feel overwhelmed we are all new here. Mentions ask it basket, Sunday morning, asks new to area 42 members, going over tonight's agenda.

#### \* Secretary Report Justin P.

Beautiful day to be in Tonopah. I'm grateful to be here! Some great resources up, past delegates and trustees, we are lucky to have them so involved in our area. If you are like me and thought a special AA currier came all the way from NY to deliver these great packets, well its not the case. Thanks to about half the people in this room for helping to make it happen. No speedy delivery for us lucky alkies. The packets cost about \$2000 this time. It won't be that much next time it'll be less than half that probably. But just for information and fun can we see a show of hands who would like to see this in electronic format only? Non binding just for info. about 1/3 people would like to see only digital copy Justin Ask? just give in your reports and please let me know separately. Don't forget to bring me any reports you want in the minutes or my email is jpvegas333@cox.net as well. I've gotten many reports already this week way to go Northern area. They are all from there must still be winter up there. We've been in the 80s down South already. We have some limited printing available up here for free, also some pens and other office supplies if you need them. The entire packet and Treasurer's report are on a jump drive if you want to copy them. And don't forget the minutes will be available in September. Our website is nevadaarea42.org, you can contact me there too. And see all this great stuff. Any questions? Thank you!

Mike calls for approval for minutes, seconds and approval.

\*Carol B. Treasurer, The financial reports are posted on the wall above the table at the door.

Sophie passed this on to me to share with you;

For your information, the percentage of groups contributing to GSO in area 42 on a comparative basis is:

For the twelve months ended 12/31/2012

2012 2011

33.72% 34.37%

This is an effort to stay transparent, if there are any questions or requests for more Area 42 financial information please contact me; <a href="mailto:areatreasurer42@gmail.com">areatreasurer42@gmail.com</a> Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Treasurer's Report Approved

## \*Jake dcm 1

My name is Jake Sanchez and I am an alcoholic. I have had the privilege of being elected the D.C.M. of So. Area 42 district 1. I want to welcome all the new G.S.R's that are up here for their first time. I remember my first trip up here to Tonopah and I can tell you I was not happy about it. It was a very overwhelming experience and I only understood about half of what people were talking about. But by the time I left I realized how many old ideas I was still full of. How the people who were up here were the most dedicated members of AA around and were doing more to help the alcoholic who still suffers than 95% of all of the people I had met in AA up to that time. This year District 1 fully funded me to attend PRAASA in Boise Idaho. The day I left for Boise my sponsor, who is also a past delegate of area 42, said kid your AA world is about to get a whole lot bigger. It was an amazing experience. I was not filled with all of the prejudice and ignorance I was on the way to my first area assembly, but I was able to meet AA members from all over the pacific region and left there with that same feeling again of maybe I just don't know everything in the world there is to know about Alcoholics Anonymous. I have been the D.C.M. for about 3 months now and it has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my AA life. I am very privileged to be part of an amazing district full of dedicated members. The officers have done so much to help me I would not be able to do anything without them. I just want to personally thank every member of district 1 that shows up to all the meetings, stays involved with district 1, and make's all of this possible. We had our first workshop for the year cosponsored with district 9 on March 16th called keeping it green. We had 4 speakers and they focused on steps 1, 2, and 3. It was a huge success with about 55 people in attendance. Next was the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual So. Area 42 chili cook off. It was another great success and a lot of fun and fellowship to be had from everyone I spoke with. District 1 was lucky enough to win first and second place in the chili cook off so we will have the privilege of hosting the event next year and we are already looking forward to it. The most important thing that I think I heard at PRAASA which is the pacific region alcoholics anonymous service

assembly for our new members is that how we treat each other and how we talk to each other is 100 times more important than any business we will get done. Though we may completely disagree on some of these agenda items if when we are done we cannot give each other a hug and realize we are all working to make Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole better than we have missed the whole point. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life. I will never be able to express in words how grateful I am to every person sitting in this room. I look forward to serving as the district 1 D.C.M. for the rest of my term, and to serving Alcoholics Anonymous for the rest of my life. Thank you very much I love you all! Jake District 1 D.C.M.

### \*Roger dcm 2

District 2 is comprised of groups holding around 40 meetings a week. On average, 12 of these groups have GSR representation at our monthly district meeting. Over the past 6 months our meetings have been devoted to education about the Concepts, and discussing local group issues as a means of supporting our GSRs. Members of our district have also been attending and supporting the Concepts group which has been meeting in the Reno Triangle Club for the past year.

We have been adequately supported thru contributions from our district groups in addition to our own 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. We in turn support our members for expenses involved in attending Area meetings, and sending our DCM to PRAASA. Each quarter we examine our income and expenses, and when we show a surplus over our prudent reserve, we send contributions to NAAGSC, NNIG, Area, and GSO.

Most of our GSRs are new, as the biennial rotation happened for most groups in December. All groups that attend district meetings are doing well. Increasing participation in district is one of our objectives for the coming year.

#### \*Jonelle dcm 3

My sobriety date in December 1, 1993 and for that I am truly grateful. My Home group is the How It Works Group and I am the DCM for District 3. We will be finalizing our plans for our next Service Workshop this weekend ... We will begin outreach in some of our "winter effected" areas, such as Pioche and Caliente, within the next few months... I was unable to attend PRAASA, however our District's Alt. DCM Dave K. and GSR Jon K. (both from Mesquite) represented and had informed me that it "is an experienced not to be missed"...Thank you for allowing me to be of service...

#### \*Kathleen dcm 4

Hi I'm Kathleen W. and I'm the newly elected DCM from District 4 We had our elections in November and have had a full roster with Regina P, as my Alternate DCM, Robert S. as our treasurer, Ryan S. as out secretary And our Intergroup rep. will be elected in April. Our district meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and we usually have a lively meeting of various topics which are discussed Within our hour. I'm proud to say we had approximately 11 general service people from out district Which attended Prassa this past March 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

## \*Michelle dcm 5b

April 5, 2013 We are excited about all the events that are being planned by 5 b. Our event first is April 20 a workshop at the KCBC Club on Alexander at 2 pm to 4 pm snacks will be served. We are also working on Guidelines for District 5b. And of course we will continue to be of service to all the groups in our area supporting each other. I also with my alternate DCM were able to experience Praasa and the knowledge was amazing we are looking forward to San Diego and the possibilities of all our GSRs being able to attend. Thank you for letting me be of service Michele P. Alt DCM Bryce, Treasurer Alexis, Secretary Lisa, Registrar Lisa.

### \*Chris dcm 6

District 6 currently holds their District meetings on every even month. We meet centrally in the District at the Carson City Alano club at 1:15pm on the second Sunday of the month.

Our first meeting was in the beginning of February and we got to meet all the new officers and GSR's. We then attended the NAGSC roundtables on Feb. 23, 2013. I was asked to present on a topic and once again I was scared and excited at the same time. What a fulfilling experience.

I then found myself in Idaho for PRAASA for the first time. Talk about information overload. It took me 2 days just to get caught up on my sleep. I attended 2 workshops, one workshop for the DCM and the other one for Special Needs. I then got to experience, that with many passionate people in one room that a business meeting can go for 3-4 hours and with love and tolerance we can still come to a conclusion.

My goal as District 6 DCM is to get to all the groups in my district. My hope is to generate interest in General Service at some of these groups. At this time I have hit 6 groups and of those six 3 of those were business meetings. At one of those business meetings 1 group is still looking for a GSR and 1 group doesn't want a GSR. I am happy to say that the other 4 have a GSR.

Currently I am attending a Tradition study that my past DCM and myself are chairing and at this meeting/study group we will be working into the Concepts next. I am also attending a Concept study in Reno at the Triangle club, so much to learn and so little time. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service Chris DCM District 6

## \* Chris NAGSC GSR Survival Trainer Report

Since our last NAGSC meeting in February, I have had 1 GSR Survival Training meeting. Right after the NAGSC meeting I sent out a note to all the DCM's in the north letting everyone know how to get a hold of me if they would like a workshop done for their GSR's. If you would like me to come to your District my email address is <a href="mailto:eminutes@gmail.com">eminutes@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this service position.

## \*Nelson dcm 7 report

Our District 7 business meeting is held the third Friday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Serenity Club on Schiff Drive in Las Vegas. We have approximately 20 to 25 attendees each month. Also, each month we have a different GSR give a report about their group. We have about 20 GSRs fom District 7 in attendance at this assembly.

We had our elections last November following the Area 42 elections. And, I am honored to serve as your new District 7 District Committee Member. Bud L. is your alternate DCM; Jeff D. is the new Treasurer and Vickie A. is our new Secretary. I also would like to thank Edie D. for her relentless service to District 7 the two years prior she served as DCM.

Hence, in January we had the changing of the guard for GSR's as well. And let me tell you that our new GSR's are on fire and wanting to participate. District 7 funds up to \$200 per GSR that wants to come to Tonopah and we budgeted to fund up to 10 GSR's. However, we mostly supplement part of their expense to come to Tonopah as the groups usually want to be self-supporting.

The first order of business for this year was getting the website up and running. I am happy to announce that the LasVegasDistrict7.org website is now live. I would also like to report that I have attended my first PRAASA and loved every minute of it. Next year PRAASA will be held in San Diego, CA so it will be easier for a lot of us in Southern Nevada to attend if you wanted to. We had our first service event on March 16th featuring the "Traditions Play (back by popular demand)," a speaker panel and ask it basket, followed by a FREE lunch by Chef Bud. I want to thank Keila for doing a great job organizing the event and Gene L. for making sure the glum lot players had a place to practice the play. District 7's next service event will be announced soon.

We followed our commitment to service with hosting the "2nd Annual Chili Cook Off Challenge". The event was well attended and I'm happy to announce that the trophy now belongs to District 1. Heck,

District 1 even got the second place ribbon. In other words, "they killed it!" I would like to thank Jeanne and Edie D. for organizing the event, they did a great job.

Finally, our 28th Annual Mt. Charleston picnic usually held in August at the Foxtail Picnic Grove in Lee Canyon will be held at an alternate location due to BLM making renovations to the site. We will announce the new location as soon as we find it. If you guys want to stay informed about the Las Vegas District 7 events and/or new meetings sprouting up in District 7, go to <a href="https://www.lasvegasdistrict7.org">www.lasvegasdistrict7.org</a>.

Respectfully submitted, Nelson A. - District 7 DCM

#### \*Laura - 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, Independence, Big Pine, Bishop, Benton, Crowley Lake, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Bridgeport.

My goal over the next 2 years of this commitment is to improve communication and participation from the groups at the district and area level.

Currently we have 13 groups meeting in our district. Seven actively participate in District events and I am reaching out to the remainder of the groups to encourage participation.

Like other districts our efforts so far this year have been focused on the agenda items and the preparation of the Delegate for the conference through our individual groups' conscience by attending round tables and PRAASA. I was able to attend PRAASA in Boise along with 2 GSRs and 1 alternate GSR. All 3 had never been to a PRAASA before and it was inspirational to see this event through a newcomers eyes. Both of the groups represented at PRAASA held special meetings at the home group level to relay the information the GSRs received both from the round tables and PRAASA back to their groups to form a group conscience and are here at Assembly to relay that group conscience to the Area and our Delegate.

District 8 continues to organize unity rides at the district level. The idea is that we have volunteer members from groups that are located in towns with greater populations to support meetings in more remote areas. These unity rides not only provide support for smaller meetings but also provide an opportunity for members to "get in the car" and have an evening of fellowship as they drive to and fro.

Our district C & T committee continues to provide AA meetings in the women's and men's county facility and the juvenile facility in Independence, the state fire camp outside of Bishop and takes a panel to the Alpine Recovery Center in Bishop. These 9 meetings each month are coordinated by a committee that meets monthly and is supported by pink can money from the groups.

Once we get through the agenda process our district will be planning workshops throughout the year and possibly a gratitude picnic this spring. I want to invite as many committee chairs as possible to our district with the idea to keep us connected with the area despite our challenge of being located so far from the center of area activities. AA continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern Area and I am thankful to be able to serve AA in this way.

Laura J

## \*Bob dcm 9

Our District is going through some major changes. Our meeting place; Turning Point has closed its doors after 30 years. We will be meeting at Central Office in LV and we will be deciding a time and day this weekend. We joined District 1 for a beginners panel on March 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a good turn out and a great time. I am going to be out of state for about 3 months and my alt. John F. will be covering until I return. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

#### \*Art dcm 10a

5 groups 1 GSR based out of the Elko fellowship hall. In my short stint as DCM I've done a bit of traveling. 1<sup>st</sup> was the NAGSC gathering in Reno in February where I attended my first sessions of round table discussions. I learned a lot and we discussed 10 or so topics to bring back to the district. 2<sup>nd</sup> was the praasa event in Boise what a wonderful experience to be a part we had members from all over the pacific region delegates GSRs chairs DCMs I even ran into a member from Washington that used to attend some of the same meetings I did when I first got sober lastly my trip down here to Tonopah which I'm excited to attend and look forward to this weekend. I have flyers for our annual camping trip coming up this summer. July 26-28 . Serenity in the Rubies! Art DCM 10a

#### \*Chip dcm 11

Hey everybody, sobriety is alive and well in Tonopah and the Smokey Valley. The bookshelf group is having a cook out every other month and the Smokey Valley group has a yearly campout every July. We are very rural and small but we have an excellent AA fellowship. The district sent me to PRAASA in Boise. It was my first regional service assembly, and it was an amazing experience that I learned a lot. I truly appreciate being of service.

### \*Roberta dcm 12

District 12 got off to a slow start, but we've been picking up momentum each month. We have several projects planned; the first is a Traditions Workshop on May 11, 2013 in Silver Springs. Pete L., a past delegate and Area 42 current nominee for Trustee at Large, is coordinating a panel of past delegates to present the Traditions and answer questions. There will also be some fun and food involved. Later in the year we will be putting on a Secretary's Workshop, but no date has been set for that as yet. We are also working on Guidelines for District 12. And perhaps a lending library of CD's for Trustee's Reports and Panel Discussions at PRAASA, maybe even some speaker tapes. GSRs unable to attend PRAASA will then be able to hear the presentations in the speakers' own voices. I want to thank District 12 for sending me to PRAASA and hope we will benefit from conversations I had with other DCM's and ideas presented in the DCM workshop. In gratitude for the privilege of serving my District, Roberta DCM District 12

## \*Glenn District 13 DCM Report

\_District 13 is doing well; we have 8 eager GSR's regularly attending our district meetings, all having great ideas on how to make District 13 a more productive, and self supporting district.

I've been visiting our groups to stir up support and to let our members know the importance of being involved in service and self support. Handing out our self support packets and various other literatures. Thru this effort we've been able to register one brand new group, and two other groups that have been meeting for years.

Our GSR's have done a great job at getting good speakers for our District 13 speaker meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month. The attendance has increased from only having 5-15 people in attendance to having 35-40 people attend. We started a 50/50 raffle to help our self support effort, and to help increase awareness of our Intergroup committees we will start giving away copies of our Silver Streak newsletter, and a Grapevine magazine. I want to thank District 15 for inviting me their business meeting in March to discuss increased unity and involvement between our two districts. We talked about possibly having service events together and we exchanged ideas on self support, funding and how to better communicate with our membership.

I also want to thank our area Archivist Rhonda W., for coming down to Central Office and opening up the backroom of the archives so I could review the District 13 archive binders. Thru this effort I was hoping to find a copy of the District 13 guidelines. I did find a copy and whole lot more. Our district treasurer came with me, and he found many ideas to better communicate our financial records and transparency to our groups and members of the district. I look forward to discussing my findings with the rest of the group in our upcoming District meetings.

At our February district meeting, while discussing the agenda items and the trip to Tonopah, we decided to have a carwash to help our self support efforts. Thanks to our fellowship we raised 279.00 for the district in which enabled us to give 50.00 to each GSR in need for travel to this weekend's area assembly.

On the social side, District 13 entered a pot of chili at District 7's Southern Area 42 Chili Cook-off and went home with a third place finish. As I entered this position as DCM for district 13 I became a little overwhelmed at the amount of

time it takes to complete the duties of the DCM position, but with the strong support from our GSR's and patience from the fellowship this to will pass. Thank you for letting me be of service, Respectfully submitted, Glenn W.

#### \*Linda dcm 14

First of all I would like to thank the GSR's in attendance today for their service in this assembly.

District 14 is the North Lake Tahoe area with meetings in Truckee, Tahoe City, King's Beach, Incline Village, Loyalton, Sierraville, Sierra City and Downieville. We have 12 registered groups actively holding meetings with 7 of these groups regularly active in General Service. The others are in some pretty isolated areas, so we have reached out with any needed support for participation in our district.

The District is able to help fund our GSRs to Tonopah, but we are not financially solvent to finance District participation at PRAASA. We are in the process of updating our guidelines specifically as respects the contribution limit for GSR expenses and voting privileges.

One group has had issues with a disruptive member. What comes out of it is the sharing of experiences on how other groups handle these situations. Thanks to all who have offered guidance. We will be hosting our annual District Jamboree in August most likely in the Truckee Regional Park. Thank You for allowing me to be of service

#### \*Shannon dcm 15

Good afternoon everyone, I am pleased to announce that since I rotated in as DCM in Dec. our district has hosted service events and was able to donate \$365.37 to central office in January. My dist hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> ever eat and speak in honor of Valentine's Day and thanks to the generous service of our district trusted servants and GSRs I was able to attend my first ever PRAASA, dist 15 has put the general service structure into place and has become stronger and more GSRs are participating at all of our events including our monthly business meeting. We have done a group conscious and have elected to continue to do quarterly eat and speaks, as well as quarterly services panels our fist one will be in June and our next eat and speak is a Mother's Day theme. Please grab a flyer off the table. We have several DCMs from other districts visiting our business meetings and shared ideas and are working on doing some joint events with dist 13 myself and our alt DCM are currently conducting group inventories and inviting dark groups to participate at the dist level and have had a great response so far. I would like to personally thank all of the GSRs here today for all your help and desperately needed support through this transition. Respectfully in service, Shannon

#### \*Ed dcm 16

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 District 16 covers: Golden Valley, Hungry Valley, Lockwood, Sparks, Stead, Sun Valley and Sutcliff Greetings from Ed O'Sullivan, DCM for District 16!

Our district is alive and well and we usually have at least 8 GSRs or their alts at all district meetings.

We just completed our annual Christmas Affair in December, which was a success!

We are sponsoring a Mother's Day 11 step retreat, which has been doing great.

I was sent to Prassa in March which was held in Boise Idaho, where I got to do 3 hours of DCM Roundtables. I found them very helpful for my district and plan to implement some of these ideas in the near future and will also try and incorporate the other districts near by. Thank you for letting me be of service! Yours in Service, Ed

## \*Christine dcm 17

2 successful holiday alcathons Christmas eve and new years broke even and had a good time. Recent service workshop next time we will try it on an audience. We are looking to fill service positions at the dist level. We are reaching out for help. We are working on a 12 step call list. Thanks for letting me be of service.

## \*Kyle dcm 20

Larry - Alt. DCM for district 20: It is my privilege to stand in for Kyle who was unable to be here. I have been around AA for a while but this is the first time I have been of service at this level and wish to express my gratitude for the warm welcome and support. It makes the daunting task of delivering a report to such a large crowd much easier. Our campout which was postponed last year due to the major "Chips" fire is back on track for this year, hosted by the Chester Group and Chaired by Steve M. He was able to book our first choice for August 2-4 and we have flyers available. Archives are updated for the district and have been submitted to the area archivist. We have a dependable core of members in service and the full complement attended the recent roundtable. This includes, Hugh a new and active GSR from Greenville, a group that has been long unrepresented.

We continue to confront the challenges of service delivery in sparsely populated and widespread areas that many of the districts in Area 42 experience. We would certainly welcome any suggestions on efforts you have that were successful. It is our hope to provide several workshops that groups have hinted might be helpful to them. And now that winter travel is less of an obstacle Kyle and I intend to begin visiting the more remote outposts of our district in the interest of unity and community. In this same spirit we are planning to hold District meetings in different areas. The groups are doing well, with the normal winter decline in some of the areas dependent on tourism and summer residents. On a sad but triumphant note another alcoholic died sober: Eugene E. from Beiber has joined Bill and Bob and other AA pioneers: may our concerted efforts make this possible for many, many alcoholics.

### \*Erica LVYPAA

Had unity campout at lake Meade, Halloween dance at chart house, hosted meetings at Las Vegas Rroundup, end of the world dance in December, Christmas party with Santa, WACYPAA attendance in Tuscon, had a clothes drive, Super bowl party, dragon dance Chinese new year, AA Jeopardy with fourth dimension, co hosted kick ball tournament in Yuma AZ, volunteered at archives committee, YPAA conferences all over Southwest, later this month is a campout at Four Corners, Erica

#### \*Rhonda archivist

In January we held our first meeting in Las Vegas. I have created a list of 25 volunteers of which 2 or 3 show up to the meetings. We have been attending, workshops, meetings, chili cook offs, and events in the Southern Area. We are digitally recording some of these events and we are recording oral histories of the Old Timers in Las Vegas. We are busy, busy, busy, and we love it.

In February, Pat, our Northern Area Archivist came down to visit the actual site of the Archives and much to his surprise we put him to work right away. There are some birds nesting in the wall of the Archives room and we had to clean up the mess and caulk the ceiling. Jack at Central office is looking into fixing this problem but I can still hear them in there chirping away. Also, Jack asked me to tell everyone Hello!

In March Pat and I both attended PRAASA, we had a great time getting to know the archivists from the other Pacific Region States. And the historically long PRAASA business meeting was enjoyed by all.

Pat has been creating a committee in the North and now has 7 people committed to helping with the Archives in the North. On April 20<sup>th</sup> they will meet at Pat's house for a Pot- luck, they will plan out the upcoming year and hear from Paul our past Archivist. They have also been asked to staff an Archives Table at the Spring Festival in Reno April 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> One of our goals is to digitally record our archives so they are easier to share between the North and the South. We will be planning a scanning party later this Summer, It will take us years to complete this task.

What we need from you? Everything, every flyer, note meeting minutes. When you email your district agendas or minutes include me in the email, newsletters, announcements...Anything!!!! If you have files of old paperwork in your house take it to central office in Las Vegas or get with Pat if you're from the north.

You can contact us at <a href="mailto:archivist@nevadaarea42.org">archivist@nevadaarea42.org</a> and <a href="mailto:alternatearchivist@nevadaarea42.org">alternatearchivist@nevadaarea42.org</a> Thanks for letting me be of Service, Rhonda W

#### \*Phil Alt Chair

Hi everyone, In early Jan. I attended my first NNIG meeting in Reno and was impressed with the number of excited members later in Jan. we had a Orientation for GSRs, and also in a second room a get together for DCMs and Committee Chairs to do a brain storming session This was also in Reno's Triangle club with over 75 in attendance. As February rolled around I had asked the fellowship for volunteers to help with Summarizing and Presenting on the Agenda topics We had a really nice sized group of 12 men and women ready then the Women's International Conference happened on the weekend that we received the material so the Women were busy with that and the weekend bachelors worked feverishly and did a great job of summarizing all the Items in a few hours. I hope that everyone who would like to help with this in the future will make it known to Their DCMs and those of us who have been active in this very fun project. Our roundtables in the North took place on Feb23rd and were attended by 87 members, the standing committee chairs and DCMs brought delicious food for snacking on Thank all of you for that. In early March I was fortunate to go to Boise to PRAASA where I really enjoy being around so many others that are involved in this Gen Service thing I love so much I was able to attend the Chair and alternate Chair round tables With Michael M. where we got to meet up with other folks I've been meeting for a few years now, Getting ideas and sharing how Area 42 does things.

# \*Kevin nagsc treatment

Not much to report as I am just back from deployment. I will ask the DCMs from the north to get with me this weekend with any questions, comments or suggestions to improve the outreach to the treatment community. I am available to attend district meetings at their request. My contact information is in the assembly packets. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to be of service.

## \*Paul Northern Area 42 General Service Grapevine Chair

I am just getting my feet wet learning about the Grapevine and my position as chair. I tried to have a table set up at the International Women's Convention in Reno, February 14-17 but the logistics did not work out. I attended PRAASA in Boise, Idaho March 1-3 and there at the round tables I was able to gather more information about the Grapevine. On Friday at the La Vina round table one of the main topics was the future of La Vina and what to do about the deficit of La Vina. In order for La Vina to become self supporting subscriptions would have to about double. Also there was talk about how to support the  $17^{th}$  anniversary of La Vina, with hopes to boost subscriptions. This round table was a very humbling experience for me. As it was all in Spanish and an interrupter sat in between me and another member that did not speak Spanish. I got to see what it is like not to understand what is being said without help. On Saturday at the Grapevine round table I got some information on putting on workshops and to encourage members to submit a story to the Grapevine. Also how to get groups more enthused about the Grapevine by having a

Grapevine meeting, reading a story and having that as the topic of the meeting. I am looking forward to spreading the word about the Grapevine. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

#### \*Julie nagsc Treasurer:

Julie C. – I am filled with gratitude each time I receive a contribution from our groups. The amount of the contribution is secondary to the spiritual participation. Thank you to all. I was able to attend both treasurer's round tables at PRAASA and would like to pass on a couple of tidbits. 1) We must be transparent in all our financial dealings at all levels, from the group through the GSC. 2) This is not our money; it is AA's money and we must be good stewards and spend the money wisely. 3) We have to give it away to keep it. This was the first time I thought of this saying in regards to our money. The finance report is on file.

#### \*Carri nagsc special needs

I am Grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. I am serving as your NAGSC Chair for special needs, accessibilities and remote areas. I was able to attend PRAASA where I meet some very informed members who have been serving in this committee and who had great input. I was educated to see new ways to look at this service commitment. At this time I am reading the material that was given to me by the previous chair. One thing this committee has had me ask myself and my group is are we carrying the message to those with special needs, and are our meeting hall accessible. Other question like what exactly is special needs. Is it those members who are in the hospital, care centers, or is those who are just stuck at home for one reason or another? So I will continue to read.

Our committee has three members right now and is looking for anyone who is interested. Please feel free to talk with me or one of the other members Chris S. or Carol B. Our committee is willing to go to your district and put on a presentation so come talk to us and let's do it.

\*Vince alt area treasurer, SAGSC treasurer report. Vince stated the SAGSC financial reports are posted on wall. \*Debbie S. NAGSC Corrections/BTG

In mid February I received the Corrections Kit from the General Service Office, enclosed with a welcome letter and request. GSO is in need of men on the outside to correspond by mail with men that are in prison...for more information get a hold of your respective corrections chair (North/South) or the General Service Office. The kit contains guidelines, useful pamphlets, workbook, etc. The workbook is a useful tool for getting started with meetings on the inside and presentations, prerelease contacts/bridging the gap, etc. .

I was able to attend PRAASA on March 1st through 3rd. I attended the corrections workshop on both Friday night and Saturday. Through the sharing, I got the impression that California, Arizona and Idaho areas have a very organized committee involving meetings behind the walls and Bridging the Gap that falls under H and I coordinator. There were ideas shared on topics and literature for long and short term juvenile and adult meetings.

March 28th, the last Thursday of the month, I attended the Corrections/Treatment/BTG meeting at Central Office in Reno. Lee, the Northern Nevada Intergroup Bridging the Gap Chair and I have a common thought and goal. I look forward to us putting a plan together and into action with the help of the North's DCM's, GSR's, and groups. I am hoping to see volunteers set-up new meetings in facilities of the rural northern area, groups adopting facilities, correspondence volunteers, and volunteers helping the newly released alcoholic to meetings in their areas. In closing, volunteers are out there doing what they are doing to carry the message and provide contacts, kudos to them. My goal is to help where I can and encourage more volunteers into corrections and Bridging the Gap service work. I look forward to working on putting a committee/volunteers together and putting myself out there for whatever source of help I can be in the next two years. Thank you for this wonderful service opportunity...Debbie

## \*Samantha nagsc PI Chair

we place big books in libraries, pamphlets available to teens at schools and students at college, health fairs, schedules at hotels, psa radio and tv, newspapers have meeting list, aa contact info at laundry mats and bars. PI will do presentations at meetings or events contact me at <a href="magscpi@gmal.com">nagscpi@gmal.com</a>

# \*Mike nagsc intergroup liason

In the last year NNIG has made some important changes; Tightening finances, new office manager, reaching out to the Spanish speaking community, an improved website, along more active committees to do its 12 step work more effectively. A committee has been formed to explore finding a new location for central office. The area should be pleased to know the Sunshine committee is continuing to do be very active, work that was started by our own Ed De P. The committee chairs have been encouraged to have committee co-chairs so the committees will continue to have experienced members.

To improve and coordinate efforts by reducing duplication of efforts by the standing chairs of NAGSC there is proposed guideline change to NAGSC guidelines. The proposed guideline will have its second reading at the next NAGSC meeting. The guideline change will bring both the NAGSC and NNIG bodies closer by defining what the standing chairs responsibilities are. The AA Service Manual States: "Traditionally, general service committees and intergroup/central offices have performed different functions. Central offices provide local services; general service committees maintain the link between the AA groups and the AA General Service Board by means of the conference." Hopefully this guideline change shall facilitate that.

It has been a great pleasure to see how the Intergroup provides so many services to AA members and carry the message to the alcoholic so effectively. Thank you for letting me serve.

### \*Lyle COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY ~ NORTH

I was able to attend the round tables at NAGSC. I also met with the NNIG outgoing CPC chair and the new incoming CPC Chair. They were very helpful. I called GSO and introduced myself to the CPC chair, and have received the new CPC Kit. We have some great volunteers for the CPC Committee and we met at the NAGSC meeting. I look forward to working with them. I was able to go to PRASSA and attended both the CPC and PI roundtables. The topics included activities for both districts and areas. One discussion was on what ways people are using to contact the professional community; judges, lawyers, teachers, doctors and ministers. The overall feeling was to be professional when making contact by using the form letter that comes with the CPC kit. Another discussion was on using the appropriate literature from GSO and leaving literature with the professionals.

I am sad to say long time member Eugene Evens 37+ years, has passed. Eugene was a mentor and friend to me and District 20 members. In Fellowship and Service, Lyle ~ COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

## Time for blue room and gsr orientation 7:45pm

Started at 7:45 serenity prayer

Mike M. introduced Rod B. Pacific regional trustee

Mike asked for items for discussion

Sophie K. introduced, thrilled to be representing area 42

Jeannette needs to get updates on DCMs and group GSRs also updates on times etc.

Sophie mentioned new groups need or should be visited by DCMs many reasons for this, outreach, provide contact info and this is how the general service structure benefit your group also to check on tradition following. GSO waiting 30 days before listing as new group, Discussion followed, delegate will email info to DCMs.

Sophie is on forum committees and conventions, discussion on attracting all AA members and guests, to forums. Next pacific forum is Boise 2014.

**Cherie N.** for finance committee Julie is finance committee secretary and will provide minutes to the newsletter. Finance committee having teleconferences, more might be needed. Some members of FC need voting in during assembly. Some members are being comped registrations and banquet there was 8 people. Jeannette B. and Emily C. are wondering why. Most felt they should have to pay. All should be equal. FC made decision on thier own to do this. The guidelines state the FC may have discretion of up to 20%

**Mike M.** mentioned that the expenses of the area seem to be going out of control. Is the FC helping or hurting, Do they need more time to discuss stuff, are we putting undue pressure on them.

**Cherie N.** explained why the guidelines proposal cost \$1400 to print it. This is a once every few years cost. This was not budgeted because the timing was off. The process was not followed through as per guidelines.

**Jeannette B.** brought up why the cost of registrations packet went up without reviewing expenses for registration process. Cherie explained that there was discussion and review. Also, online registration needs to be brought up again. September assembly will do presentation.

**Phil W.** proposing to put together ad hoc committee for area newsletter guidelines, there are no guidelines for newsletter. There are non guidelines changing proposals being brought up and nobody knows what's happening with them in a few years, how can we better know what they are. Getting back ground info for agenda items could be faster, better, how?

**Carol B.** has concerns about giving out financial information over internet, is this confidential? Area 42 is a non profit its public domain to review financials as a whole.

Motion to adjourn 8:55pm

## SATURDAY 4-6-13

Meeting opened 8:05

Serenity prayer

Explaining process of today grab your blue form agenda items: Don't forget ask it basket, and a special place for delegate questions, big book passed around please sign it, for the newest member tonight.

Deli has left forms for lunch.

Sophie Delegate: Delegate's Report April 6, 2013

Greetings my name is Sophie. I am alcoholic. I am grateful, thrilled and humbled to serve Alcoholics Anonymous as the Panel 63 Delegate to the General Service Conference from Area 42.

Welcome to all past and future delegates. You're either one or the other.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible. To those who created the summaries, presented the background material and/or kept it all moving in a good direction. Thank you to the voting members who have come today to contribute to the area's conscience. Thank you to all of the groups who include the Area in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition distribution. The Panel 63 rotation started Jan. 1, 2013. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> I participated in the NAGSC Roundtables in Reno – the kick off to the pre-conference season. There were great presentations and discussions on 8 agenda items. Thank you to the presenters for your homework.

On the weekend of March 1-3 I attended PRAASA in Boise, ID. We have heard a lot about PRAASA already. It is a high energy, love for A.A. and commitment to service gathering of around 1,000 people in a convention center for a weekend. The format is presentations and open microphone discussions of service-related topics of interest to all of AA. We have service-specific workshops in the evening. And loads of fellowship! The gift for me this time was the HIGHLY Unusual Business Meeting. Much of what could have gone wrong went wrong. The lights kept going out, microphones kept going dead; there were two versions of guidelines, one on pink and the other on tan paper – in English. The Spanish versions were opposite. The tan in English was the pink in Spanish. Wonderfully alcoholic! The proceedings got complicated. We got a bit lost in the parliamentary process; 200+ people, going with the flow, calmly staying with the business at hand. People lined up at the microphones. Patience, tolerance and respect prevailed; discussion and no substantial unanimity; still patience, tolerance, understanding; still lines at the microphone. Trust & respect ... for over 4 hours. That's what service geeks do!

Frankly, if I hadn't been a delegate I would have left long before and I would have missed the miracle. At 11:00 p.m. we made the last vote: 100% unanimity with grace and dignity.

That was a spiritual awakening for me. I'm all about get it done, let's move along. But the process was the gift. We worked together, fully respecting one another, discussing the items thoroughly for as long as it took. We all cared enough to see it through. Thank you!

<u>Pacific Region News</u>: I'm very sad to share that the recent past delegate from California Area 93, Ken S., passed away suddenly last week. Whether you knew him or not, we all benefitted from his long years of service to Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you, Ken.

### Announcements:

- From the General Service Office: directories will not be printed in 2013. (see GSO "MEMORANDUM")
- There is a mailbox here, below the podium. If your group took a conscience on an item that we will not discuss here today, please put it in my mailbox.
- Because few group members in Nevada attend the NAGSC / SAGSC meetings where I give the
  delegate's report in May and June, please allow me to share the General Service Conference
  experience more broadly in area 42. I'll talk for as little or as long as you'd like. It would be an
  honor to be invited. Consider booking now for best selection of dates. I am at your service.

The theme for this year's General Service Conference is: *The General Service Conference Takes its Inventory: Our Solution in Action.* Please raise your hand if you have done: a 4<sup>th</sup> Step. Participated in a group inventory, a district inventory or an area inventory?

Your group or district might consider doing one. Just like my personal inventory, the group inventory helped us to see where we were and weren't carrying the message effectively. It gave us the opportunity to accept the things we could not change and we prayed for the courage to change the things we could.

The inventory at the General Service Conference will happen over 3 yrs with 45 questions spanning 8 categories. Many questions are based on applying Concepts and Traditions. The Traditions Checklist from GV and the Concepts Checklist from the General Service Office are great tools to uncover what's working and what isn't.

I hope you've been wondering "Why am I here?" and "What's this all about anyway?"

We are here because our society has one purpose: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The General Service Conference provides the membership with tools and services to do the face-to-face 12<sup>th</sup> Step work.

Until 1950 providing these tools and services was the domain of Bill, Bob and the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation. But none of them would live forever. Nobody knew if our society could survive if it were run by the non-alcoholic trustees only. They had very little connection to the membership. Groups all over the world would have no linkage at all to future trustees. Somehow we alcoholics would need to take more responsibility in guiding our fellowship into the future.

Ultimately, Bill, Dr. Bob and the Trustees agreed to create a conference that would represent our membership, would meet yearly with the trustees and would assume direct responsibility for guiding and advising the General Service Board and the two service corporations.

Why are we here? We are here to link the conscience of Area 42's groups and Area Committee to the General Service Conference and thereby the General Service Board because the final responsibility and ultimate authority for our world services resides in our collective conscience. That's Concept I.

In the home group we members have responsibility and authority do what's best for the group. We express that in our informed group conscience. At the assembly, GSRs and committee members have the same responsibility and authority to decide what's best for AA as a whole. We express this in our informed conscience.

The consciences from the 93 areas in North America roll down to the General Service Conference and snowball w/trustees, directors, staff to form the collective conscience of our fellowship – which maintains and guides our world services for the next year and into the future. That's why we're here.

Here's how we work together.

Tradition Two is the foundation for all of our service relationships: For our group purpose we have but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He expresses himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants. They do not govern. We delegate to our trusted servants the responsibility and authority to carry out a job. And we trust him/her to do it according to the terms the body agreed upon.

#### An example:

In my home group 15 people at a meeting is pretty standard, so we tend not to make more than two pots of coffee per meeting. But we let the coffee maker, Cuppa Joe, decide how many scoops go into the filter. We delegate the responsibility and the authority to carry out the job and we trust our trusted servant to do it. What if one night I come in and there are 4 pots of coffee brewing? What happened to our "guideline" of two pots? We delegated the responsibility and the authority.....and more information came in. Joe got a call that 2 vans of rain-soaked AA campers were coming down the hill.

Concept III gives our trusted servants the Right of Decision

When Joe made 4 pots of coffee he used his traditional right of decision and *made his decision according to the best dictates of his own judgment and conscience at that time.* 

GSRs, DCMs, Committee members and officers – Concept III guarantees us all the Right of Decision. Recently, your group or district came to an informed conscience based on the information it had at that time, and you came here to communicate it. More will be revealed this weekend and you will need to use your traditional Right of Decision in helping to form our Area's conscience. And when you return to your group to make your report they will want to know if you voted differently and why. I will do the same.

At the end of the chapter on Concept III Bill says:

"Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other. Therefore we cannot do less than trust our leaders in service."

Now I'd like to talk briefly about how the conference works. The conference does its work thru committees, 11 of them. Each delegate is assigned to one committee – in most cases. Delegates are involved primarily in the work of their assigned committee. We conference members trust one other, and all of the committees, to work conscientiously and diligently. It is only when the full assembly convenes and an item comes to the floor that I will have an opportunity to speak about something other than my committee's business. It's at that time that I will have your thoughts with me.

My primary committee is Policy and Admissions which generally addresses the internal workings of the conference. For example, How many delegates or committees there will be; whether or not the conference should consider taking its own inventory, which countries will be able to send representatives to our conference as observers. I have a secondary committee assignment to the conference committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.

Thank you for your discussion of the agenda item from International Conventions: I appreciate your perspectives on the question of non-AAs participating at the 2015 International at AA's expense.

About Regional Forums. Who has been to a Forum? How many would love to go again? What grabbed you to go the first time? What keeps you going back?

A Regional Forum is a 12<sup>th</sup> Step call from the General Service Office to a cluster of 15 areas. We share our experiences in service with the Chair of the General Service Board, GSO staff members and trustees. They share theirs with us. They make themselves available. They bring archives, hold workshops, display our literature in many languages. One of the two most powerful experiences I have had in Alcoholics Anonymous was hearing a trustee-at-large talk about each of the countries she visited – by invitation – to carry the message of A.A. and general service. She collected a traditional hat from each country and put it on while she told stories from that experience. In Mongolia (I think) Dorothy W. went by train, then jeep, then by camel to a tent in the middle of the desert to first have an A.A. meeting and then talk about establishing a conference structure in their country.

I need your help. I need for you to think of ways that we can encourage participation in regional forums – especially for first-time attendees. Please see the lists taped to the wall in the back room and add your ideas to the sheets of paper below. This is the work of my committee. This is where your sharing will have its audience.

This weekend please enjoy the elder statesmen and women that we have with us. Introduce yourself. They have decades of service experience, love and commitment for A.A. They have been known to smile. They're not aloof. They only sit over there because it's close to the bathroom. Ask them any and all questions you can think of. They are here for us.

Most importantly, enjoy yourself, jump in and participate in the discussions. PLEASE don't leave here thinking, "I wish I would have said that." Thank you for your service.

### **AGENDA ITEMS: Group Conscious**

- 1. Grapevine B2: BYRON Consider discontinuing the requirement for the current format of the La Vina print magazine: some groups have suggestions' for la vina, Spanish groups want it the way it is SENSE: IN FAVOR 95%
- 2. Public Information E: JULIAN Consider a request from AAWS for permission to use commissioned online stores to sell and distribute digital AA literature: concern over affiliation with these sellers of AAWS literature cost etc. IN FAVOR:90%
- 3. Public Information D: JOAN Review report from trustees' P.I. committee on establishing a Public Information Social Media Page: 3 billion users on face book, do we need a social media page? How hard is it to find AA on the web? There is misinformation on FB about AA we need to set them right. FB might jeopardize anonymity by "likes". FB has not responded to our letter asking for information. IN FAVOR:3% OPPOSE: 95%
- 4. Public Information C: RUTH Discuss Fellowship sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven: IN FAVOR:10% OPPOSE:85%

BREAK till 10:am banquet tickets available. Commenced 10am

- 5. Literature E: JOYCE Consider a request to add an index to the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous: This has come up many times. People may not read the book just look at index. Lots of opposed discussion. IN FAVOR: 5-7% OPPOSE 90%
- 6. Literature F:ROD Consider a request to add the subtitle "None Left Behind" to the newly revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" pamphlet: family and vets are for this. How will this translate into other languages and no other pamphlet has sub title but maybe they do. Lots of emotion into this. Virtually no cost to change. IN FAVOR :5-7% OPPOSE 90%

## TOTAL ATTENDANCE :244 paid236 Voting Members 195 30-35% first time up here

- 7. Finance C: PETE Review Report on Self-support from the trustees' Finance Committee. GSO budget is \$6million shortfall this year a few %. Lots of discussion on spirituality of giving, \$1 is not enough, to many people not pulling their fair share. Self support pamphlet looking at being revised. Very touchy subject, we may be excluding people if we give the impression of needing more money. GSO Looking for participation, not money. No feedback is requested from area
- 8. Trustees E: ROBERTA Review the General Service Board's proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the AAWS Board and the AA Grapevine Board: Both Boards are governed by the laws of NY. Communication between boards need improvement their plan will help that. Projected finance challenges by staying in the current system. If passed will be lots of "trusting our trusted servants", if passed then board members will have double work load. Grapevine board is much smaller why do they need as much expenses as the bigger AAWS board. Both boards still exist just attended by everyone on both boards. No feedback requested from area

Break for 2 hour lunch 11:30am

# Start afternoon session1:33p

Discussing roundtable topics and consolidated notes:

Corrections Item C: Discuss how we engage AA members in corrections service and D: Discuss how
we use available resources in support of local correctional 12th Step work: some suggestions and discussion on pink
can.

Question from floor on Bridging the gap Las Vegas. It is still meeting and going fine, some paperwork is getting held up.

- 10. PI Item D: Review report from Trustees' P.I. Committee on establishing a P.I. social media page.. already discussed
- International Conventions Item B: Discuss inviting up to 21 non-AA speakers to participate in the 2015 International Convention at AA's expense. Our delegate sits on this committee, lots of discussion. The international convention netted \$800k and they can afford it. This is a good way to invite future trustees and check them out. Lots of pro and con. IN FAVOR 99%
- 12. CPC Item A: Discuss suggestion to revise text in the section Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities in the pamphlet "If You are a Professional..." to reflect current AA experience. Generally agreed
- 13. Archives Item B: Consider a proposal to publish a commemorative "75th Anniversary Edition" of the First Edition, First Printing of Alcoholics Anonymous in April, 2014. Limited offer, copy righted? The plan is to make it as original as the 1<sup>st</sup> printing. To be available for 15 months. Is there going to be a Spanish version? No.

IN FAVOR:99%

- 14 Archives Item C: Consider a request to post selected archival audio recordings on GSO's AA website: anonymity? Etc. Lots of questions IN FAVOR 80% OPPOSED 1%
- 15. Literature Item D: Consider a suggestion to add "Non alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card. Discussion, rules, new comers who don't know if they are alcoholics, 20% use blue card now wont change if they add or keep it. Wording is already in some pamphlets IN FAVOR 40% OPPOSE60%
  - 16. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities Item E: Discuss how Special Needs-Accessibilities Committees can communicate the various ways to make meeting places accessible to all alcoholics. Good notes from roundtables
  - 17. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities Item F: Discuss ways that Special Needs committees might help groups prepare in advance for the arrival of deaf/hard of hearing alcoholics. Good notes from roundtables. Could contact colleges and ask for ASL students to help.

**Guidelines Ad Hoc by Joan M.** Joan offered to pay the entire \$1400. it would have been over \$1700 but Cherie has a discount at office max. Area treasurer paid in full for it. These will be collected at end of reading today. The part in red is proposed change and the parts stricken out have a line through it. Joan goes through each change about 25 min. total. Labor of Love. Question ,5.6 will need to be updated and strike out Spanish., Funding for newsletter question is in finance committee. Newsletter will have copies of guidelines changes and regular proposals. THANKS to all committee who served on this. Joyce asks for sense of assembly to make sure area pays for guidelines changes. All in FAVOR of AREA PAYING. And Joan not contributing. Some discussion on how can we keep cost down.

## DCM COMMITTEE OFFICER reports continued

\*Rich Alt Secretary nothing to report family matters, thanks to Phil and Justin for helping and I will have to step down at the end of this assembly. Duties are, literature table during assemblies includes monies, and assist area secretary and be nagsc secretary. Mike asks for volunteers from north Roxanne H. from District 16 unanimously in!

\*Mike alt. dcm 10b District includes McDermott, Winnemucca and Battle Mountain, three active groups I attended nagsc meeting and praasa had a great time. 10b hosting nagsc meeting june 1<sup>st</sup>.

## \*Jeannette Area42/nagsc Registrar report:

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I have spreadsheets for each DCM listing all the groups in your district. Please get with me during the weekend and we can review your districts data and correct any errors. I have also left group update forms on the table up front, please feel free to take one and get it back to me. I also have a listing of group data. I need all DCM's to stop by and see me to review the listing and try to identify any groups that may be in your district. Thank you again, Jeannette

\*Emily Alt Area Registrar report My name is Emily and I am an alcoholic! I am so blessed to be of service to the area and been afforded the opportunity to attend PRAASA. Boise was a great reminder of #1 why I live in Las Vegas, but moreover it was a twelfth step call on my program of service in AA. I love service and I am very excited about my alternate registrars position this rotation. I am learning a lot about the intricacies of the position and hope to be of utmost service to the area. Thank you for letting me be of service. Emily C. Alt. Registrar area 42

\*Carlo DCM 21 report meetings every Thursday 7-9am DCM and GR visiting groups, 16 groups total. Sat. May 25 local forum the 11<sup>th</sup> promoting service in latino community in las vegas.

\* Scott Area 42 Webmaster Report Hello, thanks to Sophie K. for appointing me to the webmaster position. The webmaster position is a two year appointed position and to my understanding the webmaster is a non-voting member of the assembly.

The Area 42 website is found at www.nevadaarea42.org. Acceptable content for the site is specified in the Website Guidelines which can be found there through the link to Manuals Guides & Forms. According to the Guidelines, the purpose of the website is to provide information on General Service and about AA in Area 42 as a whole. On the site, a page is provided to the Delegate so that they can post and share General Service Conference information and their experiences with the Area at large. There are also pages dedicated for the use of NAGSC and SAGSC.

Each Area 42 Officer, Committee Chair, and DCM is provided an anonymous email address formatted as <position name>@nevadaarea42.org. Email to that address is forwarded to any email address that is listed on the area roster for the person holding that position. The email address for each position can be found by following the Contacts link in the site's menu. If you want to contact a member of the Area Committee or a DCM and don't know their personal contact information, the contact page can help.

There is a page listing Upcoming Events where some districts have announced their business meeting's time and location. To have their district meeting or special events listed on the upcoming events page, DCMs are invited to send that information by email to webmaster@nevadaarea42.org. I will try and respond quickly. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

- \*Bobby PI sagsc report info booth Clark county employees health fair Nov 29-30<sup>th</sup> 2012. Info booth project homeless Cashmen field 12-6-12. Presentation for Palo Verde HS 12-12-12 . 2-2-13 info booth at southern area H and I workshop got 30 volunteers. Attended southern area festival 3-17-13. Upcoming Bishop Gorman 4-24,25 2013. AARP 5-30-1<sup>st</sup> of June LVCC. US mental health and psychiatric 9-30-Oct3rd CPC & PI meets 6pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month central office Las Vegas. I would like to thank all the previous chairs. They made this real easy for us, our hope is that we can do the same. We also want to thank Cheri M our PI/CPC secretary. AA at a glance at all local libraries.
  \*Mary CPC sagsc report Invited to do presentations to LVMPD officers on a yearly basis with a lot of interest expressed by officers. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> met with operations coordinators of all LVMPD officers and discussed upcoming presentations also discussed H and I issues with CCDS. Attended southern area festival 3-17-13. Upcoming bishop Gorman 4-24,25 2013. AARP 5-30-1<sup>st</sup> of June LVCC. US mental health and psychiatric 9-30-oct3rd CPC & PI meets
- \*Cherie Alt Delegate, finance committee, selected presenters, roundtables, sagsc. approved budget . please submit proposed budget to me by july 1<sup>st</sup> if you are on a sagsc committee. Appointed finance committee members Dan M. from north and Glenn W. from south.
- \*Don sagsc secretary no report

6pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month central office Las Vegas

- \*Dean sagsc Grapevine South meets second Friday of each month at Las Vegas Central Office. We would like to focus on expanding participation of groups and ask that each group choose a Grapevine Rep. Please be sure you GV rep attends our meeting each month. You can email me at sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org. Thank you, Dean
- \*Lonnie nagsc D.C.M. Coordinator On January we had a workshop to introduce the new G.S.R.'s to general service. We had a panel with Joyce P., Joyce Y. Past delegates, and myself on the panel.

We gave them an idea of what was in store for them in the next couple of months.

As DCM coordinator the goal of this is to get the D.C.M.'S and area chairs together to brain storm ideas to better carry the message. We will have presentations from area chairs at these meeting to explain what they can do and how they can help the districts.

DCM'S will present what they do to carry the massage in their districts for ideas and new ideas they have. We meet for the first time on February, before the round tables and discussed how we can work together. We will meet before every NAGSC meeting to brain storm. I will also assist in GSR training where ever needed. Thank You \*Don H intergroup liaison southern – Spring Assembly Report April 5<sup>th</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 Last month Central Office reported 986 Information Calls, 94-12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls —-Hotline received 1326 info calls,127-12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls We had average of 185 website visits per day for a total of 5180 for the month.

Central Office has been experiencing losses that are leading to financial hardship. Voluntary contributions have been decreasing. The Steering committee has been working on this issue. Treasurer Reported a Check Book balance of – 14,036.36 Literature Account balance of 7,574.65 Prudent reserve of 20,516.66 Hotline is looking for a Captain for Tuesday. All shifts are covered at this time, however they are always in need of volunteers. Silver Streak is always looking for local AA articles to print. They need to be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please contact Patti at the Silver Streak or Jack at Central Office. Subscriptions for the Silver streak are \$10 per yr or \$7 for the electronic version or \$1.00 per issue and can be picked up at central office. The Unity Committee The committee has set up a mission statement and is in the process of reviewing GSO guidelines. The committee is working with a group regarding the traditions and AA's singleness of purpose. The Southern Area Intergroup Service Festival was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We

had 50 people in attendance and picked up several new volunteers and requests for further information about our Intergroup Committees. The Gratitude Ball will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sun coast Hotel and Casino.

The Founders Day Celebration will be held on June, 8<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army on Palomino Lane

Our Intergroup meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6pm, at Central Office and we encourage all reps. from your Districts and groups to attend. 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: http://www.lvcentraloffice.org/Thank You for letting me be of service. Respectfully submitted, Don

# \*David H&I sagsc report April 2013 Hospitals and Institutions Report for Tonopah Meetings:

- Approximately 45 per week in approximately 20 facilities
- We operate at the pleasure of the institution. Fitting into their staff and schedule needs. We need to stay flexible and continue to carry the message to the alcoholic in these facilities.
- CCDC still on hold due to Staffing and remodeling
- Westcare Detox has decided to use the 12:45 time slot for group counseling
- New meetings in Lincoln Co. jail and talks begun at Pinoche conservation camp
- Always have volunteer opportunities especially in ndoc. Volunteers don't need to have been incarcerated to have a message.
- Literature Distribution for 2012:
- We distributed 108 cases of big books, 49 cases of 12x12, thousands of meeting schedules and pamphlets.
- We generally distribute between \$1000 and \$2000 in literature each month. Finances:
- Starting Balance: \$6552 (includes \$1000 prudent reserve)
- Income: \$3063 (includes \$900 reimbursement from workshop)
- Expenses: \$1032 (Literature and printing)
- Ending Balance \$8584
- Money fluctuates. we are up now last October had 3000.
- Some has to do with accounting/billing at central office.

## 4th annual H&I Conference:

- Feb 2, 2013
- This year the committee expanded the annual Corrections conference to include both hospitals and institutions
- Great Speaker from Mississippi. Tables with information about corrections and treatment. Breakfast and lunch. Tables with information about many of the other committees in Las Vegas
- Successful. Made a little money connected members of AA community with volunteer opportunities.
   Including Bridge the Gap.

# Motion to close for the night SUNDAY

#### Meeting started 9:02

Serenity prayer in Spanish read by Tony, Found \$10 bill in Women's restroom, Lost keys please be on look out. John F. Announcement of Founders Day. Erica young people campout in Tahoe. Paul E. Grapevine subscriptions in mail box will be mailed off asap.

Mike M. Don't forget ask it basket.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

Julie C. interested in area inventory anyone else interested?

Discussion on inventory its been 5 years since area did one, General Service Office doing one this year good timing. Motion to do an area inventory was made and seconded, IN FAVOR 99% OPPOSE 1%

Questions and answers about inventory, Sophie explained what happened last time, there was a committee and conference calls. Sophie K. mentioned that it may take 1 to 1 ½ years to put together. Edie D. suggested questions can be in newsletter. Pete L suggested not to do inventory on an election year. Ruth J. suggested getting a committee together and not rushing it. Rhonda W. will look for inventory questions when she gets back. Dave K. offered his time. Jeannette B., Edie D., Vince C., Mike 10b, Bud

Sophie clarified Area Chair appoints ad hoc committee. Thank u for making yourself available.

Joan M. moves and was seconded that the chair appoints an ad hoc committee to put together the inventory to do in September.

Discussion: Roberta L., rushing process GSO is taking three years to do theirs, Area 06 does a little every year to refresh themselves. Why would we put off inventory that's what we did when we got sober. Carol B. said the last time the questions were brought to the floor and there was better organization for the process.

General feeling of assembly is start something at least get it going.

Called question IN FAVOR 95% OPPOSE 2% minority opinion is to take the time we need. Don't rush it, we need more information. Mike M. called for vote again IN FAVOR 80% OPPOSE 10% People volunteering for committee on separate sheet of paper.

Rod doing report for Pacific Region Grateful for being able to get to Tonopah and being involved in our past elections. Rod talking about service, excited about serving on trustees committee. His experience at conference remember three legacies, especially how will this affect the future newcomer. Ask ourselves that question whenever we face an AA decision. The area has chosen the delegate to be the voice of an entire area. Rods first vote Monday morning as delegate at the conference was an unforgettable experience, to go where we have come from to get there. Navajo translation of big book and every other translation can take 2-5 years. The GSO looks at chapter 5 first for content and spiritual message. Then they move on to other sections. It's looking good, Rod would like to see the presented book to the Navajo Nation in Window Rock AZ.

For us already here we have a sense of spirituality and knowledge of a higher power. We must be careful not to give the impression of too much religion to newcomers. It may take them some time. In October there was 61 delegates from 34 countries at the World Services Conference. Then came hurricane sandy. Its vital for us to bring to our groups the experiences that GSO is dong to carry the message to foreigners. Chinese guy going to Spanish meeting, GSO overnighter Spanish group Chinese book. Very moving.

Rod is Literature chair. Spirituality pamphlet including atheist and agnostic 201 stories down to 23 The pamphlet is in draft form and they are ready to submit to delegate committee. The delegates committee can send it back to trustees committee for more work or bring it forward to fellowship. Some of the trustees felt they needed more diverse stories, some felt it covered a lot of varieties.

Digital media is changing grapevine subscription, per his opinion, this shift in formats will be interesting to see how it will work out. In closing please share with your group how important carrying the message and when we get together sometimes a consensus is reached and it's such a miracle.

#### Back to Mike M. and time for Ask it Basket.

10:44 am Ruth J. Chairing Ask it Basket

Can we have financial reports in packet? Start banquet at a time so no one misses it.? Great questions. Ruth asks for "What's on your mind?" Gene comments that this is the smoothest he has ever seen,

Man states he likes the question about not printing minutes

Samantha asks about requirements for Alt Sec to have been elected.

Ted G. states 10% of people might not have computers and we still need hard copies.

Lady appreciates hard copies and question about guest coming to main speaker meeting Saturday night.

Ruth remembers several times where registration for assembly was charged to past delegates etc. and times when it was not; either way they still come.

Point made that some people can print it and bring it.

Can packets be available on the website.

More banquets please tickets sold out. Please announce first come fist serve.

Man announces he enjoyed this assembly, several concur.

Sophie K. Thanks everyone especially the currently serving trustees.

Back to Mike M. Chair.

Next Assembly will be held September 6, 7, 8, 2013

District 7 will be hosting September (Going to move the area of food).

Thanks to district 16

Assembly adjourned at 11:27am

Respectfully Submitted, Justin P. Area 42 Secretary