

SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
TIE CLUB - 329 N. 11th ST - LAS VEGAS NV

Nov. 9, 2014

Serenity Prayer:

Introductions of New D.C.M. and (G.S. R.s: Red B. and Shawn B.)

G.S.R. survival: David Werner; There were 9 new GSR's attending.

Approval of last meeting minutes: Minutes approved

Treasurer Report: Lisa filled in for Vince

Finance:

Registrar- (alt.) My name is Emily and I am your alcoholic, alt., area registrar. I have new group forms, change forms in both Spanish and English, as well as DCM change forms available. I look forward to serving you in the next 2 yrs. as your registrar and am available for any questions that you may have. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Delegate Report: Hello friends: My name is Sophie. I am alcoholic and grateful to be a member of the worldwide fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous. For another few weeks I serve you as Area 42s' Delegate to the General Service Conference. Welcome to all of you who are new to General Service. Be advised that something you hear or experience today might give you the bug and change your relationship with AA forever!

Our general service board met last week in Rye, New York. Joel C., our Pacific Regional Trustee, shared his report with the delegates on Thursday evening. Everything I heard was about how General Service and our General Service support our carrying the message locally and around the world. This is our 7th Tradition at work.

I will use my time to focus on the international part.

Here is Joel: The 23rd World Service Meeting was in, Warsaw, Poland, October 12-16. Bob W. trustee at large, U.S. gave this report; Bob shared with great enthusiasm and a big heart about his experience in Poland and Latvia. AA has grown considerably in Poland since the fall of the Iron Curtain, and the Polish General Service Structure has provided a great deal of country-to-country sponsorship in Eastern Europe. There were 61 delegates from 41 countries at the WSM, and the first time attendees were Iran, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, and Romania. Ali A. from Iran, who liked to joke that his initials were A.A. shared about the challenges of holding meetings in a country that bans alcohol and looks harshly on drinkers, whether they are actively drinking or not. In addition, the Iranian government views anonymous meetings unfavorably, as well. The name "Alcoholics Anonymous" is illegal in Iran, so the movement calls itself, Nameless Sobers."

Bob shared about workshops on singleness of purpose and on women in A.A. Bob reported that he was encouraged to hear a very consistent message in terms of support for the 5th Tradition. He also shared in spite of the fact that there were many stories of the challenges that women face in gaining acceptance in AA in various countries, there was strong representation of women among the WSM delegates.

Bob was moved to tears as he shared about the closing of the World Service Meeting. The Serenity Prayer was recited in 28 languages. I could see and feel the profound impact this experience had on Bob, and I was grateful for the awareness that the delegates assembled in Poland got to feel the heartbeat of A.A. in the U.S. through the big heart of Bob. Bob also shared about attending the anniversary of A.A. in Latvia held in Jelgava, Latvia, October 17-18. Although there has been an A.A. presence there for 26 years, and there was one member present

at the anniversary celebration with 25 years of sobriety, most of those in attendance had between five and eight years.

There had been a founding member that had gotten things started years ago, but he had resisted rotation and finally had to be lovingly encouraged to allow others to take the reins. He ended up drinking again, and apparently the use of the Steps and the practice of the Traditions really hadn't taken hold until after he moved off the scene. Bob called it a powerful example of bleeding deacon/elder statesman scenario in Tradition Two in the 12 and 12.

Joel has stories of his own to tell, too! He will be with us at the 2015 Pre-conference Assembly in Tonopah. If you would like to request that Bob W., our Trustee at Large, come to our Assembly to give a report please make that suggestion to our Area Chair, Phil W.

Nevada Area42 will be hosting PRASSA 2018 in Las Vegas. We are still in the site selection phase and will give updates as we have news.

We will have our panel 65 elections today. Wooo Hoooo! Hang on to your service manuals, a new adventure is about to begin. In coming Area 42 alternate officers and Intergroup standing committee chairs: please, before you leave today, be sure to give your name, service position, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail to Cherie on my behalf. I need to send your contact information to GSO as soon as possible.

It has been a privilege to serve with you. Thank you for my sobriety and for following wherever Service leads you next.

In Fellowship,
Sophie

AREA CHAIR:

Reports from standing committees: (Please hand written reports to Don)

Accessibilities: Special Needs; Responding to in-home meetings requested thru Central Office, has been more frequent lately. Southern Area Accessibility/ Special needs has participated or will be participating with a information booth or presentation at the following events:

- ** Oct 18- Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living –
Disability Awareness Day.
- ** Oct 25- District 3- Service Workshop
- ** Nov 15- District 1- ABC's of Service Workshops
- ** Nov 19- and 20th - Clark County Health Fair
- ** Nov 21 and 22 – Convoy of Hope
- ** Nov27-30th – Las Vegas Round-Up

Our committee also donated Special Needs literature(DVD, CD, Braille and Large Print Big Books) to the Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) to put in their library.

We really need volunteers to help with some of the upcoming events. Please either sign-up on the sheet or contact Darryl B. at (702) 260-4018 or Leslie D. at (213)999-4372.

I would like to thank Darryl B. formally for all his hard work and dedication to this Committee and also those members that have volunteered at all workshops and events.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Lislie D. Southern Area Accessibility/Special Needs Chairperson

Archives: Rhonda: Hello, my name is Rhonda and I am an alcoholic. I am your current Area42 Archivist.

This second year of my commitment has been exciting and fun. I have learned more about our area history and even more about myself.

This year has been a year of picnics, workshops, plays and conferences. It has been an honor to participate.

We have continued to record oldtimers, and we are currently working on a Las Vegas Edition of, "These walls could talk".

We will be creating a display at the Las Vegas Roundup this year so please stop by and participate in our interactive archives!!!

Congrats to all incoming servants. I am excited to get to work with all of you.

If you are leaving your position or moving on to a new one don't forget to bring your notes and paperwork to Central Office... We want it ☺

If all DCM's would continue to mail the monthly events and fliers to me, that would be great.

If you would like to volunteer in the Archives please see me after the meeting or give me a call. My number is 245-1766 my e-mail is Rhonda.wicker@gmail.com

Thank you for letting me be of service.

And remember, "Don't throw anything away."

Bridging the Gap: Tim R.

CPC: Cherie Matisse: Our monthly meeting is at 4:30p.m. on the second Monday of the month. (before the inter-group) along with P.I. and special needs. This month at 4:30pm.

-fall is very busy

-We had tables at the, Walk for Hope, in Pahrump(Dist. 17) which resulted in another event in Pahrump, Vet stand-down on 10/16, made lots of connections with clergy.

We had a table at, Foundation for Recovery Rally with P.I. again, lots of great connections.

- We also had a table at the Dist. 1 picnic in Boulder City on 10/14.

- GSO supported the space at Caesars for the, Cardio Metabolic Risk Summit. Many professionals received information about A.A. and how to better serve the still suffering alcoholic.

- We had a short presentation at a District 3 workshop on 10/25.

- This coming Sat. we will have a short presentation at CPC and dist.1 workshops.

- On 11-19/20 we will be at the, Clark County Health and Wellness fair.

- There will be a table at the Round-Up

- 12/5 will be a presentation at, The Student organization of, Addiction Professionals.

- We could be doing a lot more if we had the help and support of the Fellowship. So, please, if you would like to be of service contact me at 702-366-5736, e-mail address is cmatisse@hotmail.com

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Grapevine: Dean Stephens- The Southern Area Grapevine Committee meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 6pm in the Las Vegas Central Office, 1431 E. Charleston Blvd. Suite 15.

Nov. 15th will be our next Grapevine meeting. We would like to see a Grapevine rep. from every group and I would ask each GSR to support the election of a GVR. Please encourage the reps to attend the Grapevine meeting.

You can e-mail us at: sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org or text me at 702-219-4192. I have enjoyed my time and learned a lot in my 2 years in this office. I would like to thank you all for letting me be of service.

Dean Stephens

H and I: Dave:

Intergroup: Don:

Hotline:

Silver Streak:

The Unity Committee:

P and I: Bobby: As Kimberly was unable to participate due to work I am giving the P.I. report.

There were several events attended and are upcoming, Oct. 10,11, and 12th, the, Audiometrobolic, Risk Summit met at Caesars Palace. Many attendees were interested in information primarily for sources to help direct alcoholics to Central Office, meetings, and treatment information was provided.

The Mayors' Faith Based Initiative is a workshop and we are currently planning an event where we can tell our stories to clergy and their at risk congregation so they can hear some firsthand experiences.

Upcoming events;

- County Health Fair – Nov.19-20th
- Convoy of Hope- Nov. 22nd
- Las Vegas Round-Up- Nov. 27th-30th

All events will have literature tables.

Thank you for letting me be of service. I can be reached at 702-610-5127

New Proposal; To amend Southern Area 42 General Service Committee Guidelines.

Objective: To provide funding for all Elected Committee Chairs to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service(PRASSA).

Rational: To all the Southern Area 42 Elected Committee Chairs to attend and participate at PRASSA. "The purpose of PRASSA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Pacific Region to encourage: and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA". (taken from the PRASSA.org website.)

The exchange of communication and ideas at this assembly among the Committee Chairs would greatly enhance our effectiveness in our Area with regard to reaching out to our members and the community as a whole.

If this Southern Area Guideline is changed it would make us more uniform with the

Northern Area which presently provide funding for their Committee Chairs if funds are available).

Amend these sections:

VI. C. The SAGSC treasury will provide funding for the Southern Area Chair-person, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar and Archivist to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly(PRAASA) funds permitting, provided funding is not otherwise available.(Area Officers from Area Funding).

1. ALL PRAASA funding shall be based balance funding formula.
2. "Exotic Location" shall be based on, **Federal Guidelines**.

This proposal was respectfully submitted by, Leslie Dillard, Southern Area 42 Accessibility Chairperson.

DCM's Reports:

District 1- Jake: My name is Jake- I am an alcoholic. I am the outgoing DCM for district 1. It

Seems just like yesterday I was giving my first report here as the new DCM for district 1. I cannot tell you how much being the DCM for district 1 has meant to me and my recovery in alcoholics anonymous! One of the first sponsors I ever had told me that service work will keep you sober. Of course, there is a lot more to this deal than just that, but I will be forever grateful for that statement. I hear some people say they do not do service work- I am all about working one on one with newcomers. I think this is a ridiculous statement. As if you have to choose between the two. On the other hand I love alcoholics anonymous because everyone is allowed to choose what all of this means to them. General Service is certainly not the only service in AA, but it has certainly saved my life. I really want to say thank you very much to all of the GSRs and committee liaisons that have been there with me the two years of my term. If it was not for all of these amazing committed people I am sure this commitment would have been a nightmare.

I also want to thank all of the committee chairs that have always been there to help me. The first week in October we had our annual family picnic. We had beautiful weather and the picnic was a huge success. Thank you very much to all that attended and all the volunteers who made it such a special day.

The next event that we will be having is a workshop called, Deciphering the ABC's of General Service. It will be held next Sat. November 15th from 1-3pm at the Presbyterian Church on Valle Verde and Wigwam. We will have a ton of great speakers, and of course the most important thing at a district 1 workshop, PIZZA. We really hope that all of you mark your calendars and join us for the last workshop of the year.

Our next district meeting after today will be the second Sunday in Dec. at, The Lost and Found Club, in Boulder City. We will be holding elections for all of our Officer positions and committee liaison positions available. So if you would like to be of service in district one please join us, we will have a lot of positions available.

This will be my last report as DCM. I really want to say thank you to everyone here. The fellowship of general service is one of the greatest things in all of my recovery. You people have saved my life – I love you all.

I look forward to keep being in service in southern area 42 in any way I can, and Please Remember, service work will keep you sober.

District 3- Jonelle:

District 5B-

District 7: Nelson A; My name is Nelson and I am an alcoholic. In service to you as your Southern Area 42, District 7DCM. The dist. 7 business meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30pm. at the Serenity Club room 1. Our business meetings are well attended with approx. 20-25 attendees each month. We promote being in service and encourage GSR's to invite their alternate/ and or members of their home groups who may be interested in service to come to our business meetings.

Since, we have elections this month I will be rotating out of my position as DCM. I would like to thank you for letting me be of service. In my years of service in Alcoholics Anonymous nothing has been so fulfilling as serving as DCM for district 7, except for taking a newcomer through the steps, that always takes the cake for me. I would like to thank District 7 for working with me and having my back every step of the way. I wish nothing but the best for the new incoming DCM.

Now I would like to give you guys a update on district 7 events. On Sept. 14, 2014 the 29th Annual District7 Mt. Charleston Picnic, was held at the Las Vegas Snowboard and Ski Resort. I would like to thank Gene, our picnic chair and the picnic committee for doing a fantastic job at making sure the event ran smoothly. The district has new ideas for next year and we hope you guys can attend. Next year will be the 30th annual Mt. Charleston picnic and may have some surprises up its sleeves. Like going back to the Fox Tail Camp-ground and bringing the cost back down to \$10.00.

On November 1, 2014 District 7 held its' forth service event- "Gratitude in Action." I would give a big thanks to Dano and Kendall for putting the event together and I would also like to thank all of you that were able to attend the event. Incidentally, Dano actually wrote the script himself.

Don't forget you can now go to [www. LasVegasDistrict7.org](http://www.LasVegasDistrict7.org) to get more information about our events, district 7 meetings, workshops, and District 7 business meetings minutes and monthly agendas.

Finally, District 7 welcomes everyone to come join us at District business meetings. Come check us out, we have a lot of fun doing service.

Again, I would like to thank you all for letting me be of service as your District 7 DCM. Respectfully submitted,

Nelson A. – District 7 DCM

District 9: New Treasurer elected; Paula S. New Secretary; Victoria M, Events Coordinator; Randy W.

Dist. 9 discussed Step Study on steps 8 and 9, Medhi O. and Bill H. will lead the Study. It will be held on Jan. 17 at Central Office, 2pm-4pm. Food will be provided.

Randy suggested holding sponsorship workshops. He will organize the events for February. He will create a flyer and get input from the rest of the district. He also suggested, and we discussed that the next step workshops have group participation.

Paula suggested creating a website for district 9. She will look into that. The purpose, vision and mission, for Dist. 9 is to get people into the districts activities. We passed around phone and e-mail information to better be connected.

Meeting Closed.

District 11:Chip:

District 13- Glenn W. Hello everyone, my name is Glenn and I currently serve as the DCM for District 13.

District 13 is geographically located at 4600 S. Nellis Blvd. All of our meetings are held at the, Tri-Angle Club.

District 13 is doing well, we are financially sound.

Our committee reps. continue going to their committees meetings and share their reports with our GSR's.

Our GSRs continue to host the District 13 speaker meetings which are held on the second Tues. of every month. The attendance average continues to be 30-40 people.

The 50-50 raffle helps our self-support effort and has become our greatest financial contributor to the district, we also raffle-off copies of the Silver Streak newsletters, and Grapevine magazines. Our next speaker meeting will be this Tues. November 11th at 6:30pm at the Tri-Angle Club. The speaker will be Paul C. from the Mis-Fits group with 28yrs. sobriety.

I was honored to represent Dist. 13 at Dist. 1 annual picnic in Boulder City and District 3's A.A. event, "Everything you wanted to know about service outside your home group" on Oct. 25th. The event was educational and entertaining. Thanks guys for having such wonderful events.

Last month we hosted our 4th quarter event, "The Doctors Opinion" workshop on Oct. 18th. It was a great workshop with about 30 people in attendance. Thank you David Warner for your presentation and all who attended and participated.

I want to announce and welcome Alison Singer as our incoming DCM and Darrel Eckland as our alt. DCM. I am sure they will represent Dist. 13 well.

Thank you ALL for allowing me to be the DCM for Dist. 13 and ...

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Woodcock

District 13 DCM

District 15- Tim S. – I am Tim, DCM district 15. District 15 is gearing up for our annual Christmas and New Years marathons. They start at noon and end at noon the next day.

Anyone interested in chairing or speaking at one of our meetings please call me at 702-764-4405.

Meeting will start at the top of the hour and last 45min. As of right now we have plenty of openings.

District 17- Christine: On Sept. 27 we had the first meeting at The Puhump Health and Rehabilitation facility(formerly Evergreen.) The name of the group is "Saturday Morning Hope.) and we had 12 attendees. This first meeting was mainly a setup. It will be held on the forth on the 4th Sat. of each month at 10a.m. it is an open meeting. After 3 months we will evaluate to see if we should have additional meetings during each month. Also, this meeting is for anyone in the program, not just for those currently in the facility. They are excited about us being there.

Our PI/CPC committee is taking off and literature is once again being distributed to local facilities and surrounding areas. Thank you to Cherie PI/PCP chair for the area for all your help.

Our annual Alcothons on Christmas and New Years are scheduled to be back at the, First Step Club this year. The club will be having Marathon Meetings while we have our Alcothons and they will pick up the period from mid-night to 6am both days for us. We want to invite all of you and your group mates attend if you are in the area. The first meeting will start 12:00 noon on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st. We promise a lot of good food, awesome meetings and good friendship in the fellowship.

We held elections at our November district meeting and our new treasurer is Dale B. our Alt. DCM is Jame S. and we have a couple of nibbles for Secretary. Two individuals were nominated for DCM and the first one would not accept the position. So we are going to try this again and I guess I will be attending these meetings and Tonopah for another two years. This time it will be a full rotation and I am not warning my sponsor. THERE will be more phone calls although hopefully not as frantic as the past.

I wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas, a Happy New Year, and many Thanks to all of you who have been there for me in the past. Also, thank you to those who will be my steady support in the future.

Love to you all, and see you next year!

District 19- Dan:

District 21- Carlo:

Thanks to District 3 for hosting:
Host for next SAGSC,