

SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

TIE CLUB - 329 N. 11th ST - LAS VEGAS NV

May 17, 2015

Serenity Prayer

Introductions of New D.C.M. and GSRs. 7 new GSRs and Alt-GSRs introduced themselves.

Secretary: Erica P.

Report:

See www.nevadaarea42.org website

Minutes:

MOTION to approve minutes. Minutes approved.

DELEGATE: Mike M.

Report:

Delegate Report 2015

Tour of New York AA History

- 38 Livingston St. Bill and Lois's home from 1926 – 1929
- 182 Clinton St. Bill and Lois's apartment from 1930 – 1936
- 30 Rockefeller Plaza where Bill met Rockefeller in 1937
- Roosevelt Hotel Manhattan where the GSC met for 35 years
- Calvary Episcopal Church where Bill attended Oxford Group meetings from 1934 to 1936 – Sam Shoemaker.
- Towns Hospital where Bill was treated by Dr. Silkworth
- Tuesday – Entire Conference visited GSO office, spent most of my time in Grapevine / La Vina and Archives.

Conference opened on Sunday April 19, 2015 – Crown Plaza NYC

AAWS – AA World Services

Responsible for oversight of the GSO Office, Group Services, printing and distributing of literature. Met seven times since the last (64th) Conference. GSO has 81 employees. 1,387 new groups listed were listed in 2014. Web site gets 30,000 hits per day and reach 40,000 a few times. Web site gets revamped every three years – new one launched June 3, 2015. Website a great way for members to learn about the fellowship, literature and finding a meeting near you. 54% of literature sales are on online. GSO received 2,213 visitors in 2014 and archives received 1,480 request for information.

Doug R. retired in December 2014 – he joined the General Service office since 1995. Doug visited Area 42 in spring 2014 as our speaker and guest. Phyllis is retiring in October 2015 – this was her last conference.

Grapevine

Approximately 74,000 monthly print subscriptions. 5,262 online subscriptions.

La Vina has 10,379 bi-monthly subscriptions and that's an increase of 234 from 2013.

Nevada Grapevines (April 2015 – 654) (April 2014 - 673) Decrease 19

California Grapevines (April 2015 – 6,542) (April 2014 – 6,542) Decrease 71

Had 43,598 unique visitors in 2014 to the website. Visitors visit an average of 2.19 pages on aagrapevine.org each month.

Grapevine had an annual profit of \$325,828!

2002 – (\$11,797) Negative

2003 – 2005 small profit

2006 - (\$48,878) Negative

2010 - Record low (\$399,037) Negative

2011 - Profit \$22,848

2012 - \$257,003

2013 - \$315,205

2014 - \$325,827

La Vina had an income of \$59,447 and expense of \$132,026 (\$72,579).

Next year La Viña celebrates 20 years – Discussion with LV editor about ways to get a subscription.

Grapevine and La Vina to move to the 11th floor office space after a remodel is finished later in 2015.

Finance:

Group Contributions \$6,898,068

Cost for services \$9,725,210 (\$ 2,827,142)

Publication / Literature Sales \$16,872,200

Cost \$12,668,437 - Profit \$4,203,763

65,000 groups and 41% contribute – someone putting in \$1 in 1945 is equal to \$13 today.

75th Anniversary Big Book

Sold 177,888 in 2014, around 3,500 in 2015. Gross profit of \$1,888,880 - \$904,032 for shipping.

Reorder error of 125K books – Total net profit at of 4/17/15 \$161,696.

Finance – Increase \$3-5K:

Members talked about putting emphasis on group's participation in 7th tradition and services available to them. Around \$400K per year is coming from individual contributions – around 27 people have met the max \$3K per year and no one sent more than \$3K in 2014. – Failed.

Grapevine – discuss ways to increase subscriptions:

The committee encouraged the support and purchase of Subscription Gift Certificates by local service committees, groups and members as a way to carry the A.A. message. These subscriptions would be used to provide magazines to people in correctional facilities, treatment centers, nursing homes, and other facilities or locations. This work would be accomplished at the local area level. Not brought on the floor.

Literature – Mental Health:

This is the 3rd Conference that this has been discussed. Lot of discussion about who this is for and why. Talk about depression but this isn't who this is aimed for. Class A came to the microphone and mentioned this is not to teach AA's about mental illness, it's to teach those with mental illness about AA. Passed

Literature - AA for the Woman:

This has been talked about for a couple of Conferences. Committee suggested adding stories about women in the military and single mothers. Passed.

Agenda E: Discuss report on the conference Agenda process for the Trustees committee on the General Service conference:

The Committee supported the concept under consideration by the Trustees committee on the General Service Board to make Trustees Committee background available to the Delegate Chairperson of their corresponding Conference Committee and the Quarterly Board Weekend prior to the General Service Conference. The Committee noted that this would increase the effectiveness of the delegate Chairpersons participation in the Trustees Committee meeting. Didn't make the Conference Floor

Report & Charter: Consider request to add testing reactivating district or groups to the section

"Simulation interest in General Service on page S23:

Frequently, there is a need within as Area to attempt to reactivate District or Groups that have become inactive or are unrepresented. Areas encourage participation in General Service in many ways, especially by direct outreach to Groups by District. Area Officers to provide info about service events and opportunities to carry the message beyond the Group level. Sometimes there is District to District sponsorship in which an

active District shares its experience and suggestions to “Jump Start” activity among Groups within the inactive neighboring Districts.

Literature C: Consider updating the pamphlet “AA & the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic”:

Fair amount of discussion about this topic, particularly about including stories from “Transgendered and non-gender conforming” members, especially regarding being a newcomer and sponsorship. Passed.

Grapevine B: Review Business Plan.

The Committee discussed ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña and suggested that:

1. Areas champion and embrace Grapevine/La Viña as the International Journals of A.A. through consistent narrative support in all relevant presentations, reports, announcements, newsletters and letters.
2. All A.A. entities be offered the opportunity to include a GV/LV link (with or without images) on local/Area websites.
3. All Areas participate in AAGV Inc.’s 2015 Subscription Challenge.

Did not reach the floor

Corrections A: Discuss the corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) :

The Committee discussed the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) and requested that the trustees’ Committee on Corrections consider reviewing the effectiveness of the criteria used for linking alcoholics behind the walls with outside volunteers. One specific concern is the distance requirement for correspondents participating in the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.). Did not reach the floor.

Literature – Item E: Consider producing a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions for the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

Didn’t reach the conference floor – Committee decided to take to action. Cost to set up \$10-50K. Failed.

Minutes:

- First Delegate report I ever heard was from Joan M., leading to a long discussion of that first Delegate report from Joan.
- I arrived at the General Service Conference on Friday and immediately bought postcards to send out. I was up early on Saturday and we took an AA tour though New York, planned by our Pacific Regional Trustee. The chaperone was George D., a former Trustee from the Pacific Region and former General Manager and long-time New Yorker.
- While visiting the Grapevine and La Vina offices, we talked about learning about how to order La Vina subscriptions, which can be through mail, internet and phone, in English and Spanish.
- While visiting archives, I found myself in the “Vault”. It was shelves with boxes on it. It is where all the historical correspondence for AA is. They pulled out the very first letter from Nevada, and the response from AA to that person. I was able to get copies of those letters through much negotiation and begging.
- As a result of the Jack Alexander article in 1941, the writer, Ella H., wrote to AA:
 - o July 18, 1943 (on 5th Street, Las Vegas downtown). “I wrote you once before when your article came out of the Saturday Evening Post. At that time, you told me that your organization was non-profit and you did not have anyone in this area. I saw your article last week in the LA Examiner, and thought at the time when I read it, but I did at there is no help for anyone living in this area. My husband like many other is exceptional in his line of work and understands both plumbing and steam-fitting. And the present his son is in the same line of work. I know the boy’s dream, also mine, to see his dad restored to normal useful life. Everything you have stated in your article is absolutely true, they do try for a period but lack the guts to carry through. If you know

of anyone there is in Las Vegas that I can talk to to get this started, I would be more than willing to my part. I honestly pray that this letter may bring results that my last and sincere hope for your organization has broadened out enough to include Las Vegas. I will be 51 years old and my husband 60, but I feel we have several years ahead for happiness if we can control the desire for liquor. Please let me hear from you soon. -- Ella H."

- o Response: July 29, 1943. "I am indeed sorry to tell you that as yet there is no group in Nevada. However, if your husband really wants to stop drinking, there is a precedent to show that he can simply by practicing the 12 Steps and perhaps carrying on some correspondence with this office. I know of scores of people who have recovered just this way [something] association with a group was impossible. The only requirement is that the man himself wants to stop drinking. I am enclosing a brief but comprehensive booklet, which I suggest your husband read. If there is an interest, that he writes me. Any time we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call us. -- M.R. Berger, Secretary"

- Questions:

- o Pamela: What was the agenda item after Gay and Lesbian and before Corrections?
 - Mike: Grapevine business plan. It did not reach the floor.
 - Mike: Re-read the 10 agenda items
- o Tom: Were there other agenda items you found interesting that were not a part of the 10 discussed?
 - Mike: Yes, there was a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that was played. It was put in by the PI committee. It was stick figures and they would open into something else, and it was narrated by AA members over the phone of what their life was like as they got sober. The whole segment was 20 or 30 seconds long, but there was a 5 hour discussion about it. It was agreed that they would re-record what was already there. I was so happy to see it and can't wait until it comes out.
- o Darryl: What was the title of the PSA?
 - Mike: Doors, I think.
- o Darryl: And it was accepted?
 - Mike: Yes, with an amendment and more clear language and in English, French and Spanish.
- o Steve M.: You said the total groups of US/Canada. Were there numbers for *members* worldwide? Was there a discussion for membership in US, Canada and worldwide?
 - Mike: There are 115,353 groups worldwide. Members worldwide? I don't know. I can get you that information.
- o Cherie: Is there an estimate of when the new or revised pamphlets will be available? Like the mental health and LGBT pamphlets?
 - Mike: Hopefully, we'll get a copy to review and approve before they are available.
- o Cherie: Is it the same thing with PSA?
 - Mike: They are hoping to have that available by maybe Atlanta, but probably by

next Spring.

- o Rhonda: Service Manual discussion of dark groups—will they be updating the Service Manual with the new language?
 - Mike: Yes.
- o Ruth: How many actual Advisory Actions came out of this conference?
 - Mike: I don't know. [Mike subsequently researched, and the answer is 38.]
- o Ruth: It just tells you how well the group is getting along.
 - Mike: There was so much less background info. More than 500 pages of background material this year, but more than 800 pages last year.
- o Unknown: Could you repeat the transgender item, please?
 - Mike: It passed. Consider updating the pamphlet for AA and the Gay & Lesbian. The discussion was adding transgender and non-conforming issues to the LGBT pamphlet. Passed.
- o Unknown: I have written down that the paragraph in the Service Manual didn't hit the floor. As well as the updates to the Gay and Lesbian pamphlet? Do I have that wrong?
 - Gay and Lesbian pamphlet update hit the floor and passed. The dark Districts in the Service Manual did not reach the floor, but I share with you the decisions that we made.
- o Unknown: So it [the editorial change] is going to be put in?
 - Mike: Yes.
- o Ronny: Annual contribution from \$3k to \$5k was voted no. What was the gist? Why did they make that decision?
 - Mike: I was so certain it was going to pass. In our Report and Charter discussion, that in the French Service Manual, it incorrectly stated that the maximum contribution was \$5k. I told the Committee that we shouldn't make the change because I was so certain that the annual maximum contribution would change to \$5k. We did make the change, but dog-eared it in case we had to go back to it. So few people made the contributions. It would set a precedent that only the wealthy could make those large contributions.
- o Joan: Were there any floor actions?
 - Mike. Yes. I have them and I can email them to you. There is no background for this.
- o Jerry: Would you forward your report via email?
 - Mike: I'll give you the report and finances via Jonelle. You paid for it, so it's yours.
- I hope all of you have the interest to take this position. It is amazing. Thank you all.

AREA FINANCE CHAIR: Vincent C.

Report: No report.

Minutes:

- Questions
 - Jean: Are we solvent?
 - o Vince: Yes, there is about \$30k in the bank.

SAGSC TREASURER: Edie D.

Report:

Our current assets as of 4/30/15 consist of \$14,207.05 in our checking account and \$15,007.68 in our savings account.

Our January thru April income is \$3,496.46, with total expenses of \$4,647.61, giving us a net income of negative \$1,151.15. Included in our expenses for the first four months of this year were our annual contribution to Central Office for the standing committee expenses as well as trips to the Spring Assembly in Tonopah and PRAASA in Layton, UT

We are in about the same financial position as we were last year at this time. While contributions have decreased from the same period in 2014, our expenses have also decreased over this same time period.

I have brought in receipts for groups contributions, so please take those that belong to your group.

I would also like to remind you, once again, that is important to put your groups' name and number on the contribution check so that funds can be credited to the proper group.

Minutes:

- Questions
 - o Rhonda: Why are PI, CPC and Special Needs so much?
 - Edie: That's our annual contribution to the Central Office. I was given those figures by the previous regime and I wrote those checks. We agreed on that. Look at the previous minutes. Confirmed by Erica in the previous SAGSC minutes.

G.S.R. Survival: Lisa T.

Report: There were 16 new GSRs attending the survival training.

Minutes: Report submitted and not read.

ALT AREA 42 COMMITTEE CHAIR: Justin P.

Report:

I have translation equipment if needed.

We are working on the Area Assembly for September which will be filled with some great topics for discussion and for Area business. Phil, our Area Chair is doing an amazing job, and I'm honored to be working with him.

I'll be working on organizing the lunch ordering from the Deli on Saturday.

We will be running (trotting) again in Tonopah. This has been a nice way to get to know some of you and share questions you have on a light run.

Thank you for sending me the upcoming events for our Southern Area AA flyer. Please keep sending me those I hope that the flyer has been beneficial!

Minutes: None. Report submitted and not read.

REGISTRAR: Emily C.

Report:

If you are new to this Committee, my job is to make sure that you and your Group are registered correctly with the General Service Office in New York. If you need a new Group form or a Group change form, please come see me.

As for the forms and changes I received in Tonopah, I got most of them updated in the system prior to the May 8th deadline for the directory. Everything that has been emailed and texted to me is entered and up to date.

I am working on getting rosters updated for all the DCMs, I had hoped to have this done for today's meeting and have a bit of work to do. I will email these as soon as they are complete and will have hard copies by our July meeting.

Minutes: Report submitted and not read.

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Anne K.

Report:

The 2015 Summer Area 42 Newsletter was completed on deadline, distributed to Area 42 Officers and DCMs by Area secretary Paul E. From there, webmaster Libby G. posts it to the Area website. I sent it to another list of those who have signed up to receive it. If you would like to be on this list, please email area42newsletter@gmail.com and I will add you to this list. I would also like to encourage DCMS and GSRs to print some copies of the newsletter and bring it to their Groups.

In an attempt to make the newsletter as helpful to members as possible, I am hoping to publish any known Area 42, NAGSC and SAGSC meetings and, if possible, Intergroup events and District workshops. I look to the SAGSC and NAGSC calendars for this information, so keeping the Intergroup, SAGSC and NAGSC calendars up to date is helpful.

The Area 42 Newsletter is for the Area, so I welcome any feedback, suggestions for content or article submissions, please send them to me for consideration. If you are looking to submit an article, please remember it ought to be service oriented.

The fall newsletter is set to come out on Aug. 10.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Minutes: None. Report submitted and not read.

AREA 42/ARCHIVES: Rhonda W.

Report: Present, but no report.

AREA 42 WEBMASTER: Libby G.

Report:

I've only been in the job for three months and I've come to see that there is a lot to be learned. Scott, the previous webmaster has been most kind in teaching me how to make the changes necessary to the website. I appreciate his patience with me. I'm still learning the job and probably will continue to do so until my term has been served.

I've updated the email addresses for the Area committee members, the SAGSC and NAGSC members and the DCM's. Other types of tasks I've done are updating the Area calendar with upcoming events. I've added financial information to the website in the confidential page. I've added various types of workshops to the NAGSC's and SAGSC's pages. I've removed out of date items as well as adding the Area Newsletter. I've added links to the Assembly page for the Assembly

registration.

Like many tasks in Alcoholics Anonymous, at first it took me forever to get anything done because I had a hard time finding where to make the changes. Now I have a somewhat better handle on things and it is going much faster. I was pretty afraid to take the job because I'm not really a geek. I can do a little website building but I've only ever done my own sites and was afraid I wouldn't be technically able to do the work. So far though I'm getting the work done, or at least haven't broken the website yet, knock on wood.

I'd like to thank Mike and the Area for this opportunity to be of service.

Minutes: Report submitted but not read.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Committee: Darryl, Chair

Report:

We are continuing our meetings at Red Rock Behavioral Home and thanks to a new addition to our committee, Gerald, we have a new commitment at Desert Springs Assisted living home. Our first meeting, May 7th, had a great turnout of volunteers and guests.

We joined Cherie from CPC sharing a table with Al-Anon for a PTA convention at Texas Station. It was a rewarding and well-planned event. We met both teachers and parents, mostly from Elementary schools, and many who voiced a need for A.A. to visit their schools and for placement of our literature.

We took literature to Safe Nest for a deaf girl and literature for their general population. It was greatly appreciated.

We are studying the needs for a professional interpreter if the court mandates a person as in this case to attend A.A. meetings. Will update that information as soon as we learn more.

Cherie contacted Inspirations Senior Living in Pahrump for us and we are waiting for Board approval there.

And finally we have a wheelchair being used by a visiting member and we are grateful we can make them available. We also now have a brand new walker in our inventory thanks to a generous donation from a friend.

Minutes:

- We meet every second Monday of the month at Central Office, before Intergroup.
- Red Rock is doing good and I have great volunteers.
- We have new assisted living on Flamingo called Desert Springs.
- New assisted living place in Henderson with new volunteers for it.
- We are putting literature and DVDs in the library, which is helpful for the deaf.
- The walker is available for use at the Central Office.

Bridging the Gap: No representative currently, report submitted by Matt P.

Report:

As of right now, we do not have a Bridging the Gap coordinator. We are looking for a new coordinator. If you are interested, please come to the H & I meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Central Office at 15th and Charleston. Thank you.

Minutes:

- We are having open elections at the next H&I meeting on Tuesday at 6pm.
- Read letter from Corrections Coordinator at GSO: "Dear Matthew, Warm Greetings from GSO. Please find attached or below a copy of a letter from an inmate who will be relocating to your Area upon release from prison. We hope you'll ask someone to write and serve as a pre-release contact."
- Bridging the Gap has stopped at Florence McClure. So please, take this service position.

Hospitals and Institutions Committee: Matt P., Chair

Report:

We are starting a steering committee that is working on getting people cleared for the Prison. We have 16 people that are in the process of getting cleared.

At the Nevada Department of Corrections, we have panels available; so if you would like to do 12-step work and take a panel to a hospital or corrections facility, please come to the H & I meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at Central Office at 6 p.m.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Minutes: Report read, no minutes.

Intergroup Committee: Dean S., Liaison

Report:

Re: Las Vegas Intergroup Meeting, May 11, 2015

Central Office: Jack welcomed everyone including new intergroup reps. The Central Office had 568 information calls and 203 12-step calls. The AA Hotline had 1,882 information calls and 72 12-step calls. The Las Vegas website had 133 hits per day with a monthly total visit of 3,990. Things at the Central Office are running smoothly. Our friend Jack F. has celebrated his 41st year of sobriety since the last report.

Treasurer: Jack F. reporting for Don H.: April Income and Expense Report: Group contributions \$7,387.45. Total income \$10,933.17. Total expenses \$9,837.64. Literature Account Income \$18,986.60. Literature total expense \$17,422.96. Literature Checkbook \$14,263.90. Donations \$4,722.70. Central Office bank balance \$18,519.44. Prudent Reserve \$20,545.90.

Hotline: Claudia K.: We have 10 shifts available! Claudia brought an Ad Hoc vote to the floor to authorize some activities they are currently doing, that they thought had been authorized. A motion to allow Hotline to do so pending formal, written, motion due next month was approved.

12th Step Committee: Billy K.: Things are doing pretty well, volunteers are still needed. Call (702) 598-1888.

Silver Streak: Lorraine. Current commitment to Silver Streak not filled and nominations were submitted. Intergroup voted and chose candidate Ken. Silver Streak will continue to be published monthly. For subscriptions or to contribute info, articles or stories, email lvsilverstreak@gmail.com, submit online at <http://www.lvcentraloffice.org> or call Central Office.

Founders Day: Greg: This year's event is June 6th at The Christ Church Episcopal: St. Louis and Maryland. Tickets are \$5, breakfast at 7-8am, raffle etc. will be ~3:30-4:30pm, Eddie K. will be the Main Speaker.

Gratitude Ball Unity committee: No call/ No show.

Intergroup Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm at the Central Office. To contact any of our committees, please go to the Las Vegas Central Office website at www.lvcentraloffice.org or call (702) 598-1888.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Minutes:

- Claudia thought that there was sobriety requirements, but that was not correct.
- Questions:
 - o Rhonda: Will you be bringing guns to Tonopah?
 - Dean: Yes.
 - o Rhonda: Did we get the minutes from the last SAGSC meeting?
 - Jonelle: They were sent out March 2nd.

Grapevine Committee: Jake S., Chair

Report:

It has been a crazy and exciting 5 months since I have taken this position. I know this is a very busy meeting, so I will keep this short and sweet.

The Grapevine Committee meeting has moved from the second Friday of the month. We now meet on the fourth Friday of the month at Central Office at 6pm. We are trying to collect old Grapevine issues for our other Southern Area committees. If you have any old issues of the Grapevine, please donate them to your Grapevine Representative or one of our other committees.

I attended PRAASA, the Area Assembly, and the Tri State Round Up. At PRAASA, I was given the idea of holding a Grapevine writing workshop.

I am very excited to announce our first workshop will be held with District 13 on Saturday June 27th from 2-3:30pm at the big room of the Triangle Club. We would like to thank District 13 for inviting us and we hope that you will announce this workshop in your group and please come join us this June.

The Grapevine Committee would like to thank Straight Pepper Diet for inviting us to their Group and ordering a subscription for their Group.

We would also like to say a big thank you to our Delegate, Mike. We appreciate all of his hard work, his updates from the Conference, and his informative report. If you would like me to come to your Group or event, or would like any other information, please call me.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Minutes:

- We have an event coming up.
- Thanks for inviting me to events. Many events.
- Listen to District 13's report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee: Cherie M., Chair

Report:

Monthly meetings 4:30 at the Central Office each 2nd Monday of the month (before Intergroup). All welcome. Need liaisons and alternate liaisons for all Districts. Also, looking for reps from Groups. If you'd like us to visit your Group or District meeting, please contact us.

Since Spring Assembly:

Placed literature racks at 5 Southern Area State of Nevada Adult Mental Health Service locations and did a presentation for staff at Henderson location.

Attend monthly meetings for Mayor's Faith Initiative at City Hall. Upcoming event 7/11 for members of clergy.

Met with HR/Employee Assistance Program directors of Valley Electric in Pahrump. Formal presentations upcoming.

Met with Directors of Henderson libraries and Pahrump Community Library.

We now have the Grapevine in the periodical section. We will donate current issues until we have the funds for subscriptions.

We've had tables at District 7 event, at Gratitude Ball, at Northeast Women's Fair (sponsored by Metro), and PTA Annual Convention.

Lots of upcoming tables and presentations including Founder's Day. Stop by!

Contact me 24/7.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Minutes:

- We need a lot of support. Look for green cans.
- We went to the Convoy of Hope luncheon on May 7th.
- November 21st is the huge event coming up.
- "Hope" DVD found on AA.org, under the section for materials for people working with the professional community.

Public Information Committee: Russ C., Chair

Report:

The P.I. Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30pm.

We have been pretty busy. We have Big Books, 12 and 12 and donated Grapevine at all the Henderson libraries, and the Pahrump library has AA books and a rack of literature.

We have had our table set up at several events including the District 7 Workshop and the PTA Convention. All well attended.

Upcoming events we will be at: Founders Day and Mayor's Faith-Based Initiative Event in June.

We have a Green Can that we place at these events for donations and we look forward to providing literature to Clark County School District High Schools, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

Minutes:

- Thanks to Cherie and Darryl, as I've been out of commission for a while.
- We've been invited to another PTA function in July.

DCM REPORTS:

District 1: Ted G., Alt DCM, for Claudia B., DCM

Report:

First, I want to apologize for my absence, but my son is getting married this weekend in the Florida Keys. It was a tough choice, Mike, but a necessary obligation.

Next, we won this year's Chili Cook Off and will host the next one next year.

Also, we will be having two more workshops on the two remaining Legacies, one on June 20 that will be on the topic of Unity from Saturday 2 -4. Archives will be involved. We will have fliers available by May meeting and there should be done here at SAGSC.

There will also be a workshop on the Legacy of Service on October 1 along with District 13.

We are also planning our District 1 picnic to be held at Broadbent Park on the 10th of October. The intention is lots of activities for children, good food and a great speaker.

As DCM, I will continue to pinpoint those meetings without representation and Ted, our alternate DCM, and I will be looking at ways to encourage their participation. I have already visited several Groups in our District to share on General Service.

Minutes: None.

District 3: Jerry B., DCM

Report:

In attendance here today are: Steve M. of Graduates, David N. of Weekend Warriors, Debbie T. of How it Works, Gwen R. of Mesquite Sharing and Caring and Angela E. of My Place Group.

The Mesquite Sharing and Caring Group hosted the District 3 Business Meeting on Saturday May 9 after their noon meeting. Steve M., GSR for the Graduates Group, made the trip from Vegas. Gwen R. and 14 members from the Mesquite Group turned out just for the business meeting and we were given a warm welcome. I really thank everyone for their support. Donuts were enjoyed by many.

District 3 remains financially solvent thanks to the Groups' support.

A couple of new activities occurred.

In order to give more time to attend any pre-training or just fellowship starting in July, District 3 is going to move our Business meeting from 12:00 pm to 11:00 am prior to the SAGSC meetings. The Friendly Group currently meets at 11:00 am where we held our meetings at Central Office, so a new location will have to be found.

District 3 and the Groups in the District are going to co-host a monthly speaker meeting with the High and Dry Group on the third Wednesday of the month. This will begin on June 17. I brought flyers and Erica was kind enough to forward them. The purpose of this meeting is to facilitate a Unity venue. The first meeting will be hosted by the Graduates and, if available, Steve M. will be the 45-minute speaker. Each currently active Group in the District has been slotted in and, if they choose, will provide the speakers from their Group.

Minutes: None.

District 5B: Bryce B., DCM

Report:

Our District had a Spring Workshop on the 9th. I was well attended; around 60 or so people came. We had plenty to eat and everyone had a good time. Our panelists, Roger L., Patty W., Julian and Marita R., did a fantastic job of sharing how sponsorship has been an important part of their

sobriety. The event was taped and if anyone wishes to have a copy, you can call or leave a message for Fred S.

We have not yet started planning our next Workshop, but I'm convinced that it will be a success just as this last one was. Some of our ideas center around the Steps, Traditions, and Service Positions, e.g., being a Grapevine Rep, H&I Rep., GSR or DCM.

At our June meeting, we will be discussing our options. We encourage anyone, especially members of our District to come to our District meetings and see what we do. We may try to get in another Workshop in August. Hopefully, our next District meeting is on the 2nd Saturday of June 13th at the KCB Club. The meeting starts at 1:15pm.

We're still in the planning stages for our picnic which will be the 2nd Sunday in October. Updates to follow.

We are in the process of obtaining a new P.O. Box. Our Treasurer is taking care of that and when we have it, I will pass on the information to our Registrar and GSO.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Minutes: None.

1:54:00,

District 7: Lisa T., Alt DCM, for "Chef" Bud L., DCM

Report:

I apologize for not being her, but I am sure Lisa is very excited to fill in for me and thank you Lisa for that. Chef Bud duties and I had a commitment.

Our District is rocking. We had 27 GSRs, Alternates and others at Tonopah for the Spring Assembly. Some first timers. We volunteered to host the Fall Assembly while there. What a great Assembly as we prepared our Delegate, Mike, for New York. We also loved the updates from Mike as the Conference went on.

We had our first business meeting on Friday and we found out that our picnic committee is preparing a very eventful 30th Annual District 7 Mt. Charleston picnic. We will be having live music, an actual Good Humor Truck up there, plus many other surprises for this momentous 30th Annual Picnic. It will be August 16th at the Foxtail picnic grounds from 10am-3pm. Tickets will be \$10. And there will be food, fun and lots of fellowship. Tickets and flyers will be available at the beginning of June.

We also have our 2nd service event scheduled for June 20th at the Serenity Club from 11am-1pm. The 6th Tradition is the topic and the "Not So Glum Lot Players" will be performing along with a panel discussion and as always food by Chef Bud. That would be me, well technically, not me cause I am Lisa. Just want to see if she says this. You guys will have to let me know.

As always, we have our website and will gladly put our fellow District's events up there as long as you get them to Ann, our web mistress, I mean web hostess. She does a great job taking care of our site along with being the Area 42 Newsletter Editor. The website is www.lasvegasdistrict7.org.

Once again, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve Area 42 and District 7 as your DCM. It is an honor and a privilege to do so. Hope to see you at our events as well as some of yours. We have a great group of people serving our Area and I am proud to be a part of it. Lots of hugs, prayers and well wishes to Tony on a speedy recovery.

Minutes:

- Apologies for not having the donuts here earlier.

District 9: Paula, Alt DCM, for John F., DCM

Report:

I'm in the process of moving my mother to another location in Orange County this weekend and I apologize for not attending today's meeting.

District 9 is doing well in our current balance in our treasury is blank.

We are looking forward to having an event on the District level after the International Conference in July or August.

I would also like to introduce Paula as our new Alternative DCM.

I would like to thank the General Service Conference of Southern Nevada for their patience and understanding in a time when my mother needs me very much.

Thank you again.

Minutes:

- We are working on visiting the dark Groups in our District

District 11: No Report.

District 13: Darryl, Alt DCM, for Alison S., DCM

Report:

District 13 is geographically located at 4600 S. Nellis Blvd. All of our meetings are held at the Triangle Club.

We're doing well, we are active and financially sound.

Our committee reps continue going to their respective meetings and share their reports with our GSR's. Recently, we gained 2 new GSR's and a PI/CPC Rep.

Our GSR's are still hosting the District 13 speaker meetings that are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30p. They also took on the challenge of splitting up the dark Groups in our District and visiting them to see if they would be interested in electing a GSR.

We had a Newcomer Workshop in April that was very informative and well attended.

I'm excited to announce that District 13 will be co-hosting a Grapevine Writing workshop with our Grapevine Committee. The event will take place on Saturday June 27th from 2p-3:30p.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Minutes:

- Jake, our Grapevine Chair, will be helping us with the Grapevine Writing Workshop and we will have someone speak who has been published in the Grapevine.

District 15: Tim S., DCM:

Report: Present, but no report.

District 17: James, DCM

Report: No report.

District 19: No Report.

Distrito 21: Gabriel, MDC: Miembro de Comité Distrito (DCM)
Informe (report): No informe.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

SAGSC HOSTING

Thanks to District for hosting: District 7

Host for next SAGSC July 12th: District 1

GOOD AND WELFARE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of birthdays: 9 birthdays, 137 years total.

Close with the Responsibility Statement around 3pm.

Addendum

Letter, July 18, 1943. Author: Ella H. Addressed to A.A. Headquarters

Source: GSO Archives, manuscript collection, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Excerpt as follows:

"I wrote you once before when your article came out in the *Saturday Evening Post*.... At that time you told me your organization was nonprofit and you did not have anyone in this area. I saw your article last week in the *Los Angeles Examiner* and thought at the time why read it, but I did, as there is no help for anyone living in this area.

My husband like many another is exceptional in his line of work understands both plumbing and steam fitting, at the present his son is in the same line of work...I know it is the boy's dream also mine to see his dad restored to a normal useful life.

Everything you state in your articles are absolutely true, they do try for a period of time but lack the guts to carry through.

If you know of anyone here in Las Vegas that I can talk with to get this started I will be more than willing to do my part.

I honestly pray this letter will bring better results than my last and sincerely hope your organization has broadened out enough to include Las Vegas.

I will be 51 years old and my husband 60 but I feel we have several years ahead for happiness if we can control his desire for liquor...please let me hear from you real soon."

Addendum 2

July 29, 1943

Mrs. Ella Hynds
517 So. 5th St. (Room 11)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Hynds:

I am indeed sorry to tell you that as yet there is no Group in Nevada. However, if your husband really wants to stop drinking there is precedent to show that he can simply by practising the 12 steps and perhaps carrying on some correspondence with this office. I know of scores of people who have recovered just this way without association with a Group was impossible. The only requirement is that the man himself wants to stop drinking.

I am enclosing a brief but comprehensive booklet which I suggest your husband read and if interested that he write me.

Any time we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

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M R. Burger
Secretary

