

Area 42 Fall 2014 Assembly
September 5th, 6th, 7th 2014

Mike opened Assembly 6:00 with motion to start and serenity prayer.

Going over housecleaning stuff and what to look forward to.

Thanks to District 1 for doing the hosting this assembly. We will be passing basket for reimbursement of these goodies, also coffee is a donation, cans are in back

Lots of past Delegates here to help with ask it basket.

Some of our guests, Dean from Area 8, Lee Area 7, Mary Ann and Inez area 07 as well.

How many for first assembly 30-40% new.

Carol B Area Treasurer* I have posted here the group contributions for the first 8 months of 2014. Please find the current Area 42 finance report, along with the GSO contributions for the first half of 2014 are on the nevadaarea42.org site, under the Area Member password protected link at the bottom of the right side column on the website, and we all know the login is:

“*****”.

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

2014	2013
25.28 %	22.10%

Total Contribution:

\$18,463.75

List of Groups for Delegate Area 42 Nevada

Total Groups Printed: 514

Total Active Groups: 507

Total Unknown Groups: 7

Please share this with your groups, I would like to be transparent in all area financials. Please contact me any time with any questions regarding the handling of your 7th. Tradition contributions.

Mike asked for amendment to the spring assembly minutes. Passed as submitted.

Justin Area Secretary* Hello everyone! Beautiful day to be in district 11 Tonopah. My name is Justin and I'm alcoholic. As you may have noticed there is no roster in the packets. This is to save the area money since we rotate out in a few months. I can print one for you up front here if you would like one. We have three DCM changes. DCM 15 Tim DCM 9 John and DCM 20 Larry. If there are any other changes I missed please text or catch me at break with a note. The registrar and I are asking all to please turn off your internet and wifi connections. There is one guy we threw under the bus so many times and he kept coming back for more; Our translator Tony. Special thanks to him for all he has done! He has asked for written reports so he can translate them while you're reading them I can make a copy up here for you. I will also need a copy. Email is the best way you can send it to me later as well. I will have the minutes on the website within 90 days. Please make sure too go over the March assembly minutes. There are similar items coming up this assembly and they can help answer your questions. On the secretaries position and what I've been up to; I can tell you that there has been many hours listening to the previous assembly on CD's to get the minutes right, also sitting on front of computer screens typing minutes and preparing emails. Conference calls and being asked to attend business meetings has been a highlight of this position. And there is no doubt in my mind that area positions and area service is in the "middle of the herd" so thanks for rallying around me and helping to keep me sober! In love and service

Traditions play, Thanks to, Libby, Joanie, Vonda, Edie, Claudia, Kathleen and Marita.

DCM Reports

Jake DCM 1* My name is Jake – I am an alcoholic. I have served as the DCM for district One for the last two years and this will be my last area assembly in this position. Alcoholics Anonymous has absolutely been the best thing that has ever happened to me in my entire life. Without all of you everything that I care about would be gone and I would be back to dying my slow, lonely, miserable death. You gave a hopeless alcoholic a new way to go and no words could ever be put together that could express to you what that means to me. The best part is I do not have to explain it to anyone sitting in this room, because every person here knows exactly what I am talking about. Being involved in general service in AA has been a huge part of my sobriety and serving as DCM for district one has been the most rewarding service position I have ever had. It has been such a wonderful experience because of all of the amazing and dedicated GSR's and committee liaisons that serve district one day in and day out. On my first trip up to Tonopah I was full of fear and prejudice. I knew all of you were AA nerds and I would hate all of you. By the end of the weekend I knew I was around people who were doing more to help the alcoholic who still suffers than 95% of the people I had met until then. AA has given me everything that is good in life. It has never asked anything of me except that I try to pass on this beautiful spiritual way of life. I hope I never forget that and I hope I am sitting right here in beautiful downtown Tonopah 50 years from now. The last event that we held was a workshop on Anonymity in the Digital Age. We think that this is a very important topic. It was held at the T.I.E. club and the big room was fully packed. We had some informative presenters and it was a great workshop. We put this workshop on in conjunction with district 15 and we would like to thank Dave and Bob for all of their hard work in helping us in District One put this workshop together. The next event that we will have will be our annual family picnic. This year it will be held on October 4th in Boulder City at Broadbent Park. So please mark it on your calendar we would love to see all of you there. For the last two and a half months we have been working on a list and a packet to take to every group in district one that is not represented with a GSR. During the month of October we hope to visit these groups with a clear message on the importance of being part of a group that is involved in general service. AA is supposed to be based on an upside down triangle with the groups as the most important voice and without this representation these groups are not a part of this amazing process. So we hope that the next area assembly will be filled with new district one GSR's. Last year, at PRAASA in Boise, Idaho; past trustee Madeleine P., during the business meeting, said "Remember that anything we get done here is never going to be as important as how we treat each other here". I hope you all have a great weekend and an amazing happy, joyous, and free sobriety. I love you all!

Roger DCM 2* District 2 is one of the three Reno/Sparks districts. It lies in northwest Reno, west of Virginia St., north of Mt. Rose highway, bounded on the west and north by the (relatively) uninhabited wilderness of western Nevada and eastern California.

We meet every month at the Triangle Club (District 4). The DCM reviews the Concept of the Month, and discussion follows. Each GSR gives a report on their group's successes and problems. The combined wisdom of the GSRs is usually helpful. We remind one another to make service announcements at regular group meetings, not just business meetings, and that all AA members are invited to, and welcome at all District meetings. If we plant and water service seeds, we believe with the aid of our Higher Power they will sprout and grow.

This year, as usual, we have had new GSRs. We invited Chris S. to present a GSR Survival Training in May. The meeting was attended by trusted servants as well as GSRs, providing a wealth of experience and information to the GSRs. Joyce Y. came to us to talk about officer election, not selection. We discussed what it means to be qualified for a position, e.g. adequate sobriety, and the importance of being available, e.g. adequate time. This preparation led to a lively election in June of an alternate DCM. Failing a 2/3 majority on several ballots, we went to the hat! An excellent introduction for all to the Fall Assembly election.

This year, after discussion by the GSR's, we decided to hold our District elections in August. This would give newly elected officers the opportunity to network with others at the Area Assembly, as well as time to absorb a better understanding of the responsibilities associated with the office. We formerly held elections in November, or even December when no candidates put their names up in November. We felt fortunate to have a candidate for an office, and as soon as one volunteered, we selected him/her on the spot. This time we had candidates for each office, multiple candidates for DCM and Secretary, a very successful process.

Many thanks to Joyce Y. and Chris S. for their contributions to our District's growth in service knowledge, awareness, and participation.

Thanks you for letting me be of service.

Jonelle DCM 3* Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. I am in the final three months of serving District 3 as their DCM. When I took this commitment, my biggest concern with serving was the fear that came with my lack of knowledge and my continuing resentment with there just not being enough time in my life... In other words, I had no idea of how I was going to do this!!!! And even more so, how I was going to do this PERFECTLY! This experience has been one of the most frightening, time consuming, educational, humbling, personal growth producing, personality accepting, tongue holding, nail biting, sponsor guided positions I have ever accepted in my 20 plus years of sobriety!!!! District 3 is comprised of several remote communities and I am super happy that now we have contacts, not only in Caliente and Pioche, but Moapa Valley as well... This has been a big part of my work in this position... When I became familiar with the size of the District, I knew it was important to make this type of outreach a priority. We have between five and seven active groups in Las Vegas/Mesquite with GSR representation in District 3. Since we only meet four times a year as a District, other than the time we are together here, it has taken us awhile to solidify another service function. Our goal is to make some decisions this weekend! Since our last assembly in March, I have attended a Mesquite business meeting and Caliente's Spring picnic. I have spent a bunch of time cleaning /clearing up the roster for the incoming DCM and continue to make myself available to the active GSRs and their groups. I am truly grateful for the past two years and the person I have become because of it... My sponsor reminds me often that being a DCM is probably one of the hardest jobs in General Service. That if I want to grow a backbone, this is the one to take on... but I think she tells me that about every position she strongly suggests I stand for... I can rotate out knowing I gave it my all... Until I start hearing what the new DCM is doing and then kicking myself for not thinking of that!!!!!! Thank you Area 42 and all who have served past, present and future! Service to AA is a part of who I am and remaining true to this allows me to continue to staywilling... Wherever this journey takes me

Kathleen DCM 4* We have had our elections and Wayne H will be incoming DCM other positions filled as well. 25th anniversary at camp Richardson. Cornerstone celebrated 5th annual at stampede. 6 district members were able to make PRAASA. We are halfway through a newcomer booklet. Reno Roundup as successful/ Gratitude dinner Saturday Nov 15th at El Dorado hotel Casino \$35.00 for tickets Joyce Y speaking at Silver Legacy. Last Saturday of every month is the Feed the People meeting at the Driars club.

Michele DCM 5b * We meet the second Saturday of every month at the KCBC at 1:30 our meeting is open to all we invite you all to join us, We are looking forward to our annual picnic on October 12th at the Wayne Bunker park on Tenaya and Alexander It starts at 10 am to 3 pm tickets are on sale right now see anyone from district 5b we thank our chair Jen and all her volunteers for all the work to make this the best picnic ever...I would like to welcome to district 5

b new GSR's Elaine, Cindy S, Maria, Carol J. I am so very excited for the commitment to service that these women bring to our district .We are also planning our next workshop due in November. I have had the pleasure to meet and work with all the GSRs from district 5 b and I am in awe of the dedication support and singleness of purpose that all of these trusted servants bring to AA. I look forward to welcoming the new DCM and Servicing AA as I am called to do.

Chris DCM 6* Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be of service. All of you have taught me to be patience and humble to a much deeper degree in sobriety and for that I am grateful. In April I had the opportunity to attend Winnemucca's chili cook-off. Samantha and her district hosted a wonderful workshop and lots of good food. On May 12 Mike L put together a Corrections workshop. We had Kevin B with Treatment Facilities, Lyle C with CPC, Debbie S with Corrections. Intergroup Chairs Helen G with Corrections facilities and Lee H with BTG were there for a presentation. Steve the Carson City prison coordinator also gave a presentation. We had 35 in attendance and definitely stirred some interest. On June 14 District 6 celebrated Founders day. We had a slower turn out than usual but there were other functions happening in the Northern Area. We had approx. 50 people throughout the day and our wonderful Ray G. spoke for us. It's amazing that through all the years of securing the park for us he never shared his experience, strength and hope. Well he didn't get away this year. On June 25 I chaired a Secretary workshop at my home group. We had about a dozen interested AA members. My home group usually tries to have at least one a year and always wishes that we could do one a month. The Regional Forum quickly rolled in and off we went again, to Boise. I loaded my truck up with 3 other AA members and proceeded to have an 8 hour AA meeting before even getting to Boise. Once at the regional forum excitement set in because of all the wonderful discussion, reports, and the workshops provided. After all was said and done we headed home in complete exhaustion and full of the AA message. I really love the discussion that is happening around the tables of AA today about safety in AA. The workshops that I attended were Keeping our Rooms Safe and Conducting a Healthy Meeting. I feel that through patience, love and tolerance we can help guide the AA member to recovery, but we also need to be careful to ensure the unity and safety of the group and its members. On July 27, Paul came to District 6 for a Grapevine workshop, we had 14 in attendance. Everyone wrote a story and read them before the meeting ended. Hopefully everyone sent in their stories. On July 28 I headed back to Carson for a Secretary workshop at the Carson City Alano club. We had about 15 in attendance. The questions have answers that we can find in The AA Group Pamphlet, 12 Traditions and other AA literature. On Monday Sept 8, District 6 will be having a Traditions workshop at the Carson City Alano Club. The workshop will last for 12 weeks and we will be using the 12x12, The Traditions Illustrated pamphlet, and the Traditions checklist from the AA grapevine.

Nelson DCM 7* There is great participation from our District, 4 new GSRs here Mt Charleston picnic coming up. Another new event Nov 1st serenity club, Thanks to District for helping me to get to PRAASA and Forum, Great to be a part of District 7 and the Glum Lot player, We have had lots of District events, thanks to Chef Bud, and we have added a District 7 website with lots of links and upcoming events. District 7 has come together and helped to fund GSRs to come to the area assembly. Thanks to District 1 and 15 for the "We Like Anonymity" workshop. Thanks for allowing me to be of service,

Laura DCM 8* My name is Laura, I am an alcoholic and it is my pleasure to currently be serving as the DCM for District 8, which spans a length of Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierra of California, and includes meetings in Lone Pine, Big Pine, Bishop, Benton, Crowley Lake, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Bridgeport. Currently we have 11 groups meeting in our district. Seven actively participate in District events. We meet as a District on the 1st Sunday of the odd numbered months. Our district unity ride continues to organize members once a month to travel some of our more remote meeting areas within the district. Our Corrections and Treatment committee meets on the last Monday of each month in Bishop and continues to take AA meetings into 4 adult corrections facilities, 1 juvenile facility, and 1 outpatient recovery center. We started

a Concepts study group which meets once a month to read and discuss the 12 Concepts of World Service. We are planning a workshop for the fall on the History of Alcoholics Anonymous. Look for a flyer soon. As I move into the last quarter of my 2 year commitment as DCM I am thinking back on how this experience has affected me. I came to this position with a goal of improving communication and participation within the district. Evidence of meeting this goal is shown to me when I see new members and GSRs actively participating not only in the district but within their own groups. Our District has grown stronger for these efforts. Yes, at times I whined about the workload, I didn't always want to be of service. Service work is not always convenient and I am not a saint, but mostly I grew in all of the positive ways that comes from service work. I learned better how to listen, I learn how to let others help me, I learned to delegate the workload and to let go of my need to always be in charge. I learned that the best way to inspire others to general service is to simply show my love and enthusiasm for the work. I learned how to be comfortable speaking to crowds, I learned to love the podium! I traveled to Assemblies, PRAASAs and Forums with amazing service companions where I met more amazing service companions and a host of friends grew up around me, as promised. Like everything else I have done in AA, I found that when I approached this task with love, faith, fortified with 12 traditions, 12 steps, and 12 concepts I have walked away with much more than I could had ever thought of in my limited imagination. It is with this understanding of the great value of service work that I look forward continuing in AA general service in whatever way awaits me. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity I have received to be of service as an Area 42 DCM and I can't wait to see what lies ahead for me on the service branch of this amazing path called sobriety. AA continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern part of Area 42 and will continue in the future!

John DCM 9* I would like to introduce myself as the new DCM for district 9. We recently held elections at our last district meeting because Bob P is re-locating to L.A. for work. I look forward to serving my district and hope to bolster unity and fellowship. We are planning to continue our step study work shop early next year so as not conflict with the many district events and the holidays this fall. Yours in service , John

Paul E. going to do Grapevine Trivia, giving out grapevines to people answering questions correctly.

Samantha DCM contact 10a* Have an interested person in service and we are getting started.

Samantha acting DCM 10b* District 10B has 1 out of 4 GSRs in attendance this weekend. District 10B has four registered Groups and one not registered yet. Of these, four are now contributing to District, NAGSC, and GSO. One Group which has not had a GSR in years now has one.

Since the Spring Assembly I've attended the Forum in July and took a new GSR and also participated in the NAGSC meetings held since the Spring Assembly. District 10B needed to reschedule its last two meetings, but was able to get back on track at the end of August. We changed our District meeting days and times in hopes of improving GSR attendance from Sunday morning to Thursday evening.

An out-going GSR has offered to stand for District Secretary for the next rotation. We still need a treasurer and alt. DCM. We will have elections in November to elect the next rotation of District officers. We are planning a few workshops: a Concepts panel workshop, a workshop on "How to keep the rooms safe", and a workshop consisting of questions and answers of our 3rd Legacy. And we may steal District 6's awesome idea of conducting a 12-week Traditions study. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Samantha

Debra DCM 11* new DCM, welcome! Round Mountain has 2 meetings a week, at the Carvers Ambulance Barn. The annual Kinston camp out was a great success with old and new friends. Tonopah now has 13 meetings a week, plus a bbq every other month. Thank you for allowing district 11 to have the soda concession and for letting me serve.

Roberta DCM 12* May was a busy month for District 12, as we took our business meeting to Hawthorne, the southernmost meeting in our District. Several members from the Hawthorne area came to the business meeting and I'm happy to say they stayed through the whole meeting. Also at that meeting we adopted Guidelines for the District, which we had been working on for several months. District 12 had its first Service Fair in June. The six presenters gave an overview of their service position. Thanks to Sophie, we even had a performance by the District 12 Players. We are having our second Service Fair October 11th in Fallon and I hope some of you can make it. There will be six presenters again and ample time to ask questions about the various service positions. The District 12 players might make another appearance. Five members of District 12 attended the Forum in Boise in July. It was a great opportunity to learn about our service structure and meet some of the GSO Employees, Trustees and the current Chairman of the Board. District 12 will be electing officers for the coming rotation at the September District meeting next Saturday, so I can't introduce the new officers just yet. Check the minutes of the December NAGSC meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve

Glenn DCM 13* Hello everyone, my name is Glenn and I'm honored to serve as the DCM for District 13 where all of our meetings are held at the Triangle Club in Las Vegas. I'd like to welcome all the new GSR's that are here tonight. While meeting attendance seems to be down slightly, District 13 is doing well. We have around 10 members who regularly attend our district meetings, they all have great ideas on how to make the district a more productive, informative and self supporting district. Our committee reps are going to their respective committee meetings and bringing us their reports. We recently filled our special needs position and want to thank Tammy T. for her service in the district. Tammy also conducts a "American Sign Language" meeting for our hearing impaired members. The meeting is on Wednesday's between 10 - 11 am at the Triangle Club and everyone is welcome to attend. We've had one meeting move from the district since my last report. The Living Today group now meets at the Camel Club. I continue visiting both our registered and non-registered groups to let our members and groups know the benefits of being involved in general service Our District speaker meeting is doing very well. Our GSR's run the meeting and they are doing a great job at getting speakers that have good solid recovery. The meeting is held on the second Tuesday of every month and starts at 6:30 pm at the Triangle Club. We've recently hosted one event, a sponsorship workshop. It was well attended with aprox 30 people. Our next event will be a "Doctors Opinion" workshop on Saturday, October 18th between 2 - 4:30pm. Thank you ALL for allowing me to be the DCM for District 13 and thank you for letting me be of service,

Lynn DCM 14* First of all I would like to thank the GSR's in attendance today for their service at 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. Our district website is laketahoearea-alcoholicsanonymous.com that provides the meeting schedule and upcoming events. Thank you for allowing our district to host the June NAGSC meeting. Having the great support of our district officers helped me recognize that this level of participation and enthusiasm are essential to attracting other members to service. District 14 hosted our annual Jamboree last weekend with about 50 people in attendance. Thanks to Lyle and Samantha for attending and bringing information on their respective positions to help educate and attract members to General Service. The district will have our first Speaker Meetings this Fall in an effort to have more group interaction. At this time, the Kings Beach Group will have an Alakathon over Thanksgiving and Incline Group #1 will hold their annual Christmas potluck dinner and Speaker meeting in early December.

Tim DCM 15* Hi. My name is Tim, I'm the DCM for District 15. Since my last report, District 15 held a joint service meeting with District 1. The meeting was held at the T.I.E. Club on August 16. The topic was Anonymity in the Digital Age. The speakers were fantastic and very

knowledgeable. The turn out was great and I'd like to thank Jake and his staff for a great meeting. Our next event is to be in October, and has not been discussed at this time. I suggested a service meeting on the Seventh Tradition.

Ed O. DCM 16* Home group is the back room group in Golden Valley. District 16 covers, Golden Valley, Hungry Valley, Lockwood, Sparks, Sun Valley, and Silt Cliff. District meetings are every third Tuesday of the month at the Sparks Christian Church at 510 Greenbrae St. Room 204, Sparks, NV We have an average of 6-8 GSRs at our district meeting our treasury is in good shape as we were able to contribute some money to our GSRs to come to this assembly. We held a mothers day retreat in South Lake Tahoe and it was a good turnout. December 6th 2014 we invite you to attend our annual Christmas Affair at the Masonic Center 300 Pyramid Way, Sparks. Thanks for letting me be of service Ed.

Christine DCM 17* 2 groups out of 6 represented here. Had Dr. Opinion workshop thanks to David W! Sept 27 Lovell Canyon speaker meeting 10-4pm Andy M speaker. October history of AA workshop, date TBD. Nov 5th District meeting will be having elections. New PI/CPC rep for district. Thanks to Red for stepping in. Will be having Christmas and New Years Alcathon more info at SAGSC. New AA schedules for the area are with me. I have made contacts with AAers in Beaty, Tacopa, Death Valley, Sandy Valley, and Pahrump. Thanks to Cherie N and John S. for all their support.

District 18 inactive

District 19 no show.

Larry DCM 20* DCM, Kyle H, reluctantly resigned his position effective 6/29/14 citing personal obligations that detracted from his ability to give proper attention to District business. Kyle was an enthusiastic and competent DCM and his decision to place the wellbeing of District 20 above his own interests speaks to his integrity. For this example of (as the big book says) "...working things out on a spiritual as well as an altruistic plane...", we owe Kyle an expression of gratitude and appreciation. The groups in the district appear to remain relatively stable. With the support of Northern Area members from other Districts we successfully hosted a mock panel for PI and CPC in May and we made a healthy showing at the Forum in Boise. At the same time interest and participation in service at all levels seems to be on the decline in District 20. Our most recent District meeting was devoted to this subject. Our solution - intensive outreach to groups with emphasis on fellowship and service. As Alternate DCM I will fill in for Kyle for the remainder of his term and I will stand for the position when we hold district elections. It is from this position that I now speak. The rest of the solution from the district meeting was outreach to Area. This is one of my weak points; I am not totally comfortable or at ease in large groups and poor at small talk. I need your help and support; the district needs your help and support. I invite you to give me, or us, a word of encouragement. or share your experience, or a word of advice, even a hug. And if we don't have time for in depth conversation, make sure I have your contact information. Thanks for the opportunity both to be of service, and for spiritual growth. Tony

DCM translating for 21*the Spanish districts want to be more involved and attend area meetings. They have new DCM Gabriel and have elected several District positions. They were very involved at the La Vina Convention at Palace Station. They have 16 Spanish groups in the south. DCM is looking to reach out to Area 42 and become a bigger part of. **Jesus DCM 21*** 710 new La Vina subscriptions because of the convention in July.

Bladimir DCM 22* I want to say thank you for the support I've gotten. We elected new DCM and other District positions. We are looking forward to the National Convention.

8:00pm: Time for GSR presentation and Blue room Area Committee Meeting.

Moment of silence followed by serenity prayer in Blue room, 5-6 new attendees in this meeting. Discussion on who is a voting member and who is not. Ruth is going to facilitate election.

Ran out of packets so we will have to make some last minute copies discussion on what to do, take some back or not, let Alt. GSRs or guests have any, or not. Decided to meet early and make 20 more packets.

Sophie threw out there about limiting time for guidelines changes or proposals, there is so much more we could be doing, workshops, discussions, presentations instead of procedural stuff taking away time away helping new GSRs.

Tony Asked about keeping Spanish districts in the loop on District meeting date and time. Kevin talked about historical data on registrations and who attended by district.

Adjourned 8:20pm

SATURDAY 9/6/14

Opened 8:04 am

Serenity prayer in Spanish.

Mike went over house cleaning items, Phones, Menus' and food places. He thanks the committee and all the people that help to put this assembly together. There is also a Big Book going around please sign it and we will be giving it to the newest person later at banquet. Please write report and give it to Tony for the translation, also speak slowly.

As far as elections go, Archives is a 4 year position so that is not up this time.

Sophie Delegate* welcoming visitors and guests several from other Delegate areas. Thanks to host District. Good morning, my name is Sophie. I am alcoholic and grateful to be a member of the worldwide fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Welcome to members new to General Service. I hope you experience something this weekend that grabs your interest and brings you back again. Be sure to ask every question that comes to mind. Your DCM, area committee, rotated trusted servants are all here for you. Visitors and guests welcome and thank you for coming. It's wonderful to have rotated and current delegates from California Central Northern Interior Area 07 and San Diego/Imperial Area 08 sharing the weekend with us. Rotated delegates and trustees from all areas continue to serve the fellowship and are happy to share their experience, strength and hope...when we ask. We're here to keep the communication flowing between your group and the General Service Conference because ongoing communication through trusted servants is essential to keeping Alcoholics Anonymous healthy and strong. Thank you for your service. What is the difference between group service and General Service? General Services do the work that one group cannot do on its own. Through our General Services we:
Publish the BB and all other AA literature Translate AA literature into numerous languages
Provide accurate information about AA to professionals and the public Maintain a website and archives Host Forums and International Conventions Provide services to groups in N. America: new group handbooks, kits for new GSRs and DCMs General Services usually affect A.A. as a whole. The General Service Conference is where matters of importance to A.A. as a whole are deliberated and through that process the conscience of the Fellowship emerges. The General Service Conference guides and advises the General Service Board and its related service corporations – the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. and A.A. World Services (incl. our GSO). At the General Service Conference EVERYTHING comes down to how we can better carry our message to alcoholics within and beyond (without) the Fellowship who wish to recover. For the next hour we will have the conference report, your questions and comments, and updates from G.S.O. and Grapevine, Inc. The conference heard reports from 13 committees, addressing 60+ agenda items. The outcomes of all agenda items are available on the delegate's page on the area website as well as in the annual conference report. **Today, I will share my conference experiences with some of these topics in hopes of offering you the experience of being connected to AA as a whole.** This 64th Gen. Service Conference met in Rye Brook, NY from Sunday, April 27 – Saturday, May 3, 2014. **Who were we? 132 members:** 93 delegates/39 trustees (A & B), non-trustee

directors & GSO and GV staff **What did we do?** We worked 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Sunday thru Friday Sharing and listening in both committees and with the full assembly. Primary Work: Conference Committee Meetings Trustee Elections Conference Committee Reports Conference Actions Floor Actions What else did we do? Two “delegates only” meetings 3 regional meetings 7 early bird AA meetings (optional) 14 presentations and reports General Sharing/Q&A- 5 hrs Delegate Highlights (47) GSC inventory and report backs Delegate good byes (48) Trustee goodbyes (3) Stepping Stones. If this is your first exposure to the GS Conference, Each delegate is assigned to a committee – consider agenda topics for that committee only Full discussion (9+ hrs over three days) Committee chair (delegate) reports the committee’s work to the full conference later in the week things that a committee can do with an agenda item Recommendation – strongest statement. Goes to the conference floor for discussion and group conscience. (requires 2/3 vote to pass = Advisory Action which, traditionally, is binding on Trustees) Additional consideration – a suggestion. Questions from the floor but no discussion or vote. Might be a request of the GSB Take no action – not to minimize the importance of things. Maybe more information was needed. Maybe what we already have or already do adequately addresses the concern. Corrections: A Consider a request for revisions to the section “What AA does not do” in the pamphlet “A message to corrections professionals” (A42 in favor: I voted in favor) It was recommended that the section “What A.A. does NOT do” in the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals” be revised to read: AA does NOT: ...join “councils” of social agencies (although A.A. members, groups and service offices frequently cooperate with them) FROM: ... provide drying-out or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, or any medical or psychiatric treatment; offer religious services; TO: ... provide detox, rehabilitation or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, or any medical or psychiatric treatment; offer religious services or host/sponsor retreats; This was passed = advisory action. GV: E Reconsider publishing the “Alcoholism at Large” section of the Grapevine (Area 42 was split) The committee discussed the request to reconsider publishing the “Alcoholism at Large” section of the Grapevine and took no action. (no opportunity for questions or discussion) GV: F Consider a request “to reaffirm the Right of Decision of the AA Grapevine Board to make formatting decisions for the AA Grapevine and La Vina magazines.” (A42 was opposed – wanted to keep “spiritual parity” and everything else as-is; I voted against the motion The committee recommended (floor discussion and vote) that the GV board have the ability to exercise their right of decision for all formatting decisions in producing GV and LV noting that this recommendation removes all formatting restrictions on GV and LV. Perception stated at both the 63rd and 64th GSC that the 2010 advisory action calling for “spiritual parity” was “tying the hands” of the GV board to make changes that might improve the magazine’s bottom line. Comment from the floor discussion: “2010 conf advisory action said “spiritual parity....beginning in the following manner:” – B&W 64 page issue – this defines where we start. Not where we stop. How did we go from B&W to color cover? There has not been another [Conference] advisory action that defines La Vina anywhere. We are not tying their hands as this was done without conference involvement.” The phrase “spiritual parity” hung in the air, but what we really talked about was material parity. (64 pages, perfect binding, etc.). Comment from the floor discussion: “Conference committee did not address the financial aspect – the real problem. We heard on Monday in Board Reports that La Vina results are below the line. Until we address this issue, it will always be seen as a second cousin. Remove it from the below line reporting and then it will have spiritual parity.” 2 ½ hours. Motion failed for lack of 2/3: 125 voted; 83 to pass 76 in favor; 49 opposed No minority opinion GV: B Review A.A. Grapevine Board proposal to the 2014 Conference Committee on the Grapevine to significantly reduce the La Vina deficit Additional consideration (questions only. No discussion. No vote): The committee reviewed the A.A. Grapevine Board’s suggestion that a new business plan is required for La Viña and requested that a new business plan be developed for La Viña and be brought back to the 2015 Conference Committee on A.A. Grapevine for review. Over to finance, where the Trustee’s finance and budgetary committee

received a request concerning the overall support and reporting of La Vina magazine. That request is being reviewed and discussed by a Finance subcommittee. David M, Certified Public Accountant, Class A Trustee and Treasurer of the General Service Board. His 1st conference. In his report of the Trustee's Finance and Budgetary Committee he changed the game by declaring that he was no longer reporting La Vina "losses" on the ledger but rather "expenses". His subcommittee is looking at considerations and implications relative to NY state law, accounting principles, management responsibilities, etc. UPDATE: Our Regional Trustee's report from the July General Service Board weekend included: "...because of external accounting requirements we will likely continue to see the word "loss" after all. Nonetheless, the wind is shifting re: the board's perspective on La Vina and we can look forward to news of a new business plan in 2015. GV, Inc Board Report: In 2013 the financial health of GV, Inc. continued to improve, but not due to increased subscriptions. Net income was \$300,000+ over budget.

Additional publications are a big chunk of 2013's successes Overhead was \$135,000 under budget. Cost reductions in administrative expenses, occupancy. There was no draw-down on the reserve fund rather a \$260,000 donation. Subscription liability is 97.2% funded Nancy H., Chair of GV, Inc. Board said, "Good fiscal management is only one piece of break-even formula. New approaches to additional revenue are equally important." Both print and online subscriptions declined in 2013. If the Fellowship wants the GV to survive we need to own our voices in print, renew our subscriptions and, most importantly, attract new subscribers! LV's circulation, on the other hand, continues to increase. La Vina is our Spanish language meeting in print, published bi-monthly by the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.. Expenses not covered by income are funded by the GSB as a service to the fellowship. 2013 Paid circulation up 800+ from 2012. Gross profit on magazine over budget Gross profit on related items under budget Overhead exceeded budget (paying toward pension liabilities) Gen. Serv. Board support for 2013 ~\$15,500 over budget = \$142,500 UPDATE: July 26-27 La Vina XVIII celebration in Las Vegas: 700+ new subscriptions sold. Editor Irene D. noted that subscription renewals are also critical as they create stability into the future. (20,000 subscriptions for La Vina to be self-supporting) Again, Nancy H., Chair of GV, Inc.: "Should the Fellowship desire that GV and LV continue into the future – for alcoholics and friends, many of whom may not know about AA yet – additional subscribers will be required. Organization-wide support for AA Grapevine, Inc. is integral to our history and our future." GSB Finance Report Board is grateful for expressions of gratitude from members and groups. The work at our GSO demonstrates that our contributions aren't an end in and of themselves – they are a tool for carrying the message. Self-support is still the #1 initiative. Earlier this year the GSB approved the message on the front of your handouts' (body reads) Our Contributions support: Group services (incl. Box 459), publishing, archives, website, PI/CPC/Corrections and International work, the GS Conf. 2013 the fellowship was its most generous ever: \$6.9 million: Still, just ~42% groups participate in the 7th Tradition with our GSO. If it is your group's informed conscience NOT to participate, to exercise the power of the purse, please bring that conscience to the assembly for discussion. It is important for us to consider all perspectives. There is much information about Fellowship finances and self-support in your packet. Please share it with your group. *Comment from the floor:* "We are relying on others to contribute. What if each of us in this room did an inventory on birthday contributions and evened-up with A.A.?" For more detailed financial information please see the financial pages in conference report. Back to agenda items we discussed in Area 42 Literature: D Discuss suggested changes to the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship." The committee discussed multiple suggestions for changes to the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship" and took no action, noting the current language in the pamphlet is adequate. Literature: E Discuss suggested changes to Living Sober (Area 42 opposed. I voted against the motion) The committee recommended removing the following text from page five in the *Living Sober* booklet: "Many of us have come to believe that our alcoholism is an addiction to the drug alcohol; like addicts of any sort who want to maintain recovery, we have to keep away from the first dose of the drug we

have become addicted to.”NOTE: The committee agreed that the current text added to confusion regarding A.A.’s Singleness of Purpose. The motion failed (50 to 68). No changes to the booklet. *Comments from the floor: Our literature already refers to alcoholism as an addiction (Dr.’s Opinion) Changing Conf. Approved Literature should go through the conference process. (group, district, area...) This is just one group’s proposal and BG doesn’t reflect that it went through the process.* Minority opinion but no motion to reconsider Here’s a taste of the conference process when body is really split: Literature H: Consider a request to add “Non-alcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the Primary Purpose (blue) card. The committee recommended adding the sentence. *Comments from the floor: Causes more confusion than clarity. Does it enhance our efforts to reach out? It’s a service piece, not Conf. Approved Lit. Groups can change the text if they want to. Let’s make our literature consistent.* Passed w/exactly 2/3. Minority opinion May be a misapplication of “consistency”: A card for meetings with newcomers is not the same as for CPC literature. Vote to reconsider: 61-62 (simple majority) Friendly amendment offered “...not intended to limit attendance at anniversaries or other AA events.” committee did not accept the friendly amendment. Back to original motion: passed, Minority and reconsideration *Comments from the floor: “Black it out if you don’t like it. Add it if you like it.” “We’re kidding ourselves if we think this card will fix the singleness of purpose issue.”* After 2 ½ hrs failed for lack of 17 votes. Not adding text. But your group can if it wants to! News: Literature on Spirituality This pamphlet was rec’d with much gratitude and enthusiasm. After more than 2 hours of loving discussion, amendments, amendments to the amendments and minority opinions, the pamphlet on spirituality with the title “Many Paths to Spirituality” was approved. It includes many perspectives, incl. the lost and confused. It’s available here on the literature rack. Revision to “Circles of Love and Service”: offers more information than the upside-down triangle image, not as daunting as the service manual. It’s a great introduction to how the parts of A.A. communicate and work together. New graphics, text. I believe it is easier to follow. **Share a big learning experience for me:** In the opening session of the conference, Chair covered procedural matters Mechanics of the conf., policies and procedures much like a meeting format. With love and in the spirit of AA Traditions we were asked a series of questions. If we agreed, we were to raise our hands Will you agree that.... There will be only one archival audio recording of the conference, we will silence cell phones ,we will communicate electronically with conf. members and staff only. During the week Conference business stays within the conference. we will refrain from tasteless or offensive language or behavior, etc. At one point during the week a conference member stepped over a line of agreed-upon behavior. Later that day, when the time came for open mic “What’s on your mind?” sharing, a delegate went to the microphone and said this: **“I am deeply concerned that a member of the conference made a tasteless and offensive remark at the microphone.”** That was it. We continued with the business of the conference without further incident. What I realized was that as leaders in A.A. (and we are ALL leaders) **we are responsible for the decorum in our assemblies** (and meetings), and **we are responsible to one another to strive to conduct ourselves, to the best of our ability, according to the principles of our program.** I saw there was a way to **respectfully encourage** a fellow member to adjust their sail..... and to move on. At the end of the week, when it was time for good-byes, I watched the people involved have a big hug, share smiles and heard them say they looked forward to seeing one another again. For me, THAT was a spiritual experience.

Public Information: NEWS

Re-designed and updated www.aa.org is LIVE!

Additions: Information for New Trusted Servants
Getting involved in General Service

Explore the website and discover how our 7th Trad. Contributions are put to work!

2014 Membership Survey completed in Area 42 (7 groups in A42 selected at random to participate) Public Information: E **Consider revisions to the Anonymity Card (F-20).**

(A42 unanimously in favor; I voted against it) The committee **recommended** that the Anonymity Card (F-20) which currently reads: A.A. ANONYMITY (ANNOUNCEMENT FOR READING AT MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." *Thus, we respectfully ask that A.A. speakers and A.A. members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on audiotapes and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on new media technologies such as the Internet.* The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that "A.A. principles come before personalities." Be changed to read: A.A. ANONYMITY **(ANNOUNCEMENT FOR READING AT A.A. MEETINGS)** There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." **Anonymity breaks on the Internet, social media and all other forms of public communications are contrary to our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level. When we break our anonymity at the public level, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others, and adversely affect A.A. as a whole. In keeping with this spiritual principle, A.A. speakers and A.A. members ought not be photographed, video recorded, or identified by full name on audio recordings, and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including online resources accessible by the public.** The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that "A.A. principles come before personalities." **[new or changed text highlighted in bold]** A piece of service material created at the request of the Conference. Intended audience was the press at special events and open meetings. Committee was hoping to offer a card that could be read at AA meetings to help groups to address the issue of social media and anonymity. Floor Discussion: *We're not yet clear who the intended audience is. Trying to address too many things at once. For a group the tone is instructional and sounds like a directive rather than a suggestion. Concern that with the "cards" we are creating a liturgy for groups. It doesn't say "...for groups who wish to use it." Rather: "Announcement for reading at A.A. meetings" It's better than anything we currently have. We're kidding ourselves if we think a card is going to fix our online anonymity*

Issues. Are we asking our literature to do what we're not willing to do? (Tried amendments: 2-sided card (no); “*suggested* announcement..” (yes); “our collective experience shows that...” (no) Passed, reconsidered. I consistently voted against it for lack of clarity. After 3 hours: failed 55 yes/61 no. (76 to pass) **Floor actions** – “unfinished business” Add line item to Gen. Fund budget for La Vina (declined to hear) Reaffirm the right of decision of GV Board...we heard it. Did not pass. Consider use of circle and triangle on CAL as historical reminder of legacies. (Didn't make it out of committee; we declined to hear it) Pamphlet for Alcoholics w/mental illness: was on Lit. Committee Agenda but took no action, citing current resources were adequate. We discussed the floor action for 2 hours; we learned a lot from one another's personal and professional experiences. Class A Trustees brought much professional experience to bear. Motion to create a piece of literature concerning alcoholics with mental illness failed. Audience and intent not clear yet. Will likely return - to a more informed conference. Anonymously or not, please consider sharing in writing your experiences in sponsoring/welcoming/being the mentally ill in AA. I will collect shared experience and pass it on to Special Needs desk where it may become helpful background material for future agenda items. Discontinue Alcoholism at Large/Gray pages...we heard it...Only new thing I heard was the LV editor, ***“I have never heard a LV subscriber say they would drop their subscription because of the gray pages. Why? Because they understand is a great and imp't 12th Step tool.”*** 70:53 the motion failed. (81 to pass) **Year two of the 3-year Conference Inventory**: feedback will be included in Conf Report released this summer. Of interest to many of us: “How can we improve the manner in which Conference background material is developed and distributed?” Each of the five inventory groups that had this question reported concern about the short timeline for groups to consider agenda items and suggestions were offered. The importance of translating background material into the three languages of the conference came up, too. When the comprehensive 3-year process is complete the 2016 conference will have a lot to look at. Just remember: a knee-jerk reaction in AA takes 5 years. The conference works year-round. One way it's kept alive in Fellowship is through its themes and workshop topics. The General Service Board doesn't speak for AA as a whole. It moves in response to the Fellowship. Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. The Fellowship – we – have to speak and be clear about what we think is best for AA as a whole now and into the future. Fellowship presentations and discussions at assemblies like this and other events can impact the Conference agenda, contribute to the Conference discussions and ultimately inform the conscience of the General Service Conference. The Conference Agenda Committee recommended the following Theme and topics for the 65th GSC:

“Our Common Welfare Through Gratitude in Action” 1 Diversity in AA – Our Heritage of Inclusion 2 Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group 3 Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology 4 Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead If you’d like to have themes for our assemblies and/or presentations and discussions please make your request to the Area Chairperson we will elect later today. **“They” say the conference is a spiritual experience.** Some of these experiences are personal, some are collective. One collective one I want to share started at my first Area 42 assembly in 2000. There were no interpreters, yet the Spanish-speaking members were here, doing their best to help one another understand what was going on. I was and continue to be humbled at that willingness to go to any length. Another big dose of humility and gratitude came this year at the Remote Communities meeting the night before the conf. began. Presentations followed by round table discussions. At one table there were Delegates speaking English, French and Spanish – and two interpreters – all discussing outreach to remote communities in their areas. Some of these were delegates who prepared for the conference with background materials they couldn’t read. All were on committees operating in two languages. And we had a great time all week long, taking our meals together, smoking and drinking coffee – in the language of the heart. By the time the committees reported out – and we don’t share anything about committee work until we report out – two recommendations of similar spirit, that were not on the conference agenda, were approved – one by the Conference Agenda Committee and the other by the Conference Finance Committee: 1. Agenda (one of their areas of oversight is the conference evaluation form – completed daily). It was recommended that the Conference Evaluation form be available in English, French and Spanish beginning 2015. **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED** 2. Finance: It was recommended that because all conference members are considered equal, all members should have equal access to conference material and that a plan be created by the General Service Office to:translate Conference Material (background material, Conference Manual, etc.) into French and Spanish for use during the conference, with a report being presented to the 2015 General Service Conference. This plan may include coordinating the use of the volunteer network throughout the fellowship, hiring professional translators or any other facilities that the office deems necessary. The report should include costs and any other considerations deemed necessary to allow timely translations to occur. **Approval was UNANIMOUS.**I believe that we grew through our discussions of La Vina’s financial future, of alcoholics with mental illness, and in these advisory actions for a more democratic policy re: language. Throughout the week our discussions were thorough, many votes were close, and love and tolerance prevailed as we thoughtfully conducted the business of AA. The conference adjourned on Friday evening with our saying the Serenity

Prayer, simultaneously, in French, Spanish, English and Navajo. On Saturday morning at the final breakfast, our own Roberta Lindeman, who has served the Fellowship on the GSB for the last 8 years, shared her gratitude with the conference members and rotated into family life. I'm grateful for her service to AA as a whole and for her spunky leadership here in Area 42. Questions? We can continue at lunch. I will sit at _____ table and am available. **UPDATES: Forum:** Wonderful success. 532 members – 305 first-timers. Great participation from Area 42. I'm glad you got to meet some of our amazing trusted servants at GSO and on our boards. I am very sorry that I couldn't be there with you. Just after the 2013 conference my job was eliminated. I was able to transfer, but I no longer have the autonomy or the flexibility that I did when you elected me as delegate. The Forum fell at a critical time, and I had to be at work. **Reminder: New deadline for submitting agenda items: Dec. 15.** If your group has an idea it will be best to present it at your district and NAGSC/SAGSC before sending it to me to forward to GSO. **Contributions:** Gen. Serv. Board thanks us for our participation in the 7th Trad. and our contributions. Can also be made online – can set up recurring contributions, too. For the year ending June 30, 2014 25 % of Area 42's groups have included our GSO in their 7th Tradition. That's up 3% from the same period in 2013. Please see the yellow hand-out for more information. **2015 Int'l Convention - Atlanta:** register now at aa.org **A price increase** on some literature goes into effect on Oct. 1st. This has been announced at the last 2 conferences. BB \$9.50; costs on shipping restructured.

Go to www.nevadaarea42.org, delegate's page, for new prices. **Latest AAWS Highlights also on the delegate's page.** Update on sales of the 75th Anniversary Ed., e-books, Update on Navajo translation of BB and more. **From the Grapevine, Inc;** Lang. of Heart coming in audio book format this fall Thank you all for your support through this rotation. I was told some years ago that General Service would keep me outside of my comfort zone. That's been true for me. I've become more comfortable on this AA boat that can pitch this way and that. I have felt how the group conscience swells and sways and then maybe reverses itself as the ultimate authority guides us. I am aware that I'm sober in spite of myself. It's likely that AA still exists by the same grace. I think that my HP plopped me into General Service to keep me coming back. Service gives me a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. It has dazzled my ego and has fed my arrogance, too. Ultimately, the loving God as expressed by the group conscience elected me delegate, bringing me to the edge of a cliff I didn't see coming. I now know in my bones that "doing the best I can" isn't an excuse for mediocrity. This journey has been the most challenging and the most fulfilling I've ever been on. I have observed that we all love Alcoholics Anonymous and that every day we each bring our shifting balance of assets and defects into our service to our Fellowship. Our lives and the future of Alcoholics Anonymous depend upon our

willingness to honor our Traditions and to remember that, as trusted servants, universal respect is the key to our usefulness. I'm grateful for our lives, for our commitment to our single purpose, and for the chance to walk together in service.

9:01 finished report

Paul E. with a couple Grapevine trivia.

AT SOME POINT PROPOSAL WAS READ FOR COMBINING GUIDELINES. Was first read and will be read for a second time at the March assembly.

Mike clarified what a voting member of the assembly is;

Area officer, area committee, district committee members ,GSRs. If you r an alternate DCM or GSR, and you are representing the voting member because they are not here you are now the voting member.

Per guidelines webmaster and newsletter editor does have a vote, they are an appointed position.

Ruth , Julian explaining voting,

Roberta describing what a good leader is.

Delegate position available to serve

Have 176 voting members

Now voting for Mike and Cherie

Rhonda Archives* Hello my name is Rhonda and I am an Alcoholic. I am your Current Area 42 Archivist. We have a had a pretty quiet summer, We attended a few workshops and spoke at a couple of workshops about the Archives. This summer was exciting because it was the 75th anniversary of the Big Book and we were celebrating all over town. This fall is full of picnics and BBQ's we are excited to attend. If you are rotating out of your position this fall please see me or Pat in the North with all your old paperwork, or you can drop it off at central office. If you have any events and would like Archives to set up a tale please let me know we would love to come.

In Service and Love, Rhonda Area 42 Archivist archives@nevadaarea42.com

Pat Archives* NAGSC attended Campout at Mammoth Lakes and roundup in Reno, Available to serve at other events please ask. I enjoy Collecting photos of meeting places for the Archives, just like the Grapevine section "if these walls could talk" Please email me them

Mike Elected Delegate on first Ballot

Elections for Alt. Delegate

177 is now new voting member number

Paul Grapevine chair north* The Grapevine turned 70 years old in June and you can go to aagrapevine.org and click on the GV70 logo for a Grapevine Anniversary Kit this includes a power point presentation and on the website there are 7 free (7 minute) audio stories much more. After our assembly in March I attended the following workshops / events; District 10B's A.A. service workshop and chili cook off on April 12, in Winnemucca. I had the pleasure of being one of the judges for the chili cook off and the main topics were The Three Legacies, there were also topics on the home group and the Twelve Traditions. I went to Susanville on May 17, for District 20's P.I. and C.P.C. workshop. I attended District 12's service fair on June 14, where I did a small presentation on the Grapevine. District 6 hosted a Grapevine story writing workshop at the Carson City Alano Club on July 27th, where after listening to the presenters (Joyce Y. and Pat S.) who have both been published in the Grapevine, 12 of us wrote and then were able to read our stories. At the June 7, NAGSC meeting we celebrated the Grapevine turning 70 with trivia questions and prizes and I also attended the NAGSC meeting on August 2, at all of these events I had a Grapevine table with information and Grapevine merchandise for sale.

I have had three new group Grapevine Representatives contact me since the Area assembly in March. I was able to meet with all three and give them a little information and the proper form to fill out and to send to A.A. Grapevine Inc.

The 18th anniversary celebration for La Vina was in Las Vegas, NV. July 26-27. Next year the 19th anniversary will be hosted by Area 06, California.

Please come see the Grapevine table to see some of what the Grapevine has to offer and there are also have subscription forms for the Grapevine and La Vina.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

Phil Alt Chair* Hi to everyone its really nice to have you here for this Assembly... It has been a great year with the Theme of the General Service conference being communicating our Legacies Vital in a changing world. I really believe that Communication is the backbone of AA General Service. I have tried to be active in our Area and I think that we are doing more in the communicating of our Legacies within the area. Most of my efforts in this 2 year rotation have been centered in the Northern Area. I believe that we have made some great strides in the North As our General Service Committee Structure continues to grow. The new position of DCM coordinator has really helped bring the districts and Committees together in our effort to communicate with the Groups in our area about our General Service efforts. I was able to show our support of NNIG by attending some of their meetings and am very aware of their efforts to carry the AA message in the 12 step work going on in the area surrounding Metro Reno, Sparks, and Carson City. I also want to say the work being done in the rural areas of our Northern Area by Groups and Districts has been going very well. We can always work on helping our dim and dark districts to become more involved. I really like working with our GSRs as we grow our Area and hopefully involve more Groups and Districts. I would really like to thank our current Delegate Sophie for all her help and nurturing during all the time I have been in GS from the time I was a DCM and she asked if I wanted to go out to Winnemucca, all the way till when I called her up and said I wanted to do a little trip around the Northern Area. It's been a great ride and I want to say Thanks Sophie. Now as we move towards the fall of this 2nd year of the rotation I just want to say I think we are doing a good job, there's always room to improve but I feel we are doing well in Area 42 Thanks for allowing me to serve in this capacity Phil W.

Daivd HI South* The only purpose of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined. In the southern part of area 42, we support approximately 45 meetings a week in about 20 separate facilities.

Since the Last assembly we have added started 8 new meetings on the hospital (or treatment) schedule. These meetings are in the Veterans Hospital, The Salvation army ARC(men) and the Salvation Army WARC(Women).

The institution (or correctional) schedule remains pretty much the same as in the spring. We have meetings in LV city jail and 6 out of 7 NDOC facilities in the area. We also support meetings in Lincoln county detention center and a federal correctional facility in Pahrump. There is one big change though. We are currently submitting clearance applications to Clark County Detention Center and will soon be restarting meetings there after almost 2 years. If you are interested or know anyone that is interested please contact Christy V. through the Central Office. There are always opportunities to be of service on the corrections side.

The most current financial statement is for July 2014. H&I is funded entirely by the pink cans passed around in meetings and our yearly workshop. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Almost all of the committee's funds go to providing literature (mostly big books and 12x12s) to alcoholics within those 20 institutions.

In October GSO will increase the price of literature. So in order to take advantage of current pricing we ordered about \$5000 worth of literature, so this balance is no longer accurate.

We meet every 3rd Tuesday at 6p at Las Vegas central office. If you want to get involved just show up and we will try to plug you into service. Thank you for letting me be of service. **See nevadaarea42.org (password link) for H&I financial report.**

Leslie SN* Southern Area Accessibility Committee attended the Founders Day and the La Vina Celebration by setting up a booth to answer questions and pass out literature concerning those with special needs.

We have contacted and made donations of special needs AA literature such as the Big Book on CD and DVD, plus the 12 X 12 on CD and DVD and Large print Big Books and 12 X 12 to the following institutions: City of Henderson Public Library Clark County Public Library Las Vegas Blind Center

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advocacy Resource Center Accessibility, Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community are planning an event/workshop around the first week of November 2014. Details to be announced (TBA).

Joyce P *Northern Special Needs, remote communities north contacted DCMs to brainstorm needs of these communities, looking for someone to step in and help as SN Chair. Discussions on disabled parking, wheelchair accessibility, service animals, sign language cost, informing members of hard of hearing members, native American needs, Dementia, Alzheimer's, transgender, loners

Debbie * Northern Area Corrections/BTG Chair. My home group is Saturday Grapevine Group in Fallon. Our format is to set out Grapevine magazines for our members to share a story for a meeting topic idea. Some of those magazines are pretty old, from the eighties and nineties. I recently came across a request from the General Service Office in one of those old issues, the same request we have today, thirty years later. Men, we need outside members to join the Corrections Correspondence Service! Currently there are over one hundred incarcerated men on a waiting list for an outside member to share their experience, strength, and hope with them through written letters. This is not a pen pal program, we write about recovery. This may be the only meeting that some of these inmates will have! What is Corrections Correspondence and how does it work? It is a form of twelfth step. We are matched with an inmate from a different region by way of the General Service Office in New York. We share on sobriety and sobriety only. I have the pamphlets to fill out and send to the General Service Office. If you are interested in this type of twelfth step work, please see me for a pamphlet. DCM's, please share this information with male members in your district.

I quote this from the AA Corrections Guidelines..."The purpose of the Corrections Committee is to coordinate the work of individual AA members and Groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set-up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger AA community through prerelease contacts." In attending workshops in various districts, I have found that volunteers are taking meetings behind the walls and have been for quite some time. We have a start on the set-up of smoothing the way from facility to the AA Community with the help of Northern Nevada Intergroup. With the permission and cooperation of Intergroup's Manager and the H&I Committee, the inmates prerelease request may be sent to Central Office. Central Office has a twelfth step list of volunteers for most areas. There is still work to be done...I have pamphlets, "AA Corrections Prerelease Contact Information" for AA's on the Inside. These pamphlets will be pre stamped with Intergroup's address. Getting them into the facilities and available to the inmates is still in the works.

In closing, with this being the 70th year of the Grapevine magazine and the 75th year of the Big Book, have you or your group purchased these items for your local correctional facility yet? **Russ for Kimberly PI south*** Sorry to miss the Assembly, I am Grateful for Russ to be able to give my report. Since last Assembly PI has Placed PSA with several radio stations, attended several events including Founders day, all successful. In contact with outreach for their upcoming events, we continue getting presentations in the schools, we have been in contact with several libraries to get the Big Book and 12X12 in there. We have also been in contact with the Mayors office Faith based initiative. Getting involved there. PI meets the second Monday of month at Las Vegas Central office 4:30pm.

Carol is elected alt Delegate Elections for Area Chair

Lyle CPC north* we have been doing conference calls, including many members from the south, this has helped to bring unity and better understanding to our committee, and our area, I've been able to attend several events, including skits and mock panels, thanks for your time.

Emily Alt Reg* Online registration was much smoother and made life lots easier this assembly! If you were standing in the line at the door and looking at me sitting at an empty table? Pre-register next assembly! I had 73 online registrations and sold 39 banquet tickets online. Thank you for letting me be of service over these last 2 years. I can't wait to see what this rotation has in store for me!

Samantha PI North* Here are a few items we announced at the August NAGSC meeting: The 2014 Membership Survey is underway and 3 Groups in Area 42 will be participating. If your Group has questions we will help find the answers.

District 12 has invited this committee to participate in their Service Fair in Fallon October 11th. We are hoping a few more Districts or groups will invite the PI committee to conduct a workshop or presentation before the year's end.

Here are some questions you may want to ask at your next District or Home Group meeting: What is this PI Committee doing for my District or Group? How would I like to see this PI Committee being of service? District 14 invited the PI Committee to participate in their Jamboree August 31st in Truckee. We had our literature displayed for members to peruse as they wandered about the event. I must admit I was disappointed that the PI Committee set up for a meeting on September 5th in the lobby of the Mizpah and no one else showed up. We sure would love to hear what PI 12 Step work Districts and Groups are doing in their communities. Our next meeting will be at the December NAGSC meeting. Remember, if your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop at any of your events **PLEASE contact me** and we'll be glad to come. The NAGSC PI Committee's job is to serve the Districts and Groups. : nagscpi@gmail.com
Respectfully submitted by Samantha G., Northern Area 42 PI Chair

Chris GSR Trainer North* I traveled to district 2 for an event, we are looking forward to doing some more workshops before the end of year. Thank you

Julie NAGSC Treasurer* Contributions in the NAGSC area are up 42% ! Thanks! Please do not absorb cost of travel if you are entitled to a reimbursement please let us reimburse you. This lets the body understand where their money goes. Was able to attend PRAASA and got a lot out of, especially the La Vina and Past Trustees presentations. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Kevin Treatment North* It has been an honor and privilege to be of service to the area. I was invited in May to district 6 to participate in a panel discussion on jails and treatment centers which included members of northern Nevada intergroup. Building the bridge between NNIG and NAGCS to improve communication has been challenging but still working to be better. Thank you for allowing me to be a messenger of general service

Jeannette Registrar* Thank you for allowing me to be of service during this past rotation. I've learned a lot during this period of service. I hope to be of service to you again in the future. Our area contains 22 districts, with 1091 active groups. Currently we have 118 groups who are listed as unknown, due to incomplete information. DCM's, Please come see me to check on the status of groups in your district. We have 7 groups that are classified as incomplete, again, DCM's, please see me. GSO has recently updated their data base to cross reference address submissions to ensure accurate delivery. If your address is not complete, the FNV software will not accept the address. Please make sure when submitting forms to either myself or Emily, that your addresses are clear and complete. I have also provided a spreadsheet with past attendance for the area assembly from 2008 to present. This sheet only includes DCM's & GSR's.

242 TOTAL REGISTRATIONS AS OF SATURDAY 10:42AM

Pete L. has 30 years today and we recognized that.

Phil elected chair

Standing for Alt Chair positions 9 standing

Roxanne Alt Secretary* thanks for letting me be of service, turning the literate sales over with the ending budget \$264, Giving some Braille Big Books to Pat for Archives.

Lonnie DCM standing committee chair* we have been discussing ideas to create interest for district elections. We also remind DCMs that your term is not over till Dec, 31st 2014. Also discussed ways to prepare GSRs for area elections.

There will be a DCM workshop Sunday morning in blue room.

Don Intergroup South liaison* Lots of contacts with the Las Vegas Central Office, online, Phone ect. Lots of group contributions last month. Silver Streak looking for articles, events. Unity is visiting groups, Las Vegas Roundup is coming up. Thanks for your Service

Mike Northern intergroup liaison* Thanks for supporting our Northern intergroup. We do lots of outreach and 12th step work. Building unity with NAGSC and NNIG. Financially NNIG is operating at a deficit, spending more then we bring in. This is being worked on and looking to groups for more support. NNIG.org is a great resource. Please come by and check out our office we would love to have you.

Vince SAGSC Treasurer* P&L is posted on wall. We are running at a \$150 Surplus and happy to answer any questions. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Dean Southern Grapevine* This has been an eventful year for AA and the Grapevine. The Southern Area Grapevine Committee meets the second Friday of each month at 6pm in the Las Vegas Central Office, 1431 E. Charleston Blvd, Suite 15. September 12 we will have 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 in their group. Please encourage Reps to attend the Grapevine meeting. Our email is sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org Thank you for letting me be of service.

Tony Translator south* Attended La Vina Convention and I got to Translate FROM Spanish TO English that was cool. 750 people registered. Thanks to Area 42 for their participation. There was some funds left over and we are disbursing to various AA entities, including GSO in NY and Area 42.

Irene Newsletter* Thanks for your contribution, Last newsletter will be out in October, looking forward to helping the incoming newsletter editor. Thanks for your service, Any DCM changes please give me the new email. Thanks

Scott Webmaster* www.nevadaarea42.org on the site minutes from previous area assemblies, guidelines, forms related to area business and contact information for area positions. Spanish is available for much of the content. If you would like to add content please contact area 42 secretary or webmaster. There is a password protected section of the website and contains financial reports. You may request the password and login info from me as well. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Don SAGSC Secretary* No report

BTG no report*

David *GSR Survival from south no report

Cherie CPC Southern * we meet at central office 2nd Monday of each month 4:30 pm. Doing conference calls to keep unified. Pleased to say that I've been able to attend several events and has several liaisons for the Districts and even some groups and other committees. When asked we attend other events as well, such as health fairs and medical conventions. The General

Service Office in NY funds many of these conventions, some providing literature and both setups as well.

Mike asking to please make sure all who needs to come and give a report has.

Paul with some Grapevine trivia

Proposal, this is a first read. To integrate the Finance Guidelines, approved at Assembly 09/08/12 with the Area Guidelines approved at Assembly 03/29/14, creating one document

.This will be done by placing the entire document called the Finance Guidelines into the back of the Area 42 Guidelines as an addendum The process to amend *any* part of the integrated document will remain as currently stated in the Area 42 Guidelines, page 12: Section 7.0 (1st reading at Assembly, 2nd reading with discussion at the next Assembly, vote to follow) Proposal will become effective immediately upon passage. **History:** Up until the recent revision of the Area Guidelines our financial policies were scattered throughout the document. To create the finance Guidelines, all mention of finances were pulled out of the Area Guidelines, organized, updated and re-formatted. The body approved the updated and re-formatted policies on 9/8/12. When the financial policies were scattered throughout the document they were subject to the amendment process stated on page 12 of the Area Guidelines. I propose returning the re-formatted policies, now called “the Finance Guidelines” to the original Area Guidelines document where they will again be subject to the same agreed-upon process for amendments.

Definition- Addendum-an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.

Justin elected Alt Chair

Election for Treasurer

Emily talking **about new business Packets in PDF Format.** As well as online registration. Discussion from floor, Making packet available to everyone is a good idea, finding out how any we need is important. Maybe just leave out minutes online and bring a few, make it optional, email it to all, put it on DCMs, have a button on pre registration site to include or not packet, keep it simple, keep it so everyone can be a part of. Area in favor of sending out packet and keeping online in a PDF document. As well as having paper copies available. Does Area want to have the Packet available just online, or just in email, or both. **Sense of assembly was taken and its split.**

Treasurer election: We need to cast a first ballot again because there was too many votes

Joan talking about appointed position and it was talked about in blue room and not talked about at area assembly. Please as an area think about how we want to handle these appointed positions.

And come back after break

Lunch Break

1:57 pm resumed assembly

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Mike took sense of assembly if we should continue to have Webmaster and Newsletter Editor vote count, Majority in favor.

Cherie going to go over budget. Some discussion to approve budget with a \$500 increase for audio to a total of \$1500. Also, increase in GSR survival \$260 to a total of \$660. motion to approve those changes, passed.

Discussion to increase budget for remote communities to \$300 Motion made and passed.

Vince is elected area treasurer

FYI \$1.36 for each packet

Voting for Alt. Treasurer for north

Tina is elected new Alt Treasurer on third ballot

Phil Confirmed Spring Assembly March 27th,28th,29th 2015

Area secretary position

Ruth brought up that there is no District 5a anymore because it closed

On fourth ballot Paul is elected as Area Secretary

Electing Alt Secretary from south, 4 ballots, area wants to go to hat instead of fifth ballot.

Erika is pulled!

Registrar is from south Third vote Emily is elected

Alt. Registrar from north, Julie is elected Alt

Registrar Adjourned 4:59pm

SUNDAY 9am

Mike opened with Spanish Serenity prayer District 6 is going to host March assembly **What's on your mind time.**

Claudia would like to see a workshop or roundtables regarding the pamphlet "circles of love and service"

Dean from area 08 speaking from mic about how good Sophie has done as Delegate and especially as PRAASA Family.

Julie at mic explaining how fast we rushed the budget and wish she had said something yesterday and how important our area finances are. Discussion about having budget online beforehand so we can look at line items and bring questions to the assembly.

Samantha would like to see common courtesy and decorum, or code of conduct of how we deal with each other.

Paula looking forward to serving in the future in general service and has felt a sense of purpose by coming up here.

Barbara grateful that Mike the Chair has put some fun into the assembly

Pat has some Braille big books and 12/12s if anyone needs them

Jeannette would like to see election for Delegate last instead of first.

From floor, thanks for keeping emotions in check. John thanks to Ruth for keeping us in line.

Joanie thanks to Sophie for her passion in Delegates report.

Tony suggestion that we sell more banquet tickets because some people felt left out.

Joyce acknowledging how standing for positions is not an easy task.

Debbie thanked Cherie N. for her passion.

Roberta talking to the effect of getting more participation for general service, Nevada has 33% of groups sending donations. She emphasized that it is not about the amount, \$5 is enough.

SAGSC meeting announcement 12:30 orientation some positions available.

Vince would like to make a motion "The area finance committee or a sub committee look into purchase a projector, not to exceed \$400, get three bids and let us know" passed

Motion to form an ad hoc committee to research the feasibility of negotiating a guaranteed discounted rate with the major hotels.

Discussions about rates and should we as AA members be given a discounted amount better than everyone else.

Motion was called and sense of assembly was taken; motion failed.

Comments about "ask it basket". Area assembly should be taken serious and we had too much fun going on.

Respectfully Submitted

Justin P.

Area Secretary