

Area 42 NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020 Edition

A Confidential A.A. Document



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Meeting Guide

The most up-to-date COVID-19 A.A. info can be found at:

online resources

https://aa.org/pages/en_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus

phone and other resources

<https://www.aa.org/pages/en-US/find-aa-resources>

For additional information on AA events in Area 42 go to: nevadaarea42.org

Survey – There is Still Time to Express Your Voice

The Conference “Week” Schedule – Saturday, May 16 through Tuesday, May 19, 2020

You still have time to complete the survey. Our Delegate, Rhonda, wants to hear from you. If you have any questions, please contact either Rhonda or me and we will be happy to walk you through the process. You have until May 10th to complete the survey.

Julie C – Panel 69 Nevada Area 42 Alternate Delegate

Area 42 Delegate

Hello Area 42,

Well, I’m not even sure where to start. 2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. We started the year excited about the agenda items. We got off to a good start. Committees came together and reviewed the items, Area officers were settling into year two, just feeling confident in the year ahead.

New GSR’s were joining committees and jumping in feet first with no life vest. Standing committees were planning the year ahead and DCM’s were planning workshops. We all attended PRASSA and participated in roundtables and presentations. Then....BAM!!!! Covid-19, the Corona Virus the plague of 2020 hit with a vengeance. Everything is cancelled. What do we do? how will we be heard? Do we even care? Area 42 stood up and said yes!!! We will figure it out. We will attend a virtual assembly; we will Zoom with our homegroups and hold them captive as we go over the agenda items! We will print out the surveys and mail them to our Delegate! We will go online and take the survey and share the link with others! We will work harder and longer than we have ever done before, because we do care. We care about Alcoholics Anonymous.

I am sad that I did not get to attend my second year as Delegate in New York with all the other Delegates and with the GSO staff. (First time in 70 years) Funny thing is I feel closer with them than I did last year. There have been more emails, more zoom meeting, even more letters and phone calls than last year. We are sending each other our tchotches in the mail. We are calling to thank each other and check in. We are looking forward to a Virtual General Service Conference. I will be thrilled to share this experience with all of you.

I know this year has been hard for all of us. Together we can ensure that AA stands through this crisis, head held high. Area 42 did not drop the ball. We stand tall! Does He enable us to match calamity with serenity? I think so.

Thank

**You for the honor of carrying your voice,
Rhonda F. P69 A42 Delegate**

Alternate Area 42 Delegate

Our First Online Pre-Conference Area

Assembly

For those of you who are curious, here are the details of how we managed to transition from our in-person Pre-Conference Assembly held in Tonopah every year to a video assembly in two weeks. It was March 11th when our Delegate, Rhonda, posed the question “is it safe for us to meet in person?” “What about the community of Tonopah?” This was before the stay-at-home order was given for Nevada. She called for a conference call with the area officers and sent out an email to the DCMs. We had thoughtful discussions. It was not

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unanimous, but it was decided with significant substantial unanimity to cancel our beloved assembly. We decided we couldn't risk the health of our members or the community of Tonopah, in case someone unknowingly brought the COVID 19 virus to the assembly. Then, all the stay-at-home orders and recommendations happened days after our decision.

This is what happened in lickety-split time:

- Paul E (Area Chair), Mike L (Web Servant), Rhonda and I attended a training on hosting an AA Zoom meeting
- Paul and Mike worked together to create the new Zoom area assembly
- All information needed to be available online
- The Spanish translation team and I were able to provide all the background, summaries and surveys that were posted on our password protected webpage in English and Spanish
- We held a practice session the week before, where Delegates from other areas also attended
- Paul chaired his first Zoom assembly on March 27th and March 28th
- GSRs, the area committee and past trusted servants all attended our first video assembly

Thank you to all who stretched beyond your comfort zone to participate on a hastily organized video assembly. Our area was one of the first to host a Zoom assembly. Many of you patiently and kindly sat and looked at your phones, tablets and computers for hours on Saturday and we are extremely grateful to you. We were able to get a lot of feedback during the assembly through online polls, but still want to hear from you via our online survey. As successful as the assembly was, it will never replace seeing all of your smiling faces. Can't wait to see you in October!

Yours in Loving Service,

Julie C ~ Panel 69 Alternate Delegate

Area 42 Registrar

Hello, Area 42.

The registration process is still alive and well for Area 42. It is my honor to help you find your group numbers, send your group changes to GSO and find answers to any questions you might have. You can always reach me via email, text, phone or regular mail.

If you are a newly elected GSR and you are looking for your packet. You can find and download the contents of the packets at GSO's website:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_GSR_list.pdf

If you are someone who registered for the Nevada Area 42 Spring Assembly online, I have been reassured on three occasions that your full refund is on the way. The staff at Seattle, Washington-based Brown Paper Tickets has assured me it is going as fast as it can. It is asking for our continued patience. I spent March 5-8 at the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly in Tucson, AZ. Each PRAASA I have been to is always uplifting and inspirational, but this one was a little different because I was selected to make a presentation to the assembly on AA communications with remote communities.

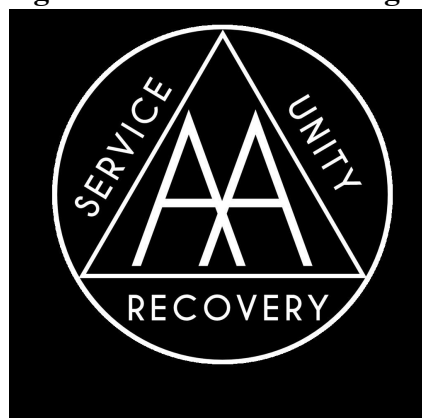
It's amazing how much effort it takes to create a seven-minute talk. Thank you to everyone who helped and listened to my crazy while it was in the works. Fun fact: I wrote the PRAASA remote-communities presentation while I was in Ely – one of the most remote towns in Nevada. And I've been here since March 10.

I hope I managed to make Area 42 proud at PRAASA, but all I can really remember about my presentation is I kicked it off with a Basque sheep herding call, "Annieie."

Yours in love and continued service,

Anne D. Area 42 Registrar

registrar@nevadaarea42.org





Area 42 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses

Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send Group 7th Tradition Contributions. Please include Group No. & email address with contributions.

General Service Office (GSO): (Make Checks to: General Fund) P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

Area 42 (All Nevada & California): (Make checks to: Area 42 Treasury) P.O. Box 70171 Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171

Southern Contributions:

Southern Area General Service

Committee (SAGSC): (Make checks to: SAGSC) Southern Area Treasurer PO Box 71804 Las Vegas, NV, 89170-1804

Las Vegas Intergroup Central Office:

(Make checks to: Las Vegas Intergroup) 1431 E. Charleston Blvd. Suite 15 Las Vegas, NV 89104

Northern Contributions:

Northern Area General Service

Committee (NAGSC): (Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury) PO Box 2171, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546

Northern Nevada Area Intergroup:

(Make checks to: N. Nevada Intergroup) 436 S. Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431

7th Tradition Letter from GSO

April 9, 2020, Dear Friends,

As we, together, follow the global developments related to the response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the experience, strength and hope offered by A.A. groups, Intergroups and Central Offices, AA Grapevine and La Viña, and the General Service Office has never been more evident.

The extraordinary effort taking place across our Fellowship is heartening in this truly difficult time: A.A. groups who are unable to gather at their usual locations are now meeting on virtual platforms. These virtual meetings have provided A.A. members, as well as those newly seeking help, the ability to connect with recovering alcoholics across the U.S., Canada and internationally – and stay sober one day at a time. Local Intergroups and Central Offices are also providing support and resources to help A.A. groups to navigate technology that might be unfamiliar to many members. In addition, some offices have developed “best practices” that have been helpful to a

number of groups – especially those new to digital platforms. Although our physical doors are closed for the time being, the General Service Office continues to provide services to the Fellowship. Members can continue to download A.A. literature and service material from the aa.org website. We respond to nearly 200 letters a week from members in correctional facilities in the U.S. and Canada. Further, we are working around the clock to field the steady stream of national and local media requests, with the understanding that an accurate representation of our efforts can help members and others who might be struggling during this unprecedented period. There has been a lot of media coverage of A.A. in recent weeks.

As an important additional resource to A.A. members, AA Grapevine has provided free access to all 2020 Grapevine and La Viña stories, including the audio Grapevine stories. Your groups' support and participation in the Seventh Tradition is always a fundamental element of the Fellowship, and is especially crucial now. It ensures that groups sustain good relationships with their landlords so that they have a place to meet once we can gather again, and it ensures that A.A.'s vital services continue. Shared experience reflects an increased use of the “digital” basket wherein groups and members utilize digital payment options for Seventh Tradition contributions to support the group and local entities. Many Intergroups and Central Offices and Area service structures have added information to their websites about digital contributions.

For contributions to the General Service Office members can access the online contributions link on aa.org. You may also continue to send checks via standard USPS mail. Subscriptions to Grapevine and La Viña are available on the aagrapevine.org website, along with their other materials. Support is even more important given that revenue from literature sales has substantially decreased for the time being. It is clear that our shared efforts ensure that the hand of A.A. will always be there when anyone, anywhere reaches out. We thank you for your continued support.

**Yours
in gratitude and fellowship,
Gregory Tobin General Manager**

Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future:

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our fellowship united.

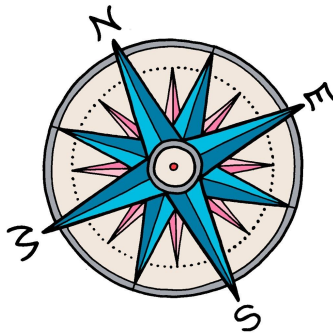
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.

Area 42 Archivist

How We Survived the COVID 19 Crisis?

There are no pamphlets. There are no guidelines. There are no A.A. resources for how to handle a pandemic. Like 9/11 and Katrina before we are encountering uncertainty and fear. In New York and New Orleans many people wanted to help, but the help that was offered was not always what they needed. They needed safety and a place to meet. Some lessons learned were that we need to go back to basics – one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. How do we reach out to the still suffering alcoholic, inside and outside the rooms?

In April, I attended a Zoom meeting that was hosted by SF/Marin Intergroup on *A.A. in War and Crisis*. The presenters talked about the challenge of



navigating through these uncharted waters and the lack of any pamphlets or guidance for the groups to use in order to stay connected, to reach newcomers, to have meetings,

to discuss finances and how to stay sober. As your Area 42 Archivist I am putting together information about how we survived through the COVID 19 crisis. I am looking for any documentation of how our area, districts, groups and members coped with the crisis. Here are a few examples of items we are looking for:

- Zoom meeting schedules
- Updated Public Information so that newcomers know how to find us
- Stories from members of challenges and successes
- How your group or district stayed connected (emails)
- Postings on meeting halls
- Meetings staying open – with and without social distancing
- How did we grow?

- Or anything else you can think of

We will be creating binders for our area archives showing what we did. This is a wonderful example of the value of creating and retaining our AA history. Please forward anything documents to archivist@nevadaarea42.org. Consider writing your experience so that we can capture and save for future AA generations on how we moved through this pandemic.

Yours in Service,

Lyle C. Area 42 Archivist

Area 42 Officers

2019- 2020 Delegate.....Rhonda F.
Alt. DelegateJulie C.
Committee Chair..Paul E.
Alt. Committee Chair.....Jake S.
Treasurer Claudia B.
Alt. Treasurer Laura J.
SecretaryDebbie S.
Alt. Secretary Lisa I.
Registrar Anne D.
Alt. Registrar..... Tony A.
Archivist.....Lyle C.(4 year term)
Alt. Archivist.....Gabriel R. (4 year term)
Area Webmaster.....Mike L.(Appointed)
Newsletter Editor Gabe S. (Appointed)

Newsletter Submissions/Changes

DCM's, please let me know if there are any changes to district meeting locations and times. I want the information on this Newsletter to be as accurate as possible.

I also want to hear about any upcoming Workshops or District Events. This newsletter is published 4 times annually on February 23rd, April 30th, August 10th, and October 31st, So if you have an event that falls between September 1st and October 31st, 2020 or you want to submit something to the newsletter please get me the information for it before July 31st and I will do my best to get it into the Summer edition. In light of what is going on I can still get events into the newsletter just send the meeting code and password if needed.

Submissions can be sent to:

area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service
Gabe S. Area 42 Newsletter Editor**

Area 42

District Business Meetings

Please contact DCM's for current meeting information as most (if not all) are now meeting online or through phone conference

District 1: 2nd Sunday monthly, 10 AM Lost & Found Club Boulder City, NV Email for information: district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2: 2nd Thursday monthly 6:30pm NNIG Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd. Email for information: district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3: 2nd Sunday in January, May, July and November at 4pm T.I.E. Club Email for information: district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4: 1st Thursday monthly at 7pm Reno Triangle Club 635 S. Wells Ave, Reno. Email for information: district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5B: 2nd Saturday monthly 1:15pm Keystone Club 2525 N. Decatur Blvd, Ste1 LV,NV district5b@nevadaarea42.org

District 6: 2nd Sunday of **EVEN** numbered months Email for information: district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7: 3rd Friday monthly at 6:30pm The Serenity Club Email for information: district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: 1st Sunday of **ODD** months Email for information: district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: Quarterly following the SAGSC meeting at the T.I.E. Club. Email for information: district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A: 3rd Sunday of **ODD** months at 1:30 pm 680 River Street Elko, NV Email for information: district10a@nevadaarea42.org

District 10B (Dark): No current information available.

District 11: Email for information: district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 2nd Saturday monthly 5pm Wolf Center 457 Esmeralda St, Fallon Email for information: district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13: Last Monday monthly at 5:00 pm Triangle Club small room 4600 E. Nellis Blvd Email for information: district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14: 3rd Tuesday of ODD months 7pm Email for information:

district14@nevadaarea42.org **District 15:** 3rd Sunday of the month at 4:30 pm, TIE Club 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas Email for information: district15@nevadaarea42.org **District**

16: 3rd Tuesday monthly at Sparks Christian Church Greenbrae & Pyramid 6pm Room 204a Email for information: district16@nevadaarea42.org

District 17: 1st Wednesday monthly 5:30 pm Lutheran Church 650 Blagg Road Pahrump, NV (basement training room) Email for information: district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 19: 2nd Friday of **EVEN** months 2 pm Email for location & information: district19@nevadaarea42.org

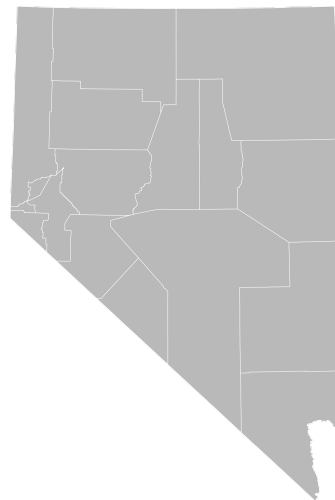
District 20: 3rd Saturday in January, March, May, August & October 10:30am to 12:30pm Rotating Location Email for information: district20@nevadaarea42.org

District 21: Every Thursday at 7pm 3111 S Valley View Suite B-212 Email for information: district21@nevadaarea42.org

District 22: Last Saturday of the month at 7pm 625 Margrave Dr Reno, NV Email for information: district22@nevadaarea42.org

Did you miss any Meetings

recently? Get caught up on the minutes to the Area assemblies, NAGSC Meetings, SAGSC Meetings, past Newsletters and more by visiting: www.nevadaarea42.org



Tonopah Lodging

{Rooms book fast so don't forget}



Mizpah Hotel: 100 Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-3030

Jim Butler Inn: 100 South Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-3577

Best Western: 320 Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-3511

Tonopah Motel: 325 Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-3987

Clown Motel: 521 North Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-5920

Economy Inn: 826 Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-6238

National 9 Inn: 720 Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-8202

Tonopah Ramada: 1137 Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 775) 482-9777

Comfort Inn: 890 N. Main Street, Tonopah, NV 89049 (775) 482-8883

The next Area Assembly will be held October 16th through 18th, 2020

NAGSC Chair

Hello to all my extended AA family. How I miss all of you. What a whirlwind of a year this has been and we're only part way through. First off, I would like to thank all of you that participated in the conference items this year at the NAGSC roundtables, whether you were summarizing, presenting, or translating. The process is exceptionally large, and we came together and got it done. What a task for all. Next the Zoom Area 42 conference, my god did anyone see that coming, I know I didn't. I will tell you though, that it turned out wonderful and I would like to thank all of you that participated. All of you that presented did a wonderful job. I know that I still get nervous up at the microphone but now a whole new process. They always say that you will know what you're doing when you're done and I will say there you go, now you know. I would like to mention a little about the Zoom meetings. We as alcoholics, once sober with a strong program of recovery behind us will go to any length to maintain that. We have all seen home groups shut down and wonder what next. We have lost people and we have also gained newcomers in the Zoom meetings and I have seen it happen. Talk about desperation at its greatest. I took this time being laid off from work and became a world traveler in A.A. I have seen some of you in general service in meetings, what a gift. I'm so proud to be a part of Area 42 service and a part of A.A. today. We are so resilient and those simple sayings of "one day at a time" and "this too shall pass" are the sayings I use daily to know that we will all be back together soon.

Chris S NAGSC Chair