

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER

Alcoholics Anonymous in Nevada and Eastern California



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Message from our Delegate

Well, friends, this has been a whirlwind two years. We started in the middle of a pandemic, after the abbreviated General Service Conference where only urgent decisions were made, and now we are slowly coming out from the shutdown. We held our Pre-Conference Assembly virtually. My first General Service Conference was only the second (and perhaps final) virtual Conference ever held. That Conference made some “bold” decisions that not everyone supports. Area 42 implemented hybrid assemblies and area meetings. This year I attended my second General Service Conference (in-person) where we thoroughly discussed the Fifth Edition and, in my opinion, voices on all sides were heard and our unity was honored. Now, we have held our first hybrid election and our new Panel 73 trusted servants have been chosen by you. I know that Alcoholics Anonymous in Nevada and as a whole are in good hands.

Here are some final thoughts from me, as your delegate. Please remember that we are just now emerging from the pandemic. Many people disappeared. Where are they? What do we need to do to reach the still suffering alcoholic? What can we do as members of General Service in support of those who need

help? What lengths do we need to go?

When I was a new District Committee Member, our friend Don L, formally from Minden, suggested that all I needed to do to be an effective DCM was bring my enthusiastic self. So, I say to you, bring your enthusiasm, your love of A.A. and love of service to whatever you do and the rest will fall in place. Remember to treat one another with respect and kindness and that everyone, every group, and every committee has the right to be wrong. To quote Jake S. (and Madeleine P.) it is more important how we treat one another than what we get accomplished.

I am so very grateful that you trusted me to carry your voice to the Conference; that I was able to participate during such turbulent times and that I have gotten to know all of you. I am so excited for your journeys. I am not going anywhere, you will be able to find me, hopefully quietly sitting and waiting for you to ask my opinion. As my sponsor says, my next service position is back-up coffee maker. The coffee maker is a future delegate, and I don't want to take away their opportunity to serve. Thank you, thank you, thank you for showing me how to love Alcoholics Anonymous and you even more.

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Hybrid Fall Assembly

Sept 23-25, 2022

According to the Area 42 Registrar the total number of eligible voters is: 205 (161 voters in the room and 45 voters on Zoom).

Panel 73 Officers (2023-2024)

Delegate.....	Jake S.
Alt. Delegate.....	Paul E.
Area Chair.....	Lyle C.
Alt. Chair.....	Jonelle W.
Secretary.....	Jen G.
Alt. Secretary.....	Libby G.
Treasurer.....	Jason M.
Alt. Treasurer.....	Rich B.
Registrar.....	Lisa I.
Alt. Registrar.....	Jodie G.

Area 42 Guideline changes and motions:

- Second reading treasury change to align guidelines with Fall 2021 changes.
- Second reading area technology committee addition.
- Motion passed to create an Area 42 Technology Committee.
- Motion passed to align the treasury with the calendar year.
- Motion passed to do a first reading to create an Area 42 La Vina committee.

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B. Duties of the Alternate Chairperson:

7) Appoint a La Vina Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate. (rev 7/22)

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D. Duties of the Alternate Delegate:

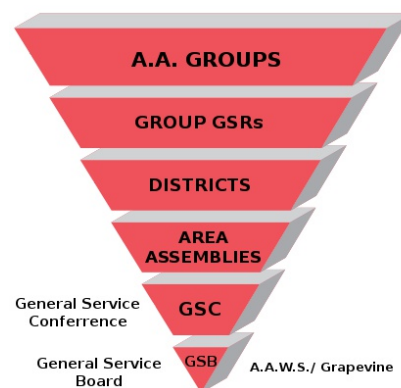
3) Appoint a La Vina Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate. (rev. 7/22)

Delegate's Assembly Report: 9-24-2022 (excerpt)

So, I am the delegate for Nevada, at least for three more months. I hope to recap the Annual General Service Conference meeting, I was privileged to attend in April. I gave my report in both the South and North, but this is the first time we have met as an entire area since I have been back from the 72nd General Service Conference.

Typically, we have paper copies of the final report at the Fall Assembly. However, due to the ongoing supply chain issue, they are not yet available. Mike L., our webmaster, has uploaded both the Spanish and English reports to the “[Delegate's Corner](#)” on the website. I am deeply sorry for any inconvenience. Here is the link to the recap of the 72nd General Service Conference:

[Delegate's Report A42](#)



The structure of the Conference shows the A.A. Groups on the top and the General Service Board on the bottom. For those of you familiar with an organizational chart, this shows that the final authority and ultimate responsibility lie with the A.A. Groups – not the General Service Representatives, but the groups themselves. So, you see, it is vital for groups to be involved in providing their voice as they hold the final authority.



Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

Hello, my name is Samantha and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as the Chair for the Advisory board for the Nevada Area Conference of Young People in AA, and the general service liaison for the Las Vegas Young People in AA. For anyone who doesn't know what NACYPAA is, it was created with the sole mission of promoting participation, enthusiasm, unity and excitement about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and to support the sobriety of young people in Area 42 through an annual Area conference. Since last assembly, LVYPAA hosted the first ever NACYPAA in June at the Plaza Hotel in downtown Las Vegas. Through a bid submission process, the young people's committee RENVYPAA was selected to host the next conference in Reno NV, dates are still TBD, but we will send out information once it is finalized. Through the process of hosting our first ever conference, 2 new YPAA committees were formed, ELKYPAA (Elko Young People in AA), and CACYPAA (Carson City Young People in AA), with hopes of forming a Mesquite YPAA. It has truly been an amazing experience to watch the AA community expand through YPAA, and being a part of helping, these committees create their own service committees. NACYPAA advisory meets every 1st Sunday of the month via zoom at 9:00 am and the meetings are open to anyone who cares to join, you can reach out to me for any information regarding that.

After hosting the first conference, LVYPAA has since reformed and held elections on August 7th. We currently are in the process of creating a list of events that we will be hosting through out the year, with our first event being our annual scavenger hunt. This will take place on November 5th at 1:30 pm at the TIE club in down town Las Vegas. I have flier's available for anyone who might want one. LVYPAA meets every 1st Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm at Central Office. We are always looking for opportunities to cohost with districts or other service committees, so please reach out if you, or anyone you know may be interested.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Samantha G.

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Archives Report

The Archives committee meets every Saturday at Las Vegas Central Office from 9 to 11 AM. Since our last general service assembly we have completed the binders for Area 42, NAGSC, SAGSC, the Spanish speaking districts, and Las Vegas Intergroup for this past year 2021.

We have completed the yearly bins for Grapevine and La Vina and we are current to 2021. I have asked the Grapevine chair to provide us with this past years and this current years issues of the Grapevine and La Vina to be added to the index.

Caroline, a past Alt Archivist has been sorting the audio files by area, region, GSO, and out of area tapes so they can be placed on our 880 Gigabyte hard drive. We have discovered LP albums, reel to reel tapes and even 8 track tapes in the Archives. The committee has organized the Gratitude Ball file from 1975 to the present date and the Spanish Speaking Districts are current as well.

Archives has been given several posters and photos from the Spanish Speaking Districts and we have received back several items from the frame shop owned by an AA member. Archives has filled the showcase in the meeting room at Las Vegas Central Office with books donated on behalf of Julian R. (some will be stored in special boxes for aged and fragile books to preserve them).

"The mission of Archives is to permanently document the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, to make the history of AA available to AA members and other researchers, and to provide a context for understanding AA's progression, principles and traditions."

Quote from Michelle Mirza, GSO Archivist.



Serving as your Archivist has given me the gift of desperation. I was so desperate I asked for help and promptly got it. The archives committee has an ex-archivist, a past volunteer, a computer whiz, and a newcomer whose only thought was we are going for barbecue when we are done.

I am currently serving in the second year of a four year term. I have been doing this service commitment as a layman, one day at a time, with God's help without me even knowing He is. This is YOUR Archives, I am merely the steward trying to follow the above statement made by the GSO Archivist.

Thank you,
Ron D. (12-10-1999)
Area 42/ SAGSC Archivist



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NAGSC Chair/Alt. Area 42 Chair

It has been such a privilege serving with everyone on Panel 71. I want to thank all of you who sacrificed your weekends to attend the assemblies. You listened respectfully while others shared their experience, strength, hope, questions, ideas, concerns and love at the mic (microphone). You did the work of Alcoholics Anonymous so that the still suffering alcoholic may find the help that we have found. You are an example of the selflessness that makes general service so special to me. I am grateful for your service and it has been my honor to serve alongside you.

I feel so honored to serve as the NAGSC chair. I want to thank you all for your support and love through this difficult time. All of our DCMs helped very much with providing meeting halls and great food with District 22 always stepping up with awesome tamales. I certainly believe we are coming back stronger than ever. Northern Area is leading the way with the hybrid meetings making it possible for more availability to anyone to attend NAGSC meetings.

Welcome to everyone on Panel 73. Thank you for allowing me to continue in general service as your Panel 73 incoming Area 42 Chair, I look forward to serving with our new panel. Thank you, Lisa I. (Area 42 Chair), for all your wonderful service, and helping me prepare for the next rotation- and of course, your continued support.

Area 42 Pre-Conference Assembly is our next area meeting. The purpose is to help our incoming Delegate, Jake S., prepare for the General Service Conference. To be ready for the Spring Assembly some service work will be needed. Volunteers will summarize, and present the agenda items selected by Delegate, Jake S. Our new GSRs, DCMs and Officers for NAGSC and SAGSC will have roundtables with our new or not so new agenda topics. If you are new to



this process there will be training, more information will be available a little later. Area 42 Spring Assembly will be March 31, April 1st and 2nd, 2023 and will be held at the Tonopah Convention Center, Tonopah, NV. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Yours in Service, Lyle C.

SAGSC Chair Report

Hello my name is Jen and I am the SAGSC chair. I am humbly grateful for my experience the last two years in this position. I would like to give a special thank you to a few people: Claudia B. the SAGSC Secretary, I would have been lost without her by my side. To John L. and Ben who have gotten me through my technical difficulties in going hybrid for the first time. I would not have made this change without you guys. Ashley, who stepped up at the last minute and took control of the Zoom chat to keep everyone included. To Lisa T. my DCM coordinator and Glenn H. the GSR coordinator, you guys were awesome. To Jake S. and Lisa I. who have paved the path for me. To Rhonda W. for guiding me through my position and helping me handle some tough times. Last but not least thank you to Julie C. for always making me feel so much a part of this thing. I have never felt the love and support as I have from this group of people. My heart is filled with gratitude. I can't even explain how being a part of General Service has changed me.

Thank you all for my life!!!!
Jennifer R-G

Southern Area 42 Intergroup

Las Vegas Intergroup met on 10-10-2022 at Central Office with 21 Intergroup Reps present.

* We need a new Hotline Chair. If you are interested, please contact Judy, our Manager at 702-598-1888 (M-F 8-4).

* Judy was so impressed with the recent national conference for Central Office Managers that she is in the process of placing a bid to host the next one in Las Vegas in 2024. Stay tuned!

* Please help keep the meeting schedule up to date. Let's remember the newcomers and make it easy for them to find us!

Website: www.LVCentralOffice.org

* Hotline shifts are available Monday and Friday from 8am-noon and Thursday and Friday from noon-4pm. Backups are always needed (M-F 8-4).

* Remember: Central Office is open on Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm. Please spread the word! The Saturday office phone number is 702-780-4293.

* The Silver Streak (Central Office newsletter) is always looking for articles on the Steps, Traditions, Meeting in the Spotlight, committee meetings, any information of use to our fellowship. 350 words is a good article length. Please send in your articles by the 25th of the month. Thank you, Michael L. for joining the Silver Streak as Co-Editor! Michael will become the Editor when Dave rotates out at the end of the year. Thank you, both!

* The Intergroup Outreach Committee is trying to boost attendance at Intergroup meetings. Please make sure your Group has an Intergroup Rep. and that they attend the monthly meetings at 6pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. It's an easy- and fun service commitment. Just attend 1 meeting a month and report back to your group about what's going on. Sometimes there are items to vote on, but it is mostly just carrying information back and forth.

* We are so well unified that the Unity Chair is bored and will direct the Traditions Play at the Las Vegas Roundup over Thanksgiving Weekend. The cast has been rehearsing. It should be a lot of fun.

* Looking for a place to hold a meeting?
Check out Central Office!

1515 E Tropicana Ave, 89119

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Caroline J.

SAGSC Intergroup Liaison

"Gracias desde el fondo mi corazón"

This will be my last DCM report for District 9. Personally my last few months have been beyond busy and restricted my service work. As we accomplished the main goals we set for our inactive district. My eyes and my heart were always focused on the scope of the future.

The message of hope that we fostered into our small group of GSR's and members of District 9 was the ability to show courage, as well as face the fears of speaking for our groups and our true convictions for AAs future. The voices of the groups are diverse, autonomous and sometimes distant in comprehension to my norms. These are the voices that speak the loudest to me, the ones I need to hear.

The future of District 9 lies in the inspired and the determined, or both! That being said, the underlying problem with our district has always been the mismanagement of the treasury, or fair to say, lack of management. We did make significant progress in our cycle but we are far from perfect. The next two year cycle will focus on building that bridge of trust and devotion that we owe to the contributing groups. Until then...we love and serve in humbled grace.
Dano B.- DCM District 9

Northern Nevada Intergroup Report

Hello Area 42,

My name is Don D. and I am grateful to be the Intergroup Liaison for the Northern Nevada Intergroup.

NNIG meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Carson City Alano Club at 6:30 pm it is held as a hybrid meeting to give the greatest availability to all groups. Central Office has been staying financially solvent this year with good merchandise sales. We are fortunate to have many volunteers putting in many hours this year answering phones and getting information out to newcomers and others about AA in the North.

We held elections in June and were thankfully able to fill many of our service committee positions including all of treatment and corrections. We are beginning to see correction centers opening up to meetings and various treatment centers throughout Reno, also other areas are having meetings brought in by members of AA.

Our website is continually being updated with meeting changes and we are beginning to do more outreach to online meetings (nnig.org).



Our monthly speaker meeting at the Silver Legacy is still the 2nd Saturday of the month. Our Halloween Party is October 29th and will be a lot of fun with a costume contest and games. Our Annual Gratitude Dinner at the Atlantis Casino will be on November 12th with tickets still available at \$59. The New Years Eve Event will be held at a different venue and is being planned with the primary idea of making it most accessible to all the fellowship and be as inclusive as possible cost wise.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service and for your support of NNIG. The past couple of years have helped me see how I can always strive to be more understanding and helpful. Always feel free to contact me for any information or questions!

Don D.

Northern Nevada Central Office

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-1pm
436 Rock Blvd Reno, Nevada 89431
775-355-1151 Website: <https://nnig.org>



Monthly Speaker Meeting
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Speaker at 7:00 PM

All meetings located in Silver Barron Room 1-6
Unless otherwise noted

Join us for dinner at Cafe Central inside the Silver legacy @ 5pm

Silver Legacy- 407 North Virginia Street, Reno

NNIG 

GRATITUDE DINNER
2022

Saturday
November 12th, 2022

ATLANTIS HOTEL CASINO - RENO NV

UNITY:
CELEBRATING THE
FELLOWSHIP

AA Speaker Paul W.
Los Angeles CA

\$59 TICKETS
SALE BEGINS
9 AM JULY 30TH
AT CENTRAL OFFICE
775-355-1151



District 16's
35th Annual Christmas Affair
A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service
Saturday December 17th 2022
12:00 to 5:00 PM
New Venue
American Legion Duby Reid Post 30
730 4th Street, Sparks, NV.
Come for food, fun, and fellowship!
Please bring a dessert to share!!!
Service Panel Discussion: *12:15 PM
The Warranties - Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World.
Santa: *1:30 PM
Turkey Dinner with all the Extras: *2:00 PM
Speaker: *3:00 PM
Raffle: After Speaker
*All times are approximate
\$5.00 Suggested Contribution

"Surrounded"

It's hard to believe that it has been almost two years I've been the Alternate Area Treasurer and SAGSC treasurer. Thank you for allowing me to serve. It has been my honor.

It's even harder to believe that I will be the last SAGSC treasurer. The Area voted to combine NAGSC, SAGSC and Area treasuries into one and that starts January 1st. I was on the committee that recommended it and agree it is the right decision for the Area. There will be some things for me to do for the transition come January, but it shouldn't be too much. I've heard a rumor that NAGSC and SAGSC are going away, that's not true. They will operate the same with the exception the expenses will be paid from the Area Treasury.

Please pass along to any and all group treasurers that contributions should go to:

AREA 42 TREASURY UNIFICATION

In order to simplify group contributions & Area 42 expenses, SAGSC, NAGSC, and Area 42 overwhelmingly voted in favor of combining their treasuries beginning January 1, 2023. This unification will make life easier for group Treasurers and bring Area 42 more in line with general service practices.



Groups and individuals can now write one check, instead of two, when making group distributions to support the general service work of CPC, PI, Grapevine, Accessibilities, Archives and the other general service entities.



Our address is:
Area 42
PO Box 70171
Las Vegas NV 89170-0171

Please include your
Group name, number,
and your email address
to send receipts.

The past two years have been a joy to share with all my fellow Service Junkies. I really appreciate the love and service I see performed in Area 42. I never thought I would say it, but I love going to PRAASAs, Assemblies and SAGSC meetings. I learn so much and have come to understand the work involved in keeping AA strong for the next suffering alcoholic. I can't imagine what my life would look like if I wasn't in service.

To that point, service has kept me close to the fellowship and I really needed that this year. I was diagnosed with Stage 1 Ovarian Cancer in May. I've had surgery and now going through chemo (completed 4 of 6 treatments as of this writing). I've been supported by all my friends in the program. They have made this process so much easier to deal with. I feel so very lucky to be surrounded by the love and support of AA.

Some good news is that I got elected Alternate Area Secretary so I will be involved for at least two more years. You'll see me at the Assemblies and SAGSC meetings. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone over the next two years.

Yours in Love and Service,
Libby G.

Area 42 Guidelines Preamble:

Ever mindful that the reason for the General Service Structure is to be of service to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, this body shall always observe the spirit of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for World Service. In the absence of specific indications... the latest edition of the AA Service Manual may be relied upon.

Worldwide Unification- Online

Being a computer savvy person and having had a lot of experience with online meeting platforms I adapted well to the changes that were brought about by the pandemic. For about three months after the initial shutdown I attended virtually, then continued to host a hybrid meeting, and then returned to the in person format. I predominantly go to in person meetings.

Now that you know that, let me share with you my takeaways. I believe that the Legacy of Unity can be fulfilled in an online format and that we just need to work a little harder at it. Creating an inviting atmosphere for the newcomer and visitor online can seem to be a challenge but it is possible.

At an in person meeting there can be ten individual conversations going on simultaneously, but online whoever has the "conch" controls the room. Forgive my Lord of the Flies reference but please understand that if a newcomer comes into a room five to ten minutes before the meeting and hears people talking about their pets, health problems, or weather, they may not be so attracted. This is a job for the online Home Group members to either create some shared understandings with the group or teach through demonstration. When a newcomer or visitor appears the direction can either shift to a discussion of principles, alcoholism, or towards an invitation for that individual to speak. I feel we are making great strides in the online space and will continue to do so.

When I got sober the forever infamous meetings before and after the meeting were most impactful for me, so it is my intention when in an online meeting to make sure to reach out to those that may be there for the first time and try and connect with them after the meeting. I also want to remember that it may sometimes be hard for a newcomer to walk out of an actual room (and someone can

always follow them), but online all they need to do is push a button and they are gone.

The meetings themselves online I find extremely beneficial for many reasons, if not the least of all... convenience. I believe future generations of AA's will look back on this as a truly pioneering time that brought us, by forces beyond our control, into the next phase of the Fellowship. We are able to sit at home and hear the experience, strength, and hope from people all across the world. We are able to log on to a meeting any time of day on any day of the week!

I also feel that it has opened up more acceptable ways of sponsorship. I know many people, including myself, that did not take on many sponsees due to their travel schedule. I even started sponsoring guys locally online. Even now when I travel people ask me to sponsor them and my response is much different than before when I would say, "I am not from here." It appears that the virtual world has broken it all down for us and we are all from everywhere. I hear all the time now things like, "I am speaking in England tonight." Just recently I got asked in a visiting room to speak in a prison in another state- online. The possibilities are endless.

So my final thought is this, and I say this for myself. Like everything else in recovery and in life, I will get out of it what I put into it. If I let an app, or for that matter even a mask stand between me and my purpose, between me and my higher power, then I am only hurting myself. Now the online venue may not be for everyone but lets let others decide for themselves. Tradition one states, "Our Common Welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA Unity." So the question remains for me, am I being divisive or am I being unifying? I feel that the online meetings have the potential to bring us into a *worldwide unification*- one meeting at a time. Jeffrey C.

7th Tradition Contribution Addresses



Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send your group contributions. *Please include your Group No. & email address with contributions.*

General Service Office:

(Make checks to: General Fund)
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Area 42: (All Nevada & California)

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

Las Vegas Intergroup Central Office:

(Make checks to: Las Vegas Intergroup)
1515 East Tropicana Ave, Suite 710
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Northern Nevada Area Intergroup:

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



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Scheduling a Zoom Meeting on the Area 42 Account

If you are a DCM, Committee Chair or hold an Area Service Position you can use the Area 42 Zoom account to schedule a Zoom meeting for your service commitments and Committees. Please give 48 hours notice when requesting a meeting by email, you should receive a response within 24 hours.

Follow these instructions:

Send an email to, hybridmeetingchair@nevadaarea42.org with the following information.

- Title for your meeting
- Date of your meeting
- Time and duration of your meeting
- Is it a recurring meeting?
- The password you would like to use

You will receive the following information to the email that requested the meeting.

- The link for your meeting
- The password for your meeting
- A Host Key
- How to use a Host Key instructions

NOTE: A Host Key is used for the specific meeting requested and can be used for that meeting (including recurring meetings at the same time).

If a meeting is required at another date and time you must send another email as a request to have that meeting set up for that time and date.

Miss any Meetings this year?

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

[A Lifeline For Many Of Us](#)

I'm alcoholic, and I live in the Eastern Sierra of California - a rather remote part of Area 42. When COVID hit, my home group voted right away to set up our 8 meetings on Zoom. We got help from a neighboring group, and we were up and running really quickly. Some members hated it but others accepted it. Some members with health issues were grateful. Then there were AAs who just disappeared, and surprise! We had a few newcomers join us. (We've had a couple of "Zoom baby" anniversaries.)

Zoom has been a lifeline for many of us. We have members who live even more remotely than I and those who have accessibility issues. One couple lives 90 miles away in Fish Lake Valley, NV and don't have internet service. They join meetings through their phone connection. Moreover, one of them is getting chemo and couldn't risk coming in person. Another member is partially disabled and without transportation. She moved 60 miles down the valley, and she can keep attending meetings with us!

I'm (mostly) fine with Zoom. Two of the six meetings I regularly attend exist only in the Zoom-i-verse. In my Tuesday women's meeting I get to know AAs I wouldn't otherwise meet - a big plus living as I do in a small town. Women from coast to coast join in weekly. My home group has hybrid-format meetings which I take advantage of sometimes. Yes, I admit to being lazy now and then, and I just log in from home.

There are some drawbacks though. It's weird when online members turn off their video. It's like having ghosts in the room. I think, "Yoo Hoo, anybody home?" What's more, it's hard to recognize the in-person people in the back of the big meeting rooms. Sometimes it's hard to hear them too, but it's great that there's always



someone who spins the laptop so that we Zoomers can see the people closer to the camera when they share.

One more thing: I serve as the group's treasurer. Comparing pre-COVID to hybrid era attendance and contribution numbers, I see that the Seventh Tradition contributions overall have declined. Not drastically, but noticeably. About 25% of a month's meeting attendees are online, and we don't have an easy way for them to participate in the 7th. We tried Venmo without much success. We rely on members to send their contributions to our PO box. Some do regularly. All the same, we've got to get better at inviting the online folks to feel more a part-of by participating in the Seventh Tradition.

Dinner to make, kids to feed, no babysitter, no transportation, illness, or for whatever reason, Zoom makes meetings accessible for many of us who wouldn't otherwise be plugging into our shared experience, strength and hope.

There are always pros and cons. Overall, our hybrid meetings are very inclusive with in-person and online members sharing equally. It's tough, though, to feel the connection when it's time to circle up and pray out. There's just nothing like holding hands.

When anyone, anywhere.....right?

Anonymous

From The Ask-It Basket:

Tradition Ten: *“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”*

“What is the deal with Area 42 members wearing t-shirts with political statements on them? My sponsor said to never do that anywhere in AA?”

I’m Sophie... I served as the Panel 63 delegate for Area 42. I was handed this question during the ask-it-basket, and I gave my best shot at a reply. Since then I’ve continued to think about the topic and its significance today in what Bill W., in 1955, referred to as “troubled times.”

Naturally my thoughts go to our Traditions: the First (Unity) and the Tenth (no controversy). It’s my opinion that we’ve got to apply the Twelve Traditions to group life and service work as seriously as we apply the Twelve Steps to ourselves individually.

The Traditions “...repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good...” (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.184). My stomach twitches when a member, maybe unknowingly, shares in a way that emphasizes our differences rather than staying with our similarities. Some of us feel at times that we have to make a point or express a controversial opinion, maybe *without thinking* that his/her/their share may be divisive. We all need to speak up to protect our unity at group, district and area levels and in AA as a whole, or there will likely be little sobriety for us and nothing for us to pass on to alcoholics looking for a solution.

Our need to steer clear of controversy, expressing our opinions about “outside issues,” is a critical principle for AA’s survival. The story of the Washingtonians is often used as an example of the consequences of becoming distracted from a primary purpose. That temperance movement fell into disunity over the abolition of slavery and collapsed. I believe this is the kind of trouble Bill W. called “controversy-serious controversy.” The Washingtonians’ mistakes

inspired the writing of our Tenth Tradition .

Many questions come to mind. Does wearing a t-shirt, jacket or cap with a political, social or religious statement or representation constitute “serious controversy”? Does it distract us from fulfilling our primary purpose whether we’re doing the business of AA as a whole or sharing in the rooms of AA? Is wearing or sharing our opinions on outside issues giving newer members an accurate picture of the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous? Could it drive anyone away? Is it negatively impacting unity among the not-so-new among us? How do I feel when another member comes to a meeting wearing their hot-button opinion- one that I disagree with?

Today we have no shortage of time bomb political, social and religious controversies- “serious” controversies. Bill W. wrote in *AA Comes of Age* (p.124) that our hesitation to clash with each other or anyone else doesn’t mean “...that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, now restored as citizens of the world, are going to back away from their individual responsibilities to act as they see the right upon issues of our time. But when it comes to A.A. as a whole, that is a different matter. As A.A.’s we do not enter into public controversy, because we know that our fellowship will perish if we do...” I think he might have smiled when he said, “Of course, we did reserve that sometimes enjoyable right of quarreling among ourselves about lesser matters.”

Language of the Heart, p. 318, © AA Grapevine, Inc.

What about wearing or sharing my opinions or beliefs when I’m representing Alcoholics Anonymous in public such as in Public Information or Cooperation with the Professional Community service work? Implying an affiliation or position on a controversial matter harms our reputation in the public eye. We cannot give the impression that we have opinions on matters other than our primary purpose. It eats away

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From The Ask-It Basket:

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at our unity and will certainly affect the still-suffering alcoholic's chances of finding recovery through the local community.

When controversy would affect the AA group, area, AA as a whole or the reputation of Alcoholics Anonymous before the public, the Traditions ask us to surrender our desires for the sake of our unity. In a September, 1948 Grapevine article, Bill W. asked what is our best defense? "This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that AA must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our fellow alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. This must never be."

"Compliance or noncompliance with any principle of AA is a matter for the conscience of the individual; he is the judge of his own conduct." (Language of the Heart, p. 76) The Traditions are suggestions; there are no AA police.
Sophie K.

Tradition 10 - (The Long Form)

Alcoholics Anonymous, p565 © A.A.W.S. Inc.

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues- particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion.

The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

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And finally,

We of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the
principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual
significance.

It reminds us that: *We are to place principles
before personalities; that we are actually to
practice genuine humility.*

This to the end that our great blessings
may never spoil us; that
We shall forever live in thankful
contemplation of Him
who presides over us all.

