AREA 42 NEWSLETTER



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Message from our Delegate

Hello Area 42,

Thank you all for a wonderful Assembly! This was my very first PowerPoint presentation—what an amazing Tech Team we have to help guide me through the process.

From the 2025 Conference Final Report:

"The 75th General Service Conference was held April 27—May 3, 2025, at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City. With 137 Conference members, including area delegates; regional, general service, and Class A trustees; non-trustee directors; and General Service Office (GSO)/Grapevine and La Viña staff, the Conference was the culmination of a year's worth of discussion on topics integral to A.A. across the U.S. and Canada. Much of the activity of the Conference revolves around the deliberations of the 13 Conference Committees and the full discussion of the reports and recommendations they provide to the Conference body."

It was such a gift to go on the Pacific Region Bus Tour. We visited the Calvary Episcopal Church, where Bill attended meetings with the Oxford Group alongside Ebby T. and Sam Shoemaker. Then we went to the Clinton St. house, where Bill and Lois lived in the early days, and to Towns Hospital, where Bill met Dr. Silkworth and had his spiritual experience.

It won't be long before Area 42 begins our own Area Conference Committee service. We mirror the General

Service Conference with 13 committees that help the delegate (me) prepare for the General Service Conference (GSC)—and it truly helps. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so with Lisa I., Area 42 Alternate Delegate.

At our Area Assembly, we went through the budget on Saturday rather than waiting until Sunday, as members had requested. The budget initially passed with a deficit balance, which is common. However, members who held the minority opinion came to the mic and voiced their concerns. After hearing them, several members changed their votes. Another vote was taken, and the budget did not pass.

On Sunday, the Finance Team presented another bare-bones budget, cutting significant spending in order to honor the group conscience. For many GSRs, this was their first experience with the impact a minority opinion can have.

This process is unique to Alcoholics Anonymous, where we practice an informed group conscience by listening to all voices—especially the opposing ones.

Lyle C., Area 42 Delegate delegate@nevadaarea42.org

Please check out the delegate's corner on our website for updates: https://nevadaarea42.org/delegates-corner/

Message from our Area Chair

Hello Area 42!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Area 42 Chair. I am going to be super short and sweet on this one. The Fall Assembly is in our rear-view mirror.

As all of you who attended know, we mixed things up a bit. We did the budget on Saturday morning... and Sunday morning, we had an Assembly wide Unity workshop, and a virtual Saturday night speaker. I felt like some new looks good on us! What's the worst that can happen, right?

I go into a mode of reflection, not just after Assemblies, but usually after most events in my life. I share my findings with my God those in my crew, and I welcome action. I welcome action! So that's where I am at after this Assembly. I am putting all the conversations I have had, all the reflection I have done, all the amends I have made, all my journal entries, all my prayers and meditations, all my sponsor's time, and I am welcoming action. Onward to the Spring Assembly!

I wish you all an incredible holiday season, if you celebrate... and if you don't, I wish you incredible sober days.

Jonelle W., Area 42 Chair areachair@nevadaarea42.org

Area Treasury Thoughts from Ruth J.

Having been involved in the Area Assemblies from 1974 to 1990 and attending many (50 at least) since then, I share these thoughts.

In the 1970s Area 42 had one Area Treasury, not much money, but one treasury. In the '80s, we split the treasury for NAGSC and SAGSC to have their own funds primarily to assist GSRs and others to attend the Area Assembly.

Now that the area has grown a lot, Area 42 has voted to go back to one treasury for the whole area. Groups have gotten better about funding their GSRs and Districts their DCMs. However, any shortfall now can only go to the area.

Just a reminder that when your group reviews their contribution (annually or more often) amounts or

percentages to the area, it should include the consideration for the amount or percentage they formerly sent to NAGSC or SAGSC ought to be included in contributions now sent to the area.

We have asked the area to fund positions and committees that used to have other funds available. Whether your group has a GSR fund they keep or not, there are others who need some assistance. So please consider increasing the amount you send to area, if your group hasn't already.

Thanks. I am grateful for the service Area 42 has given me.

Ruth J., Past Trustee, Past Delegate

Ask-It-Basket Continued from Fall Assembly

For Jake:

"What has been your favorite role in General Service? Why was it your favorite?"

"Yo yo yo! Thank you very much for the question! It's a tough question for me because there has been so many amazing things. Representing my group as a GSR, representing my district as a DCM. Going to all the events as the Grapevine chair, getting to welcome everyone to our assemblies as registrar. Serving as SAGS chair when we went through the intergroup transition and through COVID-19. Serving as panel 71 alternate delegate with Julie serving as our delegate, and certainly the biggest honor and privilege of my life was being given the opportunity to serve as our panel 73 delegate. But my favorite role in all my general service was while serving as alternate registrar. I was able to help start and get registered the first Spanish speaking women's meeting to be registered and serving in district 21. It was a very educational and unifying process, and when we filled out the registration forms and listed the first GSR it was a beautiful experience for me. Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. I love you all and look forward to seeing everyone in beautiful downtown Tonopah, NV next spring."

For Rhonda:

1. What's the difference between a donation and a contribution?

A donation is something you give to an organization that you are not connected to. Like donating old clothes to Salvation Army. A contribution is contributing to something you are involved in. I contribute to my home group. I am a part of my home *group.*"

- 2. "Would it be wise as a Fellowship to try to refer to our virtual meetings as what they are virtual meetings as opposed to calling them 'zoom' meetings? The concern would be 'implied' affiliation between AA and Zoom (Tradition VI). What are your thoughts/opinion/experience?
 - "I think we should call them virtual meetings."
- 3. "Aside from all the obvious reasons for being of service (stay sober, sense of duty), what benefits do you receive? What if you stopped? "Good question. There are so many values to service work. I have learned how to create spreadsheets, flyers, PowerPoints, which have translated into work skills. I have learned how to navigate multiple personalities sometimes in the same person. I have learned how to be a part of a whole and not just my idea of what it should look like. If I were to leave general service, I would miss all the learning to come. I don't feel like I would drink but I would miss all the opportunity."

For our Registrar, Lou P., because he knows the answer:

"Did we only print the amount [of packets] of those that replied "yes, print" [on their registration form]?" (Yes/no/don't know, maybe you could explain why we print more than are requested?)

"We had 50-60 packets left over because of a breakdown in communication. That said, we always need to print some extras to allow for people who register onsite. (There were 45 of those this time.) My suggestion is to let the person handling the registrations get the printing done. I would also suggest having a small printer onsite to handle any shortages. A black and White laser printer can be bought for \$200.00 - \$300.00."

LVYPAA DISBANDED!

Hey everyone—this is bittersweet, but the time has come: LVYPAA (Las Vegas Young People in AA) is stepping off stage. For years, you all showed up—meeting rooms, speaker panels, late nights, new faces, recovery stories, laughter, and tears—and LVYPAA was the beat of our young-people fellowship in Vegas. It held us together, gave voices to those who felt unseen, and built a legacy of service and unity we'll always carry in our hearts. But, as we've grown, and as our community's needs have shifted, it's time to say goodbye to LVYPAA—and hello to a broader horizon.

Introducing **NACYPAA** — the Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. We're leveling up together. Mark your calendars for **August 14-16**, **2026**, at the Casa Blanca Resort in Mesquite, Nevada, for NACYPAA 5. This is not just the next

conference—it's *our* conference. More opportunity, more reach, more fellowship, and more chances to carry forward the message of recovery. Keep your eyes peeled for registration, which is open for just \$20.00. The hotel group name is NACYPAA with a group code of 1NYPA25, volunteer slots, and ways to be part of this new chapter. Be part of the committee. Locally, we meet at the Las Vegas Central office on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm, and virtually we meet on the third Sunday of the month on Discord. Join the fun, and let's honor what LVYPAA was by making NACYPAA everything we dreamt it could be. LVYPAA will return following the convention.

Submitted by,
Your faithful NAYPAA Liaison

Area 42 Archives

Now seems like a lovely time for a little reflection....
"What have I learned in the past ten months as the Area
42 Alternate Archivist?"

First of all, I am very grateful to the many people who have carefully devoted time to collect and preserve our history before I even arrived here. Next, I'm thankful that people are willing to answer questions I have and share their experience. I am especially appreciative to Area 42 Archivist, Rich B., who is a great partner to have in this endeavor.

Another thing I'm learning to do is "try to stay focused" on the current archival goals or tasks we have set out to do in our meet ups. Those who have visited or volunteered (shout out to the volunteers) the Archives room know this can be very challenging. You often come across some really interesting historical gems and then everything goes out the window. When this happens, I just want to follow that trail, figure it out, and discover the wonders behind it. Telling myself to get back on task can be very tricky. Having said that, I have to say the perks of organizing our history and

collecting new information is incredibly rewarding. I have found some other experiences in this past ten months very enjoyable as well: preparing display items for assemblies and events, converting cassettes to MP3 format, and I think my most favorite has been interviewing the long-timer about his or her AA experience.

I invite anyone interested to join us (see attached flier), as we meet in person and on zoom. Monthly meetings on zoom allows us to come together as an area and share what we are doing. I think it's pretty great that we are able to close the vast rural space of this large area, virtually.

I may not be doing any of this perfectly, but I'm learning a great deal and having an enjoyable time. And if I am able to preserve and share inspiring messages of the past with others, so that they too may be inspired, then I am fulfilling a bit of my commitment to our amazing Area 42.

Heather L., Area 42 Alt. Archivist



The Grapevine Carries the Message in Many Forms: A Message from the Southern Area Grapevine Chair

The Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another and a safe place where we share our stories and agree on our common solution.

YOUTUBE GRAPEVINE CHANNEL

youtube.com/@AAgrapevine

What an amazing wealth of shared experience just a click or two away! We offer over 25 varied playlists for Grapevine and La Vina on our YouTube channel. More than 50 audios are in Spanish, and we have 11 videos in American Sign Language (ASL). There are topic audio playlists such as Relapse (8), Spirituality (7) Willingness (6), Sponsorship (8) or specific voices like Women (15) Men (7), YPAA (16) and many others.

Thanks to our Audio Project at work! We also present three videos sharing "Instructions" related to Zoom meetings and videos for those new to

service as GV or LV reps. Don't forget to check our weekly Grapevine Podcast with new episodes each Monday!

Don't forget to download the GV App. "It's free" and a great way to stay connected and plugged into sobriety. The Grapevine digital subscription has something for everyone, and all available in one spot. It's only 2.99 /month! Any of these would be great discussion or topic meeting starters! Please give 'em a listen. I believe you won't be disappointed!

Ruthie B. SAGSC Grapevine Chair sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org

What is the Bill W. Plant?



When I first started going to AA meetings, I kept hearing about the "Bill W. Plant." People were talking about their Bill W. plants; how the plant was doing, what it meant to them, or that they finally were given one.

Being curious, often just nosy, person that I am, I began to ask about this mysterious Bill W. plant. I heard and read a variety of stories about this little piece of greenery, but they gist was this: "Bill W." had a Swedish lvy plant which Lois kept when he died. She eventually gave it to someone, who then gave it to someone in

recovery who started sharing clippings from the Bill W plant.

Much like recovery, the Swedish Ivy does best when shared; when clippings are taken from it, it prospers. Those clippings quickly and easily become new plants, and thus, this single Swedish Ivy, dubbed "the Bill W. plant" has spread its joy across the recovery kingdom, much like AA has spread recovery.

Ruthie B, SAGSC Grapevine Chair

District Meetings

District 1: 3rd Sunday monthly, 10:00 am LV Central Office, 1515 E Tropicana, #710

district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2: 2nd Thursday monthly at 6:30pm Central Office at 436 S. Rock, in Sparks.

district2@nevadaarea42.org

<u>District 3</u>: 1st Sunday, ODD months at 2pm

district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4: 4th Thursday monthly at 6 pm, NNIG Central

Office, 436 South Rock Blvd, Sparks

district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5B: 2nd Saturday monthly 1:15 pm

district5b@nevadaarea42.org

District 6: 2nd Sunday, EVEN months, 1:15pm Carson City Alano Club, 1800 E. Williams St.

district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7: 4th Sunday monthly at 2:30 pm 6115 S Rainbow Blvd, Ste 103, Las Vegas

district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: 1st Sunday of ODD months, 11:00 am

Crowley Lake Community Center

district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: 3rd Sunday, monthly at 12:30pm LV Central Office, 1515 E Tropicana, #710

district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A: 3rd Sunday, ODD months at 1:30

680 River Street Elko, NV district10a@nevadaarea42.org

District 10B: Inactive Email for information:

district10b@nevadaarea42.org

District 11: Inactive Email for information:

district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 2nd Saturday monthly 5 pm Wolf Center 457 Esmeralda St, Fallon

district12@nevadaarea42.org

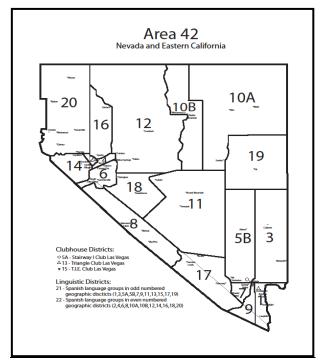
District 13: 2nd Sunday Monthly

Triangle Club, 4600 S Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas

district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14: 3rd Wednesday, ODD mths 6pm

district14@nevadaarea42.org



District 15: 2nd Sunday at 10 am

TIE Club, 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas

district15@nevadaarea42.org

District 16: 3rd Tuesday monthly at 6 pm Sparks Christian, 510 Greenbrae Dr, #103

district16@nevadaarea42.org

District 17: 1st Wednesday monthly 6:30 pm

1230 South Loop Road, Pahrump district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 18: Inactive

Mineral County

district18@nevadaarea42.org

District 19: 1st Wednesday, Odd Months, 6pm

Shoshone Education Center, Ely, NV

district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20: 3rd Saturday in Jan, Mar, May, Aug, & Oct,

10:30am

district20@nevadaarea42.org

District 21: Every Thursday at 7 pm

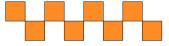
1401 N. Decatur Blvd., Suite 19 district21@nevadaarea42.org

District 22: 1st Thursday, monthly at 6:30pm

Central Office at 436 S Rock, Sparks

district22@nevadaarea42.org

FLYERS



As of August 2025, Area 42 has a

SHINY NEW PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS



Please make all contributions payable to Area 42:

Other contribution addresses

AA World Services Inc. General Service Board
Payable to: General Service Board
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Las Vegas Intergroup Central Office Payable to: Las Vegas Intergroup 1515 East Tropicana Ave, Suite 710 Las Vegas, NV 89119

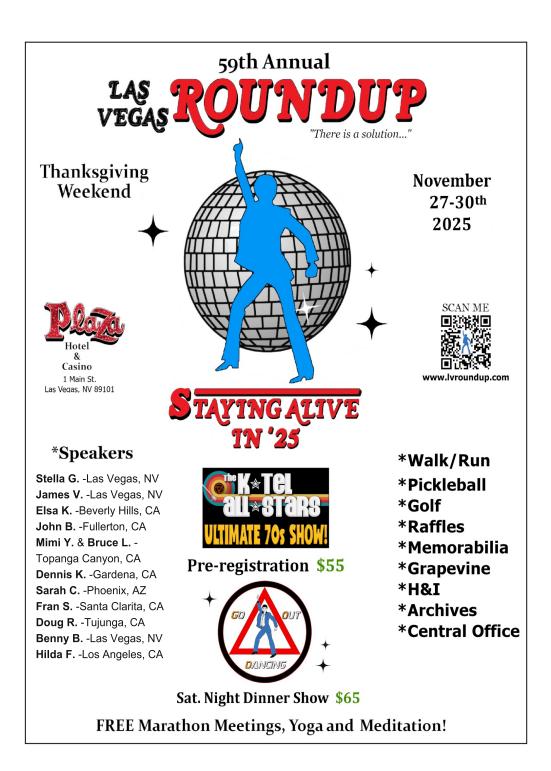
Northern Nevada Area Intergroup Payable to: Northern Nevada Intergroup 436 S. Rock Blvd Sparks, NV 89431

> South Hospitals and Institutions 3370 E. Flamingo Road, #405 Las Vegas, NV 89121

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NEW MEETING ADDED!

COME JOIN THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE!
TWO MEETINGS PER MONTH

(1) LAS VEGAS CENTRAL OFFICE -LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM I-3 PM

(2) VIRTUALLY JOIN US THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 10:30
MEETING ID: 867 1631 4717

Passcode: Archives 42



ALL AREA 42 MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP TRANSLATE MINUTES, EMAILS, GUIDELINES, ETC.

PROFICIENCY IN SPANISH **NOT**REQUIRED! IN FACT, YOU DON'T EVEN
NEED TO SPEAK SPANISH.

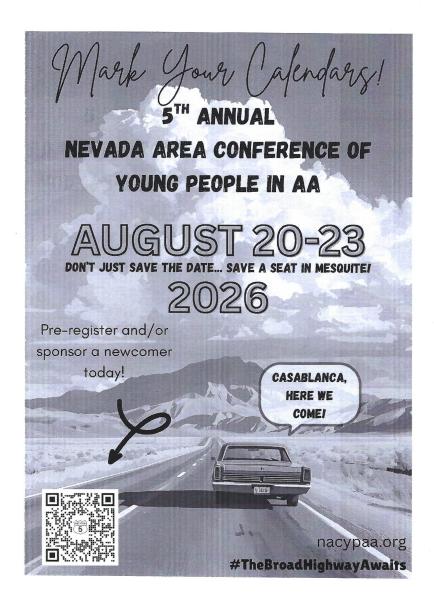
ZOOM
MEETING
THIRD
THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH
@ 5:30 PM PST

FOR MEETING ID & PASSCODE: please contact the email below

Questions? ... email

translator_interpreter@nevadaarea42.org

Ask that someone from the Translation Committee contact you



Updates from the GSO

Newly revised and expanded "Markings on the Journey" video in 3 formats!

"Markings on the Journey," our much-beloved video showcasing the history of Alcoholics Anonymous though words and images culled from the GSO Archives, is being released for purchase in a newly expanded edition!

This delightful, inspiring, and vastly informative "A.A. history lesson" now includes rare full-color home-movie footage of A.A.'s co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, and their wives, filmed in the early 1940s in the garden at Stepping Stones.

In response to widely expressed need throughout our Fellowship, we are offering this new expanded edition of the video in 3 formats, so everyone may enjoy viewing and sharing this one-of-a-kind archival experience: DVD, thumb drive, and digital video available on the AAWS webstore.

Box 459: Click here for your current issue of Box 4-5-9.

Final Conference Reports: Hard copies will hopefully be ready for SAGSC and NAGSC.

English

Spanish

Grapevine Letter: Grapevine Letter to AA Fellowship

Highlights Provided after each AAWS Board meeting: AAWS July 2025 Highlights

GSB Financial Reports: (The 2nd Quarter QFR and the 2025 Reforecast are located on the password protected page of nevadaarea42.org)

Purpose of the Quarterly Financial Report (QFR)

The purpose of the Quarterly Financial Report ("QFR") is to provide regular updates on the financial condition of our service entities — the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. (GSB), Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (AAWS), and AA Grapevine, Inc. (AAGV) — for sharing with the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Special Note - The International Convention operates under a separate budget and profit and loss statement. However, in keeping with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), funds received to date are recorded on the Balance Sheet. These funds do not represent additional revenue for the General Service Board or AAWS, as corresponding expenses will occur.

A detailed budget and profit and loss statement for the 2025 International Convention are being managed by our convention vendor, Talley Management Group (TMG), under the oversight of the AAWS Board. Reporting on these financials is handled separately and includes a full accounting of Convention income and expenses.

Nonetheless, funds collected to date are considered organizational assets and must be reflected as such on the Balance Sheet.

Note from the Editor

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you! I invite everyone to participate in creating this newsletter, and I would love to publish your service stories as well as your flyers and updates! This is OUR newsletter, so please contact me at area newsletter editor@nevadaarea42.org if there's anything you would like to contribute to future issues. The deadline for submissions for our next edition is Wednesday, January 28, 2026.