

# AREA 42 NEWSLETTER

## DELEGATE'S REPORT – (JOYCE P)

Hello to all and I hope you are having a wonderful summer.

The Delegate reports to the Districts are going well, I want to thank all who have invited me onto their homes, district meetings, and fellowship halls. What a gift you have given me to share with you the happenings of the General Service Conference and in doing so it has allowed me to travel and meet you, this wonderful fellowship, which is Area 42. You should all be so proud of yourselves as you truly are the message of recovery.

At the end of June, I along with some other members of the fellowship, embarked on a most wonderful adventure, that of attending the International Convention in Toronto. Our travels consisted not only of an exciting trip but we got to see old friends and meet new ones. The Thursday preceding the opening of the convention, I was invited to give a presentation at the Remote Communities meeting. As one of the 4 co-chairs at next year's conference it was one of those experiences that allowed me to see the direction and difficulties that are ahead.

Opening ceremonies as always was a wonderful experience. During the flag ceremonies this year the First Nations staff led the members and flags of 90 countries into Rodgers Stadium.

The 25<sup>th</sup> millionth copy of the Big Book was presented to Warden Jill Brown of San Quentin recognizing Warden Clinton Duffy for pioneering the first AA group behind prison bars. Our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in 2010 in San Antonio, TX.

Here is some information from GSO:

The GSO website was visited 300,090 times in June, this means approx. 10,000 visits daily, proving it is a vital tool to carry information.

There are 2 vacancies at the General Service Office the time is near if you are interested in submitting a resume. The first one is for a non-trustee appointed committee member for Trustees Committee on Public Information, this resume must be received at GSO on or before Friday, September 9, 2005, and the second one is for a nontrustee director on the AA World Services Board replacing rotating nontrustee director, Don M., resumes must be filed with GSO on or before Monday Sept. 12, 2005. I have the information and paperwork if you are interested.

The PSA "Living in Chaos" has a proposed distribution plan that will be distributed to 608 English TV stations, 100 Spanish U.S. stations and 92 stations in English in Canada, for a cost of \$27,976.

Hopefully I will see you all at the Fall Assembly in Tonopah, there will be items discussed and your input will be invaluable. Each group's participation in the guidance and direction of Area 42 is invaluable, not only for your district, and Area 42, but our entire fellowship as well.

At the NAGSC meeting this last weekend, it saddens me to share with you, that our long time friend and trusted servant, Sam H. had to resign his service commitment, due to family illness. Sam has served Area 42 for many years selflessly, with love and devotion. Thank you Sam, you are in our hearts and prayers.

In loving A.A. service  
Joyce  
Panel 55, Area 42 Delegate

## SEPTEMBER 2005 AREA ASSEMBLY

*(The Districts 21 and 22 are the joint host districts)*

Friday evening will begin, at 6:30 P.M., with introductions and Area Officer reports. After the "break-out", there will be topic presentations, by past delegates, followed by a question and answer period, chaired by Julian R.

The Area Committee (Area Officers, alternates, DCMs and Committee Chairs, NAGSC/SAGSC officer) will meet in the Blue Room (behind the office), in an open format.

Saturday will begin with an A.A. meeting, hosted by Districts 21 and 22, will begin at 7:15 A.M. and end by 8:30 A.M.

The assembly will continue, at 9 A.M., beginning with DCM and Committee Chair reports. The rest of the program will be devoted to proposals, discussions and actions.

Saturday evening will be a banquet, (seating at 6 P.M.) followed by a "Sobriety Countdown" 6:45 P.M.), followed by the speaker, Jimmy Jack B., the delegate from Kansas.

Sunday will begin with a breakfast, at 7 A.M., followed by an A.A. meeting, hosted by Districts 21 and 22, beginning at approximately 7:15 A.M. and end by 8:30 A.M.

The assembly will continue at 9 A.M. for any unfinished business and will be followed by an Ask It Basket, chaired by Ruth J.

The March 2006, Area Assembly will be held on March 24, 25 and 26. It will be primarily a "conference agenda" assembly, so floor proposals are discouraged, EXCEPT for "Old Business."

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## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE:

**NOTE: All times are approximate  
Schedule is subject to variations.**

### Friday, September 9, 2005

3:30 P.M. Registration opens at Convention Center

6:30 P.M. Assembly opens.

Mike D.

Serenity Prayer.

Alan V

Preamble

Byron F.

Concept III.

Ruth J.

Opening remarks.

Joyce P.

7:00 P.M. Area Officer reports. (3 to 5 minutes.)  
(If time, DCMs begin reports)

8:15 P.M. Break.

8:30 P.M. Area Committee meet in Blue Room  
PD/GSR panel in main room.

Julian R.

10:00 P.M. Close.

### Saturday, September 10, 2005

7:15 A.M. A.A. Meeting.  
Dists. 21/22

7:30 A.M. Registration opens.  
Ed DuP.

8:15 A.M. A.A. meeting closes.  
Dist. 21/22

8:45 A.M. Assembly opens.  
Mike D.

Serenity prayer.

Dist. 21

Concept. I

Julian R.

3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer

Jason C.

Approval of March 05 min.  
Marion T.

9:15 A.M. DCM & Standing Comm. Reports  
(3-5 minutes Until we are finished.)

Old Business

10:00 A.M. Break

10:15 A.M. Re-open assembly. (3<sup>rd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>)  
Mike D.

Responsibility Pledge.

Jimmy Jack B.

Assembly agenda items. (5 to 7 minutes)

Followed by discussion and/or actions

12:00 P.M. Lunch break.

1:15 P.M. Re-open assembly.  
Mike D.

Serenity prayer

Dist. 22

Assembly agenda presentations continue.

Regional Trustee candidate selection

Joyce P.

Delete/modify 4<sup>th</sup> p. Fourth Edition

Lee Z.

TB test funding (Information only.)

Paul M.

2:45 P.M. Break.

3:00 P.M. Re-open assembly.  
Mike D.

Continue until all items are covered.

**Website presentation/discussion.**

Ed duP.

5:00 P.M. Dinner break. Clear table for banquet  
set-up.

6:00 P.M. Banquet seating.

6:45 P.M. Sobriety countdown.

Jason C.

7:00 P.M. Introduce speaker.

Joyce P.

Speaker

Jimmy Jack B

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Sunday, September 11, 2005

7:00 A.M. Breakfast  
 7:15 A.M. A.A. Meeting  
           Dist. 21/22  
           Book Presentation.  
 8:45 A.M. A.A. Meeting closes.  
 9:00 A.M. Assembly open.  
           Mike D.  
           Serenity Prayer  
           Newest  
           Continue with agenda (if not  
           completed.)  
           If finished, go to "ASK IT BASKET."  
           Ruth J.  
 10:30? Closing remarks.  
           Joyce P.  
           Announcements.  
           Close in usual manner.  
           Mike D.

## Order of Assembly Items

Stop production of Spanish/French grapevines.

Delete or modify 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.  
Forward (p.xxiv)

Regional Trustee Candidate

Fund TB test fees (*Information only.*)  
the issue is as follows: "That Area 42 adopt a policy, bylaw, resolution or other appropriate declaration that it will, upon proof of correctional facility service and payment of the \$15 TB fee, reimburse those A.A. members who may seek reimbursement for this expense, and reimburse other groups or A.A. entities (Intergroup Associations, AGSCs, etc.) who can submit like documentation and show they have reimbursed its own member for this expense."  
 (Paul M. has sent a copy of this to all the applicable people, by way of the website.

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Another issue that needs to be clarified - and submitted, it the organization, function, guidelines and committee make up of the Website committee. It has been brought to my attention that it is an "Area" website and the current guidelines indicate it is to rotate. That means we should probably have an area-wide committee. I have also been advised that the committee members "probably" should be people who have no other area or sub-area

commitment. It has also been suggested that the "chair" of said committee could best be served by a past delegate and/or trustee. Finally, the funding of the "Webmaster" probably needs some re-financing. PRAASA is a fantastic source of sharing for all service positions. Why has the Webmaster not been funded for that?  
*(Finally, an issue of confidentiality, through e-mail and on-line, has been broached. So, safeguard methodologies - for both website and on-line communication - might need to be considered.)*

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The other thing is not going to be an agenda item - but it will probably be a **discussion item** in the **"Blue Room."**

Over the past number of rotations, the guidelines for area elections have been over-ridden a few times. According to:

3.1.A (lines 7 and 8) Individuals who are eligible and desire to serve can submit a resume of their AA service history.

3.1B The Area Chairperson will put the names, of all those present and eligible to stand for the offices of Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson and/or Alt. Chairperson on the chalkboard. Those who wish to withdraw their names for any of these offices may do so.

3.1.C - Nominations from the floor **will not be accepted** for Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alt. Chairperson **UNLESS** there are less than two names remaining after all those eligible and present have been announced and those wishing to do so have withdrawn.

All of the other area positions will accept nominations, from the floor, regardless.

These guidelines are not consistently put aside nor are they consistently followed. I am sure the "election committees" have honestly served in the best interest of the area and of A.A. - and I want them to continue to do so. However, the trusted servants who wrote and approved these guidelines, to begin with, had reasons for wording them the way they did. If those reasons no longer apply, it is time to "re-word" those guidelines.

We are not bound by the guidelines - but why have them if we are not going to follow them?

Alan V. Editor