

# AREA 42 NEWSLETTER

## Delegate Report

### ‘A personal viewpoint: My journey to the 61st General Service Conference in New York’

My journey as your Delegate continued in a big way as I attended the General Service Conference held the first week of May in New York City. The GSC originated as a result of Bill W and Dr. Bob turning the business of AA over to the members. Bill announced at the 1954 Texas State Convention –“... here is the remainder of your Third Legacy. The Conference shall become our successor. To you we hand the last torch. Carry on. Face your destiny with surety and courage and God love you.”

So what goes on at the Conference you ask! The following description was approved at this year's GSC and will become part of our Service Manual:

A typical Conference lasts a full week, with sessions running

from morning to evening. The opening day features roll call, keynote address, an opening dinner and a five speaker AA meeting. Business sessions from Sunday to Friday include committee meetings, presentations, workshops, and new trustee elections. Each Delegate serves on one of the standing Conference committees, which meet early in the week and do the principal work of the Conference. (Some delegates also have a secondary committee assignment.) The committees bring recommendations to the full Conference for consideration as possible Advisory Actions (see Chapter Eight for more on the committee system), and generally the last two days (or more) are devoted to discussion and voting on the committee recommendations.

Although outside the Conference, a delegates-only meeting is often held prior to the opening day of the Conference. On Saturday, following the last day of Conference business, a closing breakfast provides an opportunity for goodbyes, and for rotating trustees to say their farewells. On alternate years, a visit to G.S.O./Grapevine office or a visit to the home of Bill W. and Lois in Westchester County is scheduled.

As for the “personality” or atmosphere of the GSC---almost impossible to describe. One really has to be privileged enough to be there as I most certainly was. To me, it was the super bowl of sobriety—every attendee was steeped in the history, procedures, process, quirks, etc. of the AA

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# Area 42 Preliminary Assembly Agenda ~ September 9 - 11, 2011

*NOTE: All times are approximate/schedule of events subject to change*

*"Carrying the AA Message ~ Change; Essential to AA's Growth"*



## Friday, September 9, 2011

- 4 p.m. Registration & Area Archives open at Convention Center
- 6:30 p.m. Assembly opens with Serenity Prayer  
Opening remarks
- 7 p.m. North, South & Area Chair/DCMs/Committee Chairs reports
- 8 p.m. GSR orientation with past delegates/trustees
- 8 p.m. Area Committee Meeting  
Area 42 discussion — Blue Room

## Saturday, September 10, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. Registration & area archives open at convention center
- 7:30 a.m. Main hall available for self-directed open AA meeting
- 9 a.m. Assembly opens — Opening remarks
- 9:15 a.m. Delegate report — Byron F.
- 9:30 a.m. DCM/committee chair reports — continued area officer reports
- 10:25 a.m. 15-minute break
- 10:40 a.m. 12 Concepts presentation — Cherie N.
- 11:15 a.m. Reports from Pacific "Additional"  
Regional forum:  
GSR — John F. District 6  
DCM — Mike W. (LVYPAA Liaison)  
Past Alt. Delegate — Mike M.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch served in Main Convention Room
- 12 – 1 p.m. Area 42 artifacts  
Area 42 group history discussion
- 1:10 – 1:30 p.m. Alt. Delegate: Sophie K.
- Discussion: "Our Primary Purpose and Area 42 Assemblies"

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Workshops:

NAGSC/SAGSCS standing chairs: North Section, Sophie K.

GSRs: Center of Room, Justin P, Mike M.

DCMs: Blue room, Paul E.

2:45 p.m. 15-minute break

3 – 5 p.m. 2012 GSC theme presentation panel  
(Moderator: Roberta L.; Timer: Mike L.; Reader: Vickie P.)

1. Caring AA Message: Still Our Primary Purpose (Dave a., DCM)

2. Young People In AA: Dan M.  
(ANNYA Liaison)

3. Spirit of Rotation: Jeannette B. (Alt. Registrar)

4. Diversity: Let's Keep Our Doors Open for Any Who Suffer from Alcoholism  
(Laura M., P.I., Chair)

5 p.m. Adjourn (Please clear room quickly for banquet setup)

6:15 p.m. Seating for banquet (time approximate)

7:30 p.m. District 7 – hosted speaker meeting begins, with sobriety countdown

## Sunday, September 11, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. Main hall available for self-directed open AA meeting
- 9 a.m. Assembly opens with Serenity Prayer  
Approval of previous minutes  
Area 42 Treasurer report
- 10 a.m. 15-minute break
- 10:15 a.m. New business: Guideline changing proposal (Bob D.)
- 10:45 a.m. Ask-it-basket (Area 42 past delegates)
- 11:30 a.m. Announcements
- 11:35 a.m. Adjourn

# Area 42 Roundtable discussions

## How did the Conference vote in New York?

*The Final Conference Report will include all actions taken at the General Service Conference in New York. For comparison purposes, following is how Area 42 voted on select proposals at the March, 2011 Pre-Conference Assembly:*

### Literature item B & G

Yes, go forward with development of the literature

### Literature item I

Yes, go forward with development of the publication

### Policy and Admissions item D

60% yes/40% no to making a change

### Literature item F

50% yes/50% no

### International Conventions/Regional Forums item B

No sense of Assembly taken

### Finance item E

No sense of Assembly taken

### CPC item D.2

No sense of Assembly taken

### Literature item E

Yes, make the replacement

### Literature item E

Yes, make the replacement

### Literature item H

Yes, include the Preamble

### Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/

### Accessibilities item C

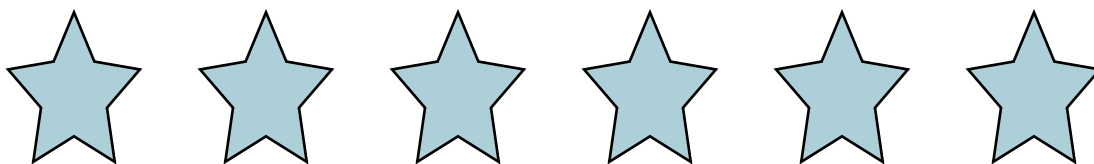
50% yes/50% no

### Grapevine item B

60% no/40% yes

### Grapevine item E

No sense of Assembly taken



# Tonopah Motels

**Area 42 Assembly is September 9 – 11, 2011**

**Hi-Desert Best Western (775-482-3511)**

**Varies. Call for latest price**

**Ramada Tonopah Station (775-482-9777)**

**\$64.86 all rooms single and double (includes tax)**

**Jim Butler Motel (775-482-3577)**

**\$50.14 single / \$58.14 double (plus tax)**

**Economy Inn (775-482-6238)**

**\$39.00 all rooms single double (plus tax)**

**The Clown Hotel (775-482-5920)**

**\$37.61 single/\$39.79 double (includes tax)**

**Prices are subject to change.**

## NOTES:

- *Jim Butler Motel is usually pretty well booked.*
- *The Best Western can sometimes accommodate “walk-ins.”*
- *Please note, the Silver Queen Hotel is no longer available.*
- *(Prices updated August, 2011)*

## Area 42 Officers (2011 - 2012)

Delegate .....	Byron F.
Alt. Delegate .....	Sophie K.
Area Chair .....	Carol B.
Alt. Area Chair .....	Andy K.
Treasurer .....	Cherie N.
Alt. Treasurer .....	Phil W.
Secretary .....	Kevin B.
Alt. Secretary .....	Rich W.
Registrar .....	Michele B.
Alt. Registrar .....	Jeannette B.
Archivist .....	Paul E.
Alt. Archivist .....	Caroline TJ.



***Find contact information for all officers at [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org)***

Area 42 Proposal:

Motion: Create 4 tele-conference places as an option for participating in Area Assemblies. The Assemblies would still be held in Tonopah as scheduled. But for those who would prefer less travel time and cost, they could participate via teleconference. These points would be in Las Vegas, Reno, Elko and somewhere in the Sierras (selected by the Area). Those wishing to go to Tonopah would still do so.

Why? 1. Greater participation in Assemblies. Teleconference points would open up our Assemblies to those who presently can't afford to go or can't leave town to go. 2. Big cost savings. At present, it costs at least \$60,000 per year to send 150 people to the twice-yearly Tonopah Assemblies. If one-third of the people stayed home for the teleconferences, this would save some \$20,000 per year.

Cost: Spend approximately \$2,500 for 5 big-screen TVs (\$500 each); approximately \$2,500 for 5 laptops (\$500 each); approximately \$100 for a cell phone used by the Area Chair; and approximately \$84 a year for a teleconference service such as Skype or GotoMeeting. Rent for the four teleconference buildings would average \$250 per year or \$1,000 total. Total implementation cost about \$7,000. Yearly cost: about \$1,500 for a teleconference service, cell phone and building rent.

The need: Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Greater participation in our Area Assemblies would strengthen our fellowship. Group savings on travel costs would allow these groups more money to give the AA service structure.

Guideline changes: To implement this, changes must be made to our Area 42 Guidelines.

Section 1.2 Meetings:

- A. The Area Assembly shall meet semi-annually, at the end of March and September. The time and place of each meeting will be selected, by the Area Assembly, far enough in advance to guarantee the scheduling of the appropriate facility (add) plus the 4 teleconference facilities.

1.4 Area Officer Duties: H. The duties of the Registrar shall be:

- 3. Coordinate efforts at the (add) 4 facilities holding the teleconference assemblies, (continue) Area Assembly and Committee meetings to accomplish responsibilities of the Area Registrar.

2.2 Area Committee Meetings:

- A. The Area Committee shall meet at least twice a year at the Area Assembly (add) and at each of the 4 teleconference facilities holding the Area Assemblies at a time and place to be determined by the Area Assembly at the last meeting.

Effective Date: This motion will take effect for the March, 2013 Area Assembly.

Please let us increase Assembly participation and decrease Assembly costs. This motion will achieve both of these aims.

*Respectfully submitted, Bob D. GSR Tues Grapevine Group, District 9*



# Greetings from Area 42 Chairperson

Hi Friends,

As September 9-11, 2011 approaches, I'm getting excited about the weekend activities planned. District 7 is hosting the assembly weekend and also supplying the lunch goodies on Saturday for us all, as there will be a special "Artifacts" Meeting that Paul and Caroline (Archivist and Alt. Area 42 Archivist) are presenting, at the convention center during the lunchtime break. This will be a group discussion about the history of the oldest groups in our Area – which group started first? Who was there, what other groups started from that one? How did our program spread across the Area? This will be a group participation forum – not a panel discussion.

Be prepared to attend a workshop with your service counterparts from the other end of the area, and enjoy an informative panel; addressing next year's GSC approved presentation/discussion topics: Carrying the AA Message: ~ Change - Essential to A.A.'s Growth: After the panel you will have an opportunity to go to the microphone with your questions and comments regarding the four topics covered. Don't forget to arm yourselves with your General Service Manual.

Banquet tickets for Saturday Night will be on sale next to the registration table.

Ruth J., Past Pacific Region Trustee, is our Saturday Night Speaker, following the Sobriety Countdown.

We will be looking for a District from the North to host the March 2012 Assembly. I do hope you are all discussing the possibility of being a Host District for one of our 2012 events! The commitment includes buying and preparing the food spreads on the tables by (9:00AM) on Saturday and (9:00AM) before the Sunday Morning assembly begins, and supplying the Big Book for the Speaker Meeting. The entire district expense for supplying these provisions shall be reimbursed through the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected at the assembly.

If you have any questions or would like any assistance please contact me anytime. Please utilize the Area 42 Service Website to stay aware of the most recent updates. [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org).

*In Love and Service, Carol B., Area 42 Chair*

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fellowship. The average length of sobriety of the 135 attendees was 21 years. Never have I experienced so many talking for so long about so much and all the time with love, dignity and respect for each other. I came away with a lot of knowledge but with two important lessons. First, my patience and tolerance (and lack thereof) were taxed to the max. Being challenged on this personal character defect was indeed a growth experience. Second, the Fellowship of AA is safe, even from me. I am indeed but one voice in a very special and in many ways mysterious disorganized organization. The whole of the AA Fellowship is greater than any one part and in fact greater than the sum of all the individual members.

Since our last newsletter, I have, of course, represented Area 42 at the GSC in New York. I have also attended the SAGSC Meeting May 8 where I gave a Delegate report on the GSC, spoke at the District 13 Speaker Meeting May 10, attended a wedding of one of my sponsees in Buffalo, New York May 22, attended a Las Vegas Roundup Board Meeting May 28, spoke at the District 6 picnic in Genoa June 12 and gave my Delegate report at the NAGSC meeting later that same day. Happily, I was also able to continue my AA service work at the Henderson jail and squeeze in a quick trip to Costa Rica to visit our son's family including two of our grandkids. Let me know if I can represent Area 42 at one of your functions—I have future obligations at SAGSC, Parhump, Forum in Woodland Hills, our Tonopah Assembly in September, Boulder picnic, and the Native American International AA Conference in October.

Being your Area 42 Delegate is a dream come true—pinch me when I wake up and please, never let me forget what an honor and privilege it is.

*Yours in service, Byron F, Area 42 Delegate, Panel 61*



# Fear of Service Part 2 —

## the saga continues

**EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS A FOLLOWUP TO AN ARTICLE PRINTED IN THE AREA 42 NEWSLETTER IN 2009:**

In the beginning the fear of service meant finding excuses for NOT volunteering for various commitments. Fear disguised itself in rationalizations of “not having enough time” to do the service or not having enough “time” on the program. Fear presented itself in the guise of “not having enough knowledge” to do the service or not being able to do the service “the right way”. I avoided service at times because “others more qualified” would do it, although no one volunteered and the position went unfilled for weeks and months sometimes. Yes I justified NOT doing service at times for various reasons despite the very certain knowledge and awareness that I owed my life to A.A.

Fortunately I had a sponsorship that “suggested” that I participate in my sobriety and that doing service – called twelfth step work – was gratitude in action. I have always been long on words and short on action – when I was out there drinking or as luck would have it, in sobriety. One of the seven deadly sins, sloth, still dogs me if I don’t inventory regularly. Sponsors – at least the ones I’ve known have a way of knowing that about people in sobriety – even those of us who have been sober a few years. So I have been directed to action when I didn’t feel like it, want to do it, thought myself under-qualified, and any other reason I could think of to not give back. Sometimes I would attempt the smoke and mirrors trick of saying that “participating in meetings” or sponsoring people was service work and I was “over-loaded”. Sponsors have a way of reminding me that I can never be too overloaded to save my skin or give to the fellowship that so kindly took me in. The advantage of my sponsor is that I am not my own sounding-board on issues such as “over-loaded” and that whereas I very well may be; I also may be deluding myself. Imagine that!!

As it happens I have been involved in a great deal of service to A.A. and have benefitted greatly from the

new and different experiences as was mentioned in Fear of Service – the article Mike and I fashioned several years back, really mostly Mike. Using others experience, strength and hope in recovery was always available BUT it was also available every time I took on a new position. A.A.s are always there to help out.

Now a new fear has cropped up. That would involve another of the seven deadly sins and that is Pride. Having done a good deal of varied service the opportunity exists for me to think I know it all or can obtain all the information I need. It is said pride goes before the fall. The fall could well mean to drink again but I sense that it also could mean to be “restless, irritable, and discontented.” I don’t think I would enjoy a prolonged stay at that table. I must now inventory my motives, damn. Will I serve for the sake of common good or do I do it out of selfish and self-centered motives? Am I afraid that other people beside me cannot do the job/position “up to my standards”? Do I fear that others may be in control and not me? Am I seeking to do God’s Will or My will? Am I prideful or am I trying to be a worker amongst workers? Do I even remotely resemble an example of humble servant or self-seeker? I fear that my reflecting upon these questions may uncover a bad motive under the appearance of a good one. As I work on me the clearer the answers become and after all is said and done the resulting inventory questions and answers will serve me well and keep me from the bondage of self. These are very real challenges for this alcoholic and being honest with myself has always been a challenge and I suspect will continue to be.

If my motives are good and my availability is there, I can do service without fear and be a friend among friends inside and outside the fellowship and, as the last part of step twelve indicates, I can “...practice these principles in all my affairs.”

... Ed

# District Business meetings



District 1: 2nd Sunday in April, 10 AM, at the Lost & Found in Boulder City, NV.

Email for information:

[district1@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district1@nevadaarea42.org)

District 2: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells, Reno NV. Email for information:

[district2@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district2@nevadaarea42.org)

District 3: 2nd Sunday in January, May, July, and November at 12 noon, Las Vegas Central Office.

Email for information:

[district3@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district3@nevadaarea42.org)

District 4: 1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. Reno Triangle Club 635 S. Wells Ave, Reno. Email for information:

[district4@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district4@nevadaarea42.org)

District 5b: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Email for location:

[district5b@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district5b@nevadaarea42.org)

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District 6: Meeting held the second Sunday of EVEN numbered months. Email for information:

[district6@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district6@nevadaarea42.org)

District 7: 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. St. Rose Dominican Hospital.

Email for information:

[district7@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district7@nevadaarea42.org)

District 8: First Sunday of ODD months.

Email for information:

[district8@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district8@nevadaarea42.org)

District 9: 3rd Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. at Serenity Club. This will change in March.

Email for information:

[district9@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district9@nevadaarea42.org)

District 10A: 3rd Sunday of odd numbered months, 6:30 p.m., 680 River St., Elko, NV. Email for information:

[district10a@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district10a@nevadaarea42.org)

District 11: Email for information:

[district11@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district11@nevadaarea42.org)

District 12: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Resurrection Church, 4120 Hwy 50, 5 miles east of Fernley. Email for information:

[district12@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district12@nevadaarea42.org)

District 13: Last Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Triangle Club small room, 4600 E. Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas. Email for information:

[district13@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district13@nevadaarea42.org)

District 14: 3rd Tuesday of each ODD month at 7p.m. Email for information:

[district14@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district14@nevadaarea42.org)

District 15: 1st Friday of the month 6:30 p.m., T.I.E. Club, 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas. Email for information:

[district15@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district15@nevadaarea42.org)

District 16: 3rd Monday of the month at a member's office.

Contact [district16@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district16@nevadaarea42.org) for information

[district16@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district16@nevadaarea42.org)

District 17: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at 360 S. Lola Ln, Pahrump, NV (basement training room). Email for information:

[district17@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district17@nevadaarea42.org)

District 19: 2nd Friday of EVEN months at 2 p.m. Email for location: Email for information:

[district19@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district19@nevadaarea42.org)

District 20: 3rd Saturday in January, March, May, August and October, 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 50 Weatherlow, Susanville, CA (Susanville Fellowship Hall). Email for information:

[district20@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district20@nevadaarea42.org)

District 21: Every Thursday at 7 p.m. 3111 S Valley View Suite B-212. Email for information:

[district21@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district21@nevadaarea42.org)

District 22: Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. 1479 S. Wells Ave, Suite 2, Reno, NV. Email for information:

[district22@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district22@nevadaarea42.org)

(This list was last updated early in 2011. DCMs: Please forward any changes to [area42newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area42newsletter@gmail.com)).





# Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses

Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send Group 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions.

*Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses:*

## General Services Office (GSO)

PO Box 459  
New York, NY 10163  
(Make Checks to General Fund)

## Area 42 (All Nevada)

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

## SOUTHERN CONTRIBUTIONS

Southern Area General Service Committee  
(SAGSC)  
Make checks to GSR Fund of SO NEVADA  
Southern Area Treasurer  
PO Box 71804-1804  
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-1804

## Las Vegas Intergroup

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

## NORTHERN CONTRIBUTIONS

Northern Area General Service Committee  
(NAGSC)  
For address, contact:  
[nagsctreasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:nagsctreasurer@nevadaarea42.org)  
(Make checks to Northern Area 42 Treasury)

## Northern Area Intergroup

436 South Rock Blvd.  
Sparks, NV 89431  
(Make Checks to NNIG)



## Grapevine and Literature Display

This display table was at the Sierra Cascade Campout held Aug. 5-7 at Canyon Dam, CA. To have a similar presentation at an AA event, contact our north and south Grapevine reps at [sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org) or [nagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:nagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org).

## In the beginning ...

*(From a Report given at a past Forum; by the GSO Archivist)*

AA was 76 years old on June 10th, 2011. After transferring very fragile recordings by Bill W., GSO has many talks digitized. Some of these haven't been heard in decades. One such recording by Bill as he spoke at the international convention at Long Beach, CA in 1960. In many of his recordings, he speaks regarding his condition as being "condemned to obsession, lunacy and death".

Outlined is the early Oxford groups "road to recovery" as the following:

"You admit you are licked"

"You get honest with yourself"

"You talk it out with someone"

"You make restitution to people you had harmed"

"You try to give of yourself without stint, with no demand for reward."

"And you pray to whatever God you think there is, even as an experiment."

## Looking Ahead ...



### ***Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (P.R.A.A.S.A.)***

March 2 - 4, 2012

Hyatt Regency Bellevue  
Bellevue, WA

[www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org)

### ***Area 42 Pre-Conference Assembly***

March 30 – April 1, 2012

Tonopah Convention Center  
Tonopah, Nevada

[www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org)

### FROM THE EDITOR

*If you would like to submit a service-oriented article for the Area 42 Newsletter, the deadline for the next edition is April 11, 2011. No last names or personal address, phone numbers or email addresses. Submit to:*

[area42newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area42newsletter@gmail.com)

### MEETING MINUTES

*Links to minutes of Area 42 Assemblies, NAGSC and SAGSC meetings can be found online at:*

[www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org)