

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER

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The Delegate's Corner...

Since I will see some of you at the February Roundtables and even more of you at our March Assembly, my letter this month will be brief.

I had the honor of representing Area 42 at the WACYPA conference held in Las Vegas the last weekend in January. I was privileged to be invited to participate on the Saturday morning panel with Mike M to discuss general service, a subject near and dear to both of our hearts. Close to 2000 young people attended the conference from all over the Western US. This was my first WACYPA and what a moving experience—enthusiasm, emotion, mutual support and youth combined to provide a fantastic and special recovery event. To all the many Conference volunteers and workers, congratulations on a job well done.

As you all know, I serve on the General Service Conference Literature Committee—this year as Alternate Chair. It is my desire to focus on literature agenda topics at the Roundtables and Assembly to help prepare me to represent Area 42 in my NY Committee deliberations. At the same

time, it continues to be my goal to make you all aware of the many topics that will be discussed at the General Service Conference in April. While time does not permit in depth discussion of every topic, you will hopefully be made aware of a broad range of these topics. Since some of the agenda items will be carryover items from last year, we will focus on agenda items newly added for 2012. To me, the whole Roundtable/Area Assembly process has two objectives—prepare me to represent Area 42 **AND** inform you, the Area 42 AA fellowship, about what is being discussed at the “head shed” in New York.

We will all be in the capable hands of Sophie K, Alternate Delegate, to coordinate the Roundtable and Assembly discussions and, of course, Carol B, our Area Chair, will do her usual capable job of setting the Assembly weekend activity schedule.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon. In love and service,

Byron F. Area 42 Delegate

Area 42 Spring Assembly

March 30 - April 1, 2012

Area 42 September Assembly

Sept. 7- 9, 2012

Tonopah Convention Center

301 Brougner Ave, Tonopah, Nevada 89049

'Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age'
Area 42 Pre-Conference Preliminary Assembly Agenda — March 30-April 1, 2012

Friday, March 30, 2012

4:00 p.m.	Registration opens at Convention Center
6:00 p.m.	Assembly opens with Serenity Prayer. Opening remarks
6:30 p.m. Reports	DCM/Committee Chair
8:00 p.m.	GSR orientation with past Delegates/Trustees
8:00 p.m.	Area Committee Meeting Area 42 discussion

Saturday, March 31, 2012

7:00 a.m.	Main Hall — Open 1-hour meeting, chair: Ray G.
7:30 a.m.	Assembly opens Opening remarks
9:00 a.m.	Preparing our Delegate for New York — Byron F.
9:20 – 10:25 a.m.	Two (2) roundtable presentations (30 minutes each)
10:25 a.m.	Break
10:40 a.m. -12:20 p.m.	Three Roundtable Presentations (30 minutes each)
12:20 – 1:40 p.m.	Lunchtime (off-site local restaurants)
1:40 - 2:10 p.m.	One (1) roundtable presentation (30 minutes)

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Preparing our Delegate for New York with report-backs/sense of the Assembly
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	Preparing our Delegate for New York with report-backs/sense of the Assembly
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn (Please clear room quickly for banquet setup)

Saturday Evening, March 31, 2012

6:00 p.m.	Seating for banquet
7:30 p.m.	Speaker meeting begins, with District 6-hosted sobriety countdown

Sunday Morning, April 1, 2012

7:30 a.m.	Main Hall — Open 1-hour AA meeting, Chair: Pat S.
9:00 a.m.	Assembly opens with Serenity Prayer Approval of previous minutes
9:15 a.m.	Area 42 Treasurer report New business Officer reports
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Ask-it-basket with past Delegates & Trustees
11:15 a.m.	Announcements
11:30 a.m.	Adjourn

Thanks to all of you for your participation ~ Keep Coming Back.
The Area 42 Panel 63 Election Assembly is September 7, 8, & 9, 2012

Tonopah Motels*

Spring Assembly is March 30 - April 1, 2012

Hi-Desert Best Western (775) 482-3511
\$115.53 single/\$126.43 double (includes tax)

Ramada Tonopah Station (775) 482-9777
\$64.86 all rooms single and double (includes tax)

Jim Butler Motel (775) 482-3577
\$54.00 single / \$63.00 double (plus tax)

Economy Inn (775) 482-6238
\$36.50 all rooms single double (plus tax)

The Clown Hotel (775) 482-5920
\$39.79 single/\$43.06 for two/\$46.33 for three (includes tax)

Tonopah Motel (775) 482-3987
\$38.15 single//\$41.45 for two/\$44.70 for three/\$47.90 for four (includes tax)

National 9 Inn (775) 482-8202
\$43.59 single/\$49.04 double (plus tax) senior rates available

** (Prices updated Feb, 2012 and are subject to change)*

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.
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Find contact information for all officers at www.nevadaarea42.org

Greetings from the Chair



"Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age."

This is the theme for the 2012 General Service Conference. It's interesting, appraising these changes that have been coming our way as they continue to emerge and mature with our digital age communicating; as it affects the many segments of Alcoholics Anonymous. Sponsorship has already been included. It's probably not too far down the road when we will walk into a Big Book study and there will be very few books in the room. Social networking is a continuing obstacle in defending anonymity. Our dilemma is, as caring members of this society; remembering where we came from, and how this 12 Step recovery message has saved our lives as we embrace this growth. Let's utilize these options to water our program rather than allow it to be watered down. The 12 traditions are but suggested guidelines; nevertheless, they discipline as needed.

The upcoming Spring Pre-Conference Assembly Hall shall, on Saturday (7:00AM) and Sunday (7:30AM) mornings, open its doors with an AA Meeting available to all who would care to attend. We shall follow the same format as we did last March, with round tables on Saturday. If we wrap up early with the report-backs to the Delegate, and time allows, we shall commence to conduct area business Saturday afternoon. Otherwise we shall begin the assembly Sunday at 9:00AM with our business meeting.

District 6 is our host this Assembly, and there will be breakfast snacks available for everyone to enjoy. Bottled water and sodas will again be served to us by District 11. Saturday Night Banquet is being served to us once again by the Tonopah Elks.

Please utilize the Area 42 Service Website to stay aware of the most recent updates. www.nevadaarea42.org. There is a PRELIMINARY Assembly Agenda in this Newsletter. Look for a Final Agenda in March, online at the Assembly Information link.

At your Service,

Carol B., Area42chairperson@gmail.com

Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses

Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send Group 7th 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
(Make checks to Northern Area 42 Treasury)

Northern Area Intergroup

436 South Rock Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431
(Make Checks to N. Nevada Intergroup)

Welcome to the 2012 Roundtables



With just 48 hours to work in, 20+ members of Area 42 scrambled to prepare us for the NAGSC and SAGSC roundtables.

In a monumental expression of love and service, 67 conference agenda items, totaling 80 MB of background information, were summarized and made available to the groups for their feedback.

Another fourteen members prepared their presentations for events in the northern and southern parts of Area 42. This year the presenters will cycle through seven tables to speak in detail about proposed items. Their goal is to be thorough and objective in both informing the members and in facilitating the discussion that follows. The format moves quickly. All of this activity fits into 15 minutes per table.

From the Alternate Delegate

Arguably the favorite NAGSC and SAGSC event of the year, the pre-conference roundtables bring GSRs and other interested members together to learn about and discuss agenda items of the annual General Service Conference.

Prior to the debut of roundtables, General Service Conference agenda items were introduced only at the Area 42 Pre-Conference Assembly. At the delegate's discretion, he or she might have selected a number of agenda items for the assembly's consideration. Presentations, much like those given at today's roundtables, were from the podium. The purpose of the ten minute talks was to inform the GSRs and the Area Committee.

Members then lined up at the floor mics to make comments. Finally, for the benefit of the delegate, the chairperson asked for a sense of the assembly.

The process was alienating to some and boring to many.

Conversations between Kathy S., the Panel 53 Delegate, and Joyce P., the then-current NAGSC Correctional Facilities Chair, produced a new approach. Roundtable discussions would allow members participate more in the process of informing the delegate. The first roundtables were held at a Panel 53 Area 42 Preconference Assembly.

When Joyce P. became the Panel 55 delegate, conversations began with the Northern Area Committee. The delegate wanted the area's feedback on specific agenda items but with more opportunities for Area 42's trusted servants to interact with one another. She felt it was critical that they share the information to achieve a more informed group conscience.

The first roundtable event in the north was somewhat chaotic. Sixty people huddled into groups of ten in a 40'x50' room. There was a TV monitor playing PSAs, conversations going on in Spanish and English, and nobody could hear themselves think. It was a hit.

Comments from these more intimate discussions north and south were summarized and then brought to the Area 42 Pre-Conference Assembly Roundtables for further, area-wide discussion.

GSRs and Districts were becoming more involved and invested in informing the groups. Soon members began to ask why they themselves could not have access to the General Service Conference background material. Joyce explained that each February the General Service Office sent hundreds of pages, in hardcopy, to currently serving delegates only. Every delegate understood that the material was highly confidential and for their eyes only. Still, the GSRs wanted more information. "Trusting our trusted servants" was a sticking point. It was two years later that Area Committee began an experiment: to summarize and then distribute the background material. Headers and footers appeared on every page saying "CONFIDENTIAL A.A. MATERIAL". What began as a compromise is now an established practice.

Since NAGSC, SAGSC, and Area 42 have incorporated the roundtable process into their spring meeting agendas, interest in General Service has blossomed. GSRs seem to be having more meaningful experiences in area service and are finding more opportunities to engage their groups. More newcomers, interested by the buzz, are accompanying GSRs and committee members to the spring assembly in Tonopah. Members seasoned in service are participating in new ways. Committees have sprung up to produce the roundtable "event". Trustees and past delegates come to present agenda items and infuse the weekend with the spiritual tone of the conference.

I look forward to this year's pre-conference process and the wonderful fellowship that comes with it. Thank you for the honor and the privilege of serving A.A. together.

Sophie K. Alternate Delegate

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

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

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

Email for information:

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

District 5b: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 5715 Alexander, Suite 145, Las Vegas. Email for information:

district5b@nevadaarea42.org

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District 6: 2nd Sunday of EVEN numbered months. Email for information:

district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7: 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Serenity Club, 3990 Schiff Drive., Las Vegas

Email for information:

district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: First Sunday of ODD months.

Email for information:

district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: 3rd Sunday of the month, 2 p.m., Camel Club.

Email for information:

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

District 11: Email for information:

district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 1st Saturday of each month at 5 p.m. at Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St., Fallon, NV. Email for information:

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

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

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

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

Information:

dist16area42@gmail.com

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

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

district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20: 3rd Saturday in January, March, May, August and October, 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 44 1/2 Gay St., Susanville, CA . Email for information:

district20@nevadaarea42.org

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

district21@nevadaarea42.org

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

pabloaa@gmail.com

NAGSC addresses needs of handicapped

What is CEC work and why should we do it?

In August of 2011, I attended the Additional Regional Forum in Woodland Hills, CA. At that forum they provided several workshops that we all could attend but I only had time for two. One of the workshops that I attended was bringing the message to the elder alcoholic, and with the knowledge that I had of wanting to stand for the Special Needs Chair I figured that this would be a good opportunity to learn more.

The CEC is Cooperation with the Elder Community and deals with carrying the message of recovery to the older alcoholic in hospitals, medical clinics, nursing homes and treatment facilities.

Also works with the PI, CPC and other committees such as the Sunshine Committee in the

area. So after going to the Forum and coming home with the information that I learned, I found out that there were three individuals in a rehabilitation facility that needed a meeting and the committee was formed.

Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, but always inclusive to all who want it and need it. Some say we already have committees that do that and I say why not have more. We now have one meeting a week for these AA members in the rehab facility and 15-20 willing AA members to carry that message to these elder alcoholics who at one time had nothing.

Chris S.

NAGSC Special Needs chair

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MEETING MINUTES

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