# **From our Delegate**

# The Conference Goes on ALL year?

That never made sense to me. "What do you mean the Conference goes on all year? We discussed the agenda items in our groups. We informed our delegate, heard her report and carried it back to the home group. That's it until next year." Well, yes....and no. Our practice in Area 42 has been to focus on the agenda items and call that "The Conference." For the General Service Conference to do its best during that one week, there must be communication year-round among all elements of the Conference Structure - the "upside down triangle". For the 130+/- members of the conference to make fully-informed decisions the Fellowship must speak and offer guidance. It could be that the more attention the Fellowship gives to considering and discussing current issues the more informed its guidance will be. If the Spring Tonopah Assembly marks the end of our pre-conference process then May starts the new conference year. In May, the gifts aren't final conference agenda items; they are the new conference theme and presentation/ discussion topics! We have the opportunity to explore and discuss them through the next pre-conference period. One (sober) alcoholic talking with another.

In addition to agenda items, the 65th GSC will hear and discuss topics under the theme of "Our Common Welfare through Gratitude in Action."

The presentation/discussion topics include:

Diversity in A.A. - Our Heritage of Inclusion Safety and Respect -

Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology Inventory - Looking Back to Move Ahead

We can jump into these topics with the same enthusiasm that we have for the annual agenda items. Any one of them would be a great theme for an assembly, an event or even a topic for a meeting. Group members certainly would have their own experience, strength and hope to share. We can plan activities around them - skits, games, presentations, and panels.

Through sharing our individual points of view and listening with open minds we may discover new and/or better ways to carry our message and to be of service. Proposals might emerge and could evolve into future Conference agenda items. Communication is everything.

Diversity in A.A., safety and respect in the group, Traditions and technology, and the gifts of inventories will be discussed at the 65th GSC. We can prepare ourselves and our delegate by discussing them, too. These are our topics. When we embrace them the Conference goes on all year!

#### AREA ASSEMBLY FEATURE ARTICLE



**Guidelines Change** Proposal



Area 42 - SPRING - Assembly Area 42 - FALL - Assembly Sept. 5-7, 2014

# In Fellowship,

Sophie K. Panel 63 Delegate Area 42

# MEETING MINUTES



# **Links to Minutes**

Can be found online at: www.nevadaarea42.org

# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**



**District Meetings** Schedule

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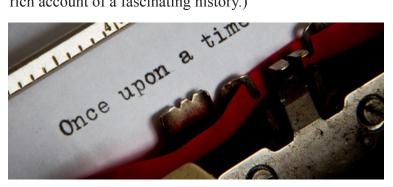
# **BILL MEETS DR. BOB**

Six months into his own sobriety, Bill and a couple of friends found a small company in Akron, Ohio that was ripe for takeover and would pull Bill and Lois out of their severe financial situation. It was not to be. The deal collapsed, probably on stories of Bill's drinking, and Bill, dejected and distressed, returned to the city's Mayflower Hotel where he nearly drank again.

Tempted by the lure of the bar, Bill headed to the public phone booth instead and desperately sought another alcoholic, someone like himself to talk to. After a series of calls Bill eventually contacted one Dr. Robert H. Smith, an Akron surgeon and sometime attendee at Oxford Group meetings. Agreeing to the meeting only to appease Anne, his wife, Dr. Bob was determined to spend no more than 15 minutes with this man who claimed to have a "cure" for alcoholism. The two men went into a room for what Bob thought would be a quick talk, but he was mistaken. They finally stopped talking about five hours later.

Bill stayed in Ohio three months working with Bob to help get other men sober. Bob drank once again a couple of weeks later after coming home from a medical conference in New Jersey. The date of Dr. Bob's last drink is June 10, 1935 - the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous, the day there were two sober people in fellowship, and the day Dr. Bob drank for the last time.

Through the tireless efforts of the two men, others joined them and the small group of sober alcoholics grew person by person, group by group. (The story of AA can be read in publications such as AA Comes of Age, available through Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. It provides a rich account of a fascinating history.)



Bill returned to Brooklyn Heights. His work there took hold and the movement grew. In the early days, alcoholics participated in the Oxford Group as their means of fellowship and growth. Alcoholics comprised most of the membership in some groups. In 1937, the growing awareness that an organization of alcoholics-only was needed resulted in the official creation of Alcoholics Anonymous, "a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism."

The cornerstone of AA is the Twelve Steps, a spiritual program of recovery, written by Bill who expanded it from the basic six tennets of the Oxford Group. Bill would later write the Twelve Traditions, a guide for fellowship members on how to avoid the pitfalls to which other groups had succumbed. The traditions are to the groups of AA as the steps are to the individual and are designed to keep AA as a whole vibrant and focused on "our primary purpose."

Bill was 40 years old when he stopped drinking. He would remain sober for the remaining 35 years of his life, spending most of his considerable energy and mental acumen in helping create one of the greatest social organizations ever known, Alcoholics Anonymous. He also would be the major writer of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (aka The Big Book), after which the group would name itself; Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions; and numerous articles and pamphlets.



# **FromThe Newsletter Editor**

I welcome your input to the newsletter. All last names, phone numbers and personal emails are removed before publishing and emailing. Articles should be of a service oriented nature for consideration.

Submit articles or stories that you find interesting, perhaps we will be able to print them in one of the next newsletters. There are four newsletters each year February 23, April 30, August 10 and October 31.

Submission deadlines for each newsletter will be three weeks prior to the issue date listed above.

Email your submission to

Irene

area42newsletter@gmail.com

Tag you're it, Irene P. Your Newsletter Editor

# **Guidelines Change**

**Proposal** 

To integrate the Finance Guidelines, approved at Assembly 09/08/12 with the Area Guidelines approved at Assembly 03/29/14, creating one document . This will be done by placing the entire document called the Finance Guidelines into the back of the Area 42 Guidelines as an back of the Area 42 Guidelines as an addendum The process to amend any part of the integrated document will remain as currently stated in the Area 42 Guidelines, page 12: **Section 7.0** (1st reading at Assembly, 2nd reading with discussion at the next Assembly, vote to follow)

Proposal will become effective immediately upon passage.

# History

Up until the recent revision of the Area Guidelines our financial policies were scattered throughout the document. To create the finance Guidelines, all mention of finances were pulled out of the Area Guidelines, organized, updated and reformatted. The body approved the updated and reformatted policies on 0/8/12 and re-formatted pólicies on 9/8/12.

When the financial policies were scattered throughout the document they were subject to the amendment process stated on page 12 of the Area Guidelines. I propose returning the re-formatted policies, now called "the Finance Guidelines" to the original Area Guidelines document where they will again be subject to the same agreed-upon process for amendments.

Definition - Addendum - an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.

# **Area 42 Chairman**

Hello Friends – we're gathering for our fall assembly in Tonopah, NV on September 5-7. Registration starts at 4:PM and we Open the Assembly at 6:PM Friday. I hope when we start, because Friday is going to be completely different from any other opening Assembly. If you're able, please register for the Assembly online. It really helps us plan for how many members are coming – plus you get a fancy badge.! Tonopah is at an altitude of 6,000 feet – those of you from warm climates may find it cool at night. If this is your first Assembly, I promise to make fun and informative.

Thank you, Mike

# **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 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contribution Addresses:

#### General Services Office Northern Contributions (GSO)

P.O .Box 459 New York, NY 10163 (Make Checks to: General Fund)

#### All Area 42

(All Nevada & California) P.O. 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 89170-Las Vegas, NV 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 Area General ServiceCommittee (NAGSC) P.O. Box 1033 Chester, CA 96020 (Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury)

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



# **TONOPAH HOTELS**

# **Mizpah Hotel**

Queen \$94 King \$104 100 Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 (775)482-3030

# **Jim Butler Inn**

100 S. Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 (775)482-3577

# **Best Western**

\$115.53 single/\$126.43 double (includes tax) 320 Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 (775)482-3511

# **Tonopah Motel**

\$38.15 single/\$44.45 double (includes tax) 325 Main Tonopah, NV 89049 (775)482-3987

# **Clown Motel**

\$39.79 single \$43.06 double or \$46.33 triple (includes tax) (pet friendly) 521 North Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 (775)482-5920

# **Economy Inn**

\$46.87 all rooms (includes tax) 826 Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 (775)482-6238

# **National 9 Inn**

**\$43.59** single / **\$49.04** double (plus tax — senior rates available) **720 Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 (775)482-8202** 

# Tonopah Ramada

1137 N Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 (775) 482-9777

All rates subject to change

# AREA 42 District Business Meetings

#### District 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday monthly, 10 AM Lost & Found Club Boulder City, NV Email for information: district1@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly 7pm Reno Triangle Club 635 S. Wells, Reno NV Email for information: district2@nevadaarea42.org

### District 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Jan, May, Jul and Nov at Noon Las Vegas Central Office Email for information: district3@nevadaarea42.org

# District 4

1st Thurs monthly at 7pm Reno Triangle Club 635 S. Wells Ave, Reno. Email for information: district4@nevadaarea42.org

# District 5b

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday monthly 1:30pm Email for location: district5b@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of EVEN numbered months Email for information: district6@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 7

3rd Friday monthly at 6:30pm The Serenity Club Email for information: district7@nevadaarea42.org

1st Sunday of ODD months Email for information: district8@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 9

3rd Sunday monthly 4pm at Serenity Club.
This will change in March.
Email for information:
district9@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 10A

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of ODD months at 6:30 pm 680 River Street Elko, NV Email for information: district10a@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 10B

Meets last Sunday of ODD months at 10am, rotates between Groups Email for information: nagscpi@gmail.com

# District 11

Email for information: district11@nevadaarea42.org

### District 12

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly 7pm Resurrection Church 4120 Hwy 50, 5 miles east of Fernley Email for information: district12@nevadaarea42.org

# District 13

Last Monday monthly at 5:00 pm
Triangle Club small room 4600 E. Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas
Email for information:
district13@nevadaarea42.org

## District 14

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of ODD months 7pm Email for information: district14@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 15

1st Friday of the month 6:30 pm, TIE Club 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas Email for information: district15@nevadaarea42.org

# District 16

3rd Tuesday monthly a

From the Editor

If you would like to submit a service-oriented article for Area 42 Submit to:

area42newsletter@gmail.com

Sparks Christian Church Greenbrae & Pyramid 6pm Room 204a

Email for information: district16@nevadaarea.org district16@nevadaarea42.org **District 17** 

1st Wednesday monthly 6:30 pm 360 S. Lola Ln Pahrump,

(basement training room) Email for information: district17@nevadaarea42.org

### District 19

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of EVEN months 2 pm Email for location & information:

district19@nevadaarea42.org

#### District 20

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Jan, Mar, May, Aug and Oct 12:30pm to 3pm 50 Weatherlow, Susanville, CA

(Susanville Fellowship Hall) Email for information: district20@nevadaarea42.org

# District 21

Every Thursday at 7pm 3111 S Valley View Suite B-212

Email for information: district21@nevadaarea42.org

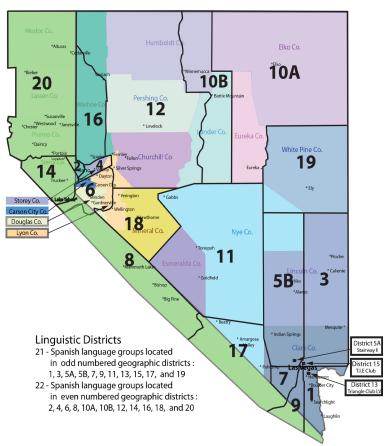
#### District 22

Every Wednesday at 6pm 1479 S Wells Ave, Suite 2, Reno, NV Email for information:

district22@nevadaarea42.org



# Area 42 Map



Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are selfsupporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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