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Newsletter

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FEATURE ARTICLE



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AREA ASSEMBLY



Area 42 - SPRING - Assembly
March 2015

Area 42 - FALL - Assembly
Sept. 2015

MEETING MINUTES



Links to Minutes

Can be found online at:
www.nevadaarea42.org

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From our Delegate

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**Hello and happy fall to all members
in Area 42,**

Thank you all for participating in the General Service Conference process during the last two years. Whether you're a GSR or a member of the Area Committee, together we kept the groups and the Conference connected for the well-being of A.A. as a whole. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to grow in service with you.

I shared some of the updates from the August 4, 2014 General Service Board meeting in my final delegate's report to Area 42. Here are a few more items that I wasn't able to include because of limited time:

- Two New Agenda Items for the 65th General Service Conference: the Conference Committee on Literature will consider a request to develop literature directed to transgender and gender-nonconforming alcoholics. The literature committee will also consider a request to produce a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

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Title of the Article

- The Conference-approved video, "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" will be posted on www.aa.org.
- The registration website for the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta was overwhelmed on the opening day by the response. However, by late afternoon the website was functioning smoothly and over 10,000 people registered before midnight!
- The Trustees' Committee on Literature is discussing a way to address the subject of individual safety in A.A. and anonymity as it relates to possible criminal behavior.
- Regarding Alcoholics in Recovery with Mental Illness: the Trustees' Committee on Literature reviewed and discussed current A.A. literature regarding A.A.s with mental illness. The Trustees' Committee will not be forwarding a request on this topic to the Conference Literature Committee at this time.

Worth repeating....

A new feature, "Recurring Contributions" was introduced in April, 2014 to the Contribution on Line portal of our website www.aa.org.

Grapevine: The Language of the Heart will be offered as an audiobook in late fall, 2014.

This 63rd Panel is almost over. The 65th will begin on January 1, 2015 with a newly-elected Area Committee and many new GSRs. Let's be sure to pass on our service experiences with those coming into positions we are leaving and reach out to those who have gone before us for guidance beyond the comfort zone. We will all be beginners again when we meet at the Spring Pre-conference Assembly! It will be an exciting time. Our Panel 65 Delegate, Michael M., and new Area Committee will serve us well.

Thank you for the opportunity to wear the delegate shoes for these two years. You allowed me to participate in group and district events – to facilitate a group inventory, to share conference reports at A.A. campouts, to celebrate La Vina's XVIII anniversary and to be a part of many service workshops and panels. I will always be grateful that you sent me to the conference to pitch in and do Area 42's part in carrying our Fellowship and A.A.'s message into the future. Wherever we are, whatever our service to AA looks like, we will continue to serve together.

Happy 24 hours! Sophie

Panel 63 Delegate

Area 42 Nevada/Eastern California



WE CAN HELP

Information for New Trusted Servants

HOW DO I GET LISTED AS A NEW G.S.R., D.C.M., OR COMMITTEE CHAIR?

Your area registrar can update G.S.O.'s records with your contact information. You may also update your information directly with G.S.O. through our Records Department. Visit <http://www.aa.org> for more information.

DO I GET A KIT AND/OR WORKBOOK?

Once you're listed with G.S.O. we'll automatically send you the appropriate materials in a few weeks to help you in your service position.

You can review service workbooks and the contents of various service kits by visiting the specific resource pages for each service area. These materials are sent to new trusted servants at no charge, thanks to contributions to G.S.O.

New G.S.R.s, and D.C.M.s will receive a Kit to help them get started.

Area committee chairs for committees on Cooperation With the Professional Community, Corrections, Public Information, Special Needs-Accessibilities, and Treatment receive a committee Kit.

Visit www.aa.org for more information

"Let's be sure to pass on our experiences," on



80th Birthday - Atlanta Georgia

The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2 - 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia with the theme "80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free."

A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 80th year with Big Meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Georgia Dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Georgia World Congress Center and local hotels.



Upcoming Events

PRAASA 2015

March 6 - 8, 2015

Davis Conference Center
1651 North 700 West
Layton, Utah 84041

Spring Assembly

March 2015 in Tonopah, Nevada

AA International Convention

July 1 – 3, 2015 Atlanta, GA

Email your submission to

area42newsletter@gmail.com

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

The story behind the Jack Alexander article on A.A.



On March 1, 1941, *The Saturday Evening Post* published an article titled “*Alcoholics Anonymous: Freed Slaves of Drink, Now They Free Others*” written by Jack Alexander. The article became a major turning point in Alcoholics Anonymous’ history.

The story behind the article begins when the owner of *The Saturday Evening Post*, Judge Curtis Bok, learned of A.A. from two friends. He was interested in having the Post tell the story of the organization and called upon well-known journalist of *The Saturday Evening Post*, Jack Alexander, to do so.

Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, eager to publicize the A.A. message, met with Alexander. He gave Alexander access to records, a tour of significant A.A. sights, and set up interviews with both nonalcoholic trustees of the General Service Board and A.A.s.

Correspondence between Jack Alexander and Bill W. from early 1941 shows the excitement felt in anticipation of the article’s release. On January 4, 1941, Alexander wrote to Bill W. and enclosed a manuscript of the article for Bill to read. On January 6 Bill replied and from his response the eagerness for the article’s release is apparent. Bill wrote:

I wish I could adequately convey to you the sense of gratitude that one of us feels towards you and the Saturday Post for what is about to take place. You can not possibly conceive the direct alleviation of so much misery as will be brought to an end through your pen and your good publishers.

For many a day you will be the toast of A.A. - in coca cola, of course!

Following the March 1, 1941 release of the article, inquiries began to flood in, leaving the small staff of the “A.A. Headquarters,” the precursor to the General Service Office, busy. On March 12, 1941 Ruth Hock, first nonalcoholic secretary of A.A., wrote to Dr. Bob, A.A. co-founder, to update him on what was going on in New York. She said that the office had become swamped, 918 inquiries in 12 days as a direct response to the article.

The offices of *The Saturday Evening Post* also received a large number of inquiries. A March 26, 1941, bulletin by the Post relays the power behind the article.

Following the publication of “Alcoholics Anonymous” by Jack Alexander, the Post floor received an unusually

large mail from readers, much of it asking how contact could be established with groups who are doing this work in various cities. There were several instances of calls on our branch offices for information on local organizations of this unusual group.

Eight years after the release of the wildly successful 1941 *Saturday Evening Post* article Bill W. wrote to Jack Alexander with a request. Bill W. was interested in a follow-up article and was hoping Alexander would write one, and on June 8, 1949, Bill W. wrote the following:

If you can spare me a little time, I’d like to come down to Philadelphia and see you. Eight years ago the Saturday Evening Post took AA out of the pioneering stage and made it a movement. Uncounted thousands owe their great good fortune, yes their very lives, to what the Post did then. We still ship reprints of your article by the carload.

Nowadays AA rarely asks for publicity. I suppose we still get it in enormous quantities partly for that reason. Yet the time is here when an exception should be made.



The point of this letter is what I would definitely like to ask you folks a favor. Will you print another piece about us.

The general public has only the vaguest idea what our society really looks like. I think they would be interested in an inside view.

From our standpoint, a vital job has to be

done. Now that the recovery formula is above ground and working at a prodigious rate, our main problem is that of maintaining our unity as a movement until every drunk in the world has had a good look at the idea.

So then, if John Q. Public could get an inside view of what our fellowship is really like, and it could become quite clear to him what good AA’s do and what they don’t do in their relationships with each other and with the outside world, the Saturday Evening Post would have written an insurance policy on our future, the value of which no men could ever reckon.

On June 9, Jack Alexander replied that he had always thought about writing a follow-up but had never gotten around to it. He also writes that there is trouble with the idea and says:

There is basic trouble about it, though; I don't see, offhand, where there is enough new material to justify a second look. True, the number of AA's has ballooned enormously, but that in itself is merely statistical. The basic story—the psychology of drinkers, how the AA's work on them, the steps towards arresting the habit—remains unchanged; or so it seems to me.

On December 13, 1949 Bill W. wrote to Jack Alexander outlining the major turning points in the AA movement which included the decision to leave the Oxford Group, about Rockefeller insisting they did not need money, the formation of the Alcoholic Foundation, and the first two chapters of the Big Book.

For the next few months Bill W. and Jack Alexander corresponded regarding corrections that either of them thought needed to be made to the article. Finally, eight months after Bill W. initially presented Jack Alexander with the proposed idea for a follow-up, the article was released. "The Drunkard's Best Friend" was published in the April 1, 1950 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

"*The Drunkard's Best Friend*" was a success, just as its predecessor was. On April 22, 1950, Bill W. wrote to Ben Bibbs, editor of *The Saturday Evening Post*, in praise of Jack Alexander and the two articles. Bill wrote as follows:

Jack Alexander, in his recent Saturday Evening Post story "The Drunkard's Friend," has done it again.

We of Alcoholics Anonymous wish to tell how immensely grateful every man-jack of us is for this happy circumstance. It is not the least exaggeration to say that Jack's "Alcoholics Anonymous" article of nine years ago brought recovery within the reach of 10000 alcoholics and great happiness to as many homes. Since the public impression of this last piece of Jack's is tops, we make no doubt that it will accomplish a fine result.

We know that the whole world will one day agree that these two articles of Jack's about A.A. are to be regarded the greatest public service the Saturday Evening Post has ever done. And that's saying a great deal, indeed.



When Jack Alexander passed away in 1975 he was credited in his West Texas Register obituary as the newspaperman who made "Alcoholics Anonymous a major organization by the articles he wrote about its work." Today, the General Service Office Archives still receives inquiries requesting both articles.

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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)
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
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
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)



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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

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AREA 42 District Business Meetings**District 1**

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

District 10A

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

3rd Tuesday monthly at
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,
NV
(basement training room)
Email for information:
district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 2

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

District 10B

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

District 3

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

District 11

Email for information:
district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 4

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

District 12

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

District 5b

2nd Saturday monthly
1:30pm
Email for location:
district5b@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 6

2nd Sunday of EVEN num-
bered months
Email for information:
district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 14

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

District 7

3rd Friday monthly at
6:30pm The Serenity Club
Email for information:
district7@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 8

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

District 9

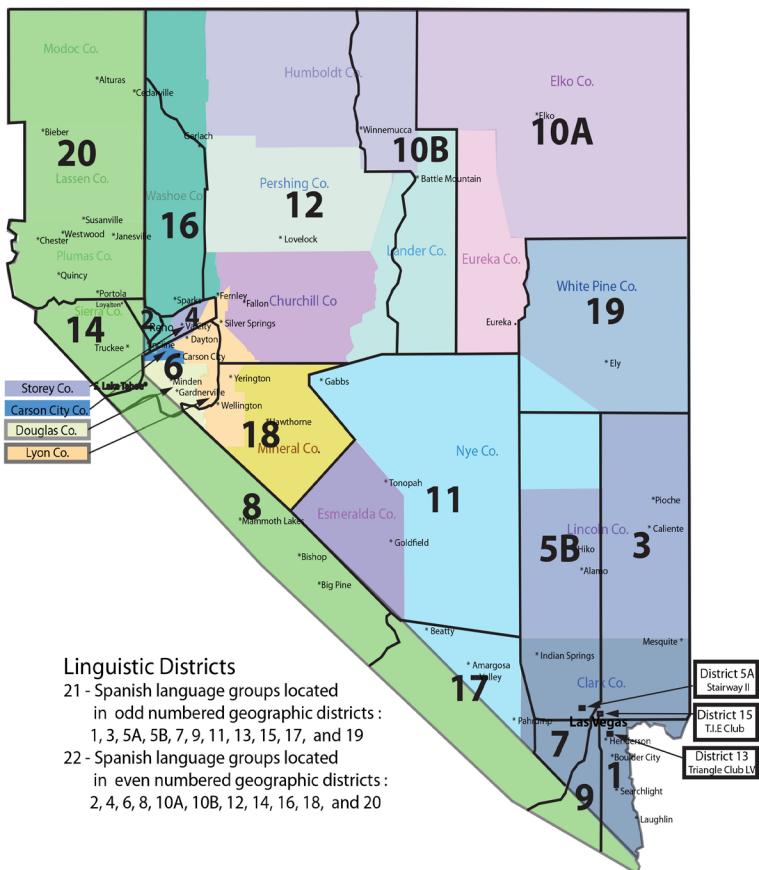
3rd Sunday monthly 4pm
at Serenity Club.
This will change in March.
Email for information:
district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 16**From the Editor**

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service-oriented article for Area 42
Submit to:
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Area 42 Map



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Alcoholics *A*nonymous 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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