

Alcoholics Anonymous in Nevada and Eastern California



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The new pamphlet approved at the 71st G.S.C. is an example of plain and simple language.

"These principles helped to guide A.A. through its early years and they remain at the heart of Alcoholics Anonymous today, providing the foundation upon which A.A. is built."

Area 42 Guidelines Preamble:

Ever mindful that the reason for the General Service Structure is to be of service to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, this body shall always observe the spirit of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for World Service.

The Area 42 Newsletter is published 4 times annually in February, April, August and October.

Newsletter Submissions/Changes should be sent to: area newsletter editor@nevadaarea42.org



Fall Assembly

2021

Sept. 10-12

Total registrations was 204 with 53 that signed up to attend virtually and a total of 133 voting members. For more info contact: Paul E. registrar@nevadaarea42.org

Message from our Area Hybrid/Virtual Meeting Chair:

Taking a trip, not taking a trip...

Being new to Area 42, this was my first inperson Assembly. I feel very fortunate for the previous online assemblies and also for the service and committee meetings that we were able to have in between these events. So although this was my first in person assembly, I felt as if I already had a connection with many of the people that would be attending.

The actual experience did not disappoint. I got down to Tonopah very early on Friday to fulfill my function as the hybrid chair, and to my surprise there were already people there fast in service. I was able to take my time and set up a lot of what needed to be

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taken care of with the immediate support from Lyle C. our Northern Area General Service Chair. There is nothing quite like being joined in purpose and to allow ourselves to be used for the greater plan. I then was invited to have lunch with our Area Delegate, NAGSC Chair, Area 42 Chair, Area Treasurer, and our past Delegate. The digital became the physical as we enjoyed each others company and the root beer floats.

I had a big function to fulfill as this was our first attempt to have the Assembly in a hybrid fashion, so I was joining with my team and preparing for the start for the rest of that day. As the evening came, I received another invite from our Area 42 Archivist to dinner and had another chance to connect with those from the South. I am very thankful for the love being shared at this event and felt as though I was provided for with every step I took in service.

Being behind the scenes all day Saturday and having the added benefit of needing to be very linked with the presenters and the Area Chair made the day feel very smooth and quite honestly felt like it went by rather quickly. Another beautiful symbol of being provided for that afternoon was when the DCM for District 4 bought pizza for the tech team. The banquet and the opportunity to hear our past Delegate Phil W. speak was an amazing end to the day as we then went out into the dark night of Tonopah and did a bit of star gazing with District 2 and District 4.

Sunday brought the whole weekend together as the business of A.A. was wrapped up and we were able to hear our past Delegates panel answer questions not only from those in person but from many of our online attendees. From the response of those that were there and from what I have heard from those that attended online, everyone expressed that they felt a part of. To me it was a total success and for me the word for the weekend was...*connected*.

Jeffrey C. — Hybrid Chair Area Hybrid/Virtual Meeting Chair

Overheard At The Assembly

From Editor notes taken 9-10-21.

Marty B., District 1 ".... includes southeast Henderson, Boulder City, Searchlight a bit of Las Vegas and points south. We are moving our D1 meeting from the 2nd to 3rd Sunday of the month to accommodate our Intergroup Liason's report".

Billy O. District 2 "...we have started meeting once again at Central Office on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 6:30PM.... What is in our future is uncertain...In D2, we take Rule 62 pretty damn seriously!"

Michelle, District 4 "This has been so good for my recovery, I am finally appreciating God's plan... looking forward to what God has in store for us...the program is alive and well in District 4".

Pat S. District 6 "...covers all of Douglas County, Carson City, portions of California at South Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas...We meet on the 1st Saturday of even numbered months at the Carson City Alano Club...this God-given program goes well beyond the individual meeting..."

Dano B., District 9 "...from the outside looking in, it seems overwhelming and close to impossible... What I saw was an opportunity to be of maximum service to alcoholics anonymous".

Dorrie K., District 8 "...on the Eastern side of California, a sliver of small towns along Hwy 395... We are getting to some semblance of normal...lots to be grateful for..."

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives;
And the lives of those to come.

Approved and heard in 11 different languages at the 5th International Convention, Miami Beach, Florida, 1970.

Hybrid-opah 2021

My name is Brooke B. and I am an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 7 in Las Vegas. This past September, I attended Area 42's Fall Assembly. As you know, for the first time, the Area Assembly was a hybrid event. This ended up being fortuitous as I could not attend in person. I had some misgivings attending virtually as I wasn't sure how it would impact my ability to participate. I can say that I was pleasantly surprised!

Area 42 did an excellent job coordinating the live assembly and incorporating virtual attendees. I had no problem hearing what people were saying and I don't feel like I was limited in having my voice heard as well.

There were a few hiccups when attending the smaller breakout rooms, but I am confident these will be ironed out by our next assembly. I also like that this helps make the assembly more accessible for people who may not be able to travel for a variety of reasons or for people who have health conditions.

I believe the Area Assembly being hybrid allows General Service to be more inclusive. I am very happy with my experience. I hope to attend in the spring in person but I'm glad to know virtual is an option if my plans change.

Brooke B. DCM-D7



Scheduling a Zoom Meeting on the Area 42 Account

If you are a DCM, Committee Chair or hold an Area Service Position you can use the Area 42 Zoom account to schedule a Zoom meeting for your service commitments and Committees. Please give 48 hours notice when requesting a meeting by email, you should receive a response within 24 hours.

Follow these instructions:

Send an email to, hybridmeetingchair@nevadaarea42.org with the following information.

- a. Title for your meeting
- b. Date of your meeting
- c. Time and duration of your meeting
- d. Is it a recurring meeting?
- e. The password you would like to use

You will receive the following information to the email that requested the meeting.

- The link for your meeting
- The password for your meeting
- A Host Key
- How to use a Host Key instructions

NOTE: A Host Key is used for the specific meeting requested and can be used for that meeting (including recurring meetings at the same time). If a meeting is required at another date and time you must send another email as a request to have that meeting set up for that time and date.

Any questions email Jeffrey C. hybridmeetingchair@nevadaarea42.org

On A Personal Note...



The DIXIE FIRE began July 13th, 2021 near Cresta Dam in Northern CA.

From our Delegates message 9-11-2021

... let me thank all of you who have reached out over the last few months to check on, support and listen to Lyle and me. We landed in the Reno/Sparks area twice during our 28 days of evacuation. I appreciated every opportunity to do service – it gave me a purpose and distracted me from the fire. I know many of you didn't want to bother me, but I wanted to be bothered. Most, not all, distractions have been a reprieve.

Our home is safe yet is forever changed by the Dixie fire, but we are resilient. Some of the members of my district lost everything, others were merely strangled by the thick never ceasing smoke and the constant screeching of evacuation alarms. We were all affected. Those of you in the nearby districts were also impacted by the Dixie fire and now some are directly impacted by the Caldor fire.

It has been a rough summer for many of us in the Northern part of Area 42. My heart hurts for those of you who lost homes, lost communities, lost nearby beauty, were evacuated for sometimes extremely long periods, were impacted by poor air quality, had health issues, lost your sense of safety and normalcy and suffered emotionally or spiritually or financially.

I have witnessed love and unity within the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. I know many of us feel raw and edgy, but we are also extraordinarily vulnerable. Within vulnerability grows love and compassion.

On August 4th, we lost much of the town of Greenville and on August 5th, we lost the community of Canyon Dam and the fire burned 115,000 acres including coming into our neighborhood and burning close to ½ mile from our home. It makes no sense why more homes weren't burnt except for the outstanding work of the firefighters, loggers and luck of the draw.

We spent 28 days evacuated and have been home now for three weeks. The last few years have been devastating for the communities in Northeast California. My heart is broken for the communities within District 20 and District 6 who have suffered so much from the fires this year, as well as in recent years. On behalf of those of us impacted by the fires, thank you to Area 42 for all your love and support during this trying time.

With Love and Gratitude, Julie C. Delegate - Panel 71 Nevada Area 42



Delegates Corner

Miss any Meetings this year?

Get caught up on the minutes to the Area assemblies, NAGSC/SAGSC Meetings, past Newsletters, Delegate reports and more by visiting: www.nevadaarea42.org

Hybrid-opah 2021

My name is Jodie, I am an alcoholic, and I am honored to be serving as the current DCM for District 20. District 20 for those of you who do not know consists of three rural counties in Northern California, Lassen, Plumas and Modoc. During the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we lost touch with some individual groups, fellowships and district members. Because of this many became unrepresented at the district level. I know we are not unique. Slowly we have been gaining GSRs and District Chairs.

As a district we felt it important to reunite our members so on July 31st, we held the "Welcome Back Recovery Roundup". We invited speakers from all over the district to share for 20 minutes and bring members of their groups along. A free lunch was provided and a dessert auction was held. Despite the Dixie Fire raging in part of our district, we had a very nice attendance and nearly all the small towns in our district were represented. It was very clear that day that our district wants to get together and work together! I wish that was the only mention of the Dixie Fire in my report but sadly it is not.

Dixie has been terrorizing towns all over District 20 for nearly two months now. Evacuations forced us out of our towns and meetings for weeks at a time. Blessings came in attending meetings outside of our home groups and not only being welcomed by the group but finding fellow evacuees from other communities there also. There is nothing like landing among the love and support of the members of Alcoholics Anonymous in times of crisis.

Heartbreak came on August 4th when Dixie claimed the town of Greenville. Our friends and fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous lost homes, their meeting space and their community. Although we wish we could do more, they have only asked for love and prayers at this time.

Fall 2021 Area 42 Newsletter

Our district has offered to take over their annual Thanksgiving Dinner Speaker Meeting this year and they have accepted. We hope to be able to show there an outpouring of support and love. In addition to the Thanksgiving Dinner, District 20 has a secretary workshop and a Holiday party planned to wrap up 2021. We look forward to continuing to do our best to reunite our district.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Jodie G. DCM-D20

7th Tradition Contribution Addresses



Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send your group contributions. *Please include your Group No. & email address with contributions.*

General Service Office (GSO):

(Make checks to: General Fund)

P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

Area 42 (All Nevada & California)

(Make checks to: Area 42 Treasury)

P.O. Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171

Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC):

(Make checks to: SAGSC) Southern Area Treasurer

P.O. Box 71804, Las Vegas, NV 89170-1804

Las Vegas Intergroup Central Office:

(Make checks to: Las Vegas Intergroup)

1515 East Tropicana Ave, Suite 710

Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Northern Area General Service Committee

(NAGSC): (Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury)

3250 Retail Dr Ste 120 PMB30, Carson City, NV 89706

Northern Nevada Area Intergroup:

(Make checks to: N. Nevada Intergroup)

436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV 89431

Area 42 District Business Meetings

Contact your DCM for the most up to date info.

District 1: 3rd Sunday monthly, 10:15am

Lost & Found Room, 544 Ave. H, Boulder City

district1@nevadaarea42.org

<u>District 2</u>: Hybrid -2nd Thursday monthly, 6:30pm

Central Office at 436 S. Rock, in Sparks. Zoom ID:

919 0474 1396 PW: D2 district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3: 1st Sunday, ODD months at 2pm

Email for info.

district3@nevadaarea42.org

<u>District 4</u>: 1st Thursday monthly at 7 pm, Zoom ID: 876 7717 4234 PW: District4

district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5B: 2nd Saturday monthly 1:15 pm

Zoom ID: 911 603 2610 PW: Service

district5b@nevadaarea42.org

<u>District 6</u>: 2nd Sunday, EVEN months at 1:15 pm

Carson City Alano Club, 1800 E. Williams St.

district6@nevadaarea42.org (eminutes@gmail.com)

<u>District 7</u>: 3rd Friday monthly at 6:30 pm Zoom ID: 853 2460 1973 PW: LVD72021

district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: 1st Sunday of ODD months, 3:30 pm

Zoom ID: 291 361 1426 PW: district8

district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: 3rd Sunday, monthly at 12:30pm

Central Office, 1515 E.Tropicana #710

district9@nevadaarea42.org

<u>District 10A</u>: 3rd Sunday of ODD months at 1:30,

680 River Street Elko, NV Email for information:

district10a@nevadaarea42.org

<u>District 10B</u>: Inactive

Email for information:

district10b@nevadaarea42.org

District 11: Inactive

Nye County

district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 2nd Saturday monthly 5 pm Wolf

Center 457 Esmeralda St, Fallon

district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13: Inactive

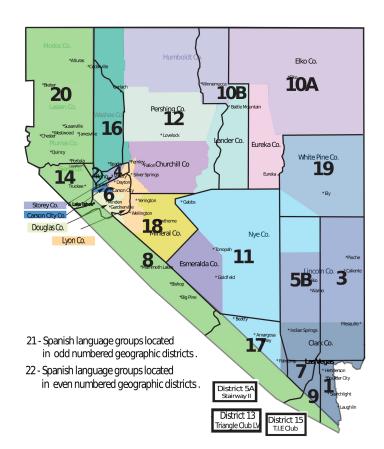
Triangle Club, 4600 S Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas

district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14: 3rd Wednesday of ODD months 6pm

Zoom ID: 996 1383 9165 Passcode:886 983

district14@nevadaarea42.org



District 15: 2nd Sunday at 10 am

TIE Club, 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas

district15@nevadaarea42.org

<u>District 16</u>: 3rd Tuesday monthly at 6 pm, Sparks

Christian Church, Greenbrae Drive, Room 204a

district16@nevadaarea42.org

District 17: 1st Wednesday monthly 6:30, hybrid.

1230 South Loop Road, Pahrump

Zoom ID: 999 9679 0173 Passcode: Unity

district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 18: Inactive

Mineral County

district18@nevadaarea42.org

District 19: 9/18/2021

Email for location & info

district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20: 3rd Saturday in January, March, May,

August & October 10:30am to 12:30pm

Zoom ID: 878 5508 2374 PW: 20

district20@nevadaarea42.org

District 21: Every Thursday at 7 pm, 3111 S. Valley

View Blvd. Suite #A-208

district21@nevadaarea42.org

District 22:

Email for info:

district22@nevadaarea42.org



The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour. Featuring AA members Don and Sam.

Each week Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope, in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner. Special features will enhance each episode. To hear the podcasts go to aagrapevine.org/podcast

Southern Area Intergroup 15 October 21

My name is Caroline and I am your alcoholic liaison between Las Vegas Intergroup and General Service. Since my last report, Intergroup met on Monday, September 13th and October 11th (the 2nd Monday of the month) via Zoom. The next meeting is November 8th @ 6pm. 845 2256 3005 Passcode: 509081. All are welcome!

The Central Office Manager reported that:

- the part-time bookkeeper position has been filled.
- there are several 4-hour Hotline shifts available during the day at Central Office.
- it is a Tradition 6 violation for groups to use the word "Zoom" in the title of their meeting or group name.

As of September 30th, Central Office has net income of \$28,446. Welcome, Megan, our new Hotline and 12 Step List Chair! Volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please email NotSorryMrsJackson702@gmail.com or call 702-538-5936. Welcome also to Phillip H., our new Unity Chair.

The Silver Streak is always looking for articles, specifically on the Traditions (Traditions 11 and 12 are available), "Meeting in the Spotlight" submissions, and old-timers for "Ask an Old-Timer." Tradition articles should be about one page (300-350 words), "Meeting in the Spotlight" articles should be between 100-125 words and include the name of the meeting, day(s) it meets, time, location, and format. Interested oldtimers should reach out to Dave via email (lvsilverstreak@gmail.com); interviews take about 15-20 minutes and can be done via phone. Also, please continue to send fliers and announcements for inclusion. Deadline for all submissions is the 25th of the month. Thank you!

If you haven't read it yet, the District 9 DCM wrote a very moving article about General Service in the October issue. You can subscribe to the Silver Streak @ www.LVCentralOffice.org. For free and for fun!

The End of the Month Speaker Meeting meets on the last Sunday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom.

ID 676 836 0940 Passcode: AA

The Gratitude Ball was held on October 2nd. No official report yet, but attendees report having had a great time.

The Las Vegas Roundup is Thanksgiving weekend (November 25-28) at the Tropicana Hotel. This year's theme is "Sobriety is a Journey". You can learn more at www.LasVegasRoundup.org.

Thank you for letting me be of service! Caroline J.

SAGSCIntergroupLiaison@NevadaArea42.org

First Communication from Bob W., new G.S.O. Manager

You may remember him as the speaker at PRAASA 2018 in Reno, as well as at our assembly in April of 2016 when he was the U.S. Trustee-at-Large.

Dear A.A. Friends,

It is with much gratitude and joy that I share my first communication with you as General Manager of the General Service Office. By way of introduction for those who don't know me, my name is Bob and I'm an alcoholic! I have crossed paths with many of you throughout my years of service to our Fellowship and I am overjoyed to continue the many friendships I have forged and look forward to many more. As your General Manager, my primary focus is service service to all of you: our members, your groups, our boards and all he employees of the General Service Office. As I contemplate the word service and what it means to me. I am reminded of what I was taught early on in A.A. "It's not so much what we do but how we do it." The spirit of that philosophy is my vision for the office and a auide for me in how I desire to serve; with kindness, patience, tolerance and love rooted in our principles. Speaking of our principles, my vision for our office is not really mine, it's ours. It was defined for us years ago by our co-founders and is memorialized in the Three Legacies. My focus and priority is to infuse the spiritual principles (embodied particularly in our Twelve Concepts, but also in our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions) into the daily operations of the office. With this in mind, efforts are in motion to establish a monthly "1728 Meeting" for all employees of GSO and the trustees and directors of our boards. The name "1728" is taken from the meeting established by our Class A

(nonalcoholic) trustees many years ago. It's still held during each Board Weekend, for the purpose of broadening their understanding of our Steps, Traditions and Concepts (12x12x12=1728). The meeting format will give all in attendance the opportunity to learn about and apply our principles to current projects and issues. We will also be including presentations of our principles during all employee and department meetings. With the support and unity of all three of our boards, we are restructuring the General Sharing Session, which is held during our Board Weekends, and reinstituting the "town hall" style meeting. This will prove to be very effective in the infusion of our principles; not only in the office operations, but also the working relationships with the boards. It will provide a great opportunity for discussion of current issues and topics within the office, committees, boards, and the Fellowship. The spirit of this meeting will allow for wide participation with no fear of reprisal. Covid has been difficult on our groups, families, and our lives in general. It's been a long road for the employees of GSO as well, who moved to a virtual work environment in March of 2020. I'm very happy to announce that we have returned to the office at 475 Riverside Drive on October 1. Our primary focus is the health and safety of all our employees. To this end, most employees will have a hybrid schedule allowing them to continue to work from home a few days per week.

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First Communication from Bob W.

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Unfortunately, we will have to continue our current visitor policy and will not be able to entertain outside visitors to the office. Welcoming visitors to GSO has always been an important part of our history and it is my hope that we will be able to reinstitute office visits and tours after the first of the year. With the shift to a virtual work environment, many of our processes were forced to change and we lost access to some of the tools that helped us with our work. I realize some of these changes have caused challenges for some of you when interacting with the office. I want to express my gratitude for your candor in letting us know the details of your experiences. This is helpful. The services provided by the General Service Office are the reason why we are here. Before coming to GSO, I enjoyed a 35-plus-year career in customer service. My commitment to each and every one of you is that the office provide you all with a high level of service. I know many of us were disappointed with the cancellation of our International Convention last year. Recently, I travelled to Vancouver, British Columbia, to participate in the beginning of our preparations for the 2025 Convention. I returned filled with hope. The enthusiasm of the membership and friends from Western Canada was infectious, and we couldn't ask for a more beautiful venue for our celebration. Please begin your early planning thoughts now. It will be here before you know it. It will prove to be an enormous and enthusiastic renewal for our Fellowship around the world! In closing, in my short three months serving in this role, I have been touched in so many ways. The dedication of each and every employee of

the General Service Office is inspiring. With the challenges of working remotely, preparing to return to the office, and navigating our first in person/hybrid Board Weekend in October, the office continues to carry out its mission with humility, unity, and good spirits. I look forward to keeping in touch with all of you regularly and seeing many of you in person very soon. Thank you for the privilege to serve you.

Bob W. General Manager, G.S.O.

2021 East Central
Virtual Regional Forums
November 19-21, 2021

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure. Visit AA.org for more information or click here.



August 2021 (F-12)

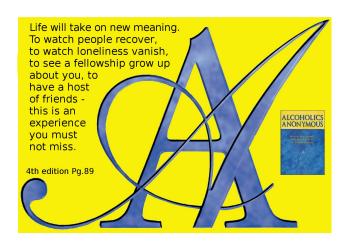
GSO Financial Results (excerpt)

Contributions for the first six months of the year were \$4,976,316, which is 51% of the 2021 budget of \$9,725,000 and \$911,513 more than this time last year. The committee expressed its gratitude to the Fellowship for the continuing Seventh Tradition support.

Total revenue for the first six months of the year was \$10,899,219 which is \$1,653,981 more than this time last year.

Hybrid-opah 2021

Thank you! to **District 6** for a fantastic job hosting the fall assembly and many thanks to our amazing Saturday night speaker: Phil W. - past Area 42 Delegate.



Save the Date & Upcoming Events

Northern Area General Service Committee

NAGSC Meeting Saturday Dec 4, 2021 Saint Catherine of Sienna Episcopal Church 10435 Double R Blvd. Reno, NV. 89521

12:00-12:50 DCMs & Standing Committee Chairs/ GSR Training Breakout Rooms
1:00-3:30 (est) General Meeting

Southern Area General Service Committee

SAGSC Hybrid Meeting Sunday November 14, 2021

Las Vegas Central Office 515 E Tropicana Ave. # 710, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Zoom Info Contact DCM or SAGSC secretary.

GSR Training 11:00-12:00
General Meeting 12:00-2:00
Contact DCM for Virtual Information

PRAASA 2022

55TH Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly Portland, Oregon Hosted by Area 58. March 4 - 6



Area 42 Spring Hybrid-opah Assembly

In Person and Virtual April 1-3, 2022

Tonopah Convention Center 301 Bougher Ave Tonapah, NV 89049 Contact DCM for Zoom Information



26th Pacific Region La Viña Anniversary to be held in Las Vegas!

La Viña Statement of Purpose

La Viña is often referred to as "our meeting in print" for Spanish-speaking members of A.A. and contains stories, interviews and articles written in Spanish, as well as some writings translated from Grapevine. Written, edited, illustrated and read by A.A. members and others interested in the A.A. program of recovery from alcoholism, La Viña is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

La Viña communicates the experience, strength and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience with recovery, unity, and service.

The awareness that every A.A. member has an individual way of working his or her A.A. program permeates the pages of La Viña and the magazine is a forum for the varied and often divergent opinions of A.A.s around the world. Articles are not intended to be statements of A.A. policy, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either A.A. or AA Grapevine, Inc.

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First Conference to be held in Las Vegas! Spring of 2022

Nevada Area Conference of Young People in AA

We are pleased to announce that bids were held at the 8th annual Southwestern Area Conference of Young People in AA in Santa Barbara, CA in September 2021, and Las Vegas was awarded to be the host city for the very first NACYPAA!

For more information visit: www.nacypaa.org





It is the great obsession of every Al-Anon, that someday he or she will learn to control and enjoy their *drinker*.