

SAGSC
Southern Area General Service Committee
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WELCOME NEW GSRs & DCMs

SAGSC REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT: LIBBY

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic SAGSC Secretary. That means I get to listen to everyone and take notes of what you said. And even better I get to type them up and distribute them to everyone. I also get to send email blasts and help keep your email boxes full of fascinating information. If you are a SAGSC officer, SAGSC DCM or SAGSC Standing Chair, I'm the one in charge of the rosters and keeping your contact info up to date. Speaking of that, if you are not getting emails from me, please reach out to me. It means something is wrong – probably a typo on my end. As the Area Literature person, I have all the Area literature. I've learned a lot. I don't have anything else to report. It is an honor to serve SAGSC and if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023 MINUTES Approved Not approved

GSR TRAINER: DANO

Welcome area 42 trusted servants. I am an alcoholic and my name is Dano B. I am currently serving as GSR trainer for the South. Since we last met, a small committee has been knee deep- revamping the GSR survival guide. Softening the edges and making it more user friendly. It is still an unfinished jigsaw puzzle on the kitchen table, but we hope to unveil it in Tonapah. I attended the district 1 GSR roundup workshop on Dec 10 and spoke about the importance of responsibility GSRs have to their groups and AA as a whole. At the last GSR training we did a sharing session on an informed group conscience. Today we reiterated the importance of duties that serving GSRs hold to their groups. Thanks for allowing me to serve as GSR trainer.

DCM COORDINATOR: JOHN

My name is John L. and I am an alcoholic. I was appointed to complete the Area 42 - Panel 73 term for SAGSC DCM Coordinator prior to the fall assembly last year. For those of you who aren't aware of the duties of the DCM Coordinator, it is an appointed position, and according to the current guidelines, the duties are:

Provides a link between the Area, DCMs, and Delegate by:

- Conducting meetings with SAGSC DCMs
- Coordinating multi-District events such as workshops, picnics, etc.
- Conducting Traditions and Concepts education
- Being available to the DCMs to answer questions, attend District meetings, etc.

As such, I am available to support SAGSC DCMs in any way necessary. It is my hope that the new guidelines will incorporate these duties as well. I have come to believe that the areas of greatest potential impact involve multi-District events, workshops, and other activities. Some of my activities prior to the fall SAGSC are noted in my report in the minutes that you just approved. Since that time, the DCM's have been regularly participating in joint meetings that provide a forum for shared experience as well as opportunities for coordination and collaboration. They are participating in multi-District events that have been successful and are planning for future events together. They are also sharing experiences related to encouraging groups to elect active GSRs and are seeing some success. Maybe most importantly, they are forming relationships that are helpful, and, in many cases, providing knowledge and resources that were needed but were lacking. This collaboration opens up access to the considerable shared experience that is then available to them and increases the ability to effectively scale their efforts for all involved. At this SAGSC, we will be discussing the program opportunities for 2024 and most are expecting to be coordinating with each other. It is my anticipation that we will see a range of activities that allow the Districts to scale and provide services beyond what they can do alone. Other topics include how to improve group GSR participation as well as any areas that are challenges to their groups. (Placeholder for update from this meeting.)

In some cases, we could see SAGSC-wide events that all Districts participate in similar to what we saw at the Service Festival last October. In other cases, we will see events similar to that currently being planned with Districts 5b, 15, and 21 for the end of this month which will increase overall participation and visibility to important opportunities for service and education. We are very early in this process of improving our communications. A WhatsApp group and a Google Drive have been set up for sharing documents and flyers. Danella, my alternate, will be assisting in coordination of various activities as well. I recognize that this is an appointed position but the more people who are involved, the more that understand how to best support the Districts in SAGSC going forward. So, anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to reach out to help support events and outreach across the Districts. Of course, there is never one size that fits all. Some of our Districts are very remote, widespread, or small, and it is difficult for them to broadly participate in some multi-District activities and to scale their outreach efforts. It is my intention to work with them to

create initiatives that address their particular needs. In addition, their need for support in providing education and other services to their Districts is also an important consideration due to lack of resources. However, as our recovery is a reflection of years of shared experience, the DCM's shared experience is proving to be useful to all. There are so many people to thank for this progress. From the DCMs and their alternates to others in the service structure including the translation and grapevine teams, LVYPAA and NACYPAA, we are coming together to improve the unity of the Southern Area. The significant contribution you all are making is greatly appreciated. I am confident that we are enhancing the ability to serve the South in Area 42 through building connections that last while encouraging more people to make meaningful contributions to general service and AA as a whole. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. Any who are interested in getting involved, feel free to contact me. Thank you!

AREA OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE: JAKE

Yo yo yo hello southern area 42. My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. Extremely grateful to be serving as the panel 73 area 42 delegate to the general service conference. Welcome to another year of service in the greatest area in the history of the universe. We have a ton of things to talk about today so I'm going to let everyone else do that! At our next meeting, the second SAGS meeting of the year, I will be giving my report about what happened at the general service conference. That report will probably be at least an hour long so I'm keeping it short and sweet today. Hopefully you have all received the group conscience survey we have sent out. If you have not, please contact your DCM or committee chair. Please go to the website. In the member login section you will see all of the proposed agenda items as well as a preliminary agenda for the 74th general service conference. We will be receiving the final agenda and the background information for the conference February 15th and then the fun begins. PRAASA March 1-3, be there. NAGS round tables March 16, SAGS round tables March 17. Be at both of them! Please email, call, or text me about anything, anytime. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. Thank you so much for being here today. Thank you so much for your service. The whole service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous is totally dependent upon you. Your service position matters and we need you here. I love you all.

ALT DELEGATE: PAUL

Good afternoon, everyone, I'm Paul your Panel 73 Area 42 Alternate Delegate & NAGSC Chairperson. I wish everyone a happy new year and with that it makes me think of our first tradition, "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". For me this is and has been for a long time an exciting time of the year and a very busy one. The final General Service Conference (GSC) Agenda Items should be coming out in the middle of February. Then the Area Conference Committees (ACC) will be gearing up, summarizing and preparing for a presentation for the NAGSC and SAGSC roundtables that will be on March 16th for NAGSC and March 17th for SAGSC. These meetings will be hybrid in-person and virtual (on Zoom) so everyone will be able to attend both meetings. This way you will have a better insight on all of the presentations and feedback to help give you an informed group conscience. As I said a very busy time of the year, Jake our Area 42 Delegate is looking for all of the feedback on any of the GSC agenda items even if they are not one of the items discussed in the presentations. Also, Jake has sent out a survey with 3 topics of discussion to get a head start on your informed group conscience, please take this to your groups. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

ARCHIVIST: RONNIE

Hello everyone my name is Ronnie D. and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10th, 1999. I am currently serving as your Area 42/SAGSC Archivist in the last year of a four-year term. Last October I hurt my back at work. Soon after I was working seven days a week. On Thanksgiving I got food poisoning twice in one week. The last month, I have had bronchitis and a sinus infection. Things are starting to get back to normal, I am feeling much better now. Last Thanksgiving Travis and his son and Caroline and Joe from the Las Vegas Round Up committee set up the archives display. I felt it was done in a way that a nickel tour could generally show the first years of AA and possibly interest someone into looking into AA history. It's a new year and we as a committee will be purchasing things needed to protect, store and compile not only the local AA history but the ongoing events and GSO as it works to serve AA as a whole. The Archives committee will begin meeting shortly on a bi-weekly schedule on Saturdays here at central office. We'll be doing it the second and fourth Saturdays at 9 to 11 am here in this room and the archives back there. If you would like to volunteer, we'd love to have you. The only incentives we have are usually donuts or BBQ. That's my go-to thing. It's worked so far. I'd like to talk to you real quickly about the AA surveys you've been seeing over and over again. I encourage every single one of you to fill one out because some people are bound and determined to change Bill and Bob's writings. They really want to change things in AA. I've been doing archives long enough I'm pretty sure that if they change anything it's going to be to the detriment and possibly the end of AA. If it works don't fix it, especially this. Bill said in a pamphlet, he said this is the only treatment for alcoholism that really works. It would be like a cancer patient getting better from cancer and saying "You know, I'd really like to change the treatment for the other people coming in. It might work, it might not work. It worked for me but I want to change it." That's the kind of sentiment I get when I hear people wanting to change things because it offends. So, if you don't do anything today besides stay to the end of SAGSC, why don't you fill out that survey. It takes a remarkably short period of time. All you have to do is answer the questions. It gives Jake a feeling of what you think, is what we are getting at. I don't think there is a place on earth, any organization,

that sends a world-wide survey. We want to know what you think. How do you want your fellowship to run. That's all I got thanks.

REGIONAL FORUM CHAIR: RHONDA

My name is Rhonda and I'm an alcoholic. Panel 69 past Delegate, Area 42, the best area in the United States and Canada. So, there's a Forum coming to Las Vegas, July 12 through 14. If you don't know what a Forum is, come see me after the meeting. I'd be happy to fill you in. In a nutshell, it is where GSO brings their offices, basically, to your city and does presentations about what's going on in AA in the US and Canada. It's super cool and there's Trustees there. They talk to you. You can talk to the General Manager of GSO. It's casual and it's free. But not for you guys because I need volunteers. If you want to volunteer, please come see me. I made a chart, you can even pick your time and day that you want to volunteer. I hope to see all of you there. Please spread the word. It's open to everyone in AA, not just people in General Service. Anyone in AA can come. Anyone who is not in AA can come and check it out. Anyone can come. That's all I have, thanks.

REGISTRAR: LISA (read by Libby)

Hi I am Lisa and I am an alcoholic. Happy New Year! We are so excited to be hosting the 2024 Regional Forum this July!! Wooohoo!! Looking forward to a year of fun service work with all of you people. Sorry That I am unable to be there with you today, I am out of town celebrating a wedding with my family. Part of the joys of sobriety... showing up for my loved ones and sober dancing! Being a Registrar is never a dull moment. Just as I get one task crossed off of my list, I get another request for help with group numbers or adding new group contacts or GSRs. New meetings seem to be born way more often then I ever knew and it is so fun watching the Area 42 AA Live and full of action. If you do need help you are welcome to text or call me for quickest response. My number is... Jk i dont want them to have to scrub the notes just for me, but lots of people have my number just reach out they will give it to you. Lastly, I am part of the Trustees conference committee and excited to see if we get any agenda items this year. (Last year we did not.) If not, then whoever needs help, I'd like to be a part of it. It's one of my favorite parts of General Service. Getting the backstory as to why things are brought to the General Service Conference, where did these agenda items start, who asked for this, and getting to consider their perspective compared to AA as a whole - Its a little time consuming but worth it for the learning! Love you guys! Thanks for helping me grow!

TECHNOLOGY CHAIR: STEPHANIE

Good afternoon, my name is Stephanie and I'm an alcoholic. It's funny because I was just thinking about the last SAGSC. Pam had contacted me and asked me to step up. I got another gift of sobriety and I was able to take my two sons to an NFL game. I'm happy to be here. I am your resident nerd. I have a lot of experience with zoom and new technology. On March 14, 2020 I had to convert an entire school system to on-line. It was a crash course in zoom. I am happy to be here. Thank you.

TRANSLATION: TONY

Hello everyone, My name is Tony, and I am privileged to serve as your Area Translation and Interpretation Chairperson. We meet on Zoom on the 3rd Monday of every month, as of last month. We are responsible for translating your reports, amongst other things, into English and then into Spanish. We actually have volunteers that don't even speak Spanish, translating reports. I am so deeply honored to have them assisting us. Our committee went over our Guidelines to make sure we are serving the Spanish community, to the best of our ability. We will be reading the Guideline changes to the Assembly in the Spring, for your approval. This is my final year for this commitment and hopefully by the end of the year, I'll have this correct. If you feel you may need a commitment, please feel free to see Dina in the back of the room. As you may or may not know, we also do translations during the assembly. Many of you may not know that simultaneous translations is a lot harder than you think. Your 1 sentence can be 2 sentences in Spanish, so we ask that you please speak slowly so we can keep up with you. This is so the Spanish community can get the same message you are getting. Last but not least, if you are required to read a report, we would like the report to be sent to the secretary at least 2 weeks before the assembly, NAGSC or SAGSC meetings. We need time to translate all the reports. In love and service.

AREA 42 TREASURER: JASON

Hello, my name is Jason, and I am an alcoholic.

The following reports are available:

- Income & Expense as of 12/31/2023 – See attached
- Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2023 – See attached

Cash Position (As of 12/31/2023)

Savings	\$ 30,029.07
Checking	\$ 75,197.49
Total Cash	\$105,226.56

For the period ending December 31st, 2023, our net income amounted to \$34,144.72 while the total expenses for the corresponding period reached \$94,473.35. Kindly take note of my updated service email. While I'm accessible via this new email, I strongly recommend utilizing the official Area email, treasurer@nevadaarea42.org, for all communications. Using my Yahoo email might lead to potential oversight. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Voluntary Group contributions can be made payable to "Area 42" and mailed to: Area 42, PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171. To request a reimbursement, send an email to treasurer@nevadaarea42.org containing the following details: your Service Position/Committee, a brief description of the expenses, receipts, your mailing address, and the name of the payee for the check. If you're hesitant to provide your mailing address, please inform me, and we'll figure out an alternative. It's my pleasure to serve in this capacity and thank you for your cooperation!

Questions:

- How does the \$34,144.27 relate to the bottom line against what the budget was for. The treasurer will investigate
- The number is misleading as there was a transfer of \$70,000 last year from closing the SAGSC and NAGSC treasuries. It created a paper profit of \$30k, operationally there was a loss of \$35k. We need to have that kind of thing reported.
- Is it possible Area 42 may be able to accept electronic contributions in the near future? It is on our radar with the Finance committee. Our main priority is to move our Quickbooks to a cloud version. We'll discuss with the accountant at tax time.

WEBSERVANT: GLENN

Hi everybody, my name is Glenn and I'm honored to serve as the Area 42 Webmaster. My position as Webmaster is to keep the NevadaArea42.org website updated with general service information. The website is solely a public information tool for the Area 42 General Service Assembly and to display information about Alcoholics Anonymous in both southern and northern Area 42. The purpose of the website is to create another way to access and inform Area 42 members about events and better communicate with remote areas of Area 42. If you are looking to contact any of our Area Officers, northern or southern Area leaders, or our committee chairs, and district DCM's you can send them an email from the Contacts page. There are resources to finding meetings in and around Area 42. Our page for the assembly is loaded with information about the assembly. Read what the delegate shares about the delegates on the Delegate's Corner page. There are maps, minutes and our current newsletters for all your reading pleasure and research. The GSR Training manual along with the GSR, DCM and new group change forms can also be found on the site. The pages for NAGS and SAGS have our meeting dates, agendas, minutes, Guidelines and other pertinent information for each sub-Area. The events page lists each district meeting time and locations. DCM's please check your information for accuracy and email me if changes need to be made. My email address can be found on the Contacts page under Webmaster. The password protected page is for confidential information. It contains information that should not be disclosed to the general public, such as unscrubbed documents along with other information and Area committee deals to be confidential will be placed here. The password for the protected area is "Area42Member". Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I'm humbled and honored to be the Area 42 webmaster. The one thing I want to talk to you a little bit about are the DCM's when you have events. When you send me your event flyers, please give me a day or two to be able to post them. Please keep any personal information off the flyer. The calendars always stay on the website but it's never been listed on the front page. Now that it is on the front page, it is used more and more. It's a wonderful tool that we are going to be able to use more and more to be able to navigate all our events coming up. Anybody have any questions. There is a lot of updating to do on the Spanish side. Bear with us.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

ACCESSIBILITIES: JOAN (Co-Chair Diana)

Hi, my name is Diana and I'm an alcoholic and have recently accepted the position as Co-Chair of the SAGSC Accessibilities committee. I am filling in for Joan, who is the Coordinator, while she is away. This committee is committed to the awareness of accessibility concerns which includes physical and mental obstacles as well as barriers of culture and language, and to seeking solutions ensuring that all suffering alcoholics are afforded access and can participate fully in AA. As a bilingual member, I continue to maintain our Hispanic District 21 informed of our service committee and its commitment to their community on a regular basis. "Meetings to Go" is our meeting service sub-committee. Our mission here is to bring AA meetings to members in nursing homes, group homes, and rehab hospitals. If you'd like to join our volunteers or know someone in need of this service, please contact Joan and she will help you when she returns at the end of the month. Joan and I attended the Inter-Area Remote Communities Conference last December. Remote communities falls under the Accessibilities umbrella. We left the experience inspired and invigorated. One of the presenters, Karla from Area 93, shared her experience of starting Spanish-speaking women's meetings in her community and spoke of the importance of creating a safe space for Spanish-speaking women in AA. I had started a similar meeting in Las Vegas before the pandemic, and Joan and I are looking into getting that local meeting restarted. We also discussed the possibility of creating an online hybrid meeting to enable more Spanish-speaking women to attend without having to leave their homes. We are still working out the details and will let the fellowship know about our plans. We talked about the roadblocks to accessing and the use of technology which could help our community obtain better access. Education and training are key, so we presented an idea and are working with our Hispanic District 21 to set up a technology workshop to help our members get Zoom and

email set up on their smartphones and other devices. We will provide more information about this event as our planning develops. If you are interested in participating on the Accessibilities committee, come to our next meeting which will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 7 pm on Zoom. With A Grateful Heart.

CPC (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY): CHRIS

Hi everyone, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Chris. If I speak too quickly please tell me to slow down. I drank too much coffee earlier. We have a lot of new people here so I would like to briefly go into what Cooperation with the Professional Community committee does. It's a lot of words so it is easier to just call it CPC. Not CBC, but CPC. So CPC was developed back in 1970 sometime, as an offshoot of the Public Information committee. Back in the 70's it was determined that our relationship with the professional community, back then treatment centers still weren't very big but psychologists, psychiatrists, mental health community, the health care community was growing. It was strong enough to where the General Service Office, at that time, made a decision to create a new committee that focused on reaching out to professionals. Why is this important? I don't know if any of you saw recently that Jake sent out the 2022 membership survey for Alcoholics Anonymous. About every eight years or so AA does a membership survey. It basically tells us the demographics of the people who are in Alcoholics Anonymous. One of the big points that comes out of this is that in 2022 57% of all of us got here because a professional recommended we come to AA. So right now we have, I think 1.9 million people in AA. 57% of us, more than one million people got here because of psychiatrists, psychologists, parole officers, somebody said you may have a problem, why don't you check out AA. Now that sounds great, right. Well if you also look deeper into AA's information, our membership has declined. It's steadily declined since 2011. And it took a big hit after Covid. What does that mean? Our membership between 2014, when our last survey was done and 2022, our membership is down 3.6%. Now when we look at the influence from two things. During Covid, alcohol use when up 3.6%. Our membership is down 3.6% and alcohol use is up 3.6%. That's a double hit to alcoholism. We're losing the battle. We're losing the battle. Then on top of it, as I said, the professional community, is referring 57% of our people. In 2014 they were referring 62% of our people. Our colleagues in the profession, they are not sending them to us any more. That's why CPC is important. I spent my first year as the chair getting my feet wet. I really had a great year last year. We established two really good relationships. One is with an organization called L.I.M.A. L.I.M.A. is a part of Metro PD. It is law enforcement intervention for mental illness and addiction. Basically, it is an alternative to detention for low level offenders. We have been a part of L.I.M.A. We would go to L.I.M.A. with our flyers and we would be there. Last year we had a round table, not the kind of round table Caroline is speaking of, but we had a round table with professionals last year and L.I.M.A. was there. It was a big success. To the point where they had us speaking to their membership twice so far. We made great inroads with treatment facilities, mental health organizations, social services, NAMI. NAMI is a big one. We are making great inroads because of the outreach the CPC committee has done in the community. Another big success for us was last year also as a result of this forum we did last year was with the Army National Guard, the Nevada Army National Guard. Those of you who know Leslie here, I'm not sure which group she is with as a GSR. She is former military and she is one of the people who helped us to take the message of AA to the Army National Guard. So far we have made two presentations to the Army National Guard. Each time we had 120 soldiers that we spoke to. 120 soldiers, ages 20 to about 40. It is absolutely an amazing opportunity. We went there. we told them what AA is, what we do, what we don't do. Al-anon was there as well. They were saying what Al-anon does, what they don't do, what they offer. Then we had some young people from Alcoholics Anonymous come and tell their story. I can't tell you what it is like to see a twenty-something soldier, 6'2", 200 lbs., with his head on the shoulder of one of our members crying. Saying I can't do this any more. We don't do 12th step work. I was at an event, an AA event, about a year ago. People were talking about the CPC work that they do. I was the CPC chair at that time and I don't know these people. They were talking about how they were an accountant at this accounting company and my boss came to me and said "I know that you are sober, Joan over here has a problem can you go talk to Joan?". That's not what we do. We do not do 12th step work. We go in to organizations and we tell them about the services that AA has to offer. We have an incredible number of materials we can give. We have the opportunity to also to present at a number of other events than just L.I.M.A. and the Army National Guard. Which we are doing again this year. We have already done the Guards once this year and L.I.M.A. once this year. It's fantastic. We also have the opportunity to be at a Health Care conference last November. There were 2000 health care workers that were at this conference. It was absolutely fantastic. We went there with our rack. We had all of these materials. Nothing went. The standard flyers, they didn't pick them up. Except two things. They picked up "Is AA for You?" and that is the flyer that has the self-assessment, the twelve questions. The other thing they picked up was a little business card that we had, that had the link to the website, to the app for the meeting app. So I asked people. I said "Why aren't you taking this other stuff?" They said because we don't do paper. The self-assessment is great but we're not going to hand out this flyer. The meeting app is great but we're not going to type in the http address. They said "If you had a card with a QR code on it, we would give these out at our discharge." So we did. We created that. We created a postcard and at the top it had "If you are not sure you have a drinking problem, take this self-assessment. Twelve questions only you can answer." It also has the hotline numbers for all the hotlines here in Nevada. It also has the QR code to the meeting app. It is one stop shopping. Take a look in the mirror through the self-assessment and find a meeting. You can do all of that in the privacy of your own home. I took this as a trial. I recently moved up to Pahrump. I got cleared to go into the jail with a couple of the other women to do a meeting. When I was getting my clearance I asked the officer. I said "We have a whole mess of materials for AA, would you like any of this?" I showed her the postcard and I also did it as a wall flyer. She took 200 of the postcards and she took half a dozen of the flyers. We will put this in our discharge offering. You know, we have to look at the way we're communicating with the community because everything is digital today. We in CPC, we're looking

at how can we make our information more accessible. I've talked about the great things we've done. We've got a number of events coming up. We need people. Some of the organizations where we have AA available are Covenant House. Covenant House is one of the organizations we work with. There's one that is coming up very soon. That is called Second Chance. Second Chance is a recovery organization and they are having a 5K benefit. They are going to have vendors there. We were at a L.I.M.A. event last Friday and they came to me and said will AA be there. I need volunteers. I need people who are willing to stand there with our materials and talk to the people who are there looking for recovery through Second Chance. So that they know that help, that AA is alive and well. Right now we only have five members on our committee. Myself, Debbie who is the PI Chair, two retirees, who really have mobility issues, and three people who work full time. We have a lot of opportunity to spread the word. We want to change that trend. We want AA to get up to two million members again. When I hear the treasurer's report for SAGSC and for the Intergroup. 7th tradition is down. It's down because people are going out and drinking. I don't care if they put their buck in the basket or not, I do care if they are drinking. Be part of the change. Help us to correct that trend. My colleague, Debbie for PI, she sent through Libby a forum that if you are willing to be of service, please come. I also put together a Google form. If you don't want paper you can do it online. We have 800 groups in Southern Nevada. I'm asking that just one person from each one of those groups fill out that form and say that I'm available for 2 to 4 hours once in the next year. Just once. If we had 800 people who were willing to put in just 2 hours once, we can turn that trend around. My name is Chris H.. You can contact me. Email is sarea42.pi.cpc@gmail.com. Be part of the solution. I'm sorry I don't do BBQ, we don't bring donuts, we don't even do coffee. My phone. That's my personal cell, please just keep it personal, don't share it with the world. One other thing. As I said, last year we had a forum with the professional community. We're doing it again this year. Judy and Libby sent this out. There are some flyers over here. Please register for the forum. It's March 14th. It's on a Thursday. Why are we doing it in the middle of the week? Because that's when the professionals work. Last year we tried to do it on the weekend and nobody signed up. Not even people from the fellowship. Nobody signed up. We ended up doing it during the week. We had a meager number of participation last year. It turned out we had two really good connections with L.I.M.A. and the Army National Guard. If you want to be part of that change, the topic is going to be Obstacles to Sobriety – Why are People Going Out? Why is our membership going down? Why are the Professionals not sending their folks to us? Be part of that. We can make a big change. Does anyone have any questions?

- April 20, 2024 – If you are interested please give me a shoutout. If you want to run it is going to be a great event. One of the things I want to say is a lot of the events we do, when we do Homeless Alliance, when we do Salvation Army, these are going to be the people who are really down and out. You are going to see the people who are really, really, really struggling. They are not allowed in the Tropicana to our open meetings during the Round-Up. We need to get to those people because they are struggling. Then there are events like the Second Chance that are a bit safer. We can still have that same impact. Because alcoholism doesn't discriminate. If you are interested in any way, please give me a call and look for that Google form. I'll be resending it out. We have 800 groups, one person, just one person from every group for just two hours, in one year. Thank you.

GRAPEVINE: HEATHER

The Grapevine Team showed up at Roundup!

- November 23-26 - Las Vegas Roundup! Grapevine had tables set up from Thursday afternoon until Sunday morning in Bill and Bob's. There was a variety of literature and specialty items. It was a great place to get your holiday gifts and learn all about grapevine history. There was also a fun trivia contest - with prize winners - on Saturday afternoon. Visitors were encouraged to drop off a "Happy Birthday Grapevine" paragraph or essay and pick up a free vintage grapevine issue just for participating!

Coming Up!

- We are looking forward to participating, once again, with District 5B, for their next workshop on January 27th.

*DCMs - I am sure many Grapevine positions will be rotating (or starting). Please reach out if you would like me to attend your February business meeting. I/Heather will make myself available to explain what a Grapevine Rep, at a district or group level, does.

*The new Grapevine App became available in fall of 2023. IT IS AWESOME!

*Great podcasts (75+) can be found by going to aagrapevine.org/podcast

*Look for grapevine magazine on Instagram too!

**The Grapevine Committee meets via zoom the last Tuesday of each month. Anybody who is a Grapevine Rep or interested in participating/volunteering at an upcoming Grapevine table should attend.

Heather L. ***This is a fun committee!***

LA VIÑA: LEO

Hello, I am Leo and I am an alcoholic, good afternoon to each and every one of you, I thank you for your service and guide us with your example, here I give you a small report. LaVina was also at the Round-up. We did very well. This is the second time I experienced the Round-up. Also I noticed that lots of bi-lingual AA members come from around the state and also Mexico. That was a good learning experience. We sold a good quantity of literature. The committee continues to make it their part to visit District 21 groups on Wednesdays reminding colleagues of the importance of keeping the magazine International Review of Alcoholics Anonymous alive. Normally we do the visits with District 21 committees which is Roy and the secretary and the treasurer and us. We

have 18 groups here in Las Vegas and one in Mesquite. A new group that has some fellows. You can tell when someone is willing and falls in love with the program and service. So we make our visits to the district every Wednesday. Typically we talk to them about the Grapevine. Sometimes they have questions or they will give us a hard time on the subscription – that they won't come. Then we have to find out from the office in New York. When I do that sometimes I get frustrated because – in order to get my sobriety I work hard for it. When I work hard for it. I sacrifice time and effort – only an alcoholic like me. My ego is saying I'm working so hard but I have to do this for a reason. We go to visit and talk about it we share experience. Being in service for the last two years being next to you all in service and Area 42 and everything involves Alcoholics Anonymous. I understand that we are in the same way, no matter what, wherever we are from or we do, it's a challenge for me when I call the Grapevine sometimes I get frustrated because I work hard for this. When I talk to them they will give me an answer but it's not a solution But at the end they help us. They cheer that we do Grapevine raffle. We are working. Thank you very much for supporting District 21.

PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION): DEBORAH

Happy New Year! It's been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Public Information Chair the last six months. I'm meeting so many members of service, all of you, and having fun. Sometimes I run into dead ends. Sometimes I have a little bit of success! I heard Chris say that there are a lot of new people in the room. I'm not there so I'm going to touch a little bit on the background of the role of Public Information. The role of the committees, both PI and CPC, is one of educating, providing conference approved literature, and being a resource for information. When a professional or a public outlet contacts Alcoholics Anonymous, and that's usually the Central Office, they are pointed in the direction of CPC and PI. I'd like to pose a question to you. How did you find AA? As Chris pointed out, if it was a lawyer or employer, social worker, doctor, psychologist, that's a direct result of the service alcoholics put forth in the effort of PI and CPC. This work is extremely important, but it is often misunderstood or overlooked. Our general members don't know what we do or understand what PI and CPC is and does. It is also important to bring newcomers into Alcoholics Anonymous and there is still so much to be done. What I have done so far, really I feel like I haven't done anything but I feel like I've done so much at the same time. I believe I found a place on the Central Office website that shows where Public Information is. I will work more closely with Judy to find out how I can get content in there or even if I'm supposed to be doing that. I will talk more to her about that. Using that landing page will get us noticed and professionals can be directed there when they call Central Office. We encounter people out in the public, so that anyone who is looking for AA will be able to find us. It will be to our benefit to have current info and a solid base of content. Chris also mentioned QR codes which are very important, especially with technology that's everchanging. A lot of people don't want to have literature. This is contradicting because I attend a working group meeting which meets on the second Saturday of every month and two of the speakers that were there focused on the CPC side. They both mentioned leaving literature on site. I brought that question up about professionals not wanting to read pamphlets. What the doctor and the health care professional said was to just be persistent. I want to work more closely with getting help with someone who can help me with the QR code. I can take care of distributing literature, actually our whole group can. One more thing I wanted to mention about Chris was saying is that if we just have one person from each area to help out for two hours it would be greatly appreciated. I also wanted to point out that 27%, according to that survey that came out, 27% of us are retired. That's a good demographic right there because I'm one of those people. I'm fortunate enough that I am retired, I'm able to attend things that don't just fall on Saturday and Sunday. My out reach, I'm going to just keep emailing, texting, and phone calls. I ordered a flag finally. I was hoping to bring it but I'm not there today. The service flyer for PI/CPC with our contact info is very helpful as well. I like putting that in a Google form so that we can move away from paper if that's the direction some professionals, some people out in the public prefer. Let's just get the word out there, that we are here to still reach the suffering alcoholic. I'll keep working on leaving literature and ordering more pamphlets as we need them. Let's see what else do I have here? So Tony or Dina, I definitely will be reaching out to you because I also hear over and over again that we, PI and CPC definitely need to have good relationships, strong relationships with the Spanish speaking community as well as Al-anon. The committee members and I hope that I will be able to attend some meetings and possibly collaborate on some events going forward. I could ask all the DCM's that are there now, if you could invite me to your district meetings. I've never been to one ever and I've been sober for a while. Going to a district meeting, I've never done that I would love to do that. I'm going to keep on hammering away at the general public, contacts and get the word out. I will also be attending PRAASA. This will be my first one. I'm excited about that. Not about going to San Francisco but I'm excited about PRAASA. Our local PI/CPC committee meets on the second Monday at 4:30 and we went strictly to zoom. I will put the information in the chat so that I don't have to put all that stuff out there right now. Also I will put in the chat the information of the working group that meets on the second Saturday. It meets at 9 am. It's based out of the East Bay in California. It's a great meeting. They do a lot. There are people from all over the country, the world I should say. They share what their local PI/CPC committees are doing. It's very, very well put together. I believe that's all I have. Any questions? Thank you for your time. And Happy New Year.

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

H&I (HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS): GERALD – No Report

LAS VEGAS INTERGROUP LIAISON: AMANDA

Amanda alcoholic, it's good to see a lot of faces here. My role is I'm the liaison, which means kind of a partner, between Intergroup and General Service. I take what happens here today and report it back to Central Office at Intergroup and what happens at Intergroup I take all that information and bring it back to you guys. That's my role here. I will keep it short and sweet. You'll have all these events when the minutes come out. A couple of things I announce all of the time to help Judy out. If your meeting time or place has changed or it is a new meeting, please let her know so she can update it in the schedule and the meeting guide app so we can keep everything up to date.

Central Office

- Please help keep the meeting schedule up to date. Contact Judy at Central Office for any changes to your meeting time/place or if you have a new meeting that needs to be added to the schedule. www.lvcentraloffice.org.
- **Hotline:** Currently, there are no hotline shifts available in the office. Please contact Judy P. if you are interested in taking a shift here at the Central Office from 8 to 4. You come in for a 4 hour shift and answer the hotline calls. You can release someone if they want to go on a break or go on a vacation. The hotline after hours also always needs volunteers. You can contact Judy or Saul or myself. I'll get you in contact if you are interested. There are many different commitments associated with answering the phone calls after the Central Office closes. Please reach out to centralofficehotline@gmail.com or call the hotline at 702-598-1888 if you'd like to be of service.
- If you are planning to have an AA-related event, workshop or need a new home for your AA meeting, please contact Central Office. The rent for the meeting room is 40% of the 7th Tradition collected.
- Continue to send your upcoming event flyers to Central Office. the office number 702-780-4293.
- **Silver Streak:** An editor has been found. Editions will be coming out soon.
- **Founder's Day:** The first planning committee meeting for 2024 Founders Day will be on Sunday, January 21 at Central Office at 1 pm. All positions are available to be of service. This is a fantastic event to help celebrate the beginning of where AA came from, and all proceeds go to Central Office. Contact John H. or Amanda for more information.
- **Men's Night Out:** 6th Annual Men's Night Out Banquet and Speaker Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 6 pm at Tuscany Suites and Casino. This is a fundraiser for Central Office, Banquet tickets are \$50 and raffle tickets are \$20 each. You can register online at www.lvmensnightout.org or fill out a registration form by March 20. For more information you can contact Amanda or Ralph P.
- **Service Festival:** As mentioned in my report last month, this year's Service Festival was well-received and quite a success. We were able to bring together over 160 people to celebrate, learn and connect about all the service opportunities available within the Southern Area. However, we did have some hiccups in funding that created some confusion. In order to avoid a repeat of the uncertainty and concerns voiced by the Festival Committee and others, the Intergroup and/or Area 42 should proactively address all concerns and establish explicit responsibility, authority, and funding for future Service Festivals.

LVYPAA LIAISON: MIKE

Greetings members of the southern area! LVYPAA, the Las Vegas Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, has been at work since we last met in November. On December 16th, 3 of our committee members braved the long trek to co- host NACYPAA 3 Host Committee's White Elephant Gift Exchange event in Elko. Our chair, Brie M. was the main speaker. NACYPAA, the Nevada Conference of Young People in Alcoholics is in it's third year and will be hosting the conference as a campout, a first, from August 2nd - 4th, 2024 at Lion's Camp Grounds, in scenic, alpine, Lamoille Canyon, in Elko County. Pre-registration is currently \$25, or \$35 including campsite and tent. Additionally, there will be hotels rooms available at Maverick Hotel and Casino in Elko, about 25 minutes drive away, where incidentally, August NAGSC will be held the same weekend. The success of this year's conference is an important step for Area 42 toward demonstrating it's commitment in helping it's underserved districts. Please consider attending or sponsoring a newcomer, as the hand of AA. For more information, please visit the NACYPAA Facebook page, OR NACYPAA website at: nacypaa.org

[Nevada Area Conference of Young People in AA | NACYPAA](#)

TBD 2024! Facts, Aim, Purpose NACYPAA was presented to NV Area 42 in the Fall of 2018 by a collective of YPAA members from around the area.

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LVYPAA held a X-mas Bingo & Ugly sweater event at Central Office on Saturday, Dec 23. Several iterations of Bingo were played, and shenanigans were had. Our speaker was Eric M. On January 6th, six members of our committee attended The 23rd annual YPAA Yuma Kickball tournament in Yuma, Arizona. Our very own Austin A. was one of 3 speakers from across the Southwest and Pacific Regions. We competed on a joint team with ASCYPAA Flagstaff, and won the trophy with them. For the first time in 11 years, Las Vegas will be engraved (jointly with Flagstaff) on the coveted trophy. We are currently working on an as yet to be determined

Valentine's event for February. LVYPAA meets every first Sunday of the month at 1:30pm, here at Central Office. We are working on a second, online monthly committee meeting to be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm in our Discord workspace. Come Join us, positions are open, all are welcome! Thank you all for your time and tireless service! Send us your young people.

SPANISH INTERGROUP: MIGUEL

My name is Miguel and I'm an alcoholic. I am the committee chair the forum 22. I am with the young lady who swears she only has a year and 4 months sobriety and she has taken this on and she is helping a lot. We are going to continue visiting with District 21 and working together with them. We will get more information for the forum on May 5th. Thank you.

DCM REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1: LOU

Hello, my name is Lou and I am an Alcoholic. I am privileged to be serving as the District Committee Member (DCM) for District One. Our district consists of groups in Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Searchlight. Recently, our district organized a successful workshop right here at Central Office on December 10th. We called it a "GSR Roundup". The event drew significant attendance and featured valuable insights from our panel of Libby, Dano and Jake. We are in the process of planning three or four more workshops throughout the year. Actively promoting participation, we've been encouraging meetings to elect General Service Representatives (GSRs) and engage in district activities. I'm happy to share that we have a couple of new GSRs present with us today. Looking ahead, we are in the initial stages of organizing our 26th annual fellowship picnic, scheduled for Saturday, October 12th, at Broadbent Park in Boulder City. Please save the date in your calendars. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DISTRICT 3: SHANE

Hi everyone, Shane Alcoholic, I'm the DCM for District 3. Happy to be here today. Somebody mentioned that this is their first year in service and it dawned on me that I too, have done my first year and time flies. I'm looking forward to my second year. We had our meeting this last week, District 3 did. I mentioned at the last SAGSC meeting that we're planning some outreach to groups in the district. You have to remember that District 3 is Las Vegas, all the way up to Caliente. At our last meeting we finally got the plan together and are putting it in action. I want to thank everybody who was at the meeting for District 3, the GSRs. Everybody has stepped up and are volunteered, some people even to Caliente. To do the outreach and go to those groups that haven't participated in the district. We're looking forward to that. Seeing the results of that in the coming months. We are also looking forward to doing an event with a couple of other districts likely in the next couple of months. Anyway, thank you very much. I'm out.

DISTRICT 5B: SAMANTHA (read by Victor)

Good Afternoon, my name is Samantha, I am the DCM for district 5B and I am an Alcoholic!! District 5B is cohosting a workshop with District 15 and District 21 on traditions. District 5B will be presenting on Traditions 5 and 6. The workshop will be held on January 27th from 1-4pm at the TIE club. District 5B is also working on hosting an event sometime after the area assembly, more information on that is still TBD but we are always looking for other districts to co host with us. Our monthly district meeting is held the 2nd Saturday of the month, KCB 5717 W Alexander Rd at 1:15pm. If you have any questions, or need any information please reach out to me.. Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

DISTRICT 7: TAYTAY (Read by John L.)

My name is TayTay and I am an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 7. We meet the fourth Sunday of every month at 2:30 pm at the Meeting Space in room 103. We also still have the on-line hybrid option if you can't join us in person. For those new GSRs to District 7, I see two of you over there. Please see me so I can add you to our email list. We are half-way into the two-year commitment. It has been a growing experience. Our district is active and excited about the year. Our first meeting for the year isn't until January 28th. We don't yet have anything to update you on for this year. We do have an approved budget which was approved at our Christmas eve meeting. We also are doing three workshops throughout the year. We don't have when or what topic but keep an eye out for information on those and for our annual picnic. Hopefully it won't get rained out for three years in a row. Also our webservant has been super hard at work and has revamped our website. It's amazing, up-to-date and continuing to improve and give accurate and effective information on our district and area. We are also finishing up an update to our District Guidelines. I'm so grateful for the work that has gone into this. They definitely needed an update This commitment has been a growing experience and I feel honored I've been able to serve in this way. I look forward to seeing you all at PRAASA and Tonopah for the Assembly. March Madness here we come. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and continuing to have a seat in the rooms. The website is lasvegasdistrict7.org

DISTRICT 9: JOANNE (Read by Christian)

Hello, Christian, alcoholic. I'm the District 9 treasurer and district 9 alternate DCM. I'll be reading Joanne's, our DCM's report. Greetings fellow friends of Bill, my name is Joanne and I'm a grateful recovered alcoholic. At the time of this writing I've not found it necessary to take a drink since September 7th 2007. I have on-going conflicts which do not allow me to participate in person so I'm

grateful for Christian stepping up as District 9th alternate DCM. I am currently beginning my second year as the DCM for District 9. District 9 represents the Strip and fans out in a pie shape to the California border. We meet on the first of the Saturday of the month at Central Office at 1:30 pm. District 9 has current challenges in participation with groups and with the 7th Tradition to the District.

We are however are looking at ways to be more active and we will be having a pizza party/service event in April with the date to be announced when we can make sure we are not in conflict with other districts or the Area. I write with concern about how things are going within the district. I originally turned Dano down when he asked me to stand for the DCM position. Then District 9 held a group conscience and asked me again to be of service to them. With the responsibility statement ringing in my head, I accepted the service position, which I take very seriously. Another district came to us and suggested we merge. I was and am opposed to this idea. It pains me to be in conflict and in disagreement with the groups who are active in District 9. The active groups want to discuss doing this. My attitude and mindset are that each district is autonomous and it would be detrimental to the mission I believe I was called to do which is to bring back into the service structure those groups who for legitimate reasons have decided against structured service work and to get more meetings on the strip. I honestly feel that that the healthy districts are way too big and this corporate style merging will leave the marginalized groups even further marginalized. District 9 is the most diverse district in Area 42. We have been called the Gay District. We have meetings that do not fit the norm. We have at least two secular groups, two LGBTQ+ groups, BIPOK and others say don't follow the traditions. We have at least one group that is strictly on-line. It comes down to this. I feel radical change in the service structure would be detrimental to District 9. It would further marginalize already marginalized groups. That doesn't mean we wouldn't be open to working with other groups, of course we would. If anyone would like to be of service to District 9 we would welcome them with open arms. In the end it is up to collective HP on the future. I think Christian again for representing District 9 in my absence. And thank you for giving me the time to share what I think is happening in District 9. Your friend of Bills.

DISTRICT 11: - No Report

DISTRICT 13: MATT

Hi, my name is Matt and I'm an alcoholic. I'm also the Alternate DCM for District 13 and GSR for my home group the Misfits. Unfortunately, our DCM had to step away from his service position due to health issues and by doctor's orders. In the interim I'll function as both Alternate and GSR for my group by doing things like attending this meeting here. We have expressed interest from people who might want to step up and take that position. That is to say they didn't tell me no out right. We're hopeful that they'll find in service what we all found in service and step up for that position. Meanwhile we are in a holding pattern. We have had some success. Our last workshop in December, the Doctor's Opinion workshop, was a success. Thank you all for attending to whoever attended. I also do have an excess amount of those Doctor's Opinion worksheets handouts. If you are interested or want one, let me know I'll get one to you. If you see me around and about. We're still continuing our efforts to get GSRs involved, and we still have the ones who have stepped up have been attending our business meeting. At the next one we're going to be trying to plan some events. WE have a lot of ideas. We're shopping around to see what anyone else comes up with. We are still there, we haven't folded up yet. Thank you for letting me share.

DISTRICT 15: LORA (read by Heather)

Hello Family, Hope you all had fabulous holidays. Happy New Year!! District 15 is doing well, Lots of Love, support and unity. District 15 Had a Christmas Alkathon with food, fellowship and carrying the message of A.A it was Well attended. The Heartfelt loss of the manager of T.I.E. Club Bruce S. has been felt in our meetings, he will be missed and my heart goes out to Yvonne S. There is a Celebration of Life for Bruce S. Jan. 21st from 2:00- 4:30 pm held at TIE Club. Food provided and desserts are welcome. Come join us to show your love, support and unity of our unexpected fallen member Bruce Almighty my dear friend. Our New Years Eve alkathon wasn't held this year, because of a lack of support, communication and changes with new management at TIE Club. Things are going to be changing with new management. Our meetings are not affected, just events there will be run differently without Bruce, Life evolves. District 15 will be Hosting a Service workshop -Speakers, Discussions, Fellowship and Food! At the TIE Club on The Traditions on Jan. 27th 1pm-4pm co-hosted by Districts 5b and 21. Speaker District 5b Bob F...Speaker District 15 Kane C. and Speaker District 21 Leo M. This is a potluck so join us to enhance your sobriety, bring an open-mind and a dish or snack to share. Will provide coffee....other drinks can be purchased at the TIE Club. This will be one of the first bi-lingual workshops in our Area. Translation will be provided. District 21 is loved and supported! District 15 has opened a dialogue to bring together two small Districts (which includes District 15) for more unity and support so we can be of more service to the Newcomer. We are there to help each other, bottom line.... In "Whatever" way this will look like... Thy Will ...Not Mine...Be Done. Thank you for my life, in loving service.

DISTRICT 17: LINN

Hi everybody I'm Linn and I'm an alcoholic. I'm from District 17 in Pahrump, Nevada. I don't have too much to say and it's getting kind of late. I'll just tell you, we had the Alcathon on Christmas and New Year. It was a really big success We had food and coffee. We stayed there throughout the night. Our doors were always open and that's the most important thing on days like that. We were

successful on that. We have two things coming up. We'll give you the flyers as soon as we have the dates. It'll be on St. Patrick's Day. We'll have food and games and that kind of stuff. We are trying to get something going for Founder's Day, June 10th. If not that day it will be the week of. We're still hashing out the details as far as that is concerned. That's all I got to say, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanks.

DISTRICT 19: ANNE

For those of you who are new to Area 42 general service or those who might not be familiar with the geographic areas for all the districts, we are located about four hours from Las Vegas in White Pine County which is an area about the size of Connecticut in Eastern Nevada. On Dec. 9 District 19 hosted a Gratitude Dinner and Sponsorship workshop where we held a trivia contest with literature prizes and used the Questions and Answers on Sponsorship Pamphlet as a jumping off point for a panel discussion followed by a Q&A session with the four panelists. Just after Thanksgiving The Ely Times newspaper started running an AA public service announcement in the classified section of the newspaper. It points to the elyaa.org website which lists our local meetings, links to both LV Central Office and Northern Nevada Intergroup and Western Nevada's websites. We've updated our contact list with both NNIG and LVCO so the hotline has locals to call if someone calls either of those hotlines. (We link to both because some folks who live in our district have strong negative feelings about everything Las Vegas so we give them a choice to break south or north if they want to talk to someone right away.) In November we discovered that our groups had no idea what the pink can is so the GSRs have started a conversation with their three groups about passing the can. One group has already agreed to pass the can. However, I want you all to know how thankful we are to H&I because it has been so supportive of District 19 for several years now. A few years ago they sent us three racks with literature in English and Spanish, small AA big books and more. In fact, when I went to pick up our Service Festival table stuff from Central Office I left with a case of small Big Books that were delivered the White Pine County Jail. Thank you, H&I, I am hopeful that we will be able to schedule a meeting with the Sheriff to explore the possibility of holding meetings at the jail. And I am also hopeful that all three of District 19's groups will vote to contribute regularly in the future. This year is already off to a big start. We held our first District meeting on Jan. 10 where we already started planning this year's CampNic which is set for July 19-21. It will include a Grapevine writing workshop, an AA play, panel discussions, horseshoes, a cowboy cookout and two speaker meetings. We hope you can make it. We are also hoping to host another workshop this fall and we are all ears when it comes to topic that might resonate with those of us up here who might not know much about general service. As always, we are forever grateful to everyone in the Area who helps us carry the message to one another through the various non-traditional channels. Emails, websites, phone calls, texts and hybrid meetings mean the world to those of us who can't take an eight hour 504 mile round trip to be with you in person. Looking forward to seeing many of you at PRAASA and the Pre-conference assembly.

DISTRICT 21: ROY

My name is Roy, DCM District 21 and I am an alcoholic. We are working with the committee of the 22nd local General Service Forum that will be held on May 5th. We are working with groups on the questions that Jake sent us. Thank you Jake and we continue visiting two of our Hispanic groups on Monday with traditions Workshop and Wednesday to motivate services, on January 27. We will do unity with the event of District 5B and 15. Thank you for the invitation and for the service.

OLD BUSINESS:

SAGSC GUIDELINE AD HOC COMMITTEE – SOFIE

Greetings everyone and welcome to those of you who are new to General Service. My name is Sophie K., and I serve you as a rotated Area 42 delegate and the chairperson for the SAGSC guidelines revision ad hoc committee. The committee had intended to present the recommended guidelines to you for the second time today. More feedback came in recently, and we feel that we need more time to review our work. We want to try to get this right the first time! If you had prepared for this second reading please keep your notes, questions and comments. Your time was not wasted! If you have comments or concerns that you haven't shared with the committee please send them right away to Libby, the SAGSC secretary. She also serves on this guidelines committee. Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

SAGSC AD HOC INVENTORY – LESLIE

My name is Leslie and I'm an alcoholic. I'm also the Chairperson of the SAGSC Inventory Ad Hoc Committee. We are a committee of 5, including myself, we have Linn C. – Co Chair; Samantha G. – Secretary; Jim C. – Remote Communities and Diana M. – Spanish Community. We have been working hard to gather inventory questions from the Fellowship for the past few months and the time is coming to the cut off time. Please submit any inventory questions you or your Group may have by February 10, 2024, to our committee secretary either by email or text. The inventory will take place at the May SAGSC meeting. If you need ideas on types of questions to ask, some resources would be, the pamphlet p-16 "The AA Group" page 29; F-91 "The Concepts Checklist"; "The Traditions Checklist" published by AA Grapevine; and the Nevada Area 42 Newsletter Summer 2023 pages 8 and 9 "The Area 42 Inventory".

NEW BUSINESS:

Moving July's SAGSC Meeting Due to the Forum (Caroline)

The SAG meetings are set in stone. We are the second Sunday of the month except for May, because of Mother's Day, which is the third Sunday. However, in July, the second Sunday is the Forum. We want to go to the Forum. What I would like to do is to ask for a sense of the body for this one time to set aside the Guidelines and to meet on a different day. The Central Office is not available on July 7th and the Forum is on the 14th. The 21st is the CampNik, which I've been to all of them and I really, really, really want to go to CampNik. The 28th is available. I would like to know if you are interested in moving, on a one time thing, the July meeting to the 28th of July. General discussion about moving event. Sense of assembly is it is okay to move the assembly.

Las Vegas Round-Up Seat (Caroline)

The other thing I have is that one of the things that comes with the job of the chair is that the Las Vegas Round-up committee has a seat on the board for whoever it is that is the chair of the SAGs. Last year I respectively declined and this year they came as said you can appoint somebody. I'm like "Okay". If you really love the Round-Up and you would like to sit on the board and be a liaison with SAGs and come and report to us. Please see me after the meeting. If not, we'll leave it empty.

Upcoming Forum Funding Request (Anne)

This has to do with the Area 42 Treasury and the upcoming Forum. I was wondering if it would be possible to make some sort of funding available for those of us who wanted to attend the forum who might not live in Las Vegas. We did this when we had PRAASA up in Reno a few years ago. We made so many available through the Area Treasury for people who wanted to attend PRAASA. I was wondering if we can kind of do the same thing for the Forum. I don't know what the number amount would be, or if we work with Jason. I don't know if this is something I should bring up here or wait until the Area Assembly. General discussion about being an Area question.

CLOSING:

Celebrating 233 years of sobriety birthdays since the last meeting.

Thank you District 9 for hosting - The next host will be District 5B at the Round Tables on March 17th.

CLOSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

SAGSC:

In person at Las Vegas Central Office, 1515 E. Tropicana, Suite 710, Las Vegas, NV 89119