

Fall Assembly 2023 Minutes  
September 8-10  
Tonopah Convention Center

Friday September 8th 6:00-9:00

Lyle C. Open with the Serenity Prayer

God Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I can not change the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Lyle C. reads the Anonymity Statement

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." Thus, we respectfully ask that AA speakers and AA members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on recordings and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on new media technologies such as the internet. The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that "AA principles come before personalities." A further note about anonymity: out of respect for others, please do not take photographs during any of the meetings at the assembly. Also, be considerate when taking photographs around the conference venue. Take care that you do not capture images of AA members, family members and friends who did not give permission and who may not wish to appear in your pictures. Please do not post recognizable photos of identifiable members on web sites accessible to the public, including unrestricted pages on social networking sites.

READER: Kimberly R., (GSR – District 4) reads GSR Preamble

The GSR Preamble - We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.

Announcements: Lyle C.

Banquet Tickets

Hosting: District 12

Drinks: NACYPAA

Coffee contributions

Ask it Basket

Big Book

Secretary: Minutes approved from the last assembly.

### **Districts Reports**

#### **District 1 - Lou P.**

Hello, my name is Lou and I am an Alcoholic. I am privileged to be serving as the DCM for District One. Our district consists of groups in Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Searchlight. District One is doing well with 30 plus people live and on Zoom at our monthly business meetings. All our liaison positions are filled with each giving a monthly report on what is happening in their committee. Each month we invite a committee or Area Service Representative to our meeting to tell us about what they do. We also have a volunteer give a report on the tradition and another on the concept of the month. We have conducted 2 workshops so far this year. The first one was about the History of AA in Las Vegas and the second was a workshop on the 12 Traditions. Both were well attended and informative. I was amazed at the knowledge, wisdom and passion of the people who took part. We also partnered with the Area to conduct a Literature Festival. There were games, a raffle and most importantly, food. We are planning another workshop in December. It's going to be called the GSR Roundup. There will be well informed and experienced speakers who know all about General Service. If you are interested in General Service or want to be a better GSR, this is going to be a great event. The Wednesday Night meeting in Searchlight celebrated their 40th anniversary in June. Over 100 people attended. A sobriety countdown in that room would have been amazing! There was even a gentleman with 67 years of sobriety. Our Annual Fellowship Picnic will be at Broadbent Park in Boulder City on Saturday October 14th. There will be

a Barbeque, Games, Face Painting, 50/50 Raffle, plus Live Music. There are flyers on the table in front. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### **District 2 - Debbie O.**

My name is DCM Deb for District 2 and I'm an alcoholic. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at Central Office, with 14 active GSRs, we read a Concept and review GSR reports. We brainstorm on what more we can bring to our home group to help the new member. We have a couple brand-new first time GSRs and we are excited about the fresh ideas they bring to the District. I love the excitement and enthusiasm our GSR's bring to our district meetings, focusing on awareness of District 2, not only for the newcomers, but for all of AA. District 2 is excited to host our first workshop of 2023 "The Importance of a Homegroup" on September 23 rd 11:30am - 2:00pm at the First Congregational Church - 627 Sunnyside Drive in Reno. All are welcome. We will have a panel of 3 speaking on the Importance of a homegroup with One of our panelists being Carlos our DCM from District 22 and our Lindquist Translator Diana V who has agreed to translate for us, so our Spanish speaking friends can join us. We will have some Area Committee's there with information as well as a Three-minute share from them on the importance of each committee. Drinks, Pizza and Snacks Provided. Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA. I am truly grateful. It's a great day to be sober!

### **District 3 - Shane B.**

Verbal report given

### **District 4 - Scott A.**

I am grateful to be serving as the District 4 DCM for Panel 73. There has been a lot to learn and I am happy to say that the support from my service sponsor and other members of my district has made this a fun learning experience. Participation in our district meetings feels like it is getting better and we have several new people who want to help bring the message of service to meetings that don't have representation. I look forward to seeing where this goes. I have started reaching out to some of the area chairs and have been setting up presentations at our district meetings. This month we had Heather and Roland with bridging the gap at NNIG and it was fantastic. Next month Don D. our PI chair will be visiting us. I look forward to what we will learn from these wonderful people.

### **District - Samantha G.**

Good afternoon, my name is Samantha, and I am an Alcoholic. I am your new DCM for District 5b. On December 10th 2022, District 5b held our elections, and I am pleased to announce that all of our members stood up to be of Service!! We hold our monthly

service manual step study every third Saturday of the month 10am on Zoom. Meeting ID: 911 603 2610 and Passcode: Service, we would love you to come and join us. Our monthly district meeting is held the 2nd Saturday of the month and has recently moved to KCB 5717 W Alexander Rd at 1:15pm, starting May 13th. We will be having our first Workshop on April 15th, at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 8901 Del Webb Blvd, starting at 2:00pm This is my first month DCM so I will make this short and sweet. I am honored to be a part of district 5b, area 42, and am looking forward to having the opportunity to serve you for the next 2 years.

### **District 6. Kevin E.**

My name is Kevin E and I currently have the privilege of serving as your District 6 DCM. District 6 meets every other Sunday even numbered months At our last business meeting, we were able to fill all the service positions in the District and recapped the NAGSC meeting for those who did not attend. I Also talked about the upcoming topics to be addressed at our fall assembly including Area 42 inventory and where to find inventory topic that are to be considered. After discussing the Area 42 website being updated to be more user-friendly and its importance. We will continue to update our district and ask questions hope that our GSR's will be able to use the website to obtain information from the South. Also encouraging committee chairs to obtain background information for agendas, read the newsletter, gather information and view the delegate's corner for reports and understand all the website has to offer. We discussed was the inventory topics to be released in the Area 42 newsletter not yet posted on the website but was sent to me early so I printed them out allowing the GSR'S to take it home and look over. We discussed the importance of the newsletter, as it brings both the north and the south together at one convenient location and any member who wants to know how our Area as a whole operates. We have GSR's and other District 6 members attending both on zoom and in person and will be doing so for the Area assembly. Their participation helps all of us to be better informed.

### **District 7 - TayTay S.**

My name is TayTay and I am an Alcoholic. I am your District 7 DCM. Honored to serve you in this season. A lot has happened in our district this year. We first had our H&I rep step down and have had a new one step in with a new passion and drive for the position. She has started to help smaller meetings in our district find panels to serve with. If you know of someone that wants to be a part of a panel but isn't part of a meeting that has one, please come visit our district table and we will get you in contact with panels looking for people to be of service. We also had our Grapevine Rep step down and have just had a new one fill that role. He seems on fire for the position and is diving in head-first. We had a couple workshops this year and have supported others. We are excited to be a part of the Service Festival coming up and are looking forward to

seeing you all there. As many of you know our picnic had to be cancelled due to rain again this year. The odds of us picking the worst rain day of the year two years in a row can only happen in Vegas. We appreciate everyone's patience as we navigated what to do. Hopefully next years will go off without a hitch. I am very excited to experience this weekend with all of you and appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service. Thank you for being a part of my sobriety.

### **District 8 - Laura G.**

Everything is going well, almost all meetings are hybrid. Our every other month meeting has been changed to 11:00 am instead of 3, still at Crowley comm. center. This Sept. 3rd it is on zoom only. We are looking forward to the 3-day special event called the High Sierra campout, in Mammoth lakes Aug 25-27

### **District 9 - Joan C.**

Verbal report given

### **District 10A - Laura B.**

There are a few things going on in our District. We try to have a Founder's Day BBQ in June, but we weren't able to this year. What we did end up organizing was a Sober Saloon end of summer BBQ! We had a nice turn out, we had a make shift bar and we made burgers, dogs and rootbeer floats! Attendees brought potluck items to share and everyone had a good time! There is a new recovery meeting space in Elko at 2140 Idaho Street with the name Club 164. It is a space for all 12 step recovery groups to rent spots to hold meetings. There is an upcoming vote on October 19th at the 680 River Street address to decide if that space is surrendered and the Elko Group moves to Club 164. Interesting times and we all know that God will make the final decision. We wish the very best for Club 164 bringing options into our area. We are planning our yearly Gratitude Dinner scheduled for November 18, 2023. Stay tuned for final details.

### **District 11 - Open**

### **District 12 - Cathy C.**

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at this spot (The Wolf Center in Fallon). Our business meeting is at 5pm and we are having 4-6 GSRs come regularly. At 6pm, we have a delicious potluck where 15-20 people attend. At 7pm, we have our speaker/birthday/chip meeting where 20-40 people attend. The Treatment center is back to coming regularly as well. Over the past few months, I have been attempting to visit meetings, especially those that did not send a GSR- this way I can bring them a copy of the latest minutes and let them know that we would like their participation. I attended Hawthorne and hope to make it to Round Mountain this month. I am now

working at encouraging GSRs to attend the assembly in Tonopah and get some of the committee chairs to present at our business meetings and be our Birthday meeting speakers. I was able to attend the NAGSC here in August and we now have speakers scheduled for our Birthday meetings to the end of the year! We are especially looking forward to hosting a Grapevine workshop in December. And we are ramping up our service in Bridging the Gap and jails. Thank you for letting me serve, Cathy C.

**District 13 - Matt A.**

Verbal report given

**District 14 - Mike M.**

Verbal report given

**District 15 - Lora C.**

Hello everyone...Grateful to be at the area 42 Assembly in Tonopah, with all the other service lovers. Our District is doing well. Business meetings are well attended. More support than ever from our district meetings. For that I'm grateful. Hopefully in the next couple months we will start a District inventory...that's "My" plan anyways. We had an Ice Cream Social in July and it was a huge success. Well attended and everyone had a good time as I was told. I want to say special thanks to Judy, our District treasurer and our Alt. DCM Heather M for all the hard work and time put into the event. Our District GSR'S came out to help and support also.....It was greatly appreciated more than you know.. I wasn't able to attend since my daughter gave birth at this time and I was needed in Florida for love and support to her and her family. We have an upcoming Event scheduled at T.I.E. Club on Oct. 28th with LVYPAA for halloween...to include Scavenger hunt, speaker meeting, food, trunk or treat and dance...I'M sure closer to the event LVYPAA will have flyers with information. Looking forward to this FABULOUS Event. Come show your love and support as i know you can. Thank you for allowing me to serve as District 15 DCM  
Love and Light Lora C.

**District 16 - Dave H.**

Verbal report given

**District 17 - Linn C.**

Verbal report given

**District 18 - Open**

**District 19 - Ann D.**

Hello from District 19 home of CampNic. For those who might not be familiar with our District, we occupy White Pine County which is in Eastern Nevada. The largest town in our district is Ely. Ely is about four hours from Las Vegas. Six hours from Carson City. Three hours from Elko and four hours from both Cedar City and Salt Lake City. If you know District 19 you know Ely so you might also know that Ely is the most remote community in the continental United States. It's a small town, but we have incredibly dark skies, a beautiful national park with Bristlecone Pine Trees and an internationally famous steam train railroad museum. In that railroad museum there is an engine house. And in that engine house there is a sign that says, 'This place matters' because it does. Thank you to those who thought we mattered enough to push for Las Vegas Intergroup to stand up its monthly meetings as hybrid. Your actions make those of us who suffer from alcoholism in remote Eastern Nevada and beyond feel like we matter. Your efforts will help us learn more about how we can continue to advance our Twelfth Step work. Last July, we made it through our third annual CampNic. Thank you again to all those who attended, supported, shared flyers etc and most especially our own Marty M. – the District's Grapevine Chair – and Grapevine Chair Heather L. for putting on an incredible workshop. Next year's is already in the works so stay tuned. We are currently in the planning stages of a Cooperation with the Professional Community Workshop with the CPC committee. Keep an eye out for that. Thank you for my life.

**District 20 - Barb P.**

We had our last business meeting at beautiful Eagle Lake at the Lassen County Youth Camp. The Campout was a huge success, thank you Emory and the Campout community for doing such an excellent job!! We are tentatively planning our next District meeting for Alturas on October 21. Jay has stepped up as Alt. DCM. Thank you Jay. Jay and Jodie have started plans for our Christmas party in December. It was also a huge success last year. Thank for all the help from committee members. Hope to see all of you in Alturas October. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully,

**District 21 - Roy C.**

My name is Roy and I am an alcoholic DCM from district 21, today my base group is celebrating its 26th anniversary and I am here with you carrying out my service, our district is very excited and unconditionally supporting a new Hispanic group from aa in Mesquite NV, which will hold its meetings on August 28 and will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm We will visit it next September 13, the Nevada state convention which took place in August was a success with an attendance of approximately 250 people, the CPC committee worked with the organizing committee of the United States and Canada Hispanic convention that took place on September 1, 2 and 3 in Seattle Washington, we have completed 90% of the training of the guides of

our district 21, we continue visiting our groups on Mondays and we hold a mini workshop on traditions, the new ones love it, we have a new coordinator of facilities and corrections, his name is Julio L 33 years of sobriety he was the secretary of that same committee. Thank you for allowing me to serve

## **Officers Reports**

### **Accessibility South - Joan R.**

Hello, I'm Joan, and I serve as the Accessibilities Chair for Southern Area 42. Within our organization, we have a sub-committee called Meetings To Go; with a vital mission: to support Alcoholics Anonymous members who are unable to attend in-person meetings due to health reasons. These individuals may be hospitalized, residing in nursing homes, or undergoing physical rehabilitation. Our ongoing goal is to recruit dedicated volunteers who can facilitate meetings for them and provide essential phone outreach. We are particularly interested in involving veterans as volunteers to assist fellow AA members who are also veterans. Furthermore, we are actively engaging with our Spanish-speaking AA community by creating bilingual flyers and updating our presence on the Central Office website. Additionally, we are actively seeking ways to secure funding for an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter to enhance accessibility for a weekly in-person meeting in our valley region. We hope to collaborate with a willing group to make this service possible. If you're interested in contributing to our Accessibilities projects and planning, we invite you to join our monthly meeting on Zoom (Meeting ID: 833 0643 2783, Passcode: handofaa). You can also reach out to me directly at joanrservice@gmail.com for more information or to get involved.

### **Accessibility North - Joe H.**

Verbal report given

### **CPC North - Terri M.**

Hello Area 42, my name is Terri and I'm an alcoholic and I am currently serving as your Northern Area CPC (Cooperation with the professional community) Chair and Area Conference Committee Chair (ACC) for CPC. My God, that's a mouthful! It was an honor and privilege to work with Julie, Anne and Susan. We met online as a committee before this assembly and talked about what our thoughts were on the CPC agenda items that were discussed in New York. We discussed the agenda item "Consider a request to retire the pamphlet "A Member's Eye View" which Susan was so gracious to present to you at the Spring Assembly. What happened at the conference was they took no action (Which happens a lot I've noticed). The conference committee agreed that some members consider the pamphlet a useful tool for carrying the AA message. However, the committee expressed support for removing the pamphlet from the



Cooperation with the Professional Community materials as it may appear outdated and less effective for providing information about A.A to the professional community. With that in mind, we as a committee felt good about the outcome. One committee member stated, "Some people really love the pamphlet, others felt it was heavy on religion. So, people were heard on both sides!" One member stated, "This is the traditions in action!" which another member mentioned, "It's A.A in action!" Having 2 very well-seasoned committee members with tons of experience and Susan and I being our first time on a committee made it an epic experience. We were able to see the groups make an "informed group conscious" not just a group conscious. Summarizing my first agenda item so the groups could make an INFORMED decision is truly the most important aspect of committee work in my opinion. I got to see A.A have loving, sometimes heated discussions on agenda items. I got to see the majority opinion in action! I got to see people change their minds on a item that they were so passionate about. I love committee work and I'm hooked! I believe we all came to this conclusion which is, A.A's in good hands Nevada area 42! If you would like more information on CPC agenda items, go to our website and all of the agenda topics and what happened to them is in the password protected area. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**CPC South - Chris H.**

Verbal report given

**H&I South - Andrew H.**

Verbal report given

**Corrections - Bigg J.**

Hello, I hope you are all enjoying your time in Tonopah. My name is Bigg. I am a recovered alcoholic. My home group is the Vast Amount of fun and I am currently serving as its Alt Gsr and as your Northern Area corrections chair. I have found the position these last 9 months to be rewarding. There have also been challenges. Challenges in getting to understand what the position does and how do I become effective while serving my 2 year term. I'd be remiss in not stating how much Joe who rotated out of the position has helped me in learning. Also I was lucky enough to ask Pat B. past corrections chair several questions and corresponded with him in the earlier part of the year. Pat was a strong member of A A and we could all learn a lot from people like him. May he rest in peace. I've spent most of my term getting familiar with Bridging the gap. I was inspired to do so by the amount of past guests of the state of Nevada who had eluded to me in various ways that this state was lacking in providing a soft AA landing when exiting {particularly} Northern Nevada state run prisons. And most recently I've familiarized myself with corrections correspondence (pamphlet f-26) I was

inspired to do this by (a person I'll refer to as a gentleman) who had contacted me rather aggressively. He wanted to know if people in the North corresponded with guests through the correspondence program? He was from Vegas {south} and referred to his vast amount of experience in California. I needed to remind myself I was the Northern Corrections Chair. Where it is rural and more rural Nevada. And we are going to look a little different in what service opportunities we get to do than certainly southern California and even right here in Area 42 South. Not to say Southern Nevada doesn't have rural areas too. Well, I can assure you there are members who do Bridge the Gap for folks that are exiting facilities across the state. I can also assure you that there are people who provide correspondence with inmates. But it takes members of Northern Nevada to carry that message. That the Bridging the Gap program doesn't work without the voluntary contributions of members of AA. Nor does the A.A. CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE have any effect in Northern Nevada without someone volunteering and fulfilling the commitments. Neither of these programs require you to be someone that's been incarcerated. It just requires you to be a member that's willing to simply correspond with someone that is and in some cases about to be released. These are rewarding service commitments that need committed Area 42 members to fulfill and teach the new people that come in what Bill wrote oh so many years ago. That's when all.... yes I said ALL other activities fail... work with another alcoholic would save the day. That through self-sacrifice we can survive the certain highs and lows that life will bring. Anyone interested in getting more involved please don't hesitate to contact me and we will get you set up. Anyone interested in being on and forming a committee that would discuss ways to get more volunteer participation please reach out to me. Again, it's not that we don't have these programs in place or that nobody at all is doing it. But we are limited on volunteers that do connect the facilities with AA after they exit. Going back to that orientation Nevada Department of Corrections earlier this year held in Carson City held for clearance of the volunteers for prisons ...There was one AA member in attendance out of 25 volunteers. A.A. CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE thru A.A. New York World Services is something any sober member of AA can do by volunteering. You can write as many incarcerated individuals as you wish to the best of my knowledge. A.A. CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE thru A.A. New York World Services has a database of folks waiting to correspond as we speak. I have a few forms with me today and you can also get these at AA.org for your groups literature tables. Please consider this type of service work. One day when all other activities fail it just might save YOUR day. This will conclude my report. Thank you for letting me serve Area 42 the best Area in all of AA....so good they split us in Two.

**DCM Coordinator - John L.**

As of last week, I was appointed by Caroline the SAGSC Chair, and am honored to be completing the Area 42 - Panel 73 term for SAGSC DCM Coordinator for Foxx who has had to step down. It would be great if you could keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. For those of you who aren't aware of the duties of the DCM Coordinator, it is an appointed position, and according to the 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. At the time of this report submission, I have attended a planning meeting for the upcoming Intergroup/SAGSC Service Festival at which it was decided to invite all southern area districts to participate with a table and presentation. So far, in discussions with District 3 and District 7, both have confirmed they will be participating. In addition, I am working with District 3 to have a fun event around Halloween and we are looking for another district to partner with on the planning and activities. And finally, if anyone here is interested in serving as Alternate DCM Coordinator, or knows anyone that may be interested, please reach out to me. My phone number is 770-630-9956. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

### **DCM Coordinator - Phil W**

Verbal report given

### **Grapevine South - Heather L.**

Hello, I am Heather L., Alcoholic. I am the SAGSC Grapevine Chair. Here is the Grapevine Committee Report: Since we met in the Spring, the Grapevine team has been quite busy! We have been a part of quite a few great events:

- On March 13th I was able to be a part of the CPC Roundtable Event (PACT)
- On April 22nd we hosted a Grapevine Workshop on 4/22 - @ Cental Office. This featured: History of Grapevine (as well as Grapevine in Las Vega), A speaker (sharing her story from the grapevine), and information about "Carry the Message"
- May 18-21 - We set up a literature and informational table at the Tri-State
- July 15th - Service Workshop @ Triangle Club - District 13 - 3:30-4:30 (Volunteers Appreciated)

- On July 21-23 (District 19) Grapevine attended CampNic in Ely and hosted a writing workshop. We feel it was a success. There was a nice table of books, a brief history of grapevine, and our own SAGSC Secretary shared a story she had published in the Grapevine. Many people wrote and shared for the writing part of the workshop.

- August 12 - District 5B Workshop - 1-3pm. Grapevine was thrilled to set up a table at the 'Sponsorship' Workshop at St. Andrews church. Books, pamphlets, and literature reflected the theme.
- August 20th - We attended the District 7 Picnic in Mt. Charleston - Rain or shine indeed! We have a few upcoming calendar items we are looking forward too as well:
  - September 8-10 We love being at Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah with our LaVina and Central Office friends!
  - October 22nd - We are excited to be a part of the SAGSC Service Assembly!
  - November 23-26 - We will have full tables at the Las Vegas Roundup! We have a signup sheet and VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! There will be a huge amount of books, information, a raffle, and fun stuff! See you all there!

#### OTHER STUFF:

\*The new app has been tested and info is available (slide show). Reach out if you would like a preview before the September launch in late September! \*DCMs have been contacted and I/Heather have made myself available for business meetings.

\*Throughout the year we have also been working on repurposing older grapevine magazines in stock by getting them into the community where needed through our own community 'carry the message' project. We have taken them into sober living, Salvation Army, H&I, and continue to reach out to smaller groups and remote areas.

- Grapevine is on Instagram! To search AA Grapevine Magazine or "Hey Alexa/Siri find AA Grapevine Magazine" or you can type `alcoholicsanonymous_gv` " • Check out the Grapevine Podcast - [aagrapevine.org/podcast](http://aagrapevine.org/podcast) Please join us, anybody interested in being a part of this AWESOME committee, via zoom, the last Tuesday of each month!

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**P a s s c o d e : g r a p e v i n e**

You can also contact me by phone: 520-891-3786. Thank you for letting me be of service! Heather L.

#### **Grapevine North - Sue H**

Verbal report given

#### **GSR Trainer South - Dano B.**

Our first GSR training took place on January 8, in the inventory/ archive room of Las Vegas central office. I recall having had more personal space and breathing room- that one time I spent in a sardine can while stuck in a crowded elevator.... But we persevered. We were relocated to the main room to accommodate and connect with the zoomers. We had about 26 people in attendance. I started with the basics of the GSR on pages 7- 11 in the new service manual. We walked through the pamphlets while also going through a questionnaire. Meanwhile I have been trying to visit each district meeting, in hopes of making myself available to the DCMs GSRs for hands on assistant

or support. As of this writing I have visited D1, D5b, D7, D9, and D21. I hope to see the rest of you soon. I will continue to define what the GSR trainer role means to me. My goal being not only to inspire others- or enjoy their service commitments. But to excel at them as well. Thank you for letting me serve.

### **GSR Trainer North - Pat S.**

Northern Nevada GSRs meet for an hour with me prior to all NAGSC meetings. Our discussions range from issues any GSR may be having, to how to make a GSR report, to studying the Area 42 GSR Survival Guide. I am also available to any GSR to discuss whatever he/she needs. My Counterpart in SAGSC, Dano, and I have been working to revise the Survival Kit. It was last updated in March of 2010 and lots has changed since then. GSRs: please feel free to contact Dano or me at any time during this Assembly. We are here to help. Yours in service.

### **La Vina- Leo M.**

Verbal report given

### **Intergroup Liaison South - Amanda V.**

We've Been Busy! Intergroup activities have been in full swing. We are excited to announce that our meetings are now hybrid! This allows all Districts to participate without restriction. We meet at Central Office on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm. You can also join via Zoom. Meeting ID: 958 1257 1807 Passcode: 710AA.

We would also like to welcome our new Intergroup Secretary, Sue M!

**Founders Day** was a record-sold-out event on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The event generated \$472 that went to Central Office. We enjoyed amazing cookout-style food, captivating and entertaining history presentations about white light experiences, the early days of AA, and how the Big Book was written.

**The Men's Night Out** Banquet Dinner and Speaker Meeting, which was held at the Tuscany Hotel and Casino on March 25<sup>th</sup>, was a great success. Planning has begun for next year's event.

### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors will need to fill 3 openings at the end of the year. This is a 3-year commitment. The candidate requirement is 5 years of ongoing sobriety. The Board meets 6 times per year (approximately 8-10 hours per year).

**Silver Streak** is looking for an editor.

- Can you be of service 8-12 hours a month by drafting, revising, and proofreading your writing and the writing of others?
- Are you proficient with Microsoft Publisher or Apple Pages?
- Do you have a good AA network of fellows to contribute articles and help you find writers?
- Do you have an understanding of the Steps and Traditions?
- Do you want to have fun, carry the message, and help Las Vegas Valley AA stay connected?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then you're the person for the commitment! Contact Judy at Central Office for more information.

The **Hotline** is busy as always! Our committee chair has done a great job of filling Hotline Captain duties, finding volunteers, and streamlining the process. Not all Central Office's have real people answering their hotlines 24/7. We are grateful that the hand of AA is always there for the suffering alcoholic in our Area. Transfer phone people are always needed. For more information contact Judy or Saul at Central Office.

**Intergroup Financials:** Full financials are available upon request.

**Profit & Loss YTD July 2023**

Total Income: \$125,086.77

Total Expenses: \$137,282.65

Net Income: -\$12,195.88

**Balance Statement:**

Closing Balance as of 7/31/23: \$165,794.63

**Website Data July 2023**

Homepage Hits: 213

Meeting Listing: 2044

Printable Schedule: 77

**Here's What You Have to Look Forward To!**

- **The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Gratitude Ball** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 4-11 pm at Palace Station. Tickets are available online only at [www.gratitudeball.com](http://www.gratitudeball.com) for \$65 each. We are expecting 500 in attendance! Get out your dancing shoes and your fancy duds for a great meal, an awesome speaker, and an opportunity to support our Central Office in the south.
- **LVYPAA** will be sharing all of their exciting events coming up.
- I am very excited to announce that the **General Service Festival** is returning after its COVID hiatus! It will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 1-4 pm at Central Office. Bring your sponsor, your sponsees, and a newcomer! Our theme is "Service – What's in it for Me?" Well, what's in it for you is lots of fun, food, trivia, lively presentations from each area of General Service and Intergroup, and a talk from our keynote speaker Greg M. This is an event you won't want to miss! Flyers are available.

**Intergroup Liaison North - Ed L.**

Hi everyone my name is Ed and I am an alcoholic and present NAGS Intergroup Liaison. As I keep saying I love this position having the ability to work with two great groups of people is amazing. Being able to help with information for the Intergroup chairs and passing on the information of their counterparts in NAGS has been just a small part of what I do. I now have the most recent list of Intergroup newest chairpersons so if you would like to contact your counter-part I have that information for you. Many of the intergroup chairs have hit the floor running in the Reno Sparks area. There is much debate about why Intergroup chairs don't reach out farther. Well maybe it's because they don't actually have the proper information and it has always been past practice in most areas of the country. The best way to both groups to work together is to meet and share information with each other. At our last assembly I made the announcement that I have both up to date lists no one asked for one. As we all know rural areas face huge differences in our service because of the large area we belong to.

In case you are unaware of how large area 42 is IT'S HUGE. Working together rather than separately we can get so much more done. Don D on the last rotation stressed the importance of going to a Intergroup meeting and getting to know the chairs how things work there. Don and I have let members of Intergroup that it is ok to show up at a NAGS meeting and even an assembly in lovely downtown Tonopah. One last thing lets get our Sponsee's involved bring them with you to a general service meeting. Take them to an Intergroup meeting introduce them to the members you work with. Let you Sponsee know that service work is a amazing way to stay sober by getting involved.Thank You For Allowing Me To Be Of Service

### **PI North - Don D.**

Area 42 CPC/PI Service Committee Chairs will be hosting a virtual workshop on November 5th from 3pm to 5pm to help introduce our members in the area who are interested to what we do as far as Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public information. We will have a panel of chairs to discuss how we can reach the still suffering alcoholic through Professionals such as counselors, courts, school systems, etc. Also how we can utilize media outlets, Public Service Announcements, literature racks, and other means to let those who don't know about AA how to find us. We will also discuss the General Service Conference and agenda items that were included last year such as the Alcoholics Anonymous Comprehensive Media Plan. Please join us to learn more about how we can inform Non-Alcoholics and others about what AA is and is not.

Area 42 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: We are Not a Secret Society

Time: Nov 5, 2023 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83742549668?pwd=J1rHWvFJOzIIVdcMb81Etn7kOHMR1C.](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83742549668?pwd=J1rHWvFJOzIIVdcMb81Etn7kOHMR1C.1)

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Meeting ID: 837 4254 9668

Passcode: Area42

### **PI North - Deborah B.**

Verbal report given

### **LVYPAA Liaison - Samantha G.**

Hello, my name is Samantha and I am alcoholic, and the current General Service Liaison for LVYPAA . Since last assembly, LVYPAA has been working on outreaching the committee, and attending events locally as well as across the state. In May we hosted a game night at Choices Fellowship, in July we attended NACYPPAA II in Reno and officially placed a Token bid meaning that we will be bidding on that conference next year. In August we attended SWACYPPA VI in New Mexico, and placed a token bid there as well. On August 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our annual Monster Pong tournament at Stairway. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported. We have a few upcoming events, on September 23<sup>rd</sup> we have a breakfast before personalities event that will be located at the triangle club at 9:00 am, I have fliers available to anyone who

wants one. On October 28<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our Annual Scavenger Hunt at the TIE club starting at 3:00pm, I have a flier for that as well. LVYPAA will be having our committee elections on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Central Office, fliers for that are located at the front. We have had our Friday night meeting going for about a month now, with great attendance, and have now registered it with GSO, and have new GSR, Austin W. The meeting is Friday nights at 7pm at the meeting space. LVYPAA meets the first Sunday of every month at 1:30 at Central office 1515 E Tropicana Ave. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out to me at 916-849-6428 or at LVYPAChair@nevadaarea42.org . Thank you for letting me be of service.

#### **RENVYPPA Liaison – Dan M.**

Hello, my name is Dan, and I am an alcoholic. I am the liaison for Renvypaa (Reno Nevada young people in Alcoholics Anonymous) the committee had its elections on August 31st we got most of our positions filled at the first round of elections. In the next year coming up we are looking forward to serving our city and our area to the best of our ability. We are also looking forward to having a camp out in June this year it's going to be "intense". The committee meetings are going to be on the 1st Sunday and the third Sunday of every month at the dryers club in Reno NV The times will be 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Please feel free to come ask me any questions, or let me know how the committee can be of service. Thank you for allowing me to be a service.

#### **NACYPAA - Sharlee**

Hi, my name is Sharlee and I'm an alcoholic and your outreach chair for NACYPAA Advisory. We are excited to announce that Nacypaa 3 will be held in Elko, NV which will be a campout held August 1st thru the 4th. Please come support District 10 A. 10 A could use the support of the entire area. Their 1st event is September 30th at 8am to 3pm and is a poke run. Pre reg info will be available this weekend.

#### **Translator South - Dina M.**

Verbal report given

#### **Technology - Jeffery C.**

Function: Our primary function is to put on our bi annual area assemblies in hybrid fashion as well as assist our officers with technological support. We also maintain the online platform account and licensing for all area service members to utilize.

Update: As we follow the guidelines set out before us we are also exploring what it is this newly formed committee is meant to do and become. We are inspired to take part in the National AA Technology Workshop, which happens to take place on the same weekend each fall as this assembly. A few of the members of our committee are interested in attending this event either in person or online if future scheduling permits.



We are looking into getting the recordings from the current event and together watching pertinent topics that we feel may be relevant to our Area and the growth of our Technology Committee. Our Committee has met several times to discuss this assembly as well as continued communications between north and south to continue to work together in providing more seamless, versatile, and improved service events.

Lyle C. Closes with Responsibility declaration

### **Blue Room Minutes**

Jonelle W. Opens with the Serenity Prayer.

Went around the room doing introductions with positions.

Items Discussed

1. Inventory of the area What is general service all about? From the general service manual. Going to the dark districts bringing them back into light. We are in the middle of the upside down triangle. We bring the information to the groups. We don't do the work for the groups. We guide them.
2. Inventory questions. Does this represent a purpose as an area structure?
  - Should we go through the old inventory?
  - Are we looking into the concepts during our inventory?
  - Once we get done? Are we looking at action items?
  - 1993 AA takes inventory report is available
  - Explain more to the GRS on what we do?
  - How do we Link general service with districts or committees?

Chair for the area inventory explains the process of what will happen during the assembly the next day. Those topics were picked and discussed. Ask the area what do you want to talk about? First half hour will be the introduction. Let the body decide on the questions they want to talk about. Then we want the body to tell us what to do with these discussions. Which will be sent to the chair to make some adhoc committee.

Anyone can go to the mic for discussion.

3. Translation is looking at their guidelines. Please, it's important to say one sentence at a time. Thank you to all who sent their reports. District 21 had a meeting and was told they have no representation. Please go to the translation committee for anything as we are your trusted servants.
4. Adhoc committee for the website. Guidelines say the area committee has to approve the website. If anyone has some suggestions we bring them up to update the website.

Jonelle W. Closes with the Responsibility Declaration

**Saturday September 9th**

**Chairperson - Lyle:** Welcome Area 42!!!! Lyle Alcoholic Area 42 Chair

A Moment of Silence

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Lyle reads the Virtual instructions:

We are going to record the audio of this assembly so that our secretary can capture the minutes and for archival purposes. For those of you on virtual, please change your name to include your service position for voting purposes. If you need help, please chat with the tech team. The chat will be limited to the tech team for now.

Lyle reads the ANONYMITY STATEMENT:

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level: “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.” Thus, we respectfully ask that AA speakers and AA members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on recordings and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on new media technologies such as the internet. The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that “AA principles come before personalities.” A further note about anonymity: out of respect for others, please do not take photographs during any of the meetings at the assembly. Also, be considerate when taking photographs around the conference venue. Take care that you do not capture images of AA members, family members and friends who did not give permission and who may not wish to appear in your pictures.

**Dina M. Area 42 Alt. Translation Chair:** Reads the following:

Lectura del Manual de Servicio de A.A., página 40 (Por Bernard B. Smith, no alcohólico, Presidente de la Junta de Servicios Generales y de la Conferencia 1951-1956).

¿Por qué necesitamos una Conferencia?

En su discurso de apertura en la reunión de 1954, el fallecido Bernard Smith, no alcohólico, presidente en aquel entonces de la junta de custodios, y uno de los arquitectos de la estructura de la Conferencia, dio una atinada y elocuente respuesta a esta pregunta: “Puede que no necesitemos una Conferencia de Servicios Generales para asegurar nuestra propia recuperación. La necesitamos para asegurar la recuperación del alcohólico que anda todavía tropezando por las tinieblas a unos pasos de este salón. La necesitamos para asegurar la recuperación del niño que nace esta

noche destinado al alcoholismo. La necesitamos para poder proporcionar, de acuerdo con nuestro Paso Doce, un refugio permanente para todos los alcohólicos que, en las épocas por venir, puedan encontrar en AA ese renacimiento que nos ha dado una nueva vida.

”La necesitamos porque nosotros, más que nadie, somos conscientes del efecto devastador del ansia humana de poder y prestigio, y tenemos que asegurar que este impulso nunca invada AA. La necesitamos para proteger AA contra el gobierno, mientras la defendemos de la anarquía; la necesitamos para proteger AA contra la desintegración, mientras evitamos la integración exagerada. La necesitamos para que Alcohólicos Anónimos, y solo Alcohólicos Anónimos, sea el depositario de sus Doce Pasos, sus Doce Tradiciones y de todos sus servicios.

”La necesitamos para asegurar que dentro de AA los cambios se efectúen únicamente para satisfacer las necesidades y deseos de toda la Comunidad de AA, no solo de unos pocos miembros. La necesitamos para asegurar que las puertas de las salas de AA nunca se cierren con llave, para que en todo momento todos los que tengan un problema alcohólico puedan entrar en estas salas sin que nadie se lo pida y sentirse bienvenidos. La necesitamos para asegurar que Alcohólicos Anónimos nunca le pregunte a nadie que nos necesite de qué raza es, o de qué credo o cuál es su condición social”.

Reading from A.A. Service Manual, page 40 (By Bernard B. Smith, non-alcoholic, Chairman of the General Service Board and Conference 1951-1956).

Why do we need a Conference?

“We may not need a general service conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its service.

We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to

ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

### **Delegate Report - Jake S.**

My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. I am absolutely full of gratitude to be serving Area 42 as the panel 73 Delegate to the general service conference. Hopefully most of you were able to hear my report at the Nags or Sags meetings or one of the district or group meetings I gave my "just the facts" delegate report at. If not you can find my full report in the Nags and Sags meeting minutes. Also, now today we have the full final conference report. In my report I explained it was just the facts. It was everything that happened at the general service conference. Now today this report is "just the fun stuff." This report is more about my experience of attending the general service conference and being in New York City for the first time in my life and what being the Area 42 delegate has meant to me.

So the first experience started by getting on the airplane. We got on the plane and we sit there for 30 minutes, then the flight attendant gets on the microphone and starts asking everyone questions. How was your trip to Las Vegas? Did you win any money? So I started thinking oh no what's the problem. 30 more minutes go by and they get on the microphone and tell us that we can not take off because we cannot get the balance of the plane correct. So 30 more minutes go by and they get on and say ok we got the balance right, but now we are going to have to sit out on the runway and burn off some of the fuel before we can take off. So I start thinking, are we seriously that close to falling out of the sky that we need to burn off some fuel before we can takeoff. But I take my chances and stay on the plane. We takeoff and fly all the way to New York with no more issues. But all of the delays make me a few hours late and I do not get into the hotel until about 2:30 in the morning on Saturday. The hotel was the Brooklyn Marriott and this graffiti sign is in the made our arts and crafts projects I told you about. So these are the pictures of all of the projects. This last picture was my tables project, number seven. After the delegates only meeting, I was able to do the most lobby that I thought was pretty cool. This next picture is the room that I stayed in. It was a very nice hotel and a very nice room.

The next day we had our hospitality and meet and greet room and our 1728 and remote community meetings. The last thing on Saturday was our delegates only meeting and that is where we mportant thing of the conference, the most important piece of business I had to do there, and that was get New York pizza. I had New York pizza 3 times and this was the first one. I went with the PI committee chair and a few other delegates and I have to tell you it was awesome! So this next picture is all of our pacific region delegates. There are 15 pacific

region delegates and right in the middle is Reilly K our pacific region trustee which some of you met at our spring assembly.

The next thing we had was our delegates tour of the general service office. Like I told you AAWS is creating a podcast and our PI committee was followed on the tour and will be a featured episode once the podcast comes out. So I will be sure to let everyone know malady a chance to get well. Without expense, and never as reformers, we present our experience only to those who wish to solve their problem. For publicity purposes, we are an anonymous group. Understanding that newcomers are less reluctant about approaching us. Besides, we prefer to advertise results rather than people. Hence, we shall appreciate it greatly if you would omit the names of the Alcoholic's speaking on tonight's program. I loved it so much because I'm on the PI committee of course, but also because that is what we were then and that is what we are now. The longer I stay sober the more I realize what a miracle it is that I ever got sober and became a member of this fellowship. I am so grateful for all of the people who came before us to keep this thing going in Unity. The next picture is the traditions hand written by Bill which I thought was really amazing. I absolutely believe if it were not for the traditions AA would not exist today. The next picture was my favorite office. This office is the "International desk." All of the books you can see are big books in a bunch of different languages, and the pictures are pictures of different world service meetings. One of the biggest lessons I have learned from being a delegate is truly seeing this is a worldwide fellowship. All of the countries and all of the states and all of our areas all come together to form our worldwide fellowship and I never want to forget that we all need each other. We might disagree with each other, we might get annoyed with each other, we may downright not like each other, but we all need each other. We must stay together in Unity or die alone. The next picture is the shipping department in GSO. Most all of our shipping now is handled out of Kansas City, but some shipping is still done from the General Service Office in New York. There was a bunch of cool stuff inside the shipping department. One of the cool things was this 45 record album that said Alcoholics Anonymous young people. One of our committee members asked about this record. They do not sell these anymore so they had a few that they gave to our committee members.

The next office we got to go to was member services. Member services is the office that works with our registrars to keep our groups updated. I absolutely love our registrars and being registrar was one of my favorite service positions I ever had. I loved this sign. It says member services. It is not a department, it's an attitude. The next picture is from the 1975 international convention in Denver Colorado. I liked this picture because 1975 was the year I was born. I thought about all of the people in this picture. These are the people who took responsibility

for Alcoholics Anonymous and made sure it was still here when I needed it and I and I always pray that I can do the same thing. The next picture is pictures of some first edition big books in our archives. One of my favorite offices that we got to visit was another one of my all time favorite service positions, the Grapevine office. This is a picture of the computer where they were putting together the new issue of the grapevine which I thought was just super cool.

The next picture is the view from the other side of the building. I loved all of these pictures because New York city is definitely like another world from southern area 42. And the last picture from inside the General Service Office was this little poster board that was just sitting up against the wall. And it says anonymity is so fragile you can break it with one finger. I really really loved this. Like I explained in my other report, since I have become a delegate, I have found out about our members using Facebook and social media in AA groups. Last year I had no idea that anything like that even existed. Like I said then and I will say again I am not saying that this is something that anybody should not do. But please if you are on these social media channels please remember that you are representing AA. Please remember love and tolerance is our code, please remember anonymity is the foundation of all of our traditions. And please remember anonymity is so fragile it can be broken with one finger. Yours or someone else's. Ok I'm off my soapbox and back to the fun stuff.

This picture 100% was my favorite picture of the whole trip. This was down in the subway on 42nd St. I saw this number 42 on this pillar and I got so excited. After I took the picture I once again was overwhelmed with gratitude for the amazing opportunity and honor to represent area 42, the greatest area in the history of the universe, at the 73rd general service conference. The next picture is right when you get off the subway walking back to the hotel. There were hundreds of people walking in the street, kids skateboarding and I was just so grateful to be there. So after our GSO visit, it was time to start voting. These are the voting clickers that we use for all of our voting. They worked really well. No paper ballots. So if you have never been part of a 3rd legacy voting election next fall you will and you will be in for a treat. The next picture is me at the podium. I woke up early in the morning and I asked one of the other delegates to please take a picture of me up here and she said yes as long as I would take one of her. Without a doubt one of my favorite things of this whole experience was all of the amazing people that I got to meet. If you don't know half of the delegates come in on even years the other half on odd years. So obviously we are odd which makes total sense but seriously meeting all of the panel 72 delegates was awesome and next year we will have a bunch of new panel 74 delegates. Right when I was elected to be delegate

someone told me “that's the thing about being the delegate, you are either in your first year or you are in your last year.”

Once again, more Postal pictures. I had to ship some boxes and some mail before I left and this is the Brooklyn post office, which I thought was a really cool building .The next picture is the Grapevine and La Viña display that was right in front of the main conference room. And the next picture is our Grapevine and La Viña apps. Now I am not going to steal our Grapevine chairs thunder, but the grapevine app is live, so I'm sure they will tell us more about it and check it out.

The next slide is from the treasurer's report we were given at the conference. We have the final conference report now and if there's any questions anyone has, I will be happy to try to find out any answers for you. In my first report, I gave a lot of the overview numbers. I just kept a few slides in for today. The 2022 GSO financial highlights. Seventh tradition \$10.55 million down 2.1% from \$10.78 million in 2021 and our operating expense \$17.82 million up 19.9% from \$14.86 million in 2021. AAWS publishing gross profits \$4.89 million down 22.3% from \$6.29 million in 2021. Another slide that I thought was interesting was this one showing the growth of our online contributions. The treasure explained to us that it saves us money if we can make contributions online. It costs less money to process contributions made online than ones that are mailed in. So you certainly can still mail in your contributions, but the AA.org website makes it very easy to contribute online as well so check that out. The contribution statistics of 2022, individual seventh tradition contributions were \$3,248,394 while the group's seventh tradition contributions were \$6,204,547. And another interesting slide was this one, the number of group contributions by dollar value. So you can see that most of our contributions are smaller contributions. This is the group chart and the next one is the individual chart and you can see that most contributions are between zero to \$100. Which again in my opinion is a very good thing. Once again, if anybody has any questions I can help with please let me know please check out the final report also for more detailed numbers.

When I got back to my hotel room after the treasurer's report, I had a package waiting for me. I opened it up and it was a care package from the past area 42 Delegates. They got me candy and popcorn and cookies, which was really thoughtful and super exciting for me. So thank you very much to the past delegates for my care package. The last day I was there the only thing on the agenda was breakfast and saying goodbye to the three trustees that had rotated. These trustees served in a very very difficult time for AA in my opinion. I am very grateful for their service and I will miss all 3 of them. Saturday it was raining outside and a lot of members were leaving to go home and most everybody else

was staying in the hotel, but thank God for one of my PI committee members Jeannie. Jeannie is the delegate from Arkansas, Area 4. We did not let the rain stop us and we went out exploring New York. This is Jeannie getting on the subway right after I bought my second metrocard. The next picture is at Ground Zero. Ground Zero was a very emotional place to be and I kept thinking how I could not have imagined what it would have been like to have been there on September 11. This picture is one of the two big reflecting pools that sit where the towers used to stand. Around the outside the names of all the victims of the attacks from each building are printed. The next two pictures are the survivor tree. I did not know about the survivor tree, but apparently after the attacks nothing was left but this burnt and blackened tree. They were able to save it and bring it back which I thought was amazing. It reminded me of all of us. We got burned up and blackened while we were out there, but someone was able to save us and now we are more beautiful than ever. The next picture is the mall and the subway station at Ground Zero. Next we went to Grand Central Station and of course we couldn't leave without going to the post office. The post office at Grand Central Station is where our box 459 is and it is somewhere in here. The last thing I will report is there was a vote for the General Service conference to conduct a thorough inventory of itself during the 2025 General Service conference. The vote passed 99 yes 32 no. So in 2025 that General Service conference will go through an inventory, which I think will be a very good thing. And the last picture I have is from inside JFK airport on my way back home to Las Vegas and Area 42, the greatest area in the history of the universe.

Lyle C. Introduces our own Area 42 Marita R. Class B (alcoholic) U.S. Trustee-at-Large, Past Delegate from Area 05 (Southern California), Panel 49, and the first delegate in her second year from the new Area 93 (Central California).

### **Trustee At Large Report – Marita R.**

Our Trustee-at-Large, USA Marita R., attended our Assembly and gave a report titled "AA Around the World". She explained the role of the Trustee-at-Large. In addition to the traditional trustee responsibilities, they also travel to other countries to learn, offer assistance when asked, and join in the celebrations of significant events at those locations. They are also our delegates to the World Service Meeting which is held every other year. In the years in between, our Trustees-at-Large attend our zonal meeting which encompasses Canada, the US, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Some of the statistics that Marita offered were that there are 63 General Service Offices around the world (like ours in New York) while AA is in over 180 countries with more than 118,000 groups. Our Big Book has been translated into 73 languages with additional literature translated into 110 languages. She then talked about some of her experiences traveling on our behalf. Marita traveled to Cuba to



attend their 22 nd General Service Conference. AA is not a legal organization in Cuba. They work with the knowledge of the government through the auspices of the Catholic church. Our meetings are held in their facilities, our literature shipments are delivered through them. Potential members find out about AA either from members or through Catholic priests. When I arrived at the Conference there was an unknown person present. She was Dr. Borrego, the Minister of Mental Health. She said that the Dept of Justice has seen the lives saved by AA in the last 20+ years and that AA was granted an association status (like or non-profit status). She said, "The government realizes just how many more issues are created by alcoholism and AA seems to be the only thing that works long-term to make happy and productive citizens". Her staff has been ordered to introduce the local AA members to doctors, attorneys, judges, mental health workers, teachers, and of course, the clergy, anyone who will come into contact with someone who needs our program. Can you imagine the growth of AA in the coming years ahead in Cuba? Your contributions in the basket help fund the International Literature Fund which allows us to send lots of literature to Cuba for their future 12-step work. She told many stories of your contributions at work overseas. There are many opportunities for carrying our message and Marita says she has brought back many things that we could learn from other structures as well as what we can offer them.

Just like members who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other countries also do the same. In addition to personal sponsorship, you can watch the same process unfold as countries sponsor other countries until they are strong enough to begin sponsoring even new countries that are just establishing what Bill W. called "beachheads of sobriety" all over the world. She will be doing a presentation like this at next year's Forum in Las Vegas.

### **Past Pacific Regional Trustee, and Past Area 42 Delegate, Panel 29 – Ruth J.**

Ruth Presentation History Area 42

Before 1980 our history was not written anywhere. Been around since 1970 and just celebrated 53 years of sobriety. My first assembly was 1974 and the last time we met in either the north or the south was 1972. When you have the assembly at one end or the other most of the people are there from that area. Which made voting uneven each time. Delegate on panel 29. There were only 4 districts in Las Vegas and 2 in Reno. Assembly would be held once a year. We bused everyone to Tonpah and I did an orientation. Did the one day assembly and went home. That is what started the two assemblies. When I was a delegate I hand wrote my report, someone typed and mailed it to New York. No guidelines, it was all word of mouth. So we started to make guidelines in which I have all the guidelines in which I hand wrote out. In 1981 they were voted in and around that time we decided to split our officers. They're not rules or law, they are guidelines. Here is a list of delegates from the beginning of area 42. Went

from DCM to delegate. Our turn-over as GSR is better to return to your groups and talk about the fun we have here. Please continue doing service in every way you can. Trust your trusted servants to do their jobs on their committees. Trust the delegates to bring the information to New York. You're not called because you're qualified. You're qualified after you're done. The spirit of rotation is important to happen.

## **Moderator Area Inventory - Jonelle W.**

Area Assembly Inventory

Selected Topics Summaries

### **Topic 1 – GSRs**

- Education – workshops, pamphlets, literature, 1:1, roundtables, GSR training (SAGSC/NAGSC & Assembly), virtual orientation for remote GSRs & DCMs, newsletters
- Enthusiasm – group reports & business reports, encouragement, teach what you know
- Service sponsorship

### **Topic 3 – Remote Communities & Dark Districts**

- Outreach – travel, virtual meetings, Young people, General Service officers, remote
- District Sponsorship or combination of weaker districts
- Enthusiasm
- Education – Conference Remote Communities report
- Who's Missing – Use PI & CPC for outreach

### **Topic 5 – Assembly**

- Blue Room – rename to be Area committee Planning meeting
- Assembly Packets – timing, agendas, documentation,
- Service Reports – timing, importance, order
- Sunday morning migration
- Education – GSRs & DCMs,
- Assembly finances – passing the basket, food & beverages,

### **Topic 9 – Area Assembly / What's next**

- Take Actions – form Ad Hoc Committee(s) for improvements
- Education – GSRs
- North/South Unity
- Improve Communication

## **All Topics – Overall – Improve communication**

## **SELECTED TOPICS DETAILS**

### **Topic 1 – GSR's**

- **Prepare & encourage GSRs via**

- o Visiting Home Groups & improve GSR selection process
- o Traditions meetings
- o District meetings – DCMs to explain things
- o NAGSC & SAGSC meetings
- o Assembly – have extra opportunities for GSRs to ask questions
- o ACC committees
- o Area Newsletter as source of information
- o Be enthusiastic about service when sharing – especially at a regular meeting
- o Serve food
- o Encourage GSRs to explore different aspects of service work
- o Encourage Alternate GSRs to get involved

- **Educate**

- o What are their duties and responsibilities
- o Give them GSR & Home Group pamphlets
- o Educate on Service Manual
- o Provide additional GSR workshops or roundtables
- o Service sponsorship
- o Virtual GSR orientation for remote areas
- o Educate on what is a group conscious
- o Explain financial assistance available

### **Topic 3 – Remote Communities & Dark Districts** **Communication is critical**

- o Conference calls
- o Virtual connections
- o Read Conference Remote Communities reports
- o Find contact people if no GSR
- o Be enthusiastic

- **Visit remote communities**

- o Strong districts sponsor less active/dark ones
- o Combine districts
- o DCM outreach
- o DCM Coordinator & GSR trainers could do outreach
- o Use YPAA people
- o Use committee systems (CPC & PI)
  - Area to financially support traveling to remote communities
  - Create an Area Remote Community Committee
- o Or create a remote communities liaison to work w/PI, CPC, Accessibilities, etc.
  - Consider Urban remote communities

- o Start a BIPOC group
- o Who's missing?
- o People with neurodivergence (PTSD, on the spectrum, etc.).

### **Topic 5 – Assembly**

- **Communication is Critical**

- o Improve agenda
- o Consider best use of reports from DCM's, officers, and liaisons
- o Get communications out earlier
- o Ask GSRs how we can help
- o Trim out redundancies
- o Encourage asking questions
- o Educate on alphabet soup

- **Educate**

- o On assembly expenses: i.e. Passing the basket
- o Funding GSRs, DCMs and officers
- o Purpose of blue room (12 comments)
- o On need to stay Sunday morning
- o Past servants as service sponsors
- o Assembly is an opportunity to learn

### **Topic 9 – What's Next**

- **Ad hoc committees to make recommendations re: inventory findings**

- o Wants to see more practical, action-oriented stuff for GSRs
- o Consider an ACC Coordinator position
  - More plain language, more transparency, more communication for GSRs
  - Fund officers and committee chairs more for travel
  - More unity between N/S - more events
  - Deepen cultural connections Spanish/English districts and members
  - Increased communication between all service positions

## **TOPICS WITH QUESTIONS**

### **TOPIC 1 - GSRs**

- What can the area and the districts do to inspire GSRs to get in and keep them involved in general service?
- Are we giving too many reports and if so, how could we replace time spent giving reports with other relevant information?
- Should we assign DCM, GSRs & Alt GSRs to a standing committee (rather than let them pick) to better mirror the
- General Service Conference. Why or why not?

- What would be more ways to prepare the GSR#39;s for their position in addition to using the GSR Survival Manual and orientation at the Assembly.

## **TOPIC 2 - CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Are there other ways to better educate/inform our delegate on agenda items?
- Have we, as an Area, made sure that our Delegate is truly informed by what our group consciences are or are we relying more on individual#39;s experience/comments/opinions?
- How could we improve our agenda item education for the groups, GSRs and DCMs?

## **TOPIC 3 - REMOTE COMMUNITIES & DARK DISTRICTS**

- How can we better serve and engage our remote communities within the cities, like Native American, Spanish- speaking, Asian, Black, Muslim, etc.?
- How do we encourage AA members in the larger cities and towns to make the effort to travel to remote meetings?
- Who#39;s missing from our rooms? Why? What is our part in their absence?
- How can we improve on reaching out to dark & dim districts?

## **TOPIC 4 – Translation & Interpretation**

- Are the translation/interpretation committee special workers or trusted servants?
- Should we be paying for professional verbal and written translation services?
- Regarding translation and interpretation, what are we doing well?
- Regarding translation and interpretation, what can be improved?

## **TOPIC 5 - ASSEMBLY**

- Why do we do new business on Sunday mornings when people are leaving or have left?
- How can we improve the assembly agenda?
- Do we still need the blue room?
- Should anyone be able to attend the blue room as an observer?

## **TOPIC 6 - AREA OFFICERS**

- Are we asking too much of our Area officers, remembering we are volunteers?
- Is the workload and/or time needed for some area positions discouraging people from wanting to stand?
- Are we using our alternate officers effectively?
- In electing our trusted servants are we using Concept IX as a guide or just choosing warm bodies or the “cool kids”?

## **TOPIC 7 - STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Are we asking the Accessibility Committee to cover too many special groups?
- Do we have too many committees? Not enough? Just right?
- What are some ideas to get more members involved in committee work?
- How can we improve our standing committees?

## **TOPIC 8 - FINANCES**

- How would you like to see 7 th Tradition contributions spent?
- Are we keeping too much money year-to-year?
- Would more funding for standing committees encourage more participation?

**TOPIC 9 - AREA INVENTORY (This question is mandatory)**

- What do you want to see be a result of this inventory?
- What are you willing to do to help to make that happen?

**Pacific Regional Forum – Phil W.**

I have been asked to head up the welcome committee of volunteers. I have asked Rhonda F. from the south and Jay Stewart from the north to be the leaders of the volunteers from their respective parts of our area. We will be needing lots of volunteers so in the next few months please talk to Rhonda or Jay and get on the list. We do have save the date cards and will have 1 more printing before PRAASA. We will have a small table at PRAASA to promote the Forum that will be held at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas July 12-14. We will be giving out the save the date cards and hope anyone from area 42 at PRAASA will have some to hand out. Now for a few of the things we are being asked to help with.

Registration is a big thing we will need both English and Spanish speaking folks. Greeters, check in and translation equipment. Help with signage throughout the weekend. We want to conduct AA meeting. Thanks for volunteering and hope we all have a great time. And remember we can use any body will to help out. They do not need to be in general service.

**Area officer Reports**

**SAGSC Chair- Caroline J.**

My name is Caroline and I am delighted to serve you as your Southern Area Chair. Life is good in the Southern Area. John L has stepped up to serve as our DCM Coordinator since Foxx had to resign to take care of family members. Since our last gathering in April, we have been busy. In May, the SAGSC body met at Central Office and on zoom. In addition to the reports from the committee chairs and DCMs – which were filled with announcements of workshops and picnics, Jake gave his first ever Delegate Report. It was long, but it was also fascinating. I learned that there is a prison where the Death Row inmate members have an AA meeting! It still blows my mind. It is a short distance from having escaped a death sentence to facing one. He also brought us up to speed about the state of the dust up at the GSO Board. Prayers for all. We approved the SAGSC Technology Chair position – welcome Pam! We created an Ad Hoc Committee to look at our guidelines. And in July, we created a SAGSC Inventory Ad Hoc Committee. I attended Libby's fabulous Literature Festival in June. We had a lot of fun and raised awareness in the fellowship about our literature and our service committees – and ate cookies. In July, we were off to Ely, Nevada for the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Annual CampNic! I highly recommend it. In addition to being about 30 degrees cooler than Las Vegas, Ely is beautiful and the fellowship is deep. All are welcome. I hope everyone makes the opportunity to attend next year. Our meetings are hybrid and we have the same zoom link for all of them. Everyone in our Area receives invitations to our meetings. Our next meeting is November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come join us! We will have coffee and doughnuts for all!

**NAGSC Secretary - Mike L.**

My name is Mike L., I am alcoholic serving as the NAGSC secretary. I am grateful for service that leaves me in the middle of the herd. Our traditions say "A.A., as such, ought never be organized" but our Big Book says "We alcoholics are undisciplined. So we let God discipline us in the simple way we have just outlined. But this is not all". The membership demands service of our trusted servants that is best for the fellowship and AA as a whole. As a trusted my goal and my gratitude is always to better serve Area 42. Thank you allowing me to serve.

**Alternate Delegate/NAGSC Chairperson - Paul E.**

Hi, I'm Paul, alcoholic and your Area 42 Alternate Delegate / NAGSC Chairperson. Welcome to all of you that are attending here in beautiful downtown Tonopah and those of you that are online. I believe it's great we are starting an Area 42 inventory this weekend. All of your input is valuable and welcomed to this process. I have a list of members that have signed up to be on the Area Conference Committees (ACC) from the Spring Area 42 assembly and NAGSC meetings. There is a tablet up here if you would like to sign up to be on a committee. You can also check to see if you are already on the list. If you are online and would like to sign up please send me an email at [alternatedelegat@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:alternatedelegat@nevadaarea42.org). I have asked the ACC chairpersons to confirm the members on their committees. So that I know which committees need the most help and will be adding all of those that have signed up after this assembly. At the December NAGSC meeting I plan to have a small workshop / instructions on how to summarize the agenda items and how to do a presentation for the roundtables of the agenda items. The NAGSC Treatment / Bridging the Gap Chairperson is stepping down. So I'm looking for someone to step up for that position, if anyone is interested please contact me at [nagscchairperson@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:nagscchairperson@nevadaarea42.org) as soon as possible. Now for some sad news, many of may have already heard that Pat B. passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He was a valued member of A.A. and A.A. service, everything he did full bore. He showed up to my home group when he moved to our Area 42 from Napa CA. Area 06, that he found through our nevadaarea42.org website from a DCM report that mentioned my home group that was also the DCM's (Cathy H) home group and knew that the group was involved in service so he wanted that to be his new home group. There will be a celebration of life at the Sparks Alano Club on September 24<sup>th</sup> for 3:00 to 5:00pm, if you would like a flyer please come and see me. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

**Alternate Chair - Jonelle W.**

Hello Area 42! Thank you once again for allowing me to serve as your Alternate Area Chair. My responsibilities for this weekend will be chairing the Area Committee Meeting on Friday night and the Standing Committee Chairs Meeting on Sunday morning .I will or may have done so already, depending on when I give my report, be doing some other stuff. I also get to call tables at the banquet. Please don't hate on me... I am honest with the table numbers chosen, so if your last, blame your choice in table numbers, not me. Lyle, our amazing Chair, keeps me in the loop on what he is doing with the Assembly which is truly appreciated. I love when an Alternate is "part of" rather than a "if needed". I am excited about our inventory. I am grateful that Area 42 as a whole was given a voice and the ability to participate all the way around. I believe that this is a spiritually led process. I believe our HPs will dictate what our Area needs to discuss, improve, eliminate or maybe even accept. Several years ago, I was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee that was formed to make recommendations to the body after our last inventory. My hope is that we will do the same with this one and more importantly, find ways to implement the suggestions. If this is your first Assembly, welcome! I am so grateful you are here. And if it's not, welcome! I am so grateful you are here as well! Your voice will have the opportunity to be heard in a way that could possibly shape our Area's future. That is so important to me... the future of Area 42. I care about AA's future a ton too, hence, me and General Service, however, I love to clean up my own backyard before I venture out to clean up my entire block. I do not doubt we will continue to grow and be challenged, participate and be patient, be vocal and be humbled. That is what inventory does... it creates opportunity to be free of the ick and open us to the new. I have always been told throughout my sobriety, ask the tough questions. And I think we did! Yay! Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you.

**Secretary- Jen G.**

Hi my name is Jen I am the area secretary. This first round being secretary has been challenging. I would like to thank Lyle, Libby Jonelle and all the people that got to go through my breakdown. As I typed all the minutes and deleted them all. Thank you for your patience with me during this time. Thank you to everyone for getting in your reports early for translation. Thank you to our translation team for all your hard work. It is truly an honor to serve in this position.

**Alternate Secretary - Libby G.**

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic Alternate Area 42 Secretary which gave me the opportunity to be the SAGSC Secretary. As Alternate Area Secretary, my greatest duty is to pray for our Area Secretary, Jennifer's, health and sanity every day. My other major task is to manage the Area's literature supply and bring it to Tonopah twice a year. I'm also planning on having a literature workshop sometime before the next Assembly. It will be either hybrid or on-line so everyone in the Area can attend. If



you have anything in particular you think should be covered let me know. Look for more exciting information to follow. I did get the opportunity to go to PRAASA in LA. It was a great experience. I have been to PRAASA before, and as always it recharges my service batteries. I met a lot of wonderful people and learned a wealth of information about service and AA. I'm so very grateful that Area 42 affords me the chance to go. The other role I get the joy of having is the SAGSC secretary. In this job I pray for our SAGSC Chair, Caroline. I've experienced my first SAGSC meeting and got the excitement of learning my new job in 7 days, as our first meeting was on January 9<sup>th</sup>. In a week I requested all the officers, DCMs and Standing Chairs in the South to send me reports – and I got all but 3! Great job by everyone. Next I send out the various reports to the SAGSC DCMs and Standing Chairs for distribution before the meeting. Then I recorded the meeting to fill in gaps where I didn't have a report or it was a general discussion. After the meeting it is all about communication; minutes and whatever else needs to be written, or updated and sent to everyone. The other major component of the SAGSC secretary's job is keeping our rosters updated. So if you are a SAGSC officer, SAGSC DCM or SAGSC Standing Chair and you are not getting emails from me it probably means I have a typo in your email address. Please reach out to me. As a secretary in Area 42, I am assigned, I mean I volunteered, to be on the Literature committee. This year Mike L. is the chair and next year I get to chair. I know I'm a little broken because I really enjoy learning about different aspects of AA by reading the agenda items and their background. It always gives me new perspectives about what's going on with AA. I love it. There's always something new to learn. It is an honor to serve the Area and if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me.

### **Treasurer - Jason M.**

September 2023 Area Report

Hello, my name is Jason, and I am an alcoholic. The following reports are available:

- Income & Expense as of 07/31/2023 – See attached
- Balance Sheet as of 07/31/2023 – See attached

### **Cash Position (As of 7/31/2023)**

**Savings                   \$ 30,010.20**

**Checking       \$ 81,718.31**

**Total Cash   \$ 111,728.51**

For the period ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, our net income amounted to \$40,841.67, while the total expenses for the corresponding period reached \$62,794.51.

Kindly take note of my updated service email: jasonmarea42@gmail.com. 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](mailto: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. If you are seeking reimbursement during the assembly, kindly complete the reimbursement form and attach the relevant receipts for your expenses. It's my pleasure to serve in this capacity and thank you for your cooperation!

### **Registrar - Lisa I.**

Hi Lisa alcoholic, I am your Area 42 registrar. Grateful to be here. It's always so fun welcoming you all in. As your registrar I get to help with groups and group contacts get new groups registered. I get to help you find your group numbers if you need them for contributions. If you have a new group, new Gsr, or need anything registrar related, I'm your girl! Lastly, I was also able to help out at the very first literature festival that our Alternate secretary, Libby put on in Las Vegas. Wow, so much fun! Live music and food and lots of fellowship. Looking forward to the next one. So grateful to be helpful and I love you Area 42. You are my people! Peace and love, Lisa

### **Alternate Registrar - Jodie G.**

My name is Jodie and I am an alcoholic. I am also serving as your Area 42 Alternate Registrar, my favorite position in general service so far. I absolutely love being here in Tonopah with you all, greeting and learning your names and just being in the presence of so many members of AA who love general service. I have been busy stuffing name badges, making banquet tickets and texting back and forth with Lisa preparing for this weekend. We are hoping to make things smoother from our experience from the spring assembly. I have enjoyed picking out stickers for the name tags and candy for our table. Who knew this was part of general service? I am having so much fun! Back to the business side of my position, I have had the privilege of registering a few new groups in the north and I am still getting new GSR and alternate GSR change forms here and there. It is always fun to get an email and do whatever I can do to help. We have forms here today and be happy to assist you in getting your information to GSO. Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **Archivist – Ronnie D.**

Hello everyone my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999. I am currently serving as the Area 42/ SAGSC Archivist in the third year of the 4 years term. The archives committee meets almost every Saturday at Central Office at 9 to 11 AM in Las Vegas. A mass text is sent out the preceding Friday to confirm. Committee members are; Gaynell, Caroline, Heather, Amanda, Mark B. and Travis. Most Saturdays we have at least 2 or three people attending. April 22<sup>nd</sup> I was asked by Heather the grapevine Chair to give a short talk and provide a display for the Grapevine workshop at Central Office. April 30<sup>th</sup> I was asked to speak with Ralph W. and Caroline at the District one workshop at Central Office. Lou did give me a flash drive of the recording. May 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Archives set up a small display at the Tri

State Round Up in Laughlin Nevada and traveled back that Sunday for SAGSC. It was a long day. June 24<sup>th</sup> Archives set up a display and was a participant in the District One Literature workshop and Libby and district one did a fantastic job. An AA member donated a glass display cabinet that we placed behind the 2 showcases in the meeting room at Central Office and Caroline helped us display a few dozen AA big books written in over 30 languages in this cabinet. The big book display is really impressive but I may be biased. A couple of weeks ago we had a visitor to archives. Ruth J contacted me about locating a handwritten original document of the original Area 42 guidelines. We could not find the original but we did locate a photocopied copy of the original with editing overwritten that we made copies for Ruth. We went through every bin, every drawer, every shelf and still couldn't find it. Before Ruth left she hugged me, to me that was a big deal. I was asked to attend the district one district meeting in Boulder City so of course I overslept and made it to the meeting a half hour late. My penance is I have to give a talk at the district one meeting here this weekend. Gaynell and I have been taking the photographs in archives and placing them in a large photo album. The purpose of this is to get old timers a chance to look through this and let us know who they are, their names and possibly where and when the photos were taken. Gary Cooper who got sober in 1965 has helped with this and Gosse bump Jerry will be at archives next week end to take a look. If you should need to make a archives request or wish to stop by, please email me at [dillionronnie00@gmail.com](mailto:dillionronnie00@gmail.com). Thank you for listening.

### **Alternate Archivist - Debbie S.**

Debbie alcoholic, serving as your Area 42 Alternate Archivist. It was just a day or two ago, I was looking back through my calendar to see what I've been doing in Archives since our 2023 Spring Assembly in April. What I found was that my personal life got really busy this year. I have also been involved in work at the group and District level. Thank God I had a slow year in Archives!! I had a request from District 6 for some type of a time line of Nevada's AA history. We just so happen to have one laying around. I was recently invited to give a short presentation on Archives and take a small display to District 2's workshop on "The Importance of a Homegroup" in a couple of weeks. I would again like to say, if your District or even homegroup has not started a binder with your meeting minutes, group's history, event flyers and other cool stuff yet, it is never too late! An old-timer once told me that we need to save and display this stuff for the alcoholic that has yet to walk through the door. I would like to close with letting you know that your Northern Area Archives are still safely stored in my climate-controlled closet.

### **Newsletter Editor - Laura J.**

Fall Assembly September 8-10, 2023 The Summer Edition of the Area 42 Newsletter was published on August 10. You can find a copy on our website. I was thrilled with how many members submitted articles. The Inventory Ad Hoc Committee used the Newsletter to distribute the proposed inventory questions, which I loved because I think that got a lot of people to read the edition in full. This Newsletter also has information on

next year's Forum, which our Area is hosting. If you haven't already, please download or print a copy for reading and then share it with your group, your district, or your circle of AA friends. The Fall edition of the Newsletter will be published on October 31. If you want to submit an article, share about an event, or have a suggestion for useful information to share with the Area, please have those to me by October 17. I want to acknowledge our newly formed Area 42 Communications Committee of which I am a part and which provides oversight for the publication of the Newsletter as well as all written materials produced by our Area. With minimal guidelines on what is appropriate for publication in the Newsletter, I appreciate having this committee for guidance and review. Thank you for this opportunity to grow and learn in service to our Area and AA as a whole.

### **Webmaster - Glenn W.**

Hi everybody my name is Glenn, and I am honored to serve as our Area 42 webserver. I want to welcome everybody to the area assembly especially the GSR's! My position as webmaster is to keep the NEVADAAREA42.org website updated with general service information. The Website is provided solely as a public information tool for the Area 42 General Service Assembly and to display information about Alcoholics Anonymous in both Northern and Southern Area 42. The purpose of the website is to create another way to access and inform all AA Members in Area 42 of events and to keep mailing costs from expanding as the Area expands in population and to better communicate with remote areas of Area 42. If you are looking how to contact any of area officers, nagsc or sagsc leaders or our committee chairs and district DCM's you can send them an email from the contact page. There are resources to finding meetings in and around area 42. Our page for the area assembly is loaded with information about the area assembly. Read what the delegate shares about and wants us to know on the delegates corner page. There are maps, minutes and our current newsletters all for your reading pleasure and research. The pages for NAGSC and SAGSC has our meeting dates, agendas, minutes, guidelines and other pertinent information for each sub-area. The events page list each district meetings 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 un-scrubbed documents or Zoom passwords along with other information the area committee feels to be confidential will placed here. The password for the protected area is "area42member" Thank you for allowing me the opportunity as I am humbled and honored to be the Area 42 webmaster. Yours in love and service.

### **Finance - Laura J.**

The Finance Committee has been busy drafting the 2024 proposed budget which you will review and approve on Sunday morning. This budget has a higher then normal negative balance. Our budget has historically been proposed and approved with a negative balance with the undersatnding that this number does not take into account the

treasury's positive cash flow carry over from the previous year. In the five years that I have been involved with the Area finances, the treasury has carried over approximately fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) each year. The Finance Committee recommends that we spend down that excess and come closer to the ideal set forth in Concept XII, Warranty Two, which recommends that "sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve" should be our "prudent financial principle." With a recent transfer of funds, our prudent reserve account is now fully funded at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), per our guidelines at 1/3 of our annual operating expenses. Our working reserve is where the excess funds continue to languish. How are we spending down those funds?

- Area 42 is currently making some large investments in our technology abilities, including hardware, software, and funding those who are making this magic happen on our hybrid platforms.
- During this Assembly, you will also be presented with a proposal to invest in upgrading our website.
- Area 42 is investing in improving our translation services.

These are worthy expenses and good uses of our excess funds, while we have them. Another factor that will contribute to a spend down of funds is that travel costs have greatly increased in the last few years. That increase in costs has to be taken into account; however, the Finance Committee is also seeing what we consider to be "high end travel receipts" turned in for reimbursement. We encourage each funded traveler to remember our non-profit status and the responsibility we have to use the group's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions prudently. There are many fluctuating factors effecting our Area finances now and your Finance Committee has the responsibility to monitor this and inform the members where our financial position stands. Area 42's treasury is currently in a healthy financial position. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our Area as Chair of the oversight committee for our community basket, "where money and spirituality mix." Laura J Finance Committee Chair

### **Translation - Tony S.**

My name is Tony, and I am privileged to serve as your Area Translation and Interpretation Chairperson. We meet on Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every 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. Thank God that the area decided to do an area inventory, so our committee decided to go over our Guidelines to make sure we are serving the Spanish community, to the best of our ability. We will be going over all the changes and presenting them to the Assembly in the Spring, for your approval. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of my 4 year commitment and hopefully by the end of next year, I'll have this correct. If you feel you may need a commitment, please feel free to come see me 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 reports.

### **Communications - Libby G.**

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic Communications Committee Chairperson. It came as a little bit of a surprise to find myself on the committee, never mind its chairperson. Somehow, I missed the detail about secretaries being part of the committee. Next time I have to read the small print. Our committee consists of the Alternate Area Secretary - me, the NAGSC Secretary - Mike; the Newsletter editor - Laura; the webmaster - Glenn; Julie our most recent past delegate; Area Secretary - Jen; and our bi-lingual member - Tony. You will notice our little group consists of the people lucky enough to be your secretaries and other scribe-type people. I'm lucky to be among such service junkies. Our general purpose is to assist the trusted servants of Area 42 with any questions or situations arising concerning communications. The communications can be related to the internet, PI support, bulk email, etc. Specifically, we review the website and newsletters and other Area 42 communications. We meet at least twice a year. We report to the assembly what we are doing, hence this exciting and stimulating report. With the cooperation of you all we try to maintain a calendar of events to be shared on the website and in our newsletters. We are to offer guidance regarding public facing or internal communication needs by any member of Area 42. I'm not entirely sure what that last item means but I'm sure we'll figure it out by the time the committee member over the next two years. As to what we are actually doing - we met once in January, and we are feeling our way on what we are to do. Some of our discussions revolved around assisting the new webmaster with his questions about posting things on the Area website in terms of what is appropriate and what is not and where it goes. We discussed best practices in terms of reviewing material to go on the website. We also considered the definition of anonymity in regards to the website. It is an honor to serve the Area and if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me or any member of the communication committee. Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **Technology - Jeffery**

**Team: Tech Chair - Jeffrey C., Alt Chair - Ashley L., NAGSC Chair - Michelle M., SAGSC Chair - Pam B.**

**Function:** Our primary function is to put on our bi annual area assemblies in hybrid fashion as well as assist our officers with technological support. We also maintain the online platform account and licensing for all area service members to utilize.

**Update:** As we follow the guidelines set out before us we are also exploring what it is this newly formed committee is meant to do and become. We are inspired to take part in the National AA Technology Workshop, which happens to take place on the same weekend each fall as this assembly. A few of the members of our committee are interested in attending this event either in person or online if future scheduling permits. We are looking into getting the recordings from the current event and together watching pertinent topics that we feel may be relevant to our Area and the growth of our Technology Committee. Our Committee has met several times to discuss this assembly as well as continued communications between north and south to continue to work together in providing more seamless, versatile, and improved service events.

### **Chairperson - Lyle C.**

Hello Area, 42, My name is Lyle and I'm alcoholic It's my honor and privilege to serve you as your Area 42 Chair. My most important responsibility is to prepare for the Area assembly by getting speakers, arranging for food, coffee, and creating the agenda so that we can prepare our Delegate, Jake, for the General Service Conference. I would like to thank all the officers and committee members for your help. I didn't do this by myself. The Area officers and I have had a couple virtual meetings to prepare for the assembly. I have found the planning meetings to be very helpful and thank them for giving up time to help plan this assembly. Area 42 Alt. Chair Jonelle W. has been my rock. She has been extremely supportive especially with all the challenges we have had around the banquet. Thank you, Jonelle! Thank you to our Area 42 Ad-Hoc committees, the inventory ad-hoc did an outstanding job putting together an inventory in such a short time. Also, the website ad-hoc has moved forward with some good ideas to update our website. Thank you District 12 for your service providing us with food and snacks, and to NACYCAA for a wonderful job with drinks and coffee.

### **Sunday September 10th**

Lyle C. Opens up with the Serenity Prayer

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Lyle C. Today we will vote on a proposal, the budget and elect finance committee members-at-large.

Jonelle W.

The website ad-hoc committee will present a proposal to update the area website. This proposal is not a guideline change, so we don't need two readings. We do ask that only voting members vote, as this is an official area proposal. The proposal needs to pass with substantial unanimity or over 2/3 (66.7%). We will vote by a show of hands in-person and by clicking on yes or not virtually. The total vote cannot exceed the number of voting members attending the assembly.

#### **Website Ad Hoc Committee - Mike L.**

The Area 42 Website Ad Hoc Committee has been investigating improvements to the current Area 42 website. We found a vendor who is priced very reasonably, who can assist in upgrading our website to give it a more modern look, keep all the information currently on the website and offers future improvements. A mock-up of the new website has been shared with both NAGSC and SAGSC and has received very positive feedback. Based on the upgrades and the positive feedback, the Website Ad Hoc committee respectfully recommends that Area 42 work with the new vendor to upgrade the website. To do so we are requesting up to \$2000 to complete the project.

Respectfully Yours, Mike, Libby, Lou, Dan, Betty, Douglas, Glenn

- Can we consider changing the color to Blue
- Up to 2000 is for the development
- Password protected will still be there

Motion made: Vote- Passed

#### **2024 Budget Laura J.**

2024 proposed Budget was presented by the finance committee.

Line items were discussed by the body

Motion: To approve the budget with changes

Motion was approved

See approved budget below in link.

Lyle C. We need to elect four at-large members for our finance committee. Our guidelines do not specify a specific procedure for electing finance committee members. However, the following description of the election can be found in our Finance guideline addendum.

**1.2 Elections.** Election of at-large members shall be held at the Fall Area Assembly on odd numbered (nonelection) years. Eligible candidates shall have 2 years experience in Area 42 service prior to election. At-large Finance



Committee members may not hold other positions that are subject to area Budget considerations.

We have one member who has been appointed by the finance committee and we need to confirm her today along with three other members. Anne Y is from the North, so we need two members from the South and another member from the North. If we have more than four volunteers, we will hold an election. Otherwise, I recommend we vote by simple majority to affirm their election to the Area 42 Finance Committee.

If you are interested in serving on our finance committee as an at-large-member for the years 2024/2025 please come to the mic and tell us your name and current service position if you have one and how long you have been in general service. You may give a history of your service experience.

From the North Dan, Jay and Carol stood up.

Voted in Carol

From the South Amanda, DaNella and Tonya stood up.

Voted in Amanda and Tonya

### **What's on Your Mind**

- How can we better serve our remote committee? But how are we reaching our veterans? A Veterans committee is needed.
- Suggestion referring to virtue meeting using. Zoom is a corporation; we should not be using it in our format.
- Topic 4 translation: are they trusted servants? Yes

### **Ask it Basket**

Is there any way to get the area to get the Survive guide for sale?

- Sure

What service can I get after GSR?

- District positions or committees somewhere or events. Round up, gratitude ball..

Based on your service experience, what would be your top two things you would do as I GSR.

- Going to visit groups
- Made Spreadsheets for reports

Is Tonopah in the North or the South?

- Yes

Is the standing committee doing the boots?

- Intergroups the north and the south are great
- Do not duplicate the work other committee are doing

What are guidelines to support GSR's funding in an unexpected emergency?

- Groups are self supporting, districts and the area have some funding available.
- GSR are coming someplace that the groups can fund.

The chairperson has been chair for 24 year. How do you get them to rotate?

- Get a pamphlet to talk about our traditions. Literature will help explain rotation.

When will the minutes be available for this weekend?

- Our guidelines suggest 90 days

When did you first know who wanted to serve as delegate?

- I realized when I started to love general service

How did you become a trustee?

- You do service and you go to PRAASA. You have to be nominated
- Big time committee

Why can't the area finance committee consider funding PRAASA for DCM and GSR?

- The guidelines are what the finance committee follows. Our guidelines would have to change.

Can we Develop an archives book we could purchase for history.

- It's a great idea. We would have to put it together and publish it.

Lyle C. Closes with the Responsibility Declaration.