

SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
TIE CLUB - 329 N. 11th ST - LAS VEGAS NV

SAGSC 11.10.13

Serenity Prayer:

Introductions of New D.C.M. and G.S. R.s:

G.S.R. survival: David: There were four new G.S.R.s at this meeting

Approval of last meeting minutes:

Treasurer Report: Vince-

Finance: Cheri-

November 10, 2013

SAGSC Meeting:

Area 42, Panel 63 Delegate:

Hello members of the Area 42 Assembly, My name is Sophie, I am alcoholic, and I am grateful to serve Area 42 as its Panel 63 delegate. Welcome to all first-time attendees – especially GSRs. Thank you for taking a few hours today to join in. I hope you experience something today that piques your curiosity about General Service. If you have a question, please ask it!

I'm sorry that I'm not at the meeting today, but I have a prior service commitment. Thank you to you all for your service in Southern Area 42 over the last months. Our main job is to serve the groups, to make sure that they have the tools, knowledge and support they need in order to carry on with 12th Step work. Thanks to the DCMs for Traditions and Concepts workshops; and for assisting groups, when asked, in applying them. Strong groups carry our message of hope with clarity into the world of misinformation and uninformed personal opinion about A.A. (*Thank you George M.*)

At our Fall Assembly the body enthusiastically supported having a mock General Service Conference. It's an exciting idea. Here's the update. Based on my own conference experience and those of some of our rotated servants, I am asking the GSRs to prepare me for the 2014 General Service Conference using our roundtable and panel presentation formats.

Why? Why not a mock conference at our next assembly? In my first and only conference experience to date I found myself on another planet of processes and procedures. I should have been better prepared – not about agenda items but about “how it works”. I asked a lot of questions before I went to the conference, but they weren't the right ones. I didn't know what I didn't know. The conference went just fine partly because more than 50 of the 130 participants had already experienced the process.

At our Area 42 assemblies we might have 10 people present who have been to the conference and likely 200 who haven't. Rather than risk collective confusion and frustration in the precious little time we have, I'd like to be sure that we plan our mock conference experience carefully so that we can each be fully-informed and prepared participants in the new process. Let's allow ourselves the time to develop an effective and empowering mock conference experience. But for our spring area assembly I am not willing to take the chance on muddling communication between the groups and the delegate at the time we need clarity the most.

What we **WILL** do in the spring is what we have learned to do really well: conduct a carefully choreographed, highly informative and inclusive pre-conference preparation process. First, we prepare new GSRs for the events. Then we provide summaries of the relevant agenda items. In the greater Reno and Las Vegas areas we host roundtables and discussions on the agenda items for efficient, clear communication and maximum group involvement. All of this is in preparation for the March Assembly when we come together to form the conscience of the area. In this way the delegate gets a fully-informed and accurate sense of Area 42's sentiments to carry to the General Service Conference. We have honed our current pre-conference process to prepare our groups and delegates well and thoroughly. It's an engaging weekend and we have a lot of fun.

We are approaching the second year of the rotation – the year that we begin to think we know how to do our jobs! How about putting some of our thoughts toward those coming up behind us in General Service. Let's get in the car together and show the next wave what is involved in the service positions we currently hold. Let's be an attraction for service and encourage them to stay involved. Of course, we will look at the next positions we are eligible for and learn about them from those who do or have done the job. We've got a year to prepare Area 42 for a strong rotation!

If you have questions or concerns about the pre-conference assembly or anything else, please email me via the area website and we'll set up a phone date. With my new work schedule I'm most available to do area business on the weekends.

I hope we all enjoy good fellowship and sober holidays – always ready to extend the hand of Alcoholics

Anonymous to anyone, anywhere who is reaching out for help. Thank you for your service.

Warmly,
Sophie

Justin, Area 42 Secretary.

I hope everyone has had a chance to read the September area assembly minutes; they are also available on nevadaarea42.org. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the January SAGSC meeting. Thank you Do unto others as you'd have done unto you.

Registrar: Emily- My name is Emily and I am your alcoholic Alt. Registrar. I have received a few change forms and I have lots of new group forms and change forms if you need to update any of your group's information. These forms get sent to our Registrar in the north and she inputs the information. Online registration for spring Assembly will begin December 1st. We will be offering the option to buy your banquet tickets in advance there will be about 50 tickets available for pre-sale, the rest will be sold at the assembly. Justin will be distributing the link for registration. Please encourage everyone attending to pre-register if they are able. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Reports from standing committees: (Please hand written reports to Don)

Accessibilities (special needs): Sean:

Archives: Rhonda: Hello, my name is Rhonda. I am your current Area 42 Archivist and I am very excited to be a part of this great committee. We have been meeting a few times over the past 11 months and we have been busy!!! We have attended many events and added new people to our committee. We attended Tonopah in the fall and I would like to thank all of the people who helped set up and take down. Thank you to districts 5b, 13, and 15 for continuing to show up and help. We would love to attend your picnics, workshops, meetings and events. We would love to have more district participation. We would love to set up a display for you or to talk to your groups or districts about Area 42 AA history. If you have old minutes or flyers we need them. We would love to have your past records.

Thank you for letting me be of service, and remember, **"Don't throw anything away."**

Rhonda W., Area 42 Archivist

Bridging the Gap: Tim: No report

CPC: Cherie M.: Cherie M.

PI chair, Bobby, stepped down and Mary took over PI. Inter-group voted me in as CPC Chair. First event; 9/30 – 11/2, U.S. Mental Health and Psych. Conference at The Venetian. GSO paid for the space. C.O. covered tables (reimbursed Darryl, P.I.), Thank you Darryl for assisting with setting up the booth, signage, and helping with staffing the tables, and handing out a lot of literature, and talking to a lot of people. 10/21 – 10/22; staffed table, strategies for recovery, tools for clergy and L.V. Community Center. Carolyn gave the keynote address. Between workshops attendees came by the table and picked up lots of A.A. literature and A.A. meeting schedules. We have been invited to participate in upcoming events. 11/4 – 11/5: chaired AA meeting at U.S. Postal service Workers Union at Bally's in Skyview Office in the 26th floor. Provided Literature and Schedules for attendees at meetings.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period. Thanks to Don, past PI/CPC co-chair, for his help. There is a lot of opportunity to be in service with this committee. If DCM's could ask their districts for PI/CPC liaisons we would be grateful. If anyone would like to be of service please text or call me.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

To: Southern Area Group

From: Grapevine; Dean S.

Subject: Report for November 2013 meeting

The Southern Area Grapevine Committee meets the second Friday of each month at 6pm in the Las Vegas Central Office, 1431 E. Charleston Blvd, Suite 15.

December 13 will be our next Grapevine meeting:

Round Up: I will be out of town. For Thanksgiving weekend and will be unable to attend. Robin has graciously offered to help us with Round Up. If you can volunteer to help please let me know.

We would like to see a Grapevine rep from every group and I would ask each GSR to support the election of a GVR in their group. Please encourage Reps to attend the Grapevine meeting.

Please email us at sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org

or text me or Tony S

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Dean S.

Intergroup: Don: no report
P and I: Bobby: No report

DCM's Reports: (Please hand written notes to Don)

District 1- Jake: My name is Jake and I am an alcoholic. I am very grateful to serve as the DCM for District one. In September I was lucky enough to be fully funded by our district to attend the area 42 fall assembly. It was my 10th trip up to beautiful downtown Tonopah NV. The area inventory was a great experience for me. I thought that a lot of great information came out of it and I am looking forward to the spring assembly to find out the suggestions of the committees for each topic. Paul our facilitator and speaker was a great example of AA and the talk he gave Saturday night was wonderful. Next was our annual District one picnic held in Boulder city. It was another great event that was very well attended and the weather was absolutely perfect. I want to thank all of the volunteers who made it such a wonderful event and a special thank you to our district one picnic chair Libby G. We will be planning another picnic for the first Saturday in October next year as well and hope you will all attend. We are all very excited about our next workshop that will be held this Saturday with District 13 in the big room at the triangle club. It is going to be titled gratitude in action and we will have service speakers, presentations, and refreshments and we really hope that all of you will join us. The date is going to be November 16th and it will be held from 2-4:30. I would really like to thank all of the district one members and everyone else for being here to today. I hope to remember every day that it is all of you that has saved my life. I love you all.

District 3- Jonelle:

Hi all, my name is Jonelle W. and I am the DCM for District 3... First of all, I'd like to thank all those participated in the Area Assembly's inventory in Tonopah... I have never left an assembly feeling so twisted and raw, so again, I thank you for that!

Since my last report given, at that assembly, District 3 hosted a somewhat 7th Tradition workshop, which was quite informative... At our District meeting, which is prior to this meeting, we discussed possibly being able to afford to send me to PRAASA, my experience with the out of town meetings in our District, and our GSR's gave their reports...

Speaking of my out of town outreach experience, I had a much needed spiritual awakening in visiting one of Caliente, NV's two AA meetings last Saturday night. The journey up there is breathtaking and I finally got to see some Fall colors which is a necessity for this Jersey girl... We arrived at the meeting about a half hour early and decided to seek out the town's local Starbucks... Yeah, right! After our 6 minute journey, we decided to head to the church held group, another must for this Jersey girl... I began speaking with the smokers outside and introduced myself once it felt safe... At first, there was some, what seemed like, resistance to my "motive" for being there, due to some sour experiences they had had in the past... I did not push General Service, nor did I discuss their financial distributions, etc. I asked for maybe a contact person, via email, so if they were interested, they could be kept in the loop... At the opening of the meeting, after speaking with the other 7 or 8 attendees, I was asked to give a little pitch on my position and what General Service is... I was given an email address and the group asked to be kept up to date and may even join us down here in the near future... It was amazing to hear how alive and well these folks are and AA is in remote communities! It humbled me... I am so spoiled here and have been for all of my sobriety with AA accessibility, pretty much 24/7. These folks showed me "any lengths" in a whole new light and for that, I am changed. And I didn't even once complain about the 6 hour round tripdrive!
In AA Love and Service,
Jonelle

District 5B- Michelle: no report

District 7- Nelson: no report

District 9- Bob P.: We held our Oct. 19th step 4 event with Mehdi O. and Bill H. It was a packed house at Central Office. My GSRs did a great job. We will be planning our next event for Step 5 in the spring of 2014. Hope to see you there. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 11- Chip: no report

District 13- Glenn:

Hello everyone,

Since our fall assembly, District 13 has had one meeting change. The Puttin Sober group is expanding their meeting schedule to include a Big Book study on Monday nights in the patio room at 5pm. Our group contributions are down so I continue visiting our groups in the district to stir up support and to let our members know the importance of being involved in service and being self supportive.

Our GSR's continue hosting the District 13 speaker meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month. The attendance average continues to be between 35-40 people. We have a raffle that help's our self support effort and it's become our greatest financial contributor to the district. Our next speaker meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 6:30pm at the Triangle Club. The speaker will be Christine Wilson and the meeting will be hosted by the Woman's Night Out Group.

Our guidelines committee is coming along well with a set of proposed guidelines and the first draft is completed. We'll hope to have a final draft ready for disbursement and discussion by the end of the year.

I was able to attend and represent district 13 at the District 3 - 7th Tradition workshop, District 9's - step 4&5 workshop and district 7's - anonymity workshop along with the picnics hosted by District 1 and by District 7.

On Saturday, Nov 16, District 13 we will join District 1 to host the Gratitude in Action - Carrying the AA Message workshop. Please join us between 2 and 4:30 pm at the Triangle Club for this event.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn W.

District 13 DCM

District 15- Shannon: good afternoon, my name is Shannon, I am an alcoholic. District 15 is alive and well we recently had our quarterly eat and speak, with over 120 in attendance. Our featured speaker was Chef Bud who came clad in his Doctor Bob costume and delivered a fantastic message of experience strength and hope. Immediately following the eat and speak, we had a scavenger hunt where our trusted servant and area secretary and his faithful servants came in with all but one of the items. Upon completion of the scavenger hunt we had our 3rd annual Halloween event. Which included a dance and costume contest? All of which had a great attendance, which will afford our district to donate to central office and the Area. Our next event will be the annual Christmas and New Year's, alcahthons, we are looking to several People/groups to help with the meetings by chairing meeting or speaking at the meetings, If you or Your group would like a slot please call me or email our dist. Secretary Jamey M. Our district is also looking for an alternate DCM and will be having our district 15 businesses meeting immediately following this meeting today.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Shannon

District 17- Scarlett: no report

District 19- Dan: no report

District 21- Carlo: no report

Thanks to District 13 for hosting:

Host for next SAGSC, 2013 meeting will be, District 15

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