

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



A confidential newsletter, published by the officers of the California Northern Interior Area (CNIA), a General Service Area of Alcoholics Anonymous. Articles appearing in the Accents are the opinions of their authors. Only actions of the Area Committee or Area Assembly speak for CNIA as a whole. In accordance with the Group Conscience of the CNIA Assembly, first and last names are published. Thus, respect the spirit of Tradition 11 when utilizing this newsletter.

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**CNIA PANEL 62
JUNE ACM AGENDA
Saturday, June 15, 2013**

**CNIA 07
AREA CHAIR REPORT**

- 10:00 am Call to Order
- Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions (short form)
- 12 Concepts (short form)
- Introductions
- Announcements
- Assembly Reports
- Consideration of the March 2013 minutes
- Liaison Reports
 - Central Offices
 - H&I
 - YP
- 7th Tradition
- 11:30 Appointed Chair Reports
 - Officer Reports
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Delegate's Report—
- 1:30 DCM Reports
- 2:30 Discussion Items
 - Accents Subscription Fee
 - Self-Support/Financial Responsibilities
 - Treasurer Duties/CPA Duties
- 3:30 New Business
- 3:45 What's On Your Mind?
- 4:00 Close

We held our Post Conference Assembly in District 9 in the beautiful town of Yreka on May 18th and 19th. Thank you to Larry, Steve, Lance and the rest of the volunteers for all their service over the weekend.

We started with our Weekend Overview presented by Lee W., Past Delegate. From there, we heard all the District reports. After the break we continued the Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (YPAA) Appointed Committee Chair Position discussion. The Assembly decided to table discussion until a clearer definition of what this position entailed and who would fulfill that service. Several options have been presented.

The second discussion item pertained to the Pre-Conference Assembly Format. After a brief discussion, the Assembly expressed that the way our Area conducts its Pre-Conference Assembly is indeed beautiful. Very few Delegates in the United States and Canada actually hear directly from the GSRs. What we have in our Area is not only unique, it is very productive and informative. There were several ideas presented on how to make our Pre-Conference Assembly more efficient. This year, we utilized

some of those suggestions. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. Then it was time to hear from our Delegate, Lela! Lela painted a beautiful picture of her experience in New York. From her A.A. his-

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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 that the ultimate authority in A.A. 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 the group can reach an informed group conscience. 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 groups and A.A. as a whole.

A reminder for 7th Tradition contributions to CNIA:

Don't forget to include your group's name, GSO ID and to sign the check! Please mail to: CNIA, P.O. Box 161712, Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

torical tour with George D, past Pacific Region Trustee and past General Service Office Manager, to the farewells on Friday, she told us about her amazing adventure. You could hear the gratitude and humility in her voice when she gave her presentation. Lela is a wonderful example of what a trusted servant should be and I am very grateful for her service to the Fellowship.

After a wonderful dinner, we were treated with experience, strength and hope from Bob B, Past Delegate from Panels 20 and 22. Lastly, we held our DCM, GSR and Officer Roundtable discussions.

On Sunday, we heard our report backs from the roundtables. We introduced a new discussion item that pertained to eliminating the subscription fee for the Accents/Acentos. This discussion will be continued at the ACM in June.

Over the weekend, I heard concerns about the budget of the Area and the budget at our General Service Office. I have heard that spirituality and money mix in the 7th Tradition basket. Now is the time of year when our Area funds are at their lowest. We continue to receive contributions. And for that, THANK YOU!

I recently read an article in "Language of the Heart". On page 221, Bill W wrote "Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility – one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and AA as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid.

When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

Overall, the weekend was a huge success! It was wonderful to meet up with old friends and be introduced to new friends. It was great to be in an atmosphere where everyone is serving together for a common good. But most of all, it was nice to feel the love for each other and for Alcoholics Anonymous!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. It is truly an honor.

Love,

Vikki L

Area Chair

Panel 62, Area 07

ARCHIVES CHAIR

I knew that I wanted to be of service to CNIA Area 07. That was all that I thought as I filled out my resume. I had no idea of what was ahead of me. I remember when the Chair – Vikki L. called me to ask me if I would accept the position of Archives Chairperson. I immediately said Yes! I was so excited! About a month later I began contacting the outgoing Archives Chair – Dean C. We met at the Archives Center in Stockton. Dean was given the task of making copies of the keys to the Archives Center. A month later I met Dean C at his place of employment to get the keys. It was the first day I opened the doors of the Archives Center by myself. I admit that I felt a bit overwhelmed. I saw piles of papers on the desk which were marked with the codes to the respective files.

I had received a copy of the Archives notebook from New York. The first thing that I did was begin to scan the documents and save them to the computer in a file that I created (CNIA 2012-2013). I have had many excited visitors to the Center. One of them was Athena W (D-23 Alt-DCM). Athena has been there to learn about the Archives Center and keep the doors open when I had other commitments such as work and speaking engagements. Athena was able to modify the files that I had created to make them easier to read by saving them to Word document format with larger font size.

I turned my attention to the files on the desk. I filed the documents in their respective folders and that may have been the day that I learned where all the business of Archives is kept. The Archive files are stored in a locked, fire resistant closet inside of the Archives room. There are many interesting items stored there. I found books, cassette tapes, reel to reel tapes, 45 rpm records, newspapers, magazines, and poster boards, to name a few items. There is a large collection of items tastefully arranged and displayed in the CNIA 07 Archives Center.

The CNIA Archives Center is located at 1807 Navy Drive (at Fresno Ave) in Suite 11 at Rodgers Engineering and Construction, Inc, Stockton, CA 95555, near the Port of Stockton.

I also had the privilege of taking the portable Archives Display on a few road trips. Besides setting the Archives Display out at the Assemblies, I was able to bring the Archives Display to a few Unity Day celebrations throughout the Area and also to a few District meetings. I have been welcomed to those celebrations and will remember each of those events as they allowed me to improve my presentation skills. I have recently added a new map to the Archives display which was sent to me by Brent G..

I have had a lot of fun hosting groups that visited the Archives Center. I enjoyed taking the Archives Display on the road to Assemblies, meetings, and Unity Day Celebrations. I have gathered a lot of knowledge about the history of AA and our founders. I look forward to performing Service in CNIA Area 07.

Yours in service,

David C

TRANSLATION CHAIR

What can I tell you about the position of Translation Chair? You need to be pretty fluent in both English and Spanish, have good computer skills, and know how to work in a team and maybe the most important- KNOW WHEN TO ASK FOR HELP! I did this a lot!

I don't think that I will ever be able to express how much this service position has meant to me. Thank goodness for Efren, the previous Translation Chair, he really helped me a lot in the beginning. And no, I did not know what this position would involve so I will try to tell you now.

After the Area Monthly Meetings and Assemblies the Area Secretary writes the meeting minutes, has them edited and then sent to the Translation Chair, in this case, me. There is a Translation Team, which could be composed of 4-8 Alcoholics who have volunteered to do this service. Some of these volunteers I "adopted" with the position, others I recruited and some came forward offering their services. I split up the meeting minutes, officer reports and anything else I am sent that needs translation between me and the translation volunteers. I send each volunteer their portion and let them know when the item needs to be returned to me. At this time the "pressure is on" to meet the deadline to the printer. If you still like excitement, you will love this part of this service. Once everything has been translated and returned to me, I edit each portion make changes as needed and then send everything them to the Area Publisher. She does the amazing job of piecing it all together into the Acentos.

The wonderful feeling I get to live each month after sending the material on time for printing, to see what teamwork can accomplish, to know that thanks to this service the Spanish Speaking Community of Alcoholics Anonymous will benefit of being informed in the affairs of General Services....after my service here is over I will forever take this joy in my heart.

Then there is the interpretation at the Area Meetings and Assemblies. I will remember how much appreciation there was for my work done here, I

felt it in your greeting, when you brought me something to drink, the fruit you shared with me at the Assembly in Frog Town. All who have served alongside me have shown me what Love in Service truly means. Thank you having given me this opportunity to have served...

*In Love and Service,
Luz Maria G.*

ACCENTS/ACENTOS PUBLISHER

It is the publisher's job to get Accents and Acentos out to the recipients in a timely fashion, so everyone has time to read and absorb the information before the next Area Committee Meeting, or Area Assembly. This job, like all the appointed positions, requires teamwork.

The team consists of:

- The Area Chair, who decides what goes into each month's Accents
- The Recording Secretary, who records the minutes from the previous ACM or Assembly
- The Treasurer, who prepares financial reports for each month's Accents
- For assemblies, the Alternate Chair creates the agenda
- Often the Delegate submits an article
- The Translation Chair, who has all the material translated into Spanish
- The Registrar, who prepares an updated mailing list for snailmail and an email list for distribution
- The Webmaster, who puts the anonymous version on the Area website

The printer, who then prints and has the publication sent to the mailing house for distribution.

Each of these people has a team to help them with their contributions.

The Publisher's job is to make sure s/

he gets the material in time and has it reviewed by the Area Chair.

Then the Publisher creates 4 versions:

- Accents with names
- Accents – anonymous version
- Acentos with names

Acentos – anonymous version

Accents and Acentos with names goes to the printer and the registrar for distribution to the Area Chairs and Officers, DCMs, GSRs, (and their alternates) and past delegates, and any other AA member who has requested Accents.

Accents and Acentos – anonymous version – gets downloaded onto the web for all to read.

It sounds overwhelming when I put it down on paper, but once someone gets used to what needs to be done, then it begins to flow when the team works together.

My time in this position has been an incredible learning experience. I was humbled when Vikki asked me to take this on and I was not sure I could do it, but I found that I loved it! Every time I take on a job in AA I am rewarded so much more than I could ever give. Thanks for this opportunity to serve.

*Yours in service,
Mary O*

Minutes (Unapproved) CNIA 07 Area Committee Meeting March 16, 2013 West Sacramento, CA

The California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the East Yolo Fellowship, West Sacramento, CA from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 16, 2013. Area Chair, Vikki L, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The GSR Preamble was read in Spanish by Jose, Alt-GSR, D53. The 12 Traditions were read by Cynthia B, DCM, D32, and the Twelve Concepts were read by John C, BTG Coordinator, D20.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vikki introduced Past Delegates: Woody R – Panel 50, Marianne H – Panel 56, Lee W – Panel 58, Melody T – Panel 60. New attendees: Ish of H&I; Jenny, Alt-DCM, D34 of Northside Fellowship in Modesto; and Larry B, Alt-DCM, D31 and Primary Purpose GSR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCCAA Summer Conference, June 7-9 at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City and Saturday night speaker will be Nancy M, D29 DCM, and the Conference Report will be given by Lela, our Delegate. Eservices needs a volunteer from the Spanish Districts; please contact eservices@cnia.org.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 2012 MINUTES

The February 16, 2013 Area Planning Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

ASSEMBLY / LIAISON REPORTS

Pre-Conference Assembly – April 6-7, 2013 – Sherry B, DCM, D-47 – Pre-registration deadline is March 29. On-site registration will be available the 6th & 7th of April. Assisted listening devices will be available. Tachi is supplying the PA system. Our website is up again after some difficulty.

Post Conference Assembly – May 18-19, 2013 – Lance for Larry, D-09 – Pre-Registration ends May 3rd. Events planned on Friday include golf, a tour and a speaker meeting w/ice cream social for early arrivals.

Election Assembly – November 15-17, 2013 – Jenn D, DCM, D-15 – The location is confirmed and the committee is working on other details.

PRAASA 2017 – Jan P – Lela M, Tom A and I met regarding the finances for PRAASA 2017. The hotels and convention center are being contacted. Lela is getting prepared with answers to questions she may receive from the Pacific Region delegates.

CCF – Rae, Office Manager of CCF – The CCF office and other intergroups have concerns with the introduction of online sales on the aa.org website. We sell approximately \$79K literature

per year and make approximately \$26K. A.A.W.S. sells the Big Book @ \$8 retail price; CCF sells it for \$9. We order 200 books for maximum discount and store the books until sold; have office expenses, mailing expenses, health issues, etc. We hope to have cooperation and assistance through General Service of CNIA and the central offices to maintain services to our communities.

Delta Intergroup – Cynthia B, DCM 32 – Two new intergroup reps (2 year term). We are \$1310.03 in the black. Meeting schedules are half price. Need someone to prepare the monthly Newsletter. Unity Day netted over \$400 (lowest amount ever).

Central Valley Intergroup – Jenny M, Alt-DCM 34 – will no longer have office hours on Monday's.

SACYPAA – Nancy M for Dorian – Most members are attending ACYPAA in Fresno. Decided to bid for 2015! International YPAA is July 14 in Arizona.

OLD BUSINESS

Possible Appointed YPAA Chair

The main goal is to have more communication throughout the Area with Young People. See February Accents/Acentos issues for suggested responsibilities.

Comments were: A young member in one District felt they didn't need a YPAA representative because they like hearing from the older folks. Some Districts thought if young people start getting separated they would not be part of A.A. as a whole. Some think there is a need to bring information to young people is positive, but being a separate committee does not unify AA. SACYPAA group is in favor of having a YPAA chair. The discussion will be continued.

Pre-Conference Assembly Group Consciences on Agenda Items

Discussion Item suggested Mary O, GSR, D20, Wednesday's Women's Big Book Study at Winter Assembly in January 2013 – I propose that the GSRs send their meeting's information regarding the Agenda Items to the Delegate and the Recording Secretary two

weeks before the Pre-Conference Assembly. The information could be tallied and distributed at the Assembly. Then the Pre-Conference Assembly could be devoted to discussing each Agenda Item in depth for the Delegate to take to New York. It would be more productive use of our time, and the Delegate could get more complete information to take to New York.

History and purpose of CNIA procedure was given along with other comments.

To be continued with more discussion.

Some comments were: It's too late to go over the Agenda Items in depth. Our Area is unique in that we are the only Area that GSRs communicate directly to the Delegate what their groups want regarding the Agenda Items. Hearing information shared by GSRs more than once at the mic, everyone learns 'we are not alone' with our ideas and thoughts, and are able to pass it on. Groups need to be more active with workshops on Agenda Items.

Possible solutions presented were: To consider ways to improve the standing lines, room setup/space and acoustics. Possibility of 10 chairs lined up near mics; numbers given when you arrive; stand at front of room instead of back.

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS

Accents Publisher – accents@cnia.org -- Mary O – The timetable for the Pre-Conference Assembly is much shorter than March issue. I have less than two weeks to get Accents/Acentos to the publisher. Thanks to our secretary, Jan, minutes were sent to Luz Maria and me on February 15.

Archives – archives@cnia.org -- I attended PRAASA in Boise, ID and met with other Archivists and Archive Committee members. We shared on procedures, systems and exchanged emails in order to contact each other. I attended the CNCA Archives Open House on Saturday, March 9, 2013 and the Traditions and Concepts meeting in Fair Oaks on 3/5/13. I encourage DCMs to search for Archive material from their Districts: literature, minutes, tapes, films that will be

stored at Archives Center at Navy Drive in Stockton, CA which is a secured building.

BTG – btg@cnia.org -- Matthew L – We had 5 contacts and 20 contacts were from D20. BTG met at 9 a.m. before the ACM; we will meet at 9 a.m. before June ACM. The BTG table and I will be at Pre-Conference Assembly in Lemoore.

Eservices – eservices@cnia.org – Jenn D – Welcome Larry, new member of Eservices; we are looking for someone from the Spanish community. We reviewed the website and discovered changes that need to be made. An assisted listening system will be available at assemblies. Thank you to our Area who gives the Right of Decision with making some of our decisions to help the Area. I attended a couple of Roundtables at PRAASA 2013.

Finance – finance@cnia.org – Jon C – Our Finance Committee is: Tom A, Area 07 Treasurer, Steve C, DCM D09, Deanna C, DCM D25, Past Delegate Melody T, Panel 60 and me. We discussed 4 topics: update on our tax situation; Area contribution to help cover the cost of the General Service Conference; whether to utilize the accountant and bookkeeper further; and, the possibility of meeting between Area meetings via teleconference. Deanna C read Pacific Region Trustee Rod B's experience in Mongolia A.A. regarding self-support and reaching out to other alcoholics. Email me for copies of his story to read at your meetings. If you have questions about our Area finances please direct them to anyone on the committee or email me at finance@cnia.org.

Grapevine/LaVina -- grapevine@cnia.org – Connie G – Thank you for the opportunity to attend PRAASA! Some highlights are: Grapevine finished last year \$257,003 ahead of the projected net income of \$34,081. La Viña had a net loss of \$115,820. Pacific Region and CA have the greatest number of La Viña subscriptions. The 17th Anniversary of La Vina will be celebrated this July 20-21 hosted by "Mi Major Decision" group in Anaheim, Area 09. The Grapevine table will be at the Pre-Conference

Assembly. Subscriptions can be paid by cash, or billed. NEWS: Free Daily Quote has 16,500 subscribers; Gift Certificates for the Grapevine and La Vina are available at aagrapevine.org. GV has begun audio recordings: learn at aagrapevine.org/audio-portal. You can publish events on Grapevine and La Viña web page calendars. The La Viña newsletter (distributed to the Area) tells how to order multiple copies at a discount. I'm attending ACYPAA with the Grapevine table and have been asked to do a Writing Workshop for them.

Literature – literature@cnia.org – Celia B – I attended PRAASA and learned a lot. I went to the Paradise General Service Workshop. Literature was on hold due to an unpaid invoice that I didn't know about. Tom, our Treasurer, took care of it. I am not able to be at Pre-Conference; Ken M, past DCM D17 will cover for me.

Translation – translation@cnia.org – Luz Maria G – Thank you for sending me to PRAASA! I loved it and learned so much! At North Hall's Agenda Items Workshop, I was there to translate however no one showed up requiring translation. Since I'm GSR for my group, I was able to take lots of information to them.

Webmaster – webmaster@cnia.org – Eddie A – Other than a few email hiccups around the first of the year, it has been smooth on the website. Website Speed Improvements: Since switching to our new web host in January, the website performance has been significantly better. If you haven't been to cnia.org this year, please check it out! Website Stats: The traffic on the website has increased - November 2012 we had around 19,000 unique visits; February 2013 we had over 21,000 unique visits. The stats for December 2012 and January 2013 are a bit skewed due to the transition from the old web host to the new.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Registrar registrar@cnia.org Brent G – Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. FNV website was down during

migration to a new computer. New re-issued certificates and new passwords will occur with the changeover. Emails for Accents are not matching with the number going out and those on the list. If you don't see Accents in your email, check the 'junk' folder and make it an acceptable email. When filling out any paperwork, please make sure your handwriting is legible and has your group's GSO #. I will be arriving late at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

Secretary secretary@cnia.org
Jan P – Thank you, CNIA, for sending me to PRAASA. I love attending PRAASAs! I attended the Secretary's and the Chair/Alt-Chair Roundtables and was secretary for the latter and learned how other Area's function. I participated in the Officer's conference call on Sunday, March 10th; the 'mock' General Service Conference Workshop hosted by D15 in Paradise; and, Sacramento Districts 17, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 29 Agenda Items Workshop at North Hall. Both were very informative and energetic!

Treasurer treasurer@cnia.org – Tom A – Attending PRAASA is always an invaluable time. We submitted final numbers to our CPA. Mike K will be addressing the new insurance policy that is paid. I attended the workshop in Paradise and learned how much I didn't know in AA. Lela, Jan and I met regarding PRAASA for 2017. Thank you for turning in your expense reports on time.

Alternate Chair alt-chair@cnia.org
Michael K – Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. I always learn a little more that I didn't know before. I participated in the 'mock' General Service Workshop in Paradise and at North Hall. Insurance requirements were challenging for our assemblies, host committees, ACMs and Archives. Working with Tom A, our Treasurer, we now have a good policy.

Chair chair@cnia.org Vikki L – Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend PRAASA in Boise, Idaho. On February 23rd I assisted with a Group Inventory, helped present Agenda Items at North Hall in Sacramento, held an Officers Conference

Call on March 10, discussed arrangements to host 2017 PRAASA in Sacramento, registered for NCCAA June 7-9. Please attend and I will give you something to do. Our D29 Nancy M will be speaker on Saturday, June 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Alternate Delegate alt-delegate@cnia.org Kelley M --

Thank you to CNIA for the opportunity to attend the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. This was my 10th PRAASA. At the Alt-Delegate Roundtable I was tasked with taking notes and preparing them for the attendees. I realized how different each Area in the Pacific Region approaches Pre-Conference preparation for the General Service Conference. Our Area is the only Area that allows and encourages GSRs to directly address the Delegate at a Pre-Conference Assembly on any or all Conference Agenda Items that they and their groups decide to address. I attended 2 Pre-Conference Workshops held in Paradise and Sacramento. Thank you to Lela, D15 and the Sacramento Districts! I participated in the Officer's Conference Call and E-Services Skype Call. As Chair of CNIA PI/CPC I continue to serve as a resource. The CCF PI/CPC Committee work is growing. The CBS Radio Stations in Sacramento contacted me in doing a Public Information 30 Minute Program on the radio. I am working with Past Delegate Lee W to accommodate their request. The California Department of Corrections is considering playing the video "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" on the prison inmate television system as a public service. We have delivered materials to them and are waiting for their decision to move forward.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT
by LELA M
(delegate@cnia.org)**

Thank you for sending me to PRAASA in Boise, ID March 1-3. They were good hosts; had amazing panel presentations; open mic was informative; record-breaking time for business

meeting; rotation schedule of future PRAASAs decision made; motion introduced for PRAASA to have an inventory; CNIA had great attendance; and the Technology Roundtable was a first.

Both Agenda Items Workshops were astounding with lots of emails, texts and questions received. Thank you everyone for your love for AA.

I met with CCF Office Manager Rae and a past DCM. We talked about the move to online sales of literature by AAWS and the impact on Central Offices and Intergroups. I offered to spend 2 minutes of my 'What's On Your Mind' time at the General Service Conference on central offices/intergroups issues. I extended an invitation and reminder to Rae to use ideas through GSRs through the Conference process for items that are critical for them. We discussed unity across all entities (NCC, H&I, CNIA, CNCA and Central Offices) asking "How well are we serving the alcoholic who still suffers in Northern California?" The idea began last year and a number of people like the idea. I reached out to H&I Chair Steve M that I have mentioned this to a NCC Officer (who is also a Central Office manager).

Arrangements for NY are made and I'm taking a guest, my sponsor, for part of the week. I've been in contact with 2 Delegate buddies; participated in the Officer's Conference call and my reimbursements are current.

Some Spanish translations of the Agenda Items are available for Spanish DCMs.

Who wrote short form of Traditions? (from Lee W) Read pages 212-213 in A.A. Comes of Age and page 334 in Pass It On: Bill wrote the history about the short form of the Twelve Traditions.

The Plan – Agenda Item re: Structure changes of Directors of AAWS and AAGV. A visual representation was given using an 'organization chart' perspective of current structure today. The content is complex and abbreviated. It assumes you are committed to understanding what is in the Concepts in the General Service Manual and the Conference structure.

Box 459 – Spring issue has many great articles. Please read it!

Rod's report – emphasized Right of Decision importance and supporting the committee system; funds for oral translation of Navajo Big Book in 2013. AAWS has 2 Agenda Items: 75th Anniversary commemorative edition of the 1st edition of BB; and, permission to use commissioned online stores to sell and distribute digital AA literature. Ebooks: since 12-2011, sold 9,600. Budget for AAWS has an intentional loss of \$600K. Grapevine is in the black. Grapevine has Agenda Items to review Grapevine Workbook; review Audio Strategy status report; review results of 2012 LaVina as bi-monthly; and, Grapevine asking to use distribution list in FNV for Grapevine people who would be contacted if they opt in.

AAWS highlights: GSO ended 2012 with net profit over budget. GSO is starting to scan early A.A. group histories from the 40's and 50's.

Grapevine: The Audio Project has begun; you can call in and record at aa-grapevine.org/audio-portal.

Each of the Literature Agenda Items thoughts and considerations were given to DCMs to help their GSRs when talking to their groups.

'Why the GSC Should Have an Inventory' presentation will be given on a 5 minute panel in New York. I can't thank you enough for all the support you give; your loving inputs, considerations and questions come in different ways; the Officers, chairs, DCMs and GSRs doing for the conference process.

PRAASA 2013 REPORTBACK

There were five 2013 PRAASA reportbacks given at the March Area Committee Meeting. CNIA Accents will be printing one of the reportbacks in each of the upcoming newsletters. This was the second report given on March 16, 2013.

Cindy C, DCM D11 – During the Delegate introduction, I was moved that How It Works is now in Navajo. It is

being professionally reviewed and will be translated as a whole. I loved the message that came from our Area is that 'We Love AA'. There were several panel presentations. Description was 'taking a drink from a fire hose or fire hydrant' is applicable in wanting to get all the good information! There was so much! I attended Roundtable, Does AA Litigate? One cannot put the A.A. and litigate in the same sentence and not have a lawyer attend. Two questions were discussed: What do we do when violence erupts in an AA meeting; should we call the police and get involved? Safety is paramount in meetings. The other question was: Can we take legal action on our treasurer for absconding with the money? The discussion was practical and spiritual - who will you call to testify? It was a very wonderful loving discussion.

DISTRICT REPORTS

D-09 – Steve C, DCM – All meetings are stable in our District, except two that may close then re-open with a fresh start. Larry B, Alt-DCM, gave his report on the Post Conference Assembly. We have many volunteers interested in seeing what this is all about. We have scheduled the 2nd in a 4-part series of Traditions Workshops on 4, 5 and 6 in June at the Little Red House, Yreka, with a potluck.

D-11 – Cindy C, DCM – We met last weekend with 20 in attendance; 4 new GSRs and 2 members-at-large. We've changed the District meeting to the 4th Sunday (shortly after the ACM). We expect 15 people from Redding to attend the Pre-Conference Assembly. A Service and Sponsorship Workshop is scheduled for May 5 at Redding Alano Club with Mexican food. Maureen R, Alt-DCM, has an article under Britt OH in the March Grapevine.

D-15 – Jenn D, DCM – Truly an amazing experience! We're grateful to all who came to the 'mock' General Service Conference Workshop; it was great to discuss/learn some of the Agenda Items in depth. Three home group members came who did not have any General Service experience.

They shared their experience at the 12&12 Study the next night. At PRAASA, a member-at-large didn't want to share then realized her voice counted, thanks to attending the workshop. It was a great privilege to represent Area 07 on a panel at PRAASA. I used what others learned at the workshop and Right of Decision in my presentation.

D-17 – Joe A, Treasurer, for Jan H, DCM (read by Jon C) – D17 participated in Agenda Items Workshop in Sacramento. GSRs that attended will share with their groups. Attending was a new GSR, Amy K from Davis Hope Group. Juan C continues to be our PI/CPC Chair. Andrea Q, Alt-DCM, resigned and 3 people made themselves available. Election will be in April. 7 GSRs plan to attend the Pre-Conference Assembly.

D-19 – Judy T, DCM -- Thank you Terry D, Alt-DCM, for attending February ACM. He gave Area information plus the Delegate's report of Agenda Items. The 2013 proposed budget was approved. The minority opinion will be discussed in April. GSRs will learn the history and development of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts before this panel ends. Checklists will be utilized. Attendance to the Pre and Post Conferences was encouraged. Annual Unity Day Picnic in June is being planned.

D-20 – Dan L, DCM – D20 met on February 23. We discussed our Prudent Reserve and voted the amounts to GSO and CNIA 07. Katrina is our new H&I Chair. We serve Folsom Prison, County Jail, County Juvenile Hall and 3 recovery houses. GSRs are to give reports of their group activities & were asked to obtain brief group histories for D20/Area Archives. 18 out of 20 GSRs have Agenda Items background to share with their groups. I am very grateful D20 supported me to an inspiring PRAASA experience! Madeleine P (Past Pacific Region Trustee) said: 'how we treat each other is as important as what we get done'. The PRAASA business meeting was long with many good questions and considerations. I talked with Rod B, current Trustee, for clarity on the spirituality pamphlet; he reminded me that some people don't come to believe.

D-21 – Betsy L, DCM – Groups are excited about the Agenda Items. Summer activities: Loomis Ice Cream Social, June 8; Auburn Unity Day, June 15 (flyers coming); H&I Workshop at Rocklin Racetrack on April 16. A PI Committee member learned that a local newspaper wants our card that states: 'If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help'. The card has our 24 hour hotline number and our District website information. A motion was made to put in 5 local newspapers at a cost of \$650/year with the groups responsible for the cost. Vote is pending.

D-22 – Becky B, DCM – D22 met March 13. 14 present with a new Alt-GSR from the El Dorado Hills Group. An Alt-GSR shared his group was not allowing time for him or the GSR to make their reports; caring only immediate needs. Our Intergroup is planning a Founder's Day BBQ/picnic June 15 at Lion's Park, Placerville. We are checking on the Marshall Building at Placerville Fairgrounds for Mini-PRAASA, October 2014. Our treasurer reported contributions are down. We asked GSRs for groups to review their splits. They were reminded that members can go online to make contributions to GSO and contribute in the birthday envelopes. D22 has 4 inventory questions for GSRs to ask their groups how the District is doing as a whole. We discussed how to share about General Service with our group members. Agenda Items are being presented to groups and several GSRs will be attending the Pre-Conference Assembly.

D-23 – Carlos A, DCM – At the February 25 District meeting, Agenda Items were presented and discussed. We had 8 people attending: 3 GSRs, Appt Chair/Archives and 3 members-at-large.

D-24 – Jon S, DCM – On March 13, we met with 10 present; 4 GSRs (new GSR from Triangle Group), 3 Alt-GSRs and 3 District Officers. We elected a new Recording Secretary and new Grapevine Rep. All liaison positions are filled. We discussed 2 Old Business items to take to their groups. GSRs and Alt-GSRs discussed strategies for group conscience on Agenda

Items for Pre-Conference in Lemoore. We co-hosted Agenda Items Workshop on March 9 at North Hall. Thank you to groups of D24 and members for sending me to PRAASA in Boise, ID.

D-25 – Deanna C, DCM – GSRs received Agenda Items to take to groups and bring back to District meeting. The Alt-DCM and I are helping groups with their discussion. A member submitted a story for the Grapevine. Our District participated in the Agenda Items Workshop at North Hall. Our District was asked to be part of the Woman to Woman Conference in May. We chose to do it on General Service as a great opportunity to share what it's all about.

D-27 – Chris W, Alt-DCM -- District met on February 19 with 23 members attending. We discussed a proposed D27 pamphlet and inventory items. The Inventory Sub-Committee met on March 10 to finalize the pamphlet and other inventory items. Our Participation Committee met on March 14, electing Jeff R as chair, and discussed reaching out to groups without a GSR. Alt-DCM Chris W presented Agenda Items and ways to present them to groups. We participated in the Agenda Items Workshop on March 9 @ North Hall and thank all who made it possible. Pre-Conference Assembly scholarships are available that includes two rooms and four registrations (2-4 men; 2-4 women) for GSRs whose groups cannot afford to send them to Lemoore. I am grateful to my District for funding me to PRAASA.

D-29 – Nancy M, DCM – D29 meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. There were 19 GSRs in attendance with 4 new GSRs. Ray came to see what we were about and became our BTG rep. Agenda Items were reviewed and distributed background material disks. We created a base survey to present to our groups. DCM will attend business meetings to assist with Agenda Items presentations. I'm so grateful that I attended PRAASA and gained more information listening to the panels, business meeting with Madeleine P, Ruth, Trustees – what a great experience.

D-30 – Steve H, DCM – We meet last Saturday of the month. I was unable

to attend PRAASA and looking forward to San Diego. Unity Day is June 8th at Independence Hall in White Pines. We need suggestions on dispersing funds from Prudent Reserve with large amount. We've thought of possibly providing scholarships for GSRs for groups who can't afford expenses and a consideration of Big Books purchases for groups with low funds.

D-31 – Jim H, DCM – The possible merger of D31 and D32 is progressing favorably. A joint meeting is Saturday, March 30 at Big Bookers Fellowship; 12pm, 420 N. Sacramento St., Lodi CA. All D31 and D32 GSRs and Alt-GSRs are requested to attend. This is a discussion only; there is no vote at this time.

D-32 – Cynthia B, DCM – District met on February 20th at 7 p.m. we announced Pre-Conference Assembly, April 6-7. Copies of the background material were distributed and DCM will attend meetings when invited. We agreed on time and date regarding the merger discussion of Districts 31 and 32 at Booker's, 420 N. Sacramento St, Lodi, CA at noon! GSRs and Alt-GSRs and members of both Districts are invited to attend.

D-33 – Gordon N, Alt-DCM – We have a prudent reserve and doing well financially. My expenses for PRAASA were approved. I gave my 'long' report for my first PRAASA at the meeting. Not too many GSRs are attending lately.

D-34 – Jenny M, Alt-DCM – We met on March 13 with 8 GSRs attending. Contributions to District are way down. I gave a short report on my first PRAASA, such an amazing experience! Many GSRs are confused about the Conference process and what Agenda Items are. Northside Fellowship has two Agenda Topic meetings and invites anyone who is interested.

D-40 – Pete C, DCM -- We had our monthly D40 meeting on March 3rd in Mariposa. Agenda Items information that were given at the ACM and sent by e-mails were shared. We continue our car pool "crash the meeting" to help inform and get participation in the District. Madera is having Unity Day around Founders Day in June. We expect good attendance in Lemoore at

the Pre-Conference Assembly.

D-41 – Dave D, DCM – D41 meeting was March 11 at 7:00 p.m. with the DCM, Treasurer, 4 GSRs, 1 Alt-GSR, and 4 members-at-large. District was reminded that Saturday, May 4 is the date to visit Area 07 Archives. The yearly budget is in process. The Pre-Conference Assembly registrations were mailed. Post Conference Assembly expenses are being finalized at our next meeting. An Agenda Items Workshop is Saturday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m. including D43 GSRs at LOLT Group in Fresno. Chris S volunteered to be the PI/CPC liaison to Intergroup. New D41 Guidelines was tabled after the Post Conference Assembly.

D-42 – Bill L, DCM – I'm looking forward to Pre-Conference Assembly in Lemoore.

D-43 – Rodney M, DCM – At our D43 meeting on March 10 we had 10 attending; 5 GSRs, 1 DCM of D41, 3 members-at-large and me. I shared my PRAASA experience; one was: "it's not what you say but how you say it". People dressed very nice. We decided to have a projector to view Agenda Items background material at LOLT on March 23 and we invited D41 and D42 to participate with us.

D-47 – Sherry B, DCM – D47 met March 6 at 7 p.m. We discussed Pre-Conference Assembly and service chairs to stay in contact with each other. We are excited to host the assembly. D47 funded the DCM to attend PRAASA! I thanked my District for allowing me to attend my first PRAASA! I gave a PRAASA report and shared the spiritual experience for me. I learned that the personalities are not selfish in their service and that it is done out of the love of the program. I learned that the BB is being audio translated in Navajo since most cannot read; that groups could be encouraged to subscribe to LaVina for Spanish speaking members even if not at their meetings and could donate Grapevines and LaVina's to libraries, schools and other locations with permission.

D-53 – Miguel E, DCM – We met on Saturday, March 16. D53 meets every Friday. District has committees formed as Literature, CPC, and PI, special pro-

jects, 12th Foro and H&I, anniversary committee and coffee committee. 9 GSRs attended and we asked other groups to send more GSRs. We are working on upcoming anniversary. We are inviting groups to view new projects and we are inviting the Special Needs Committee of the Area. They need more information for the committee.

D-55 – Luis L, DCM – District continues to work with all groups on Monday's; and other members to carry the message. We are working with LaVina, CPC and PI committees with no chairs. A committee is working for the 12th Foro and meets on March 17. The 2nd Inter-District meeting is April 14th. A new group began on March 12th called A Vision for You in Tulare. We are planning for our elections for DCM and officers in October this year. We look forward to Pre-Conference Assembly in Lemoore. As a District we do all we can to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers.

D-56 – Martin C, DCM – PRAASA was interesting for me and Enrique. It was very big and I met so many people in service. The Area participation had many people attending. Our District has meetings on 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month with 8 people. We will be studying the Agenda Items before the Pre-Conference Assembly. La Vina representative is motivating groups to get more subscriptions. The 12th Foro meeting will be at 1 p.m. in D55. We are considering meeting at the same location each month.

Motion and seconded to adjourn @ 3:49 p.m.

*Respectively submitted
Blessings & Humbled Thankfulness,
Jan P, Recording Secretary
and Jon C, D27 DCM*

CNIA 07
INCOME & EXPENSES

	<u>Jan - May 13</u>	<u>% of Budg-</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · Contributed support			
4010 · Group Contributions	15,526.92	36.11%	43,000.00
4020 · Seventh Tradition			
4021 · 7th - ACM	201.00	26.45%	760.00
4022 · 7th - Assy	950.76	105.64%	900.00
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	<u>1,151.76</u>	<u>69.38%</u>	<u>1,660.00</u>
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	<u>117.80</u>		
Total 4 · Contributed support	<u>16,796.48</u>	<u>37.61%</u>	<u>44,660.00</u>
5 · Earned revenues			
5110 · Literature Sales	879.90	29.33%	3,000.00
5140 · Grapevine Sales	3,120.00	104.0%	3,000.00
5150 · Accents Subscriptions	0.00	0.0%	30.00
Total 5160 · Assembly Income	<u>3,343.61</u>	<u>33.44%</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
5220 · Other AA Sources	0.00	0.0%	100.00
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	1.39	3.48%	40.00
Total 5 · Earned revenues	<u>7,344.90</u>	<u>45.42%</u>	<u>16,170.00</u>
Total Income	24,141.38	39.69%	60,830.00
Expense			
7500 · Other personnel expenses			
7520 · Accounting fees	875.00		
Total 7500 · Other personnel expenses	<u>875.00</u>		
7600 · Officers Expenses			
Total 7620 · Delegate	2,448.71	45.56%	5,375.00
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	1,561.63	80.08%	1,950.00
Total 7660 · Chairman	1,909.28	88.8%	2,150.00
Total 7680 · Alt. Chairman	1,898.37	96.36%	1,970.00
Total 7700 · Secretary	1,323.47	65.36%	2,025.00
Total 7720 · Treasurer	2,080.59	69.35%	3,000.00
Total 7740 · Registrar	2,261.76	64.62%	3,500.00
Total 7600 · Officers Expenses	<u>13,483.81</u>	<u>67.52%</u>	<u>19,970.00</u>
7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses			
Total 7820 · Literature Chairman	1,039.44	61.14%	1,700.00
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	1,939.61	107.76%	1,800.00
Total 7860 · Bridging The Gap	446.50	20.3%	2,200.00
Total 7880 · Accents Chairman	551.03	42.39%	1,300.00
Total 7900 · Archives Chairman	1,247.73	65.67%	1,900.00
Total 7940 · Translation Committee	658.77	49.72%	1,325.00
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	85.36	17.07%	500.00
Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	<u>5,968.44</u>	<u>55.65%</u>	<u>10,725.00</u>
8000 · Assemblies			
Total 8010 · Winter Assembly	290.00	11.6%	2,500.00
Total 8020 · Pre-Conference Assembly	787.63	31.51%	2,500.00
Total 8000 · Assemblies	<u>1,077.63</u>	<u>10.78%</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature			
Total 8150 · Accents & Acentos Production	5,795.40	56.82%	10,200.00
8180 · AA Grapevine Purchases	1,789.60	59.65%	3,000.00
8190 · AA Literature Purchases	1,247.77	41.59%	3,000.00
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	<u>8,862.77</u>	<u>54.71%</u>	<u>16,200.00</u>
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	2,300.00	57.79%	3,980.00
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	5,187.83	60.85%	8,525.00
Total 8600 · Taxes & Fees	729.54	132.64%	550.00
Total Expense	38,485.02	55.02%	69,950.00
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-14,343.64</u>	<u>157.28%</u>	<u>-9,120.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-1,185.91</u>		
Net Income	-15,529.55	170.28%	-9,120.00

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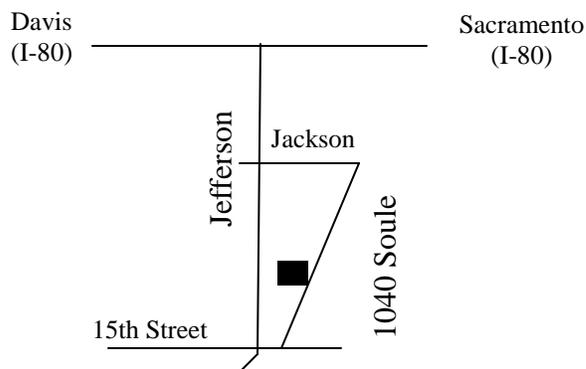
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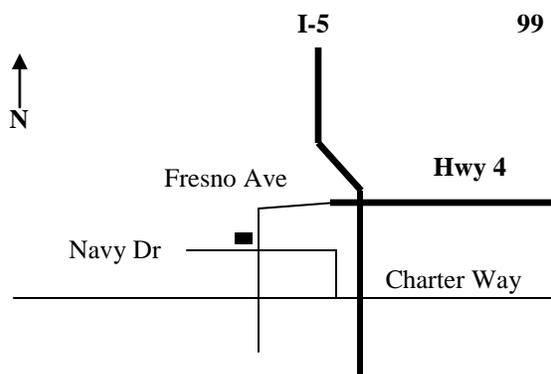
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JAN 25-27	NCCAA	FRESNO
FEB 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
MAR 1-3	PRAASA	BOISE, ID
MAR 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
APR 6-7	PRE-CONFERENCE ASMBLY (D47)	TULARE / VISALIA
APR 21-27	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE	RYE NY
MAY 18-19	POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY (D9)	YREKA
JUN 7-9	NCCAA	FOSTER CITY
JUN 15	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
JUL 20	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
AUG 17	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
AUG 24	BTG—BRIDGING THE GAP (D53)	FRESNO
SEP 21	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
OCT 11-13	NCCAA	MODESTO
OCT 19	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
NOV 15-17	ELECTION ASSEMBLY (D15)	PARADISE
DEC 21	AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO

**2014 (Proposed)
(DISTRICT)**

JAN 18-19	WINTER ASSEMBLY (D56)	MODESTO
FEB 15	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
MAR 7-9	PRAASA	SAN DIEGO
MAR 15	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
MAR 21-23	NCCAA	SAN RAMON
APR 12-13	PRE-CONFERENCE ASMBLY (D17)	WOODLAND
APR 27-MAY 3	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE	NEW YORK, NY
MAY 17-18	POST- CONFERENCE ASMBLY (D54)	SACRAMENTO
JUN 21	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
JUN 27-29	NCCAA	LODI
JUL 11-13	REGIONAL FORUM	BOISE, ID
JUL 19	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
AUG 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
SEP 20	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
OCT 3-5	NCCAA	SACRAMENTO
OCT 17-19	MINI-PRAASA (D22)	PLACERVILLE
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