

CNIA Area Accents



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AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

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Thank you all who made the trip to the Winter Assembly in Redding, CA in January 17 and 18th, it was great to see all the new faces to start the new Panel. District 11 put together a wonderful weekend experience for us all. Special thanks to Nancy M (P64) and Jenn D (P66) for their Assembly efforts as Area Alternate Chairs.

During the next several months we will be preparing for the Pre-Conference Assembly in Madera. We got a chance to hear about some of the Preliminary Agenda Items in Redding, the final items and full background information will be coming soon. We all get an opportunity to participate, learn, and share in this process. In April, the GSR's will be bringing their groups conscious to our Delegate, your group's "voice" is essential to send an informed Delegate to the General Service Conference in New York.

The updated Service Material Books have been handed out to the Past Delegates, Officers, and Appointed Chairs, this material is available on our website – CNIA.org. DCM's wishing to get a copy can contact me.

We have some trusted servant positions that are not yet filled, this may be a great way for you to help serve your Area. E-Services will be accepting resumes for three positions, two people with technical experience and one from the Spanish speaking community. It would be great to finalize this committee in February.

Always high on our priority list is our ability to work with the Spanish speaking community; in order to best serve them, we must be able to translate our written and verbal communications. We are in need of filling these two Translation Chairs (Written and Verbal Translation) and are making every effort to fill this need. We are looking to you to help find the right people, we believe that the right people are out there in our Area. I am reminded of Concept II,

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety

Love and Service

Tom A.

Area Chair

CNIA 07 – Panel 66

FEBRUARY ACM AGENDA

10:00 am Call to Order

Serenity Prayer

Readings

12 Traditions

12 Concepts

GSR Preamble

Introductions

Announcements

Assembly Reports

Consideration of the December Minutes

Liaison Reports

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

Central Offices

Young People in AA (YPAA)

Special Needs (CNSN)

7th Tradition

10:45 am DCM Reports

12:00pm Lunch

1:00 pm Appointed Chair Reports

Officer Reports

1:45 pm Delegate's Report

3:00 pm Old/Business

Translations

New Accountant Discussion

3:45 pm What's On Your Mind?

4:00 pm Close

DELEGATE REPORT

THE 66th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE IN 2016

This is an exciting time of year in Alcoholics Anonymous! This is when the General Service Conference advises the General Service Board in the management of our world service affairs. Our conference theme for 2016 is "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts." We began this year by reviewing the preliminary agenda topics that were distributed at our Winter Assembly in Redding. The preliminary agenda topics are available in English and Spanish via our website cnaia.org.

I will receive the final agenda topics along with the background material around the middle of February. I will discuss and distribute them at the February Area Committee Meeting. Every DCM and area officer will receive a CD with a copy of the agenda topics and background material.

The area officers and I are planning to visit your district or a district near you to discuss in detail the agenda items that are important to you. Our schedule includes the following:

- February 27, Mock conference in Chico
- February 28, Agenda workshop in Fresno
- March 12, Agenda workshop in San Andreas
- March 13, Agenda workshop in Sacramento
- March 26, Agenda workshop in District 37

More details will be posted on cnaia.org when the information is available.

My conference committee assignment is Corrections. We will be discussing effective ways to encourage members to carry the message into correctional facilities. We will also be discussing the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS). This service is designed to develop written communication with an inmate incarcerated at least two or more states away.

This year the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be held in Spokane, Washington on March 4th, 5th and 6th. PRAASA is an excellent way to learn about the agenda topics. And of course, it is a beautiful gathering of trusted servants from all over the Pacific Region. Please consider investing in this amazing experience.

Our Pre-Conference Assembly will be held in Mariposa (District 40) on April 9th and 10th. I am super excited! At this Assembly, I get to receive your feedback on the agenda items. I am looking forward to lots of loving discussion. I want to hear from every GSR from every corner of our Area. This is where your voice is heard! This is your opportunity to inform your Delegate on agenda topics that matter to you most. It is an event you will not want to miss.

The following Thursday, God Willing, I will fly to New York to attend the 66th General Service Conference on behalf of California Northern Interior Area '07. The Conference is an eight-day event. It is attended by 93 area delegates from the U.S. and Canada, the members of the A.A. World Services and Grapevine Boards, GSO Staff, and the Trustees of the General Service Board.

The Post Conference Assembly will be held in Mt. Shasta on May 21st and May 22nd (District 9). At this assembly, I will be sharing with you my experience at the Conference - how I felt and what I heard. I will report on the advisory actions and recommendations of the Conference, and I will be available to answer your questions.

It is an honor to serve CNIA as your delegate. Since I have never been to a Conference before, I am not sure what to expect. What I know for sure is I will do the very best I am capable of. I want to express my gratitude by participating with my whole heart and soul. I know that with your informed discussions and my Higher Power at my side, we are helping to ensure the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Vikki R.

Panel 66 Delegate

Minutes (Unapproved)

CNIA 07 Area Planning Meeting

December 19, 2015
West Sacramento, CA

The Area Planning Meeting of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the East Yolo Fellowship, West Sacramento, CA from 10:02am-1:55pm on December 19, 2015. Area Chair, Mike K, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Celia B, Written Translation Chair, the 12 Concepts were read by Yolanda, the GSR Preamble was read by Silvia, and the Anonymity Statement was read by Eloy.

Announcements-Luz María G volunteers to translate.

Introductions

New to ACM: Eloy, incoming D15 DCM; Brad, incoming D19 Alt-DCM; Miles, incoming D15 Alt-DCM; Ramon, incoming D56 DCM. Mike introduced Past Delegates: Inez Y – Panel 44, Woody R - Panel 50, Marianne H – Panel 56, Lee W – Panel 58, Melody T – Panel 60.

Assembly Reports

Election Assembly – November 20-22, 2015 – Rogelio R, D53 – The final report will be at Winter Assembly. Marta will give the report. 135 dinners. 219 registrations.

Winter Assembly – January 16-17, 2016 – Maureen R, D11 – everything is set to go. We've had several committee meetings and people step up to be of service. The venue is set to go. The caterer is ready with tri-tip, roast chicken and vegetarian lasagna. I'm here to receive your registration forms. We've had no requests for back to basics housing.

Pre-Conference Assembly – April 9-10, 2016 – Carrie J, D40 – We now have all of our chair positions filled and are finalizing hotels this week. We will have the flyer available at the Winter Assembly in January. The hotels in the area are not very large, so don't wait to book your room. And the Elk's Lodge will be catering the dinner and the food will be excellent. You will see that the meal fee is a couple dollars higher than normal but that will be offset by slightly lower registration. And there aren't restaurants conveniently close to eat within an hour, so we suggest you purchase your meal as well. We have to turn in our count 30 days before the assembly so we will have limited extra meals. Our groups are starting to buzz about helping out and passing around volunteer sign-up sheets. We look forward to seeing you all in Madera in April 2016.

Post-Conference Assembly – May 21-22, 2016 – Jenn D – I attended D09's district meeting last weekend. They are pretty close to having everything ready to go. They're settling on the catering. They have some hotels there in Mt. Shasta. Get your hotel early or you're going to Weed or Dunsmuir.

2017 PRAASA – March 3-5, 2017 – Lee W, Chairperson – It is the 50th anniversary of PRAASA. I've been talking to a lot of people. We pretty much have our committee in place. These are primarily point people. We'll need hundreds of other people. Our Program Chair will be Kelley. Hospitality is Lela. Liaison to the South is Billy W. Liaison to the North is Maureen. Luz Maria will be Spanish-speaking Liaison. Our Secretary is Judy. Registration Chair is Celia. Treasurer is Brooke. Webmaster is Michael B. Marianne will help with Roundtables.

Consideration of the October Minutes-Approved.

Liaison Reports

CNSN – Rick K, Chair – We meet on the second Saturday of each of month at Panera at 10am. We've got a lot of stuff going on. Please see me to get involved. Our website is cnsn.info.

Consideration of the 2016 Area Calendar

Correction: Regional Forum is September 30 – October 2. See calendar on last page of Accents.

Proposal of the 2017 Area Calendar Dates

See calendar (proposed) on last page of Accents

eServices – Brooke D – We have published cnia.org in Spanish. If you go to the English website, there is a link on each page. If you are a current DCM, Appointed Chair or Officer, your password will get changed at the end of the Panel. Clean out any emails you want to clean out. If you're not rotating, let me know, and I won't change your password.

Delegate Report – Kelley M

My last month as Delegate has been a busy one. My priority is the “pass it on” to Vikki as she transitions into our Panel 66 Delegate on January 1, 2016. In addition to many responsibilities she will take over as the CNIA representative on the PRAASA Delegate Advisory Board (PDAB). The PDAB is comprised of six Delegates and the Trustee from the Pacific Region and helps the current and future Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA) Committees.

A motion passed at Election Assembly to consider updating the pamphlet Twelve Traditions Illustrated and I was asked to send a letter to the Conference Coordinator requesting that it become considered as a conference agenda item for 2016. In response to my letter, the Conference Coordinator said our request would be forwarded and reviewed by the Trustees’ Literature Committee at the General Service Board (GSB) weekend meeting in January.

As a result of the Roundtables at Election Assembly, we had a lot of suggestions for themes for the 2017 General Service Conference (GSC). I forwarded our suggestions to the Conference Coordinator for consideration. There was a central theme of diversity. The 2016 Conference Agenda Committee will review all suggestions.

The AA GSC Inventory Compendium is available in English. The Spanish version will be shipped toward the end of April 2016. This is three years of inventory. The results were in each Conference report for each year. They also summarize some of the information and give all the questions in one place. This is a really fascinating read. This is the first time an inventory has been taken of the General Service Conference.

Grapevine and La Viña sent their news. We have the December copy and I just received my January as well. You can get a weekly text message from La Viña. The number is 50555. December 20 is the final day of the Subscription Challenge. Please consider a Grapevine or La Viña subscription.

The Winter Edition of Box 4-5-9, a quarterly news bulletin from the U.S./Canada General Service Office, is now available and contains information on the Pacific Regional Forum from September 30--October 2, 2016 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village on the big island of Hawaii. The Box 4-5-9 newsletter includes information about A.A. service, literature, events, sharing from groups, service committees and individual U.S./Canada A.A. members. See it at aa.org.

Greg T was hired as General Manager in October as GSO General Manager. He served for past 2.5 years as GSO Publishing Director. He is a graduate of Yale University with a BA in Philosophy. He received a Master’s Degree in Theology from Seton Hall University. He has been editor-in-chief of Time Warner’s Book of the Month Club and Random House, Inc. He was a volunteer member of the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board, served as a non-trustee director on the Grapevine corporate board, and as general service trustee. Greg encourages all fellow employees and trusted servants to do the best job we can for the Fellowship that saved our lives and the lives of those we love.

The work all of you have done has allowed Panel 64 to be a very productive panel for CNIA. It is through a team effort that we do the work of our Area. I’m forever grateful to have walked this path with you for the past two years. Thank you for your love and service!

2017 Assembly Bid Process

Districts that wanted to host an assembly: 15, 19, 21, 22, 24/25, 33, 37, 47, 54, and 56.

Results

Winter – D15, Paradise

Pre-Conference – D56, Modesto

Post-Conference – D19, Yuba City

Election – D24/25, Sacramento

Business

DCM Travel to ACM Ad Hoc Committee

I received the impression there wasn’t really a need to have a policy regarding reimbursement for a DCM’s travel expenses. Any DCM could employ a number of strategies to defray the cost of travel to the ACMs through such devices as ride sharing. I thought it was done.// Chair Mike K: We agree to not pursue this.

Bridging the Gap Ad Hoc Committee

No one available to report.

What’s On Your Mind?

Motion and second to adjourn @ 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in Love and Service,

Jon C, Secretary

CNIA 07 & DISTRICT 40 PRESENT:
2016 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

April 9 & 10, 2016 (12pm Sat to 12pm Sun)

MADERA ELKS LODGE
112 W. 6th St, Madera, CA 93637

Heading South on Highway 99:

Take Exit 154 / North I Street
Turn left on North I Street Exit in Madera
Continue on North I St., Turn left on W 6th St
Destination is on the right

Heading North on Highway 99:

Take Exit 153B for CA 145
Turn right on CA-145 N/S Madera Ave.
Slight left onto South G Street
Turn right on West 6th Street
Destination is on the right

You can contact us with questions at: dist40aa@gmail.com

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM---PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL TO:

DIST. 40 PRE-CONF. ASSEMBLY P.O. BOX 242 AHWAHNEE, CA 93601 BY MARCH 31, 2016

(Meal order due by March 8th)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ DIST/AREA _____

Email: _____

SERVICE POSTION: GSR ___ Alt. GSR ___ DCM ___ Alt DCM ___ AA Member _____

CNIA position _____ Liaison _____ Other _____

___ Yes, I need 'Back to Basics' lodging. Circle which apply Friday Night Saturday Night

Registration: \$13.00 _____

Bottomless coffee: \$ 3.00 _____

Dinner (Saturday) \$18.00 ___ TRI-TIP or ___ SALMON

\$16.00 ___ CHICKEN \$15.00 ___ VEGETARIAN

Meal order due by March 8th Dinner includes green salad, starch, and roll. Please let us know if you have special dietary needs: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CNIA District 40 Pre-Conference Assembly

Online registration & payment will be available in late January: www.District40aa.org

Please register by March 31st, meal order due by March 8th!

LODGING INFORMATION:

Hampton Inn & Suites

Code: CNIA \$90/night
3254 Airport Dr.
Madera, CA 93637
Phone: 559-661-0910

Springhill Suites

Code: CNIA \$99/night King or \$109/night for 2 Queens
1219 E. Almond Ave
Madera, CA 93637
Phone: 559-664-9800

We have a block of 100 rooms between the 2 hotels above. If these are sold out, below are some other local options that we do not have block rates for. **Blocks will be released in mid-March, so book early!**

Holiday Inn Express

2290 Marketplace Drive
Madera, CA 93637
559-661-7400

Quality Inn

317 North G Street
Madera, CA 93637
559-664-0100

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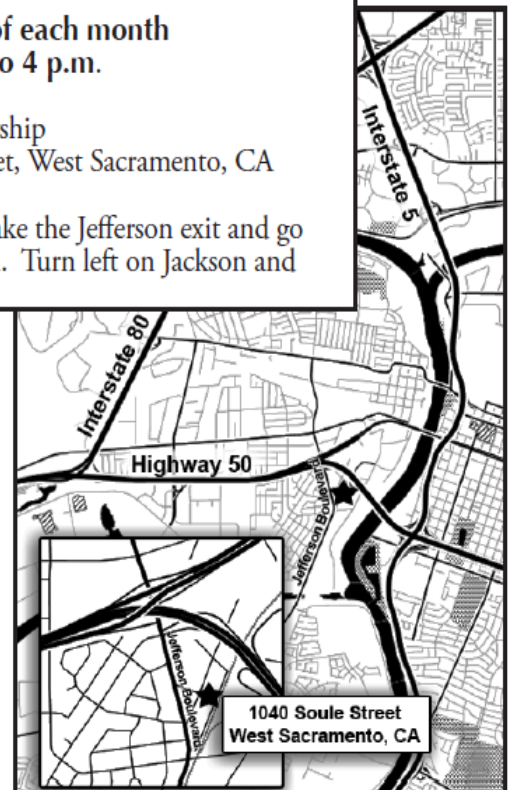
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Pacific Regional Trustee	joel@joncast.com

Area General Service Committee Meetings:

3rd Saturday of each month
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

East Yolo Fellowship
1040 Soule Street, West Sacramento, CA

From 80/50 - Take the Jefferson exit and go south to Jackson. Turn left on Jackson and right on Soule.



CNIA Revenue and Expense - Year-to-date 2016
January 1 through January 31, 2016

	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 16	Spending Plan	% of budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4010 · Group Contributions	4,519.34	43,000.00	10.51%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	317.00	2,000.00	15.85%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	0.00	100.00	0.00%
Total 4 · Contributed support	4,836.34	45,100.00	10.72%
5110 · Literature Sales	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%
5140 · Grapevine Sales	363.50	3,000.00	12.12%
5160 · Assembly Income	2,700.00	2,000.00	135.00%
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.13	1.00	13.00%
Total 5 · Earned revenues	3,063.63	7,001.00	43.76%
Total Income	7,899.97	52,101.00	15.16%
Expense			
Total 7620 · Delegate	334.69	6,330.45	5.29%
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	173.10	2,611.02	6.63%
Total 7660 · Chairman	612.79	2,273.83	26.95%
Total 7680 · Alt. Chairman	463.63	2,870.38	16.15%
Total 7700 · Secretary	171.26	1,422.92	12.04%
Total 7720 · Treasurer	280.26	2,843.71	9.86%
Total 7740 · Registrar	196.34	1,704.31	11.52%
Total 7600 · Officers Expenses	2,232.07	20,056.62	11.13%
Total 7820 · Literature Chairman	183.29	1,736.74	10.55%
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	408.86	1,472.40	27.77%
Total 7860 · Bridging The Gap	211.65	2,389.86	8.86%
Total 7880 · Accents Chairman	0.00	1,345.31	0.00%
Total 7900 · Archives Chairman	307.69	2,388.00	12.88%
Total 7940 · Oral Translation Chair	255.83	1,522.13	16.81%
Total 7940.1 · Written Translation Chair	0.00	1,522.13	0.00%
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	0.00	500.00	0.00%
Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	1,367.32	12,876.57	10.62%
Total 8000 - Assemblies	1,477.25		
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	1,820.11	12,600.00	14.45%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	550.00	4,200.00	13.10%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	183.72	6,140.00	2.99%
Total 8600 · Taxes & Fees	381.00	550.00	69.27%
Total Expense	8,011.47	56,423.19	14.20%
Net Ordinary Income	-111.50	-4,322.19	2.58%
Net Income	-111.50	-4,322.19	2.58%
Checking Account Balance	8,668.97		
Prudent Reserve Account Balance	7,600.94		
Total Account Balance	16,269.91		

**California Northern Interior Area
Calendar 2016-2017**

2016 (District)

Jan 16-17	Winter Assembly (D11)	Redding
Feb 20	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Mar 4-6	PRAASA	Spokane, WA
Mar 18-20	NCCAA	San Ramon
Mar 19	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Apr 9-10	Pre-Conference Assembly (D40)	Madera
April 17-23	General Service Conference	New York, NY
May 21-22	Post Conference Assembly (D9)	Mt. Shasta
Jun 10-12	NCCAA	Santa Rosa
Jun 18	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
July 16	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Aug 20	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Sep 17	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Sep 29-Oct 2	Regional Forum	Walkoloa, HI
Oct 7-9	NCCAA	Modesto
Oct 14-16	Mini-PRAASA Assembly (D47)	Lemoore
Nov 19	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Dec 17	Area Planning Meeting	W. Sacramento

**2017 (District)
PROPOSED**

Jan 21-22	Winter Assembly (D15)	Paradise
Feb 18	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Mar 3-5	PRAASA	Sacramento
Mar 10-12	NCCAA	Foster City
Mar 18	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Apr 8-9	Pre-Conference Assembly (D56)	Modesto
April 23-29	General Service Conference	Rye, NY
May 20-21	Post Conference Assembly (D19)	Yuba City
Jun 9-11	NCCAA	Sacramento
Jun 17	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
July 15	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Aug 19	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Sep 16	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Oct 13-15	NCCAA	Lodi
Oct 21	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Nov 17-19	Election Assembly (D24/25)	Sacramento
Dec 17	Area Planning Meeting	W. Sacramento

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