

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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We held our first Area Committee Meeting of the new panel Saturday, February 18, 2012. For everybody being brand new in their service position, it went astonishingly well! I think maybe because there were coffee and fresh donuts. What a nice way to start a meeting!!

We started the morning off with the announcement of our newly appointed E-Services Committee. They are Lee P, District 27; Jenn D, District 15; Sherry B, District 47; and Kelley M, Alt-Delegate. We still need a Spanish speaking member with technological experience in order to complete our Committee. Please let me know if you are interested. We also announced that we are in the process of forming a Finance Committee. So far, the Committee consists of Tom A, District 22; Ann R, Area Treasurer; and Melody T, Past Delegate. If you are good with numbers and would like to join the Finance Committee, we would love to have you. Please contact me as soon as possible. A huge heart-felt "thank you" goes out to everyone who has made themselves available for Area General Service. I know how scary it can be!

We are all getting very excited about the upcoming Assemblies! We have just a few short weeks to get our agenda items from our Delegate to our groups and/or districts. And then get our group's and/or district's group conscience back to our Delegate. The Pre-Conference Assembly is hosted by District 32 and will be held in Lodi on April 14th and 15th. If you haven't scheduled your Delegate to come your district and discuss agenda items, please do so right away.

The other items of discussion were the two motions we are considering. The first motion describes a prudent reserve the Area would like to establish. It is my desire that every group and every district be informed about this motion before we vote. The other motion reads as follows: I

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move that we move the Election Assembly to the third weekend in October and have the ACM on the third weekend of November. This motion, I believe, affects a lot more than we originally expected. There will need to be a lot more discussion before we take this one to vote.

I don't want to end my report without letting everyone know how very, very excited I am to get to go to PRAASA! I get to room with some awesome ladies and hang out with people I respect. I get the opportunity to meet Trusted Servants from all over the Pacific Region. AND I get to learn more about the agenda items and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole! It is such a wonderful honor and a privilege to go. Thank you!!

AGENDA

- 10:00 am Call to Order
- Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions (short form)
- 12 Concepts (short form)
- Introductions
- Announcements
- Assembly Reports
- Consideration of the February 18, 2012 minutes
- Liaison Reports
- Central Offices
- H&I
- YP
- 7th Tradition
- 11:00 Old Business -
- Motion #1 – Prudent Reserve
- Motion #2 – Election Assembly Move
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Delegate's Report—
- 1:30 PRAASA Reportback
- 2:30 Appointed Chair Reports
- DCM's Reports
- Officer Reports
- 3:30 New Business
- 3:45 What's On Your Mind?
- 4:00 Close

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

Our General Service Conference

Lela M, Delegate

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Dr. Bob, in his farewell talk, says that our twelve steps resolve themselves into the words “Love” and “Service.” Our General Service Conference was created to make our 12th step work possible far into the future, and also embody the principles of Love and Service.

Ideas, and problems, and solutions related to all of our world services can come from anywhere in A.A. Let’s look at how this works in our Area, CNIA 07.

Consider a few examples:

1. An existing pamphlet is being revised, entitled “A.A. and the Armed Services.” One of our DCMs had input about the subtitle for that pamphlet, and sent an e-mail to our Trustee, Rod. The Literature Committee at the Conference will review the draft pamphlet – and the letter from our DCM is included for consideration!
2. There was an idea a couple of years back to create a book about Pioneer Women in A.A. That idea did not receive enough support in a prior Conference to move forward as a piece of A.A. Literature. However, a district in our Area sent a letter to our trusted servants that maybe the Grapevine could create a book about this topic. This is on the agenda for consideration!
3. There is a piece of literature being developed to focus on spirituality, and includes stories from Atheists and Agnostics who are sober in A.A. I know of two people in our Area that contributed stories for consideration. When this literature comes out, there might be a story from one of our own CNIA 07 members!

It takes a long time to move ideas forward in A.A. We like to discuss items thoroughly so that we have an informed group conscience (Tradition 2). We like to give plenty of time to hear the minority opinion (Concept V). With every decision we make, we focus on our primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers (Tradition 5).

Ideas are sent to the General Service Board of Trustees, and the Board decides which ones will be discussed at which time. They make this final decision in January every year. A final list of ideas is published in early February. It is called the “Final Agenda Items.” The list is categorized by the various committees – e.g. Literature, Grapevine, Finance, PI, CPC, Corrections, Ar-

chives, etc. Some ideas are brand new, and some carry over from prior years.

The delegate receives this list, and background material, and makes the information available to the DCMs and GSRs. (NOTE: Every DCM now has the list, and the background material. If you don’t have a copy yet, you can contact your DCM for this information!)

From here, the GSRs take the ideas to the groups. There are 58 ideas this year. It is not expected that each group will discuss every item. GSRs first decide which topics to take to the groups. One very common question – how does the GSR decide which items to take to the group? There are a few ways to answer this: 1. Ask the group to look at the list of 58 items and put check marks next to 5 that they want to discuss. Focus on the questions that get the most check marks. 2. Each delegate sits on a committee – and has the most participation for that one committee. This time, your delegate is on the Literature Committee. Consider focusing on that category. 3. Ask yourself which topic touches your heart. 4. Think of the group, and what seems to be important to them. If it’s a “Living Sober” group, then the agenda item about “Living Sober” would be very pertinent to discuss.

Once the GSR decides which topics to cover, the GSR arranges time with the group to discuss the item. It’s a good idea to capture detailed notes about how many liked the idea, how many didn’t like the idea, what were the reasons, and what were the questions or concerns. Please ask your DCM and your service sponsor and your group for the best time(s) and place(s) to have these discussions.

In April, at the Pre-Conference Assembly in Lodi, GSRs are invited to come to the microphone and share inputs about ALL of the agenda topics. The Assembly allows plenty of time for all the comments. If you’ve never been to a Pre-Conference Assembly, it is a spiritual experience like no other. Concept IV (Right of Participation) is in full motion. It is so amazing to hear so many different perspectives, and to hear the groups taking ownership for the future of A.A. It’s amazing to be part of a greater “whole.” NOTE: Please share at the microphone about all the notes you took – how many liked the idea, how many didn’t, what were the reasons, and what were the questions or concerns.

At the end of April, the delegate goes to “The General Service Conference” in New York, where our roots all began. There are

meetings all week to discuss the 58 topics, and decide which ideas will move forward, which won’t, and which ones need adjustment and will carry forward into the next year for more discussion.

In May, at the Post-Conference Assembly, the delegate will share a report about the experience in New York. The delegate will share about the entire experience – what was discussed, what decisions were made, who had ice cream together, and so much more.

Throughout the summer, word gets back to all the groups about what happened at the Conference. GSRs give reports to their groups, Districts hold Unity Days, Area Officers and Chairs spread the word, and the delegate is asked to attend local events to share their experience.

The topics stay alive throughout the year, and in January the cycle begins again.

The entire process is one of love and service. We make time to include everyone. We listen with tolerance and open mindedness to diverse perspectives, and we always stay true to our solution about how to best carry our message to the alcoholic who still suffers. I’m incredibly grateful to this program which saved my life, and I’ve been honored with every service position I have ever held to be able to participate and be part of a greater whole.

**Minutes (unapproved)
Area Committee Meeting
CNIA 07
February 18, 2012
E Yolo Fellowship,
W Sacramento, CA**

The Area Committee Meeting of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the East Yolo Fellowship, West Sacramento, CA, on February 18, 2012, from 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Area Chair, Vikki L, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The GSR Preamble was read in Spanish by Mini V, RSG D-54, in Spanish. The Twelve Traditions were read by Betsy L, Alt-DCM D-21. The 12 Concepts were read by Pete C, D-40.

December 2012 ACM Minutes were unanimously approved after question regarding number and length of reports. Vikki further explained that reports, whether given at the mic or sent to Recording Secretary in time, will be in the minutes.

◆ Kelley M reminded everyone that every other December is an Area Planning

Meeting (after an Election Assembly) therefore there usually are no DCM reports given; if there is time, a few may be given.

♦ Vikki also reminded DCMs and Officers, when breaking for lunch, it is important to return and stay for the entire Area Committee Meeting. "I do get reimbursed for my gas mileage as you do by your Districts or groups and you are counted on and responsible to bring back the information to them."

Introductions:

Past Delegates introduced by Vikki were: Woody R – Panel 50, Marianne H – Panel 56, Melody T—Panel 60. Vikki announced the **Eservices Committee** members: Lee P D-27, Jenn D D-15, Sherry B D-47, Kelley M, Alt-Delegate, as liaison; and, looking for a Spanish speaking member with technological experience. So far, the **Finance Committee** members are: Tom A, D-22; Ann R, Area Treasurer; and, Melody T, Past Delegate.

Introductions of **New Area Service People** attending today: D-11 — Cindy C, DCM, and Maureen, Alt-DCM; D-21 — Rick M, GSR, Rocklin Racetrack; D-22 — Becky B, Alt-DCM; D-29 — Judy B, Alt-DCM; D-40 — Pete C, DCM; D-53 — Fresno Miguel, MCD; D-54 — Mini V, RSG; D-54 — Pedro H C, MCD; D-55 — Luis L, MCD; D-56 — Martin C, MCD.

Assembly/Liaison Reports

Winter Assembly (Merced – D36) Roy, DCM - Everything went very well, had so many volunteers to help set up and Gail K organized the weekend well. I thank everyone who participated.

Pre-Conference Assembly (Lodi – D32) - Liz B, Chair, reminded dates are April 14-15. 38 have registered; all positions on committee are filled. Registration forms are here; please give me your registrations and payment. Italian food of chicken or ravioli for \$10. Spanish flyer was modified to include dinner cost; we are working to get that back on the website. There is NO flexibility to increase dinners at the Pre-Conference Assembly, please Pre-Register. No contract has been signed yet, we are assuming ok. We meet on Feb 25 and March 31 to finalize plans. Question about RV parking? Unknown right now, please send questions by email that is on the flyer.

Post Conference Assembly (Rocklin – D21) - Matthew L, Chair, gave dates May

19-20. Flyers are available – current directions on map are incorrect. You can Pre-Register on District21@cnia.org website, click on assembly and fill in information; or, give me your filled out registration and payment. We will have great amenities of white tablecloths and service at the Sunset Whitney Country Club and Chicken or Vegetarian dinners. Onsite Registration is from 10 a.m. til noon. Howard Johnson Hotel and Heritage Inn Express \$55/night, Courtyard by Marriott @ \$89/night - please give *cnia* as 'code' for group rate. The weekend is popular so make your reservations early!

Mini-PRAASA (Jackson – D30 & D22) – Larry A, DCM reported that **Titia A**, Chair, is finalizing details with Jackson Rancheria; flyers will be available in April.

Winter Assembly 2013 (Yuba City – D19) – Judy, Chair is unavailable; a committee is formed. The location is Franklin Hall @ Yuba City Fairgrounds on January 19-20, 2013. Hall accommodates lots of people. Local hotels have reasonable rates; everything progressing well.

CCF -- no report

PRAASA 2016 – Jan P - We have additional proposals from Hyatt Regency and Sheraton Hotels in Sacramento. We are also working with the Sacramento Convention Center. All buildings are a short walking distance. The final proposal will be available on Wednesday next week to give to Lela, our Delegate. (The last PRAASA in CNIA 07 was Fresno in 2002) IF we get the bid, please be ready to serve by helping on a committee for a very successful PRAASA 2016 in Sacramento. Dates are March 3-6, 2016. Thank you from the Bid Committee: Melody T, Dick R, Bill S, Jan P and Marianne H!

Hospitals & Institutions – Woody R— General meeting was held in San Mateo on February 12. H&I holds 3 Steering (2nd Saturday in Jan, May and Sept) and General Meetings (2nd Sunday in Feb, June, Oct) each year. Plans to review and update the pink, yellow and green pamphlets. Chair emphasized making the pink pamphlet easier to understand and use as a guide. It was suggested the website be used as communication for A.A. members. The website committee will install safeguards to prevent autonomous recovery groups requesting referrals for their project(s). The Budget report shows contributions beginning to rebound. A financial comparison between

FFY 2010 and 2011 showed that expenses were 11% lower in 2011 and 19.5% below the budget forecast. The value of literature on hand has been reduced by 64% and stood at \$31,256 on November 30. As of January 2012, the value is \$28,899. Grapevine distribution is shipped directly from Grapevine to the designated H&I recipient. The committee has suspended ordering of related Grapevine books. The H&I Conference will be in Redding on May 18, 19 and 20.

SACYPAA – Did not win the bid for 2013 - went to Tuscan, AZ. It is their 1st time; they really did a good job and deserve it! We are happy for them. We will bid again next year! 4th Saturday, March 25th is our Speaker meeting with an ice cream social. Elections will be on February 26th, GSR, Jessica S will remain and retain members of the WACYPAA Advisory.

Old Business

Topic #1 - Prudent Reserve
MOTION: District 30 would like to make a motion to define the Area 07 Prudent Reserve.

The principle of our Prudent Reserve will be to provide the financial resources needed to continue fundamental services for up to one (1) year in the event of an unexpected and substantial reduction in contributions to Area 07.

The Prudent Reserve would be based on the following annual expenses (the figures shown are those applicable to 2012) and would allow Area 07 to fulfill the essential purpose of sending an informed Delegate to the annual meeting of the General Service Conference:

ACM Meeting Room Rent (\$800.00)

Archives Facility Rental (\$2,700.00)

Liability Insurance (\$480.00)

General Service Conference – Delegate's miscellaneous expenses (\$900.00)

General Service Conference – CNIA contribution to GSO for the cost of our Delegate's attendance at the annual meeting of the General Service Conference (\$2,000.00)

***In a situation where Area 07 experiences a temporary cash-flow shortage the Prudent Reserve would remain available for any Area 07 expenses and would be replenished as soon as revenues permit.**

The current Prudent Reserve would be set at \$6,880.00 to be reevaluated annually by the Finance Committee and the ACM, based on actual changes to the above-specified expenses.

Discussion: – On the February 4 the Financial Report in the Accents has what is called the Savings Account Balance and has never shown a Prudent Reserve of any kind, but we really do have one. It's called the Savings Account Balance - could that terminology be changed to Prudent Reserve instead? If someone was to look at this motion, they would say we don't have a 'prudent reserve'; but we do, it's the Savings Account Balance. **ANS:** yes, it could be changed and is easy to do so.

GSRs wanted more specificity of the \$900 Delegate's miscellaneous expenses for the General Service Conference. **ANS:** Commonly called Delegate 'walking around' expenses. GSO reimburses for plane fare, transportation to/from airport in New York. Breakfast (was not provided) / delegate excursions / tipping / extra room nights due to travel times from west coast to east coast / baggage fees / trips to Stepping Stones / gift to staff secretary for your committee who performed various tasks requested / Regional Delegates have function together that cost / GSO is now reimbursing for breakfast / approximately only used \$700 each year / most Delegates return the difference.

Please bring this to your groups for vote @ the Pre-Conference Assembly.

Topic #2 - Motion – Election Assembly Titia A/Jan P – I move that we move the Election Assembly to the third weekend in October and have the ACM on the third weekend of November.

Discussion:

District meeting is 4th Saturday of the month in order to elect officers prior to an Election Assembly would have to be September / too much preparing for new Panel / need to resolve for 2013 Election Assembly / Pacific Trustee couldn't share; probably going to other Area(s) / so many Districts and GSRs effected / issue was discussed at an assembly in the 90's – check background material / concern with holiday activities / experienced GSRs understand concept of election, new GSRs trying to make the decision / we'd probably prepare until just before we start / report to GSO of new officers is due by December 1 and we abide / as alcoholics we get into a rut and the 1st thing we do is furnish it / what is long term benefit vs short term convenience - inconvenience / we are not limited to Pacific Trustee, we can have any Trustee / we need to discuss further with our Districts / most have served in General Service work / there is always someone going to be last /

Pre-Conference informs Delegate to take back to NY – Post brings information back – Winter or Fall Assemblies when Trustee comes / Trustee-at-large have a different perspective / Northeast Region is the largest and Pacific Region is large; Trustees need to be scheduled early in the year – East and Central Regions are small; Trustees can travel easier / new GSRs were attentive at the Election Assembly, keeping notes, hearing resumes and considering who should be elected / don't dismiss what new GSRs can do / don't want to neglect old GSRs/DCMs with information / remember that HP handles it / CNCA no conflict, there Election Assembly is even #d year and we are odd #d year / more participation may occur if in October due to holidays, more costs at hotels / perhaps move one week earlier in November instead / date will stand for Election Assembly in 2013 as set at Area Planning Committee in December / any amendment to motion – wait for Pre-Conference Assembly in April / Titia A is no longer a DCM and Jan P wasn't to make the motion since she was the Accents Publisher / Titia A will be at the Pre-Conference Assembly and she may wish to amend the motion.

Appointed Chair Reports

Accents/Acentos

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I want to thank Jan P, Vikki, Lela, Brent, Eddie and Luz Maria for all your help with the first edition of the Accents. There are some incorrect page numbers and hopefully that will be corrected with next issues. When I took the job, I really didn't know how I was ever going to do it! Jan's many patient hours in person and on the phone got me through the necessary steps to get started. Then working with the rest of the team was even more of a delight than I could have imagined. Boy am I lucky! I made some mistakes. Those of you who like finding 'Waldo' can spot them easily. Whoever designed the Pre-Conference Assembly flyer deserves my apology. I was unable to get page one into the Spanish version of Accents, so I had to go for a plain text version. Not as interesting, but it has the necessary info. Thanks for this opportunity to do this job. The learning curve is steep, but I am up for the task.

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no report

Bridging the Gap

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What's Bridging The Gap (BTG)? Welcome to my world! I have 6 big boxes of

material and am learning now. Since January 5, BTG contacts have been passed along with no responses back. Please let me know if you have a BTG committee? Let me know if you took someone to a meeting, their name, what occurred, did they want to keep going to meetings, if the man is still sober. I took a man to a meeting a year ago and he's still sober, you never know who you will be helping! If you have any current BTG chairperson in your District, please let me know who that is. I need to update the name and make necessary changes. If you have not elected/chosen anyone yet, please let me know. I need someone to call in your District who is willing to meet someone and take them to a meeting. If you have questions, go to the **cniia** website. Let me know if you'd like me to come next month and make a presentation at your meeting(s).

Eservices

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Lee P D-27, Jenn D D-15, Sherry B D-47, and Kelley M, Alt-Delegate, as liaison; and, looking for Spanish speaking member with technological experience.

Finance

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So far, the **Finance Committee** members are: Tom A D-22; Ann R, Area Treasurer; and, Melody T, Past Delegate. Vikki requested anyone interested to please let her know.

Grapevine/LaVina

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I am excited about serving as the GV/LV chair. I ordered and received new materials (English and Spanish) in preparation for the Pre-Conference Assembly. There are two new GV books out, Emotional Sobriety II and Step by Step. I want to assist DCMs in encouraging the groups in their Districts to have GV/LV representatives. There is some great material on the website and a monthly newsletter available on line, to keep the groups informed. I asked for some materials be emailed out to you, so you can share with your GSRs. I am planning on attending PRAASA in March. I proposed to the CCF, as a cooperative effort, to sell GV material (from their office) at the picnic on August 19 in Elk Grove. My mission is to spread the news about GV/LV publications and encourage groups to get a Grapevine representative. A lot of people can be contacted this way. I have folks who want to help with events and hope they participate. Materials sold are at our cost, so CNIA doesn't make money on what we sell. If you would like to have someone

with GV/LV materials at a Unity Day or other event please contact me as far in advance as possible. I would love to come visit you!

Literature

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At Winter Assembly we sold about \$400. Most was the sale of Service Manuals. I ordered \$515 additional literature. More information will be available on the agenda items. When ordering literature it is awkward and clumsy. Just doesn't work well (aaws.org has similar problems). It works only with Internet Explorer – unfortunately it continues to be an ongoing challenge for us. Something we may need to take a deeper look at. I'm available for your events, please invite me!

Translation

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It is an honor to be serving both the Spanish and English community! I am not computer literate – I get lots of help from my family. Thanks are due to Efrén P, our past Translation Chair, for the laptop that was lent to me and to my family. The Accents would not have been translated and submitted without them. Many of the team of volunteers are continuing on the committee; however, additional volunteers are still needed. If you know someone willing and able to serve on the Translation Committee, please have them call 916.912.1785 or email me luzmaria1950@gmail.com. I am grateful and excited for this service.

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January 2012 website traffic: 13,080 Page Views 9,466 Unique Visits

Accents/Acentos email distribution - Brent G. and I worked hard to get the list of email subscribers to the Area Accents and Acentos into the website Newsletter Management System. This makes it easy for you to subscribe to the Accents or Acentos emails by entering your name and email address into the form on the website. It allows you to unsubscribe by simply clicking a link. It's an instant process that requires only a click by the subscriber. We encourage everyone who wants to receive the Accents or Acentos via email to use the form online to subscribe. If you no longer wish to receive our emails, please use the unsubscribe link at the bottom of your Accents email to remove yourself from the list.

Pre-Conference Assembly - Flyer and information was posted to the website, as well as information about several other upcoming events happening in Area 07. Check

the Calendar for details.

District Meetings have their calendar on the website to locate the meetings. I added several new business meetings to the calendar this month. To find the District Meeting calendar, just look under the Calendar section on the website. There's also a direct link to it from the main event calendar page.

CNIA Service Material Book - We have updated versions of the PDF files for the various sections on the website for your review. Look under the Area Committee section. We are still in the process of completing the Spanish versions and hope to have them up soon.

Spanish CNIA.org Website - Many of you are wondering what happened with this. I apologize for the delay in launching the Spanish version of the website. With the help of the translation team I hope to complete the site soon.

Cnia.org emails - The current process for email addresses of elected and appointed positions is to use the current panel number (.p62) in the email address. It ensures privacy as trusted servants rotate through these positions. Email addresses for Panel 62: the 'root' email (i.e. chair@cnia.org) will go to the .p62 email address (i.e. chair.p62@cnia.org). Please discontinue using the 'root' email address. Please use the .p62 email address. This will help prevent being placed on spam lists. It also makes it easier to maintain. Thanks for your cooperation!

Finally, I extend a warm welcome to our new **E-Services committee** members! I wish I could be there for your first meeting and to elect our new chair person. I look forward to building on the foundation we've laid over the past year, and being of service in whatever capacity I'm needed.

Officers' Reports

Registrar

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Since our Winter Assembly, I have been quite busy entering all the Change Forms and New Group Forms submitted. You will find those forms date-stamped and initialed in your District Folder in the Registrar's Box. This is your record of date of entry into the FNV system so your GSRs know. On Sun., Feb 12th, I sent DCMs the e-mail address and Group List for your District. This is a different format, to make the info more useable and easier to read. Any suggestions that will improve this, please let me know. On Mon, Feb 13th, I sent the

February edition of the ACM list in Excel and HTML formats. The US Mail List for English and Spanish were created, and sent to the printer late last week. The E-mail lists for English and Spanish were uploaded to our CNIA website. With the assistance of Eddie A, our webmaster, the Accents and Acentos were mailed to you directly from our website. I am working with GSO to have use of an unused box in the FNV database, to state how an individual wants our Area Newsletter delivered. Both Celia and Mike, former Registrars, have brought this up to GSO. A staff member said it was on her list to bring up during FNV meeting, and hopefully I'll know more. If so, there will be more work to get info into FNV, then only the changes will be uploaded. This will create 4 lists, US and E-mail, Spanish and English, easier to maintain.

Secretary

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The task of Recording Secretary is a pleasure to serve you. And, thanks to Vikki, our previous Recording Secretary, to have the minutes completed for the February issue of Accents and Acentos. I established a template for you to use for your reports. Either email them to me OR have your report available at the ACM for Luz Maria, Translation, and me. There are 'lined copies' at ACM or Assemblies in case you didn't get your report printed out on computer or sent by email. Oh, and a request – please don't make your minutes long - important information to be passed on - absolutely YES! Thank you from your humbled servant!

Treasurer

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It's about the people, not the money! A few months into the Panel and the numbers are starting to become familiar. This past month I made several trips to the Area Post Office; collected Group contributions; and made the deposits. The rent was paid; several expense claims paid, including adjustments for mileage reimbursement at the rate of .415 per mile. Accents printing, duplication, postage and other bills have been paid including literature and Grapevine material. The February Income/Expense Report has been prepared. With gratitude and humility!

Alternate Chair

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It's been a busy month transitioning into this position. First, I want to thank Roy and Gail and District 36 for all their efforts and outstanding work for the Winter Assembly. I had lots of help and I really appreciated it! I forgot the mic stands today, so I'm still

learning my new job. Since last assembly I visited Districts 22, 27, 29 and 32 to do GSR School. In the General Service Manual on Pg III, after all the Concepts, refers to a page number and is the wrong page. Since our Delegate is on the Literature Committee, perhaps she can check into. Thanks to District 27 for catching that. District 15 and 21, I will be giving the GSR School later this month. Also, I've been asking for travel cost reimbursement (as part of our self-support) and I thank you as I don't have to ask the Area for reimbursement. I participated in a Group Inventory. Today, I will be attending a meeting for the Sacramento Unity Day with DCMs and Alt DCMs. I will be going to PRAASA in Bellevue, WA, and thank the Area for your support in that.

Chair

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I shared experience, strength and hope in Arnold, District 30. Thank you, Titia, for inviting me. Woody R and I have been asked to mediate a group inventory in Sacramento. March 25th Lela and I will be in Redding to present agenda items. We still need one more for Eservices and 3 for the Finance Committees. Please let us know if you are interested. We had an Officer's meeting and discussed Eservices and Finance Committees, time of our meeting in March, Translation equipment, Accents/Acentos newsletter reports, number of pages and first class postage costs. All in all, it's going better than expected – it's an exciting time in General Service!

Alternate Delegate

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Thank you to District 36 for hosting an exciting Winter Assembly. We appreciate the work of all of our trusted servants in putting on the Assembly. Several Districts have invited me to attend their District meetings to participate in the discussion on Conference Agenda items. I look forward to the opportunity to support our Delegate Lela at these meetings. I attended the CCF Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) meeting on Monday, August 13 in Citrus Heights. There was a request for CNIA assistance in co-hosting a PI/CPC workshop to help educate AA Members and increase committee participation. We are looking at dates at the beginning of June. I am available as a resource for all Districts with PI/CPC work and hope to continue to improve communication among local PI/CPC Committees within CNIA. Fellow Area Alternate Delegates have been communicating with me

regarding PRAASA and we are planning to meet for lunch on Saturday to begin sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other. Our Chair, Vikki, has appointed and I have agreed to serve as a member of the E-Services Committee for this Panel. Our CNIA Service Material Book, "Guidelines for Standing Committees", calls for one member of the committee to be the Alternate Delegate or a Past Delegate who has Public Information experience. The E-Services Committee is tasked with addressing the communication and technology needs of our Area and present recommendations to this Area Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

CNIA has 28,040 members across 50,000 square miles; one of six areas, Oregon border North to near Bakersfield, South. CNIA contains 29 Districts, 4 Spanish, 1,002 groups; 719 are active that is up 7% since our last Highlights. We have 7 Officers and 6 Appointed Chairs, a rich set of Archives; Honored to Bridging The Gap National Workshop in Sacramento in September 2011 (first time in California); very committed in supporting Grapevine and La Viña, Eservices is going thru growing pains and identify with some of the struggles AA faces; and CNIA keeps the conference alive all the yearlong and we love Alcoholics Anonymous!

New Groups: Oakhurst D-32; Valley Springs- Back-to-Basics D-30; Practicing Principles Group, Visalia D-32.

Final Agenda topics are out. They were emailed to Officers, Appointed Chairs, DCMs, Alternate DCMs and others who requested. Please let me know if you did not receive and I will add you to the distribution list. CDs of background materials are available in English, but not Spanish yet; but they are coming. I need Spanish volunteers to translate; I'm in touch with Efen, if anyone can help, please let me know so we can have written Spanish translation.

PRAASA (Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) 2012, March 2-3-4, at Hyatt Regency in Bellevue, WA. Registration forms available in English and Spanish. Sent volunteer names of those willing to speak or lead Roundtables to Chair for 2012 PRAASA. You will be notified soon, please let me know.

NCCAA March 16-18 in San Ramon - flyers will be available. It is the same weekend as ACM on March 17.

Contact information was sent to GSO from me as responsibility of outgoing Chair.

Two Grapevine positions available: Senior Editor in NY office and Non-Trustee Director for 2013 AA Grapevine Board. Calendar where I will be regarding Agenda Topics:

Feb 21- Fair Oaks, D-27; Feb 25 - Grass Valley D-20; Feb 29 – Sacramento; Mar 10 – D-24; March 11 – D-22; March 25 - D-11; March 27 – D-29

Delegate's Report

Conference Reports in English – Report-backs from last year that Melody attended – good for new GSRs to get the history and information. Unfortunately, no Spanish, were distributed last year. Birthday Month – envelopes are available – put in amount to # of years. "Tour" through the Agenda Topics – after reading all information about the topics, I've picked key points that I need your meeting's feedback. I'm on the Literature Committee and can have the most impact with your information. Hand out the information to your GSRs and groups. Ask your groups what they want to talk about. Have an individual or group select one or more topics to give feedback. (Not just check it off with yes/no.)

I Agenda

A - Review suggestions for the theme of the 2013 General Service Conference – Anonymity, our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age is the theme this year.

- ◆ One theme every year - what theme do you want?
- ◆ Ways to use the theme in your discussions? Why we have a theme.
- ◆ Are there themes missing; you can contribute them for next agenda rotation.

B - Determine inventory questions listed to be discussed each year.

- ◆ Questions are approved. Determine which ones we will discuss and when.
- ◆ It looks possible to even propose a different arrangement of clustering.

C - Consider reducing presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Serve Conference.

- ◆ This would to accommodate the inventory process and report back process.

D - Review suggestions for presentation/discussion topic ideas for 2013.

- ◆ Occurs every year – which themes do you like for 2013?
- ◆ Ways to use workshops in your discussions. Why we have workshop topics.

- ◆ What topics are missing – can contribute for next agenda rotation
- E - Review Evaluation form
- ◆ Each day participants fill out a form (anonymous, but classified by type of participant).
This is asking for a review of the forms.

II Cooperation with the Professional Community

A – DVD: Discuss a report of replacing – conclusion is suggested materials too limited

- ◆ Concern the DVD may be too ‘old school’
- ◆ May make too many DVDs with limited information
 - ◆ Do you want a DVD or a different way for your
 - ◆ CPC activities?
- ◆ Do you like the list that has been presented? (inc: professional, membership survey, information on A.A.)

Cost to create is: \$13.50

B – Consider adding the phrase “non alcoholics may attend as observers” to the “Singleness of Purpose statement in C.P.C. literature.

- ◆ There are 6 C.P.C. pamphlets and 2 service pieces. They want to know what to change.
- ◆ Current statement in C.P.C. literature with **additional bold words** for revised literature:

*Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as “substance abuse” or “chemical dependency.” Non-alcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend **open A.A. meetings as observers.** Anyone may attend open A.A. meetings, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings.*

- ◆ Do you approve of the additional wording – it will be used in several other places. If passionate about Singleness of Purpose, please check background material before deciding yes or no and why.

C – C.P.C. Kit/Workbook

This item is on agenda every year – a great opportunity to become familiar with the toolkit especially if involved in C.P.C. work.

III Corrections

A – Review draft pamphlet - It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell

- ◆ Keeping at standard size – easy to read – visuals improved (younger people)
- Committee members have current (copyright) and draft (not copyright) version for review and discussion.

B – Consider revisions to pamphlet - A

Message to Corrections Professionals

- ◆ Content for ‘lifers’ – use re-entry term aimed at inmate and not professionals
- ◆ Same wording as in C.P.C. “open meetings, and observers”
- ◆ Delete outdated statistics – use space for relevant content

C – Consider possible remake of 1987 video - It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell

- ◆ Cost \$60k-\$75k – sell about 200/year
- There are 3 videos (this one hasn’t been changed since 1987)

D – Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook

- ◆ On agenda every year – great opportunity to become familiar if serving in Corrections.
- ◆ In Area 07 – activity comes out of the H&I Service Structure.

Our H&I has additional service materials that New York doesn’t publish.

IV Finance

A – Consider suggestion to increase Conference delegate fee.

Areas are asked to send \$1,200/year agreed to in 2005.

We already give \$2000/year. Actual cost is close to \$6,000/year for each delegate.

Should we ask Areas to increase this fee? (Finding ways to bring more money in)

Review current \$3,000 limit on annual individual contributions and onetime bequests

Each year one could contribute \$3,000 and one bequest at death of \$3,000

One GSR has asked to contribute \$15,000/year; and, \$75,000 bequest at death

Self-Support Kit – is carried over each year – is what is listed OK – if more? What?

B – Review draft document of self-support/financial talking points to be used by the Fellowship

How do we share beyond the group level see list of 13 ways to contribute or send

Review 2013-2014 GSO/A.A. Grapevine Financial Projections

All figures are in the negative \$550K – have already reduce budget in many ways

How important is it to have Grapevine? Willing to contribute more? How can we help?

Be Lean – Evolve – Grow – new Grapevine motto!

C – Consider review of continuing financial commitment to La Viña...

Should we continue our commitment to

support La Viña and Grapevine? Why?

V A.A. Grapevine

A - Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine’s Audio Strategy

Member recordings, low cost? (dial a phone #, anonymous, leave a voicemail – converts to a wav file) saved, reviewed by editorial board as stories are done – published and seen various ways: iPod, iPad, etc

B - Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later

Books to produce – what will be purchased?

Attitude of Gratitude, Voice of long term sobriety II, Women Stories in A.A., GLBT in AA – We are all the Same (or Sober & Out), Relationships in Sobriety, Having Fun in Sobriety, Daily Grapevine, Mid-Sobriety Crisis, The Best of La Viña II, AA Inside the Walls

(Remember in A.A. we are all the same)

C – Consider “Sunset” proposal for Grapevine items.

- ◆ Usefulness (sales) technology, cassettes, sentimental value (produce audible gasp if stopped being published), duplication with other titles

D – Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of Grapevine Rep into duties of GSR (General Service Rep).

- ◆ Combining the 2 responsibilities – read the history
- ◆ Reps Registered in 2011: Grapevine 855; LaViña 109; GSRs 10,635

VI Literature

A – Discuss progress and development of literature on spirituality including stories from atheist and agnostics sober in A.A.

- ◆ Need to know if you want emphasis on atheist/agnostic or wide range – what do you expect to read in it?

- ◆ 200 stories were read; narrowed to 46 and re-read; conference members shared what they thought authors spiritual orientation; 23 remaining met general criteria

- ◆ Literature committee to review stories for any input or suggestion

- ◆ Spirituality pamphlet is not just for atheist/agnostic – all spirituality - all areas

B - Consider draft AA and the Armed Services

- ◆ Recent experiences on active duty; section to focus of veterans
- ◆ Range of experiences be reflected in the title*

*Suggestion @ Winter Assembly to have also on cover:

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND or NONE LEFT BEHIND!

- ♦ Ranking of new stories – several from Grapevine and, a few from the current pamphlet
- C – Consider final draft revised Living Sober booklet (written in 1975; made change to add to the end regarding medications and drugs, but not changed)
- ♦ Language or practices are outdated; i.e., ham radio? gullet or throat? Is it outdated? Bigger scope? Comment: Ham radios still do exist
 - ♦ Living Sober – consider final draft (before being printed) – What are MUSTS and what are WANTS of red mark ups of the final draft??? What’s outdated? What is significant? Favorite? Primary Purpose?
- D – Discuss revision of the pamphlet – Circles of Love & Service
- ♦ Request to rewrite/revise entire pamphlet that was developed in 1978, approved 1980; no changes since ---- Should we say differently? Artistic different?
 - ♦ Love and Service came from a letter from Dr. Bob
- E – Discuss request to add text from the dust jacket text^{3rd} Edition Big Book remains unchanged to the dust jacket of the 4th Edition of Big Book
- “But the basic text (pages 1 through 164 remains unchanged. This is the A.A. message, just as it was introduced in the 1939 edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. The book that gave the young fellowship its name.”*
- ♦ Do you want this to be put on the 4th Edition jacket?
- F – Consider request to add the A.A. Preamble in the front inside pages of the Big Book?
- ♦ Space on empty pages – was simple majority (instead of 2/3^{rds}) last year / written in 1947
 - ♦ Should this be put in the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous?
- G – Consider a request to add the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service to As Bill Sees It
- ♦ As Bill Sees It contains 13 pages that refer to the Concepts
 - ♦ The Introduction mentions that he pulled from Big Book, 12 and 12, letters and 12 Concepts
 - ♦ Do you want short form of the Concepts added in As Bill Sees It?

Hunting Expedition for you Area 07 members: One thing is from our Area regarding a Literature piece – when you listen to

the background you will know it is our Area.

VII Policy & Admissions – not enough time to cover now

VIII Public Information

D - Consider a suggestion that A.A. establish a present on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no interpersonal communication capabilities.

Read the background information - check it out – What do you think?

E - Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition 11

Consider and give me your input. Read the background and what it takes to vote and change.

IX Report/Charter

X Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

B - Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.

Could help both alcoholic who suffers and fellowship in understanding difficulties of mentally ill alcoholic. Let me know your thoughts and why.

XIII International Conventions/Regional Forums

B - Review 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures

Includes criteria, bidding process, goals, objectives, dates – November 30 deadline

We’ve done Regional Forum, PRAASA –

Do we want to put our name in the hat for an International Convention in our Area?

Closed Agenda Items with literature: As Bill Sees It

--- letter of 1956 on page 88

DCM REPORTS

D-09

Steve C, DCM

Greetings from District 09, A.K.A. “True North on the CNIA Spiritual compass” In our first meeting of the year we completed our annual calendar and the first event slated is our March Service Workshop, to be held on March 11th at the Principals Before Personalities Group location, Unity Hall, 209 Third St, Yreka. We’ll have a noon potluck brunch followed by the Service Workshop panel discussion. Our next scheduled Service Workshop will be held in

Scott Valley and hosted by the Middle of the Road Group sometime in June. A Siskiyou County, Alcoholics Anonymous, web site has been developed. It is our hope to increase access to the most accurate information available about District 09. The information includes meeting times, places and District 09 CNIA events. Once approved by the General Service body, we hope to link on the Intergroup web site. Our panel is almost full. We still need a PI/CPC chair but have a Bridging the Gap chair. Thank You for letting me do this. I’m having a blast!

D-11

Cindy C

First time at ACM – this is really it!!! We have openings for BTG and PI/CPC; working on preparing Agenda items and recreating Love & Service. Maureen of D9 is on panel. We are just south of the ‘northern spiritual compass of CNIA’. On March 25, Lela and Vikki will be doing a workshop on the agenda items; DCM/Alt-DCM love to eat food, is our primary way to attract people to meetings. I will be attending PRAASA for the 1st time in Bellevue, WA!

D-15

Jenn D, Alt DCM

Per Tom G, DCM: our January District meeting had a handful of new GSR’s, so we are excited to have Michael, our new Alternate Chair, come out the fourth Saturday of March for a GSR school. Jenn D, Alternate DCM, and will be chairing the committee to find a venue for the Election Assembly. We have been discussing the importance of having the Alt DCM at ACM and Assemblies and this discussion continues. We are doing our best to get the new District Officers up to speed. I believe things are just as they should be. Hope to see you all in Bellevue, WA.

D-17

Jan H, DCM

District 17 is going to be hopping with anniversary - potluck - speaker meetings in the next few weeks. We have the Winter's Kitchen Table group's party on February 25th in Winters. The As Bill Sees It Men's Group in Davis will celebrate Sunday, March 18th in Davis, and Dixon Promises Group will be feasting and fellowshiping on Saturday, March 24th in - you guessed it - Dixon. If you want more information, come see me later today or check the By-The-Way.

District 17 is very excited to participate at District 24's Pre-Conference Agenda Items Workshop lead by our Delegate, Lela, on Saturday, March 10th. We have created a District 17 g-mail account:

CNIA.D17@gmail.com. In addition to my personal e-mail that is on the Registrar's contact list, feel free to use this new one if you wish. Our new District Treasurer asked if we have a records retention policy at our January meeting. Folks came back in February with information and opinions, and the group agreed to retain our Treasurer's records for 7 years. I suspect we'll have a similar conversation about other District records. I welcome your opinions. Ten D-17 reps attended the Winter Assembly in Merced, five were first-time assembly goers. Everyone enjoyed themselves and learned a lot. Thanks again for your hospitality, District 36. See you at PRAASA in a couple of weeks.

**D-19
Judy T**

On February 4th, our District held the second meeting with newly elected trusted servants. The Winter Assembly 2013 Committee has Franklin Hall at the fairgrounds, same as 2010 Winter Assembly. Local hotels are responding positively, offering reasonable rates. Our answering service, Telesec, to help the alcoholic who still suffers, is being discussed. Our District detailed the cost. Many were surprised our total income and high cost per call. We discussed making Al-Anon aware of the expense we incur on their behalf.

(Answering service takes calls for Al-Anon and N.A.) Some questioned our relationship with Al-Anon./N.A. As DCM, I stated, "our relationship is 'cooperation not affiliation'." A GSR from our local Hispanic community joined our District meeting, first time the Hispanic community has been represented in many years. We are updating the Registrar's report identifying active and inactive registered meetings. The GSRs are following through making the necessary adjustments. Agenda Items were tabled for the Finance Committee, annual calendar of events, meeting dates and a Sunshine Committee. Several G.S.R.'s will attend the Pre and Post Conferences with the DCM and Alt-DCM.

**D-20
Dan L, DCM**

District 20 meeting was on January 28, 2012. 11 GSRs and 12 District Officers were present including Alt-DCM Kellie R. Our meeting convened at the Grass Valley Fellowship in Grass Valley (although we have voted to move the District meetings to a "neutral" site, some GSRs feel there exists an unwanted connection between the GVF and District 20). Our Archives Chair, Steve K., reported he received written and photographic materials which chronicle A.A. activities of District 20 from late 50's

and early 60's. He is organizing those items for our District Archives. Steve is the H&I District Chair, and announced that Wayne Brown Correctional Facility has begun clearing people who want to visit the jail to carry the A.A. message. Our BTG Chair, John C., planned to meet the 2nd week in February with A.A. members interested in helping newly-released from incarceration to an AA meeting. They are focused on local juvenile hall, jail, and Washington Ridge Fire Camp. Mary O. is the D-20 PI/CPC Chair having held a couple meetings to clarify what PI/CPC does and doesn't do. Diane R, guest speaker, gave a brief history and explanation of the NCCAA. We discussed three topics: 1) Service Sponsorship, 2) moving the General Service Conference to a more central location --- as a means of reducing the \$5,000 per Delegate cost, and 3) our very own Delegate, Lela M., sharing her time with District 20 on Saturday, February 25th Grass Valley Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.

**D-21
Dick B, DCM**

FROM THE SPIRITUAL VORTEX OF CNIA 38 eager people showed up at our January District Meeting. By a show of hands, we were all new in our Service Positions. 'Newcomers again without drinking.' 27 GSRs were present and our Registrar, Buster B, is out combing the countryside for the others. Our goal is to have an Alternate for every GSR. (3 so far). At our next District Meeting (Feb. 28th), GSR School will be conducted by our CNIA Alt-Chair, Michael K. The GSR School Booklet was forwarded as an attachment to our GSR's. My new Service Position, as DCM District 21, has coerced me onto the computer age. I encourage our Officers and Chairs to use this email workspace. Due to the expertise of Steve T and Anne K our PI/CPC effort is experiencing resurgence. Our BTG Chair, Julie B, was our former Registrar. Our new Webmaster, Andy L provides guidance, and our website is District21@cnia.org. Click on Assembly to register on line for the Post Conference Assembly or download the flyer. A tradition in District 21 is the annual Loomis Ice Cream Social----held on June 9th this year. Our speaker will be Rod B, Pacific Regional Trustee to the General Service Board, from Salt Lake City, Utah. I'm fortunate to be an alcoholic in Alcoholics Anonymous, Still Learning

**D-22
Tom A, DCM**

At our last District Meeting on February 8th were 19 members in attendance. Michael K, Area Alt- Chair, lead the GSR School at the Senior Center in Placerville. The meeting was opened up questions and answers.

District 22 appreciates Michael for coming to Placerville and providing a much needed service. District 22 is looking forward to our Conference Agenda Item Workshop on March 11 from 2-4 p.m. in Cameron Park at the High Flyers Fellowship. The Workshop is open to all members interested in learning about the Agenda Items. We invite others in surrounding areas to join us. Pizza and soda will be provided. I will be meeting with the Web Committee to talk about some ideas for changes to the web site. Some of the topics brought up: cleaning up the web site; creating a Spanish site for District 22; and tape and CD collections of AA speakers and related AA material. We are still in need of a Recording Secretary and representatives for the Grapevine, Archives, and BTG. We anticipate 10 members in attendance at the Pre-Conference Assembly. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as DCM at District 22.

**D-23
Carlos**

9 members @ District meeting – we will host a speaker meeting – flyers available on the table.

**D-24
Jon S, DCM**

We had our biggest turnout at our District meeting on February 8, 2012 that I have ever seen. 16 in attendance: 9 GSRs, 3 were first timers. 2 Alt-GSRs, an Alt-DCM (partially credited for big turnout offering prizes to guests); 1 new guest and 3 trusted servants. The Treasurer reported we are solvent and have money in the bank to send me to PRAASA next month. It will be my first PRAASA. Our Registrar is working on mapping meeting, reconciling with CCF, and making plans to visit all dark groups to encourage participation by attraction rather than promotion. The Conference Agenda Items were received from our Delegate and distributed to all GSRs that same day. We have a new meeting in our District that meets at the Gay and Lesbian Center on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. They have elected a GSR and he was in attendance at the District meeting. The Oak Park Fellowship is scouting for a new place to meet. They have been meeting at the current location several years; the Church is going to be sold. District 24 is co-hosting along with Districts 25 and 17 a Pre-Conference Agenda Workshop with our Delegate, Lela M., on March 10, 2012 from 1:00 to 3:30 at North Hall at 3501 2nd Ave. If there are any other Districts that would like to co-host please see me and announce this workshop at your District meetings. All positions filled; 3 liaisons not filled. We are participating in Unity Day planning.

D-25**Deanna, DCM**

We have lots of enthusiasm and looking forward to this panel. We are discussing a Concepts Workshop/Roundtables. Asked how do you want to spend your money. They came up with really great ideas, we'll which ones 'fly'. We did a GSR School done by a lady who was at the Assembly and asked her to do the GSR School. She is 17 yrs old with 2 yrs sobriety and really knew General Service. Woody and Vikki came to help a group that is having extreme difficulty to facilitate an emergency group inventory (should be lot of fun). Co-hosting Agenda Items Workshop on Saturday, March 10 with pizza/sodas and chocolate – may have raffle subscription to the Grapevine. We have a new email address: District25@gmail.com

D-27**Lee P, DCM**

Our first District 27 meeting was held on Tuesday, January 24th following the Winter Assembly. Our District is really fired up and excited to get started on to the business of Panel 62. 38 in attendance at our meeting: 28 GSR's, 2 Area officers, 5 District Officers and 3 members-at-large. All GSR's were provided with new GSR kits. Filled positions: Bridging the Gap co-chair, H & I liaison, PI/CPC liaison, Special Needs chair, District Archives chair. District 27 would also like to thank our Area Alt-Chair Michael K who conducted a GSR school for the GSR's. Two GSR's were appointed to our Finance Committee along with the DCM, Alt-DCM and District Treasurer. We held our first meeting this last week and discussed our 2012 spending plan and ideas for special events the District may host. A Unity Day with the other Sacramento Districts is in discussion and looking at providing "scholarships" to enable GSRs to attend Assemblies from groups with limited financial support. 2 or 3 workshops are also a possibility. Our next District meeting will be next Tuesday, Feb 21st which will be focused on the Agenda Items. Our Delegate Lela and Alt-Delegate Kelley, will walk us through the Agenda Items and prepare us for the Pre-Conference Assembly.

D-29**Nancy M, DCM**

We had our first District meeting this year on January 27th. In attendance were 8 GSR's, the H&I liason and Michael K. We had an assembly report and then Michael K put on a great GSR school for all in attendance. We talked about Lela and Kelley coming to our February 27th meeting to discuss agenda items. I received the Agenda

items report from Lela and sent it out to all the District 29 GSR's. We have a new meeting in North Highlands; all groups have good attendance and contributing 7th Tradition. REBELLION DOGS is moving to Sacramento Asian American Methodist Church, 5801-2nd Ave. (59th & 2nd) on March 1st. We will help out at Agenda Items Workshop on March 10th. We are all "a buzz" about forming a Unity Day for the Districts in the Roaring 20's, however, other Districts are joining and theme will change (maybe colors of maroon and hot pink)! Districts 17, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 54 so far.

D-30**Larry A, DCM**

District 30 had our meeting Saturday, February 11, with 39 people in attendance. Our Treasurer Randy S. put together a very informative packet for the new GSRs describing their obligation to attend the Area assemblies along with a financial breakdown of expenses they can anticipate to incur for the year. This replaces 'guestimates'. Two members of the Jackson Fellowship are planning an Emotional Sobriety Workshop along with members of the Professional Community in the month of October. A flyer will be forwarded to Area when it is available. District 30 is looking at what we can do to reach out to the Young People within the District. The subject of YPAA came up during our last District inventory, and we believe more can be done for the young alcoholic who is trying to stay sober. Part of the problem in our District is the distance between towns, part of the problem is communication. Another area of concern is how YPAAs are perceived by the old-timers in AA. Overall, District 30 is doing well, our finances are sound, and the Third Legacy of A.A. is being practiced in Amador and Calaveras Counties.

D-31**Jim H, DCM**

D-31 held our meeting on 02/15/12 at Delta Central Office, Stockton, CA. 6 attendees: DCM, 4 GSRs and a liaison to PI/CPC. Pershing Fellowship: (Liz, GSR) annual anniversary dinner in April, a formal group inventory, possibly facilitated by an Area 7 officer. Also, there is a "no texting during meetings" motion being considered for possible vote at next month's business meeting. Porter Fellowship (Justin, GSR) Signs have been posted on doors and windows prohibiting photos in the meeting room. There seems to have been an anonymity issue raised. A member (doesn't like General Service) of the Steering Committee wanted the GSR removed from the meeting. Justin was not removed and was complimented by

members for his thorough report. Lodi Solutions Fellowship: (Marty, GSR) meeting format is being challenged and includes a request of newcomers to give the number of days (less than 30) that they have been sober. Lots of feedback from members. Big Bookers Fellowship: (Dennis, GSR) Discussion of budget issues continue, primarily operating expenses vs prudent reserve funds. Eric is our new Alt. GSR. PI/CPC: (Douglas, Liaison) A report on the recent Probation Meeting in Lodi, hosted by Big Bookers, was given and a discussion of providing pamphlet racks to interested individuals in the professional community who may make referrals to A.A. Delta Intergroup cashed in a savings CD in order to pay part time staff who had not been reimbursed in 7 months. In March, SNL will be hosted by the Pershing Fellowship and Monica P. will be the main speaker. Also the Normandy Group in Stockton has expressed a desire to join D-31. Consultation with D-32 will be made.

D-32**Cynthia B, DCM**

We held our District meeting on Feb 15th at Fremont Fellowship. 7 GSR's present and Officers present totaling 13 people from our District. 4 members-at-large sat in to hear what was going on. Our Intergroup Rep stepped down because of personal issues. One member is interested. The groups in our area are keeping their doors open, but have asked that we try to better support each other by attending more outside meetings. The GSR's were informed to make sure their names and addresses are correct in order for them to receive their GSR packets. Delta Intergroup Office needed to be informed of the correct mailing address for their Newsletter since \$1.00 is charged if returned. We postponed our District Guidelines and District Inventory until after we hold the Pre-Conference and Post Conference Assemblies to give everyone a chance to better understand what being an GSR is all about. We thank Michael K for coming to Stockton to give us his GSR School presentation and help us with the necessary arrangements for our upcoming Pre-Conference. Fremont Fellowship and Yosemite Fellowship thank Lela for coming and attending at their home groups, it was greatly appreciated. Both English and Spanish Flyers are up and we have 35 pre-registered members, but I highly encourage everyone to pre-registration so we have a better idea how many people will be present from your Districts. We can better estimate how many tables and chairs each District will need at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

D-33**Ray D, DCM**

Dan H Alt DCM, is attending also. Our meeting was on February 13 with 20 people in attendance. We have a meeting entertaining the idea of using SKPE to bring a meeting to a member who can't attend meetings. The fellowship thought it would be a good idea to bring this to the District first and want AREA feedback or new information on social media coming from GSO. Our PI/CPC rep. Bob H is trying to get a meeting with the local Judges or on Judicial Secretary' Agenda to get them information on AA. (We recently had a member of the Parole Board come to a meeting to get master signatures for comparison to court cards.) Bob is going to have a booth at the Groveland Health Fair on April 17th from 8am till noon. Our Webmaster Peter S. is going to be updating the website to include; Open District service positions, Job descriptions for GSR and the pamphlet "So You Have Been Sent to A.A."

D-34**Philip S**

no report

D-36**Roy L, DCM**

I asked around to get some thoughts on the Winter Assembly. One alcoholic said he could wait awhile for you guys to come back. This person did endless service work and I think he is still recovering. All others were honored to be of service to CNIA.

D-40**Pete C, DCM**

Our District meeting was held in Madera on February 5th. We had representation from two groups in Madera, one from Mariposa, and one from Oakhurst. A report from North Fork was also included along with our H&I chair report. Agenda items were passed out to get feedback from the groups. I reported that I would have the background information after I get back from the ACM. Highlights of the Winter Assembly were given and a GSR spoke on how they liked the Round Table discussions and how they were very informative.

Contacts are being verified for the groups in the District and we have 4 change forms to submit. We discussed an idea of a "Day of Traditions" for Founders Day on June 10th consisting of a panel to share their experiences with the Traditions, a 'Traditions Play', and potluck. More details to follow. We are in a 4 group rotation for our District meetings between Oakhurst, Mariposa, Madera, and North Fork.

D-41**Dave D, Alt-DCM**

Our business meeting was held on February 9th. 7 GSRs and 2 members-at-large attended. 2 of the 7 GSRs were new. One from Kerman Monday Night Group and one from Fresno Fellowship were welcomed. Finances are good and all bills were paid. Our Prudent Reserve is ok. District 41 will provide a letter of support to the Fresno County Young People of A.A. for the bid for ACYPAA next year. Agenda Items were discussed that had been presented at the Winter Assembly.

D-42**Bill L, DCM**

I am pleased to announce the registration of a new group: Sierra Skypark and their new GSR, Steven L. Other groups have been contacted and we anticipate them coming from the 'dark' soon. The District Committee is hosting the Intergroup Speaker meeting in March and we have asked Paul M, celebrating 40 years, to speak. FCYPAA has put in a bid for the Young People's Convention next year, and Intergroup is putting on a "12 Traditions Play" in March. Details and lots of other information is available at FresnoAA.org.

D-43**Rodney M, DCM**

We held our first District meeting on February 5, 2012, the first Sunday of every month. Unfortunately, our first meeting was held on Super Bowl Sunday; 3 GSRs attended and a total of 6 attendees. Our District had been in the 'dark' for some time but we are starting to shed some light. I like to thank my GSR, Ray H, from Life on Life Terms. He played a great part in helping organize the District and get us up and going. We still hope to fill our Alt-DCM and Treasurer positions – hopefully next District meeting. We could accomplish that goal I think with my Higher Power which I choose to call God for doing for me what I can't do for myself in helping me get our District going.

D-47**Sherry B**

no report

D-49**Peter L**

no report

D-53**Miguel E, MCD**

The District has meetings every Friday of the month. One meeting is on Agenda items; one is on new information and 2 are study group from the Service Manual. Our District will be hosting the 11th Forum of the General Services, date to be determined.

The first meeting was in Clovis on January 15th. All the Spanish speaking meetings are supporting that Forum, D-53, D-54, D-55 and D-56. Our District has 15 GSRs and all committees filled: Literature, Information to the Public, Anniversary, Projects, Special Needs, H&I, and CPC Committees.

D-54**Pedro H C, MCD**

I received a very warm hello from the Spanish speaking group in Area 07. Meetings are the first and third Wednesday at 9 p.m. We are working for the 16th Anniversary of the District. It will be held Sunday, March 18 at 1 p.m. We are also working with the 11th Spanish Forum held at D-53 in Fresno. We are inviting the Area 07 Chair and Alternate-Chair, and also the Grapevine and Bridging the Gap Chairs for the 16th Anniversary. Districts 53, 55 and 56 will participate with us. I am really sad to say our Alt-DCM lost his position because the GSRs voted to have him removed because of lack of attendance. Thank you 24 hours to all.

D-55**Luis L, MCD**

Good afternoon 24 hours from our District. We are working together with Districts 53, 54 and 56 in participation of the 11th Spanish Forum. I am visiting each group in our District (one per week) and also the District meeting once a week as well. That's all for now and 24 hours to all.

D-56**Martin C, MCD**

They had their first District meeting at the Winter Assembly in Merced. Their second meeting was a celebration of their District. At the third meeting they saw the Agenda items and needed more information to make it clear to them. RSGs are in need of more information to work with their groups and to be able to bring back the group conscious at the Pre-Conference Assembly. I need, in person, someone to help me make clear those Agenda Items so they can support to have better information. Even though I am at this meeting, I am able to get more information. We have new RSGs in our District and I brought forms of our RSGs and given to the Registrar.

CNIA
Income & Expenses
 January 1 through March 1, 2012

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4	Contributed support
4010	Group Contributions 5,976.90
4020	Seventh Tradition
4022	7th - Assy 282.06
	Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition <u>282.06</u>
Total 4	Contributed support 6,258.96
5	Earned revenues
5110	Literature Sales 757.05
Total 5	Earned revenues <u>757.05</u>
Total Income	<u>7,016.01</u>
Expense	
7600 · Officers Expenses	
7620 · Delegate	
7621	Mileage 137.78
7622	Lodging 107.95
7623	Registration, Meals, Coffee 33.00
7624	Phone, Copies, Supplies 587.13
7631	PRAASA <u>122.00</u>
Total 7620	Delegate 987.86
7640 · Alt. Delegate	
7641	Mileage 109.56
7642	Lodging 37.97
7643	Registration, Meals, Coffee <u>33.00</u>
Total 7640	Alt. Delegate 180.53
7660 · Chairman	
7661	Mileage 363.65
7662	Lodging 395.44
7663	Registration, Meals, Coffee 60.00
7664	Phone, Copies, Supplies <u>49.40</u>
Total 7660	Chairman 68.49
7700 · Secretary	
7701	Mileage 116.80
7702	Lodging 48.98
7703	Registration, Meals, Coffee <u>30.00</u>
Total 7700	Secretary 195.78
7720 · Treasurer	
7721	Mileage 51.46
7722	Lodging 48.98
7723	Registration, Meals, Coffee 30.00
7724	Phone, Copies, Supplies 65.81
7731	PRAASA 224.40
Total 7720	Treasurer 420.65
7740 · Registrar	
7741	Mileage 327.42
7742	Lodging 75.94
7743	Registration, Meals, Coffee 33.00
7744	Phone, Copies, Supplies 71.70
7751	PRAASA 229.60
Total 7740	Registrar <u>737.66</u>
Total 7600	Officers Expenses <u>3,390.97</u>

7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	
7820 · Literature Chairman	
7821	Mileage 171.81
7822	Lodging <u>98.01</u>
Total 7820	Literature Chairman 269.82
7840 · Grapevine Chair	
7841	Mileage 71.26
7842	Lodging 50.00
7843	Registration/Meals/Coffee <u>30.00</u>
Total 7840	Grapevine Chair 151.26
7860 · Bridging The Gap	
7861	Mileage 124.50
7862	Lodging 40.00
7863	Registration/Meals/Coffee <u>15.00</u>
Total 7860	Bridging The Gap 179.50
7880 · Accents Chairman	
7884	Phone, Copies, Supplies <u>139.00</u>
Total 7880	Accents Chairman 139.00
7940 · Translation Committee	
7941	Mileage 95.96
7942	Lodging 64.90
7943	Registration/Meals/Coffee <u>33.00</u>
Total 7940	Translation Committee <u>193.86</u>
Total 7800	Appointed Chair Expenses <u>933.44</u>
8000 · Assemblies	
8010 · Winter Assembly	
8014	Printing/Copying/Supplies 33.03
Total 8010	Winter Assembly <u>33.03</u>
Total 8000	Assemblies 33.03
8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	
8150 · Accents & Acentos Production	
8153	English Accents Printing 1,151.59
8156	Spanish Acentos Printing 146.37
8158	Accents/Acentos Postage 676.36
Total 8150	Accents/Acentos Production 1,974.32
8180	AA Grapevine Purchases 1,545.35
8190	AA Literature Purchases <u>515.64</u>
Total 8100	Accents, Grapevine, Literature <u>4,035.31</u>
8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	
8210 · Rent, parking,	
	other occupancy 100.00
230	Liability Insurance 440.00
240	Archives Facility Rental <u>675.00</u>
Total 8200	Meeting Room Expenses 1,215.00
8500 · Misc expenses	
8540	General Service Conf 2,000.00
8590	Other Expenses <u>46.00</u>
Total 8500	Misc expenses 2,046.00
8600 · Taxes & Fees	
8620	Sales taxes 184.00
Total 8600	Taxes & Fees <u>184.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,837.75</u>

2012 Pre-Conference Assembly

Area 07

Hosted by District #32 w/ lots of help from district #31

April 14th -15th,
2012

Held at the

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

413 E. Lockeford Street Lodi California 95240

See back for map and directions

Registration starts Sat at 9am

Assembly Starts noon Sat 14th, Ends noon Sun 15th of April

For More Information Contact: preconferenceassembly@cnia.org

Complete information, tear or cut off on line and mail in with your payment-No cash please.

All pre-registrations are much appreciated

Name _____ Phone () _____ District _____

GSR _____ Alt GSR _____ DCM _____ Alt-DCM _____ Member _____ Other _____

On site registration \$10.00 _____

Bottomless Coffee \$3.00 _____

Saturday Dinner \$10.00 _____

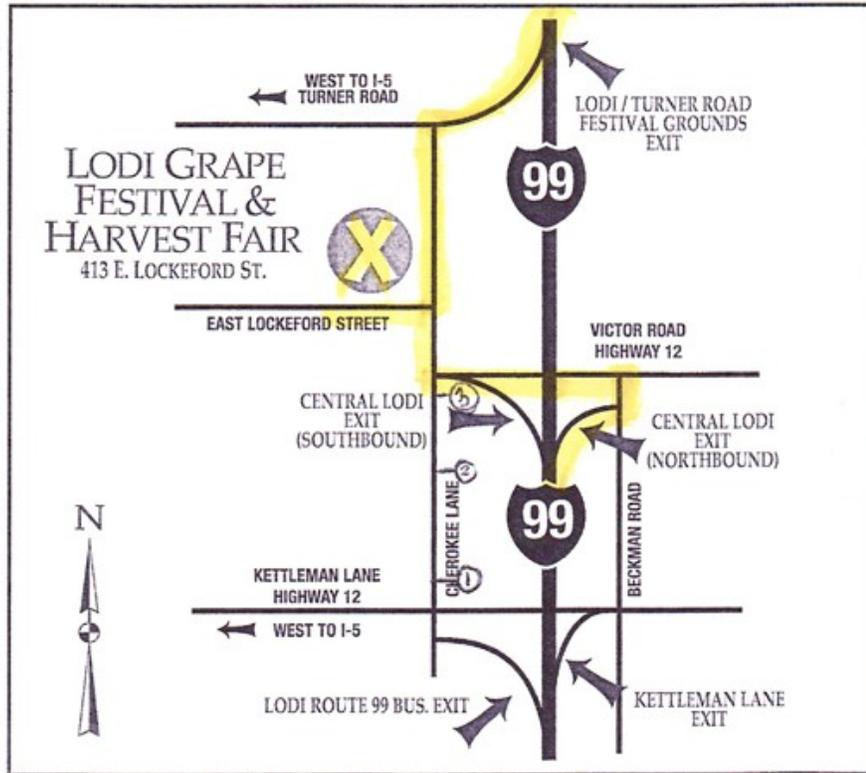
Total: \$ _____

Note: Vegetarian Dinner _____

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3. Turn left on **Victor Rd.** 4. Turn right on **Cherokee Ln.** 5. Turn left on **Lockeford St.** Destination will be on right

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(209) 369-2771 • FAX (209) 369-9185



Note: Motels are noted on map

Lodging Information:

1. **Motel 6** 1140 S Cherokee Ln, Lodi Ca 95240
Phone: 1-800-544-4866. Reserve by March 15th
To get group rate: **Group Code: # M456200001** Single \$ 69.95 Double \$ 79.95
2. **Best Western Royal Host Inn** 710 S. Cherokee Ln, Lodi Ca. 95240
Phone: 209-369-8484. Reserve by April 1st 2012
To get group rate: **Group Code: AA Area 07.** \$65 for king, \$75 for two queen beds
3. **Quality Inn** 118 N Cherokee Ln, Lodi Ca 95240
Phone: 209-367-4848. Reserve by April 1st 2012
To get group rate: **Group Code: AAO7.** \$55.00 for king, \$65.00 for two queen beds

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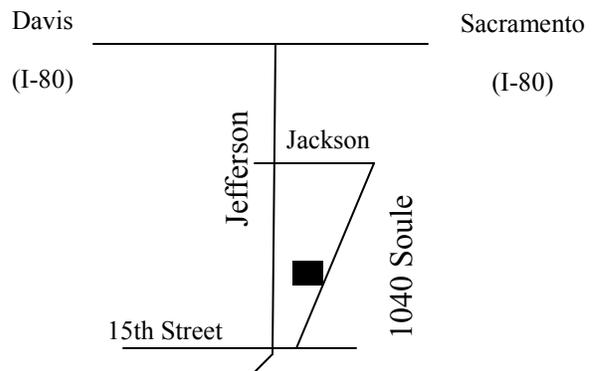
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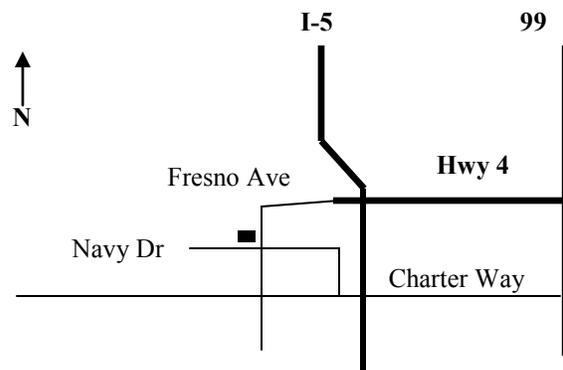


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**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA
CALENDAR 2012**

2012

(DISTRICT)

JAN 21-22	WINTER ASSEMBLY (36)	MERCED
FEB 18	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
MAR 2-4	PRAASA	BELLEVUE, WA
MAR 16-18	NCCAA	SAN RAMON
MAR 17	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
APR 14-15	PRE-CONFERENCE ASMBLY(32)	LODI
APR 22-28	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE	NEW YORK
MAY 19-20	POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY(29/21)	ROSEVILLE
JUN 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
JUL 6-8	NCCAA	AUBURN
JUL 21	AREA COMMITTEE	(Gold Cty Frgrds)
AUG 18	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
SEP 14-16	PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM	W. SACRAMENTO
SEP 15	AREA COMMITTEE	FAIRBANKS, AK
OCT 5-7	NCCAA	W. SACRAMENTO
OCT 19-20	MINI-PRAASA (30 / 22)	SACRAMENTO
NOV 17	AREA COMMITTEE	JACKSON
DEC 15	AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
		W. SACRAMENTO
	2013 - Proposed	
	(DISTRICT)	
JAN 19-20	WINTER ASSEMBLY (D19)	YUBA CITY
JAN 25-27	NCCAA	FRESNO
FEB 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
MAR 1-3	PRAASA	BOISE, ID
MAR	NCCAA	FRESNO
MAR 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
APR 13-14	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 17	BTG—BRIDGING THE GAP (D56)	SACRAMENTO
SUMMER/FALL	BTG—BRIDGING THE GAP (D56)	SACRAMENTO
SEP 21	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
OCT 19	AREA COMMITTEE ?	W. SACRAMENTO
NOV 15-17	ELECTION ASSEMBLY ? (D15)	CHICO
DEC 21	AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO

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