

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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

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A reminder for 7th Tradition contributions to CNIA:

Don't forget to include your group's name, GSO ID and to sign the check!

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AREA CHAIR'S REPORT March 2015

Many thanks to Kelley for sharing his experience at the General Service Board Weekend and sharing the 65th General Service Conference (GSC) Agenda Items and background material. Just as a reminder that the background material be kept confidential since it contains full names of our members.

We will have many discussion topics under Old/New Business, which include 1) Area funding for District Committee Member's (DCM's) to attend Area Committee Meetings (ACM's), 2) Anonymity concerns with ACCENTS/Acentos, 3) Bridging the Gap discussion, and 4) Discussing changing the Winter and Post Conference Assemblies from two day events to a single day event. In addition to these discussions, I am also hoping to squeeze in time for sharing about the 2015 PRAASA in Utah.

I feel a momentum of energy as we prepare to send an informed Delegate to the 65th GSC. I am blessed to have the love and support of such wonderful members in this awesome fellowship.

Yours in Love and Service,
Mike K.
Area Chairperson
CNIA 07, Panel 64

Upcoming General Service Conference Agenda Item Workshops

Sunday, March 22 - District 37
Tracy Fellowship, 2531 Holly Drive, Tracy 12-3:30 pm
Wednesday, March 25 - District 9
St. Barnabas Church, 700 Lassen Ln., Mt. Shasta 6-9 pm
Sunday, March 29 - Fresno
Spanish Interdistrict Meeting 1-3 pm

Please check with your District Committee Member or check the calendar on cnia.org for more information.

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.

The Area Committee Meeting of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the East Yolo Fellowship, West Sacramento, CA from 10:06am-4:05pm on February 21, 2015. Area Chair, Mike K, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Shirley, D21, the 12 Concepts were read by Tyler, SANJYPAA, and the GSR Preamble was read by Cindy, D09.

Introductions

New attendees: Shirley, GSR, D21; Lisa, visitor; Gary, Alt-DCM, D22; Doug, GSR, D33; Keith S, Alt-DCM, D41; Tyler, GSR Liaison, SANJYPAA; Cindy, GSR, D09; Antonio, visitor; Jason, GSR, D33; Phillip C, Acting DCM, D23.

Mike introduced Past Delegates: Woody R – Panel 50, Marianne H – Panel 56, Melody T – Panel 60, Lela M – Panel 62

Announcements

Sutter Buttes Roundup is May 1-3.

Michael J has been appointed Area Verbal Translation Chair.

Assembly Reports

Winter Assembly – January 17-18, 2015 – Jason, D33 – 179 registrations, 151 dinners. We re-paid Area \$1,200. We gave \$1,944.30 to Area.

Pre-Conference Assembly – April 11-12, 2015 – Hurley T, D43 – We met with Chair Jeff. Online registration is flawless. Jeff wants to schedule a site tour. We'll meet again on March 1.

Post-Conference Assembly – May 16-17, 2015 – Judy B, D29 – Sacramento Districts are meeting at lunch. We're looking for back to basics housing. Website is on the registration form.

Consideration of the Minutes

Minutes approved.

Liaison Reports

H&I – Will R, Liaison – H&I's business meeting was February 8. Pink Pamphlet revisions were discussed. We'll move forward on them and elect a new General Chairperson in June.

SACYPAA – Franchesca A, GSR – ACYPAA's annual conference is next weekend in San Jose. The February 4th Saturday meeting will not have an event. We're bidding on ACYPAA. Our proposed date is February 24, 2016. (The Area Committee votes to write a letter of support.)

SANJYPAA – Tyler, GSR Liaison – We've finalized our bid package for ACYPAA. We'll have election on March 15. If we get ACYPAA, we'll need support.

MCVYPAA – Michael J – We'd like a letter of support for our ACYPAA bid. I think the date may be the beginning of April, before Pre-Conference. (The Area Committee votes to write a letter of support.)

CNSN – Rick K, Chair – we want to be a clearinghouse for Special Needs. Our website is cnsn.info and our email is cnsnaa@yahoo.com. Please contact us to sign up. Contributions can be sent to PO Box 853 Carmichael 95609.

District Reports

D09 – Lance V, DCM – D09 met in Yreka with 18 attending. We like our new space in Fairchild Hospital. A Redding Intergroup representative discussed the issues we're having with the Redding office. The upcoming D09 Pre-Conference workshop was discussed. We look forward to Kelley visiting on March 25 in Mt. Shasta to discuss agenda items. Please join us. We're doing well financially with rent paid and a small prudent reserve. I'm funded to PRAASA.

D11 – Maureen R, DCM – 17 GSRs attended on January 25. D11 is good financially. We're looking forward to 2016's Winter Assembly in Red Bluff or Redding. Our PI/CPC committee continues to study the Workbooks. We had some BTG contacts.

D15 – Brooke D, DCM – D15's January meeting was January 26 with 15 attending. We formed an ad-hoc committee to outreach meetings that aren't participating in General Service. Miles B, Chico Central GSR, is chair. Six D15 people will attend PRAASA next month including two GSRs. D15's Mock Conference is on February 28 in Chico (not Paradise). Delegate Kelley M and other Area Officers, Appointed Chairs and Past Delegates, including Woody R and Marianne H, will attend. It begins at 10am with an overview. Then we'll break into "Conference Committees" to discuss agenda items. Then we'll reconvene for Committees to report the conclusions from their discussion to everyone. It will run from 10am-3pm in Chico and includes a potluck lunch. Flyers are available at www.cnia.org and www.aabutte-glenn.org. We've announced the need for volunteers at the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite in Atlanta.

D17 – Paul K, DCM – We met on February 16 with 18 present. We filled all Officer and Committee Chair positions. Several GSRs and I will attend PRAASA. We look forward to the Agenda Item workshop on March 14 in Citrus Heights.

D19 – Terry D, DCM – D19 met on February 7. We discussed Winter Assembly. DCM and Alt-DCM are funded to PRAASA. A D19 website was accepted. D19 is hosting an open meeting on guidelines for safety issues on March 28 from 1pm-3pm. We hope for a big turnout.

D20 – Justin P, DCM – 8 GSRs attended January's meeting. BTG is doing well with 11 new blue cards. We're trying to activate more meeting in D20. A new person stood up to make the schedules. I'm going to PRAASA. All officers are doing a budget breakdown. We're getting a head start on Unity Day.

D21 – Betsy L, DCM – 25 GSRs attended our last meeting. We've committed to an inventory but the agenda items upstage it. We have a van to PRAASA and can fit more. Our multi-District agenda item workshop is March 14 at Ascension Church in Citrus Heights. Our PI/CPC committee is making presentations at DUI classes. Auburn Fellowship is planning a June 20 Unity Day. Our goal is to reach all dark groups.

D22 – Cindy A, DCM – D22 held its first Concepts meeting at 6:15pm on February 11. We have a volunteer to host next month. Our District meeting was held after with 15 attending. Two groups are planning inventories.

We have several open positions. Gary M is our new Alt-DCM. We talked about the agenda items and the GSC. High Flyers in Cameron Park made arrangements to host an agenda workshop. We'll post details on westernslope22.org.

D23 – Phillip C, Acting DCM – 7 GSRs attended on January 26. We don't have the funds to send the DCM to all events. I hope to generate more income by contacting more groups to participate. I will attend the Assemblies but not PRAASA. I went to two inactive groups. D24 – John B, DCM – We meet on 2nd Wednesday at 6pm. Our meeting lasts 1-1&1/2 hours. 10 to 13 or more people attend. We're financially good. Group contributions have slowed recently and we're encouraging groups to send what they can. We take in Tradition 7 of \$8-15 per meeting. We voted to fund the DCM and Alt-DCM to PRAASA. We've had some GSR turnover.

D25 – Tim K, DCM – We meet on 2nd Wednesday. We discussed Post-Conference Assembly. Babes in Recovery is celebrating 4th Anniversary this month. We had three new GSRs join. One of them became interim Recording Secretary. We got one group its group number.

D27 – Rick K, DCM – We discussed getting group consciences for agenda items. It worked well. I facilitated an inventory for Sharing and Caring. We're working on an agenda item workshop in Citrus Heights. I thank participating Districts.

D29 – Judy B, DCM – We meet on the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Rio Linda Fellowship is doing an inventory. Tahoe Park Group has a Grapevine meeting on the third Monday. I attended the PI/CPC Sharing Session on 1/25/15. Ken, past Coastal Delegate, shared. I look forward to attending the agenda item workshop in Chico on February 28. Thank you Nancy for giving a GSR school.

D30 – Laurese M, DCM – 18 people attended our February 14 D30 meeting! We read and discussed Concept 12 and Warranty 3. Our PI/CPC committee is active. The H&I Committee responded to a request for meetings at a veteran's facility in Jackson. We have a new BTG Chair going into Changing Echoes. We look forward to welcoming an Area trusted servant to present agenda items on March 14. Thanks to Area folks for support!

D33 – Gordon N, DCM – Our 4th Monday workshop was January 26. Winter Assembly was critiqued. I thank Nancy M for her help and guidance. The regular D33 meeting was on February 9. 20 people attended. We discussed GSC topics. Our workshop with Kelley is on February 23.

D34 – Jenny M, DCM – D34 meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm. Chau-Marie G reported on the 9th Tradition and 9th Concept. MCVYPAA (Mid Central Valley Young People in AA) asked D34 for a letter of support for their ACYPAA bid. D34 voted unanimously in favor. I invited all GSRs to my house on February 24 to receive background information and for a mini-workshop. Details for all events are on cviaa.org under Special Events.

D36 – Gary M, DCM – D36 met on December 21 with 9 people attending. PI/CPC has suspended

March 2015 Area Committee Meeting (ACM) Agenda

10:00am - Call to Order

Serenity Prayer

Readings

12 Traditions

12 Concepts

General Service Representative
(GSR) Preamble

Introductions

Announcements

Assembly reports

Consideration of Feb. 2015 Minutes

Liaison Reports

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

Central Offices

Young People in Alcoholics

Anonymous (YPAA)

Special Needs (CNSN)

7th Tradition

10:45 am - District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

Noon - Lunch

1:00pm - Appointed Chair Reports

Officer reports

1:45pm - Delegate's Report

2:30pm - Old/New Business

Support DCM Travel to ACM

Anonymous Accents/Acentos

BTG Discussion Topics

One Day Assemblies

3:40pm - What's on your Mind

4:00pm - Close

I am Responsible.

*When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want the
hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.*

GSR'S and Conference Agenda Items: What Next? Kelley M.

The 2015 General Service Conference (GSC) Agenda Items and background information is now available for General Service Representatives (GSR) to discuss with their Home Groups. At our Pre-Conference Assembly on April 11 in Selma, we encourage every GSR to come to the microphone and share their group conscience on Agenda Items with the California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) Delegate. This spiritual experience is the foundation of our Area's Conference process.

As GSR, you are the link in the chain of communication between your Group and the General Service Conference which operates all year round. Why do we need a Conference? See S20 in the A.A. Service Manual for a superb answer. The short answer is so we can better help the alcoholic who is still suffering.

The General Service Conference Annual Meeting will be held April 19-25 in New York. Our theme is "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service--The Foundation for Our Future." As your CNIA Delegate, I will represent our Area at the Conference and need your help to send me to New York as a well informed Delegate for our Area.

We will be holding many Pre-Conference Workshops throughout our Area to help you better understand how you can go about choosing which Items you may wish to discuss with your Home Group and what format you should use to discuss the Agenda Items so you can get the group's conscience. See the Workshop schedule in the Accents or online.

The Confidential Agenda and Background information, available from your District Committee Member (DCM), gives a detailed explanation of each Item. Remember this information is Confidential (full names of members are used) and for A.A. Members only. Please do not allow anyone to post this on bulletin boards or place on websites or social media. Please help us protect the anonymity and confidentiality of our members.

When looking at the GSC Agenda Items decide what your group has a passion for; Grapevine or La Vina magazine? Public Information? Literature? Finance? Corrections? There is a Literature Committee item resulting from a request made from CNIA which originated with a Group and District requesting our Area's support. This is a great example of how the Conference process works.

How do groups participate in the Agenda process? Many groups hold a GSC Agenda Items meeting separate from their regularly scheduled recovery and business meetings to discuss the Agenda Items. Some groups have a pizza party or go to a coffee shop after the meeting to discuss the items. Other GSR's make the entire list of Agenda Items available to the group and ask members to share their opinions or take a survey.

Each group is autonomous, so any way that you and your group decide to participate is the right way for you.

If your group has never done this before, ask for suggestions from your DCM or someone who attended PRAASA or a Pre-Conference Workshop. You might consider only discussing two or three Items at first while providing the entire list to anyone interested. By focusing the discussion on a couple of Items you can get your Home Group members involved.

Don't worry about having a consensus among your group. Please take notes on majority and minority opinions, and then attend the Pre-Conference Assembly and share them with me. Please let me know WHY your home group members feel a certain way about the Items not just a score card of who's for it and who's against. I'm looking for your group's conscience, opinions, ideas and experience on these Agenda Items.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask for help! Do you have a Service Sponsor? Ask your DCM and read about Service Sponsorship in the pamphlet on Sponsorship found online at aa.org.

Please don't hesitate to email, text or call me with your questions or input. My email is delegate@cnia.org

Most importantly, have fun and enjoy the process. There are amazing opportunities for growth on this spiritual journey we are on together. Thank you for your Service!

involvement with Atwater Fall Festival as they are charging for booths. They're still going to other events. H&I – USP Atwater has been locked down from January on. We will meet with the new warden once they get off lockdown. Archives is good. Most fellowships are experiencing an attendance fluctuation but are solvent with a prudent reserve.

D37 – Jeff P, DCM – D37 met on 3rd Wednesday with over 17 attending. We chose seven agenda items to discuss at our workshop at Tracy Fellowship on March 22. I will moderate a panel at PRAASA. Rainbow Fellowship asked me to facilitate a group inventory. D40 – Carrie J, DCM – We met on February 8 in Oakhurst. I shared Area Committee members contact information with local event planners. I shared preliminary agenda items and how to review them. I stressed attending the Pre-Conference Assembly. We'll study the Concepts this year. Our Unity Day will be September 13 at 12pm. Grapevine position got filled. Our D40 website added some links to material in Spanish. My goal is to attend every group's business meeting.

D41 – Dave D, DCM – D41 met on February 11 at 7pm. 7 people attended. We discussed Concept 2. Old Business: District budget was approved. We approved distributing \$200 to GSO and \$300 to Area. We donated \$50 for D43 Unity Day registrations. Eddie A joined the BTG committee. New Business: D41 will host a Pre-Conference workshop at St. Columbus Church on March 28 from 11am-2pm with lunch served. Fresno Central Office has moved to 755 Gateway Drive. Website is fresnoaa.org.

D42 – Tommy R, DCM – D42 met on February 9. Central Office is moving to new location by airport. Picnic on Sunday May 3 at Kearney Park. We discussed adding D42 minutes to Fresno's website and declined due to anonymity concerns. Karen W is new BTG Chairperson and presented on BTG and asked for District representative. Bill L volunteered. We discussed nearby Area workshops regarding GSC.

D43 – Hurley T, DCM – D43 met on February 8 with 11 attending. We read Concept 2. Karen W, Intergroup BTG Coordinator, presented. We had enthusiastic feedback on our February 7 Unity Day. It was well attended with great participation from other Districts and Area Officers. Vicki L, Area Alt-Delegate, led a PI/CPC Sharing Session including Brouck H, National AA Technology Workshop Chairperson. Nancy M, Jon C and Woody R also attended. We are planning another Unity Day in October. Our website is working well. There should be five D43 people at PRAASA in Utah. D47 – John H, DCM – D47 will host a Pre-Conference with Kelley on March 1 from 11am-2pm with lunch served. On June 13 will be the PI/CPC workshop for professionals in Tulare with lunch provided. Flyers coming and on CNIA's website. We are providing a case of As Bills Sees It in Spanish to Arenal.

D53 – Rogelio R, DCM – We meet every Friday. We continue to visit groups with GSRs and without GSRs. We're taking information to them from the District. We have active PI, BTG, CPC, Foro, Anniversary, Special Needs, AA movie and Election Assembly committees. Our Anniversary is on June 21. The AA movies are AA-

related and approved.

D54 – Luz Maria G, DCM – Everyone is invited to the District's 19th Anniversary on February 22. It's at Volver a Nacer at 4601 Franklin Blvd from 10am-4:30pm. Six GSRs will talk about a Tradition. Francisco and Mike K will talk about service and the six Warranties. D54 is the host of the 14th Foro on December 13 at Holy Family Hall in Citrus Heights. Our goal is for each group to have a GSR or contact person. I will attend the multi-lingual intergroup meeting on March 29. We hope to have better contact between multi-lingual groups. D55 – Jesús R, DCM – We have eight GSRs and have four meetings a month. We continue to visit groups. We were present in Modesto on January 4 for the Interdistrict meeting. Thanks to Vikki for presenting on Public Information. All four Districts will meet on March 29.

D56 – Francisco J, DCM – We have 10 GSRs and registration information for two more. I'm working with the Grapevine committee for the anniversary. We're inviting other Districts to participate. The Regional Committee for the Grapevine from Area 06 was there. We want people to participate. It's \$15 for registration - \$12 for subscription and \$3 for the event. We will have a liaison for Area 06. We're motivating everyone to attend Pre-Conference in Selma. We will support D54 for the Foro.

Appointed Chair Reports

Accents – Jenn D – We mailed 250 Accents and 65 Acentos. We emailed 867 Accents and 30 Acentos. The printer saved us \$100 this month. I accidentally posted the April 2014 Acentos with full contact information. I found other Accents and Acentos with last names. All website versions should now be anonymous. I'm looking forward to the Mock Conference. I'm grateful to all for funding all Appointed Chairs to PRAASA. My Sunday night group thanks you for supporting the mental health agenda item.

BTG – Ken M – Thanks for letting me be of service; I've had great pleasure in hearing when someone makes contact. I never got ahold of the deaf person coming to Sacramento. I thank all District BTG Chairs and welcome the new ones. Our BTG meetings are planned for before some ACMs and at Assemblies. I emailed everyone two weeks ago about having our committee meeting here. Five of us met today. I distributed three new BTG workbooks at Winter Assembly and sent one to Karen W in Fresno. I talked with Lela about the BTG pamphlets and blue and white cards. I prefer the GSO pamphlets because they say the volunteer is a "temporary contact" while the blue and white cards don't. I feel the GSO pamphlets give a better description of BTG. I will put mailing addresses on them but I propose putting an email address on them as I have heard it helps reach the contacts. Our Area has no form to explain BTG to a new volunteer or to put their information on. I have topics for Area discussion: A) add e-mail line to form inmate uses B) appoint a BTG Correspondence Secretary C) discuss BTG pamphlet from GSO D) if keeping blue/white cards, get stamps for other District BTG Chairs. I received and sent out 27 contact requests. Three contacts have a future release date. Three had

wrong contact information. 13 contacts made it to a meeting. Five are unknown.

E-Services – Brooke D – Each District has an email at dcmdistrict###@cnia.org. Please ask me for assistance with setup if needed. I have worked on teleconferencing the ACM and may have a solution. I'll test today. Hopefully we can attempt to have someone attend virtually in March. I have concerns about electronic anonymity and privacy breaches. Our monthly Accents/Acentos has an anonymous and non-anonymous version with full contact information. The non-anonymous version is emailed to about 900 people. Unfortunately, people have uploaded this version to websites thereby breaking anonymity. I'm certain these were oversights, but we need to do our best to prevent further breaches. I have asked for this to be a discussion topic. For anyone who receives the Accents by email, can't they email the trusted servants? I don't see a need for full names and addresses. We can't realistically expect all recipients to understand this problem. It's our responsibility to protect the anonymity of trusted servants. I am cleaning up the website of any personal identifiers and will pass on a clean website to the next E-Services Chairperson. Digital anonymity will be on our agenda for awhile. I hope we can stay in front and be an example for other Areas. Flyers for the next two Assemblies are on cnia.org in English and Spanish. All Pre-Conference workshops are on cnia.org. Finance – Jenny M – We reviewed our Prudent Reserve. No expenses in its definition have changed. The Prudent Reserve remains at \$7,600. Kelley shared a letter from GSO regarding the Conference fee of \$1,600. CNIA sent \$2,500 per spending plan. Kelley forwarded a request from Area 51 for ways Areas handle funding DCMs to ACMs and Assemblies. We shared ways from our Area.

Grapevine/La Viña – Steve C – The March issue of Grapevine is "I Found God on Madison Avenue." The Help Carry the Message of AA contest is a state, province and territory wide challenge to increase Grapevine subscriptions in 2015. The prize is a special section in a 2016 issue with stories from the state with the greatest percentage growth in subscriptions. The Grapevine Quote of the Day is available at aagrapevine.org.

Literature – Mary O – It's been a quiet month. I'll see you all at PRAASA. If you want any literature, please email me at literature@cnia.org and I'll have it at the next assembly.

Written Translation – Celia B – I thank the translation team. Tully is a new translator. I met her at Winter Assembly. We're going to translate some of the background information. Five translators said they were willing to help. We're going to choose one to three items and translate that. The Arizona Area might be translating too. I'm going to PRAASA and will moderate the La Viña roundtable.

Verbal Translation – Michael J – Please inform your Districts of the need.

Officer Reports

Registrar – Matthew L – If you have any group changes, new GSR or new District officers, please submit

changes to me. I'm looking forward to the agenda topics workshop in D09. I look forward to going to PRAASA.

Secretary – Jon C – I sent the December Area Planning Meeting minutes to Accents and Translation on January 21. I will submit a hard and soft copy of the 2014 minutes to Archives soon. I will attend three agenda item workshops. Thank you to Mike for asking me to write an article on PRAASA for the Accents. I look forward to attending PRAASA.

Treasurer – Tom A – Thank you for trying to communicate with group treasurers to better identify their group contributions. Contributions have started well – thank you! We paid our Sales Taxes for 2014 on January 31. I've contacted our CPA to get started on three more filings due by May 15. I contacted our insurance provider for renewal requirements. The policy will likely be the same. I look forward to attending some of the Pre-Conference workshops.

Alternate Chair – Nancy M – I'm very excited about the many agenda item workshops. There was a BTG workshop in D25 and two PI/CPC Sharing Sessions. I checked out the facilities for Pre-Conference and Election. Post-Conference will have schools in lieu of Roundtables. Please tell your GSRs to invite their Treasurers, Recording Secretaries, etc. Entrance will be free after 8pm. It will be two 30-minute sessions. Thank you for allowing me to attend PRAASA.

Chair – Mike K – I facilitated a group inventory. I attended a 14th Foro planning meeting and the Officer's meeting last Sunday. I appointed Michael J as Verbal Translation Chair. Thank you to linguistic Districts for helping with translation. I will attend PRAASA where I will facilitate the roundtable for Chairs/Alternate Chairs. Alternate Delegate – Vikki L – It's exciting to participate in PI/CPC which is becoming better known in the Fellowship. Ken M, CNCA Past Delegate, was our guest speaker at a sharing session on January 25 in Sacramento. On February 7, we had our first sharing session in Fresno with Brouck H, Chairperson of the National AA Technology Workshop, as speaker. I'm working on other sharing sessions in June. My attention for the next few months will be our Delegate and the agenda items. I will participate in some of the upcoming workshops. I am going to PRAASA. Trustees and staff presented to the American Parole and Probation Association Convention. A Class A Trustee will speak to the American Academy of Physician Assistants in May. Graphics in a CPC PowerPoint presentation will be updated. Work is progressing on a documentary style corrections video. A Corrections Correspondence Service for Canada is being developed.

Delegate's Report – Kelley M

From January 28-February 2, I had the pleasure of attending the General Service Board (GSB) Weekend in New York as Trustees Committee Chairperson. On Friday we went to the General Service Office (GSO) for Chairs Orientation with the GSB Chair, Terry Bedient and General Manager (GM) Phyllis H. of GSO. A new GSB policy allows Conference Committee Chairs to participate with trustee committees during the Board Weekend. In addition to my corresponding

Trustees committee, I also attended the Trustees Committee on Conference, Literature, Archives, Public Information and Finance.

I sent Joel C's trustee report to the Area Committee. Here are some highlights.

AA World Services (AAWS) – GSO welcomed 1,924 visitors in 2014. Total gross sales were over \$17 million, \$2 million over budget. 1,140,000 print copies of the Big Book were distributed in 2014 plus 20,000 in ebook format. Next ebooks are Pass It On, Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers, and Experience, Strength and Hope. AA Grapevine (AAGV) – GV circulation was 74,000. La Viña (LV) circulation was 10,379. GV gross profit was \$1,529,000, \$146,000 ahead of budget. GV net profit was \$325,827. LV gross profit was \$59,447. LV expenses exceeded revenues by \$132,026, less than budgeted.

Joel said communicating with the Fellowship on finances can be challenging. He thinks we can emphasize how Seventh Tradition dollars support services. Financially, AA is lean and prudent. Profit margins are slim. Where expenses exceed revenues it's worth it because the money is for carrying the AA message.

Literature: There is anecdotal evidence to suggest Box 459 is not reaching the groups. Please let GSRs know they should share it with their groups. It's the primary way GSO communicates with the groups. Nominating – two new Class A trustees forwarded are Leslie Backus and Peter Luongo. The Nominating Committee interviewed six potential Class A's.

Spring Box 459 is out with a cover story on the 2015 International Convention. The article talks about anonymity (not taking photos or videos during meetings). Three announcements: opening for GM of GSO, opening on GSO Staff, opening for Appointed Committee Member on trustees' Literature Committee. See Box 459 for qualifications.

I wrote "GSRs and Conference Agenda Items – What Next?" for March's Accents. I think it's a good summary of how to navigate the agenda item process. We have 10 Pre-Conference workshops scheduled.

Thank you to the Districts; your interest reflects back at Pre-Conference Assembly. Sharing group consciences happens at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Workshops are informational. All workshops are on the website. Conference Background Material: It's confidential. The internet and websites are public. I encourage you to make it available to your GSRs. Please make it clear how it should be used. I look forward to input on any agenda item; no item is off topic.

Thank you for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous!

New Business

Funding DCMs to ACMs

The Ad Hoc Committee on Enhancing District Participation was presented with idea of partially funding DCMs to ACMs somehow. The ad hoc committee was split on whether we should discuss it but after talking to the Finance Committee and Area Officers, the consensus was for the entire Area Committee to review. This is similar to the rotating ACM idea that started in ACM and moved to a smaller committee when necessary. The questions are whether this is a

good idea and, if so, how to do it. // Sponsorships to Assemblies exist in our District. Participation should be inclusive. // It's \$2,000/year for my travel to ACM. I want future DCMs to be able to come. // We should look at supporting outlying Districts. How would Sacramento Districts respond? I think it would have to go to Assembly. // I think this speaks to the value of doing a teleconferenced ACM. // I missed some ACMs and missed a lot. I walk in and am happy to see all of you. Money shouldn't be why people can't participate. // We could reimburse DCMs that can't be financed by their District. We would need to know volume of people. // We could set aside an annual dollar amount to tap into. People would self-select based on need.

Accents

The non-anonymous Accents get posted to websites and breaks anonymity. AA and the internet are not natural companions. I think we should stop emailing the non-anonymous Accents. The AA Guidelines on the Internet say anyone can get a free email address and access at the library. // We could have a single anonymous version and confidential list of names/numbers/addresses available. // I found last names and information on old Accents and on the website. The number of Accents we email (approximately 900) makes it hard to control. Just because we can do something, doesn't mean it's the best way to do it. Do we ever need our full names in anything? // I think taking our names off and making it anonymous is best. Who uses postal mail? // A sponsee doesn't have a computer so I'm swayed by those still getting paper. For emailed version, those people have an email address and can contact trusted servants via email. // The full names were not just on the back page. I think it should be completely anonymous. // "Anonymous" for last page means just the commitment and the cnia.org email. // Chair Mike K: DCMs, please bring this to your Districts and discuss. Do they want to receive the non-anonymous version via email? Do they want to receive it via postal mail? // Let's look at past discussions in the minutes.

People Recording the ACM

Should people be allowed to record the ACM for personal use? // I wanted to do this to get Kelley's full report. I can erase now and will erase after I'm done with it. // I'm uncomfortable and it's against CA law to record someone without their consent. // This came up in Panel 60 and the ACM didn't want it recorded due to privacy. // I record my District meeting and I announce that the recording is being made unless someone objects. // Everyone speaks too fast. // We've always recorded ACMs for historical reasons. The minutes can help relay information to GSRs. // The ACM is recorded every month by the Secretary. From now on, Jon C will announce it is being done unless someone objects. // It's been suggested to me that trusted servants make the shortest report possible. // Chair Mike K: We will discuss this further.

Chair Mike K adjourned the ACM @ 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Yours in Love and Service,
Jon C, Secretary

CNIA Condensed Revenue and Expense - Year-to-date 2015

January 1 through February 28, 2015

	Jan 1 – Feb 28, 15	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · Contributed support			
4010 · Group Contributions	7,512.40	43,000.00	17.47%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	423.77	2,000.00	21.19%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 4 · Contributed support	7,936.17	45,100.00	17.6%
5 · Earned revenues			
5110 · Literature Sales	431.00	2,000.00	21.55%
5140 · Grapevine Sales	602.22	3,000.00	20.07%
Total 5160 · Assembly Income	3,144.39	10,000.00	31.44%
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.13	2.00	6.5%
Total 5 · Earned revenues	4,177.74	15,002.00	27.85%
Total Income	12,113.91	60,102.00	20.16%
Expense			
7600 · Officers Expenses			
Total 7620 · Delegate	789.23	4,778.00	16.52%
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	317.12	2,026.00	15.65%
Total 7660 · Chairman	189.89	1,624.00	11.69%
Total 7680 · Alt. Chairman	403.62	1,475.00	27.36%
Total 7700 · Secretary	120.29	1,151.00	10.45%
Total 7720 · Treasurer	1,056.29	3,068.00	34.43%
Total 7740 · Registrar	293.50	1,757.00	16.71%
Total 7600 · Officers Expenses	3,169.94	15,879.00	19.96%
7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses			
Total 7820 · Literature Chairman	170.95	1,242.00	13.76%
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	424.42	1,585.00	26.78%
Total 7860 · Bridging The Gap	433.35	2,325.00	18.64%
Total 7880 · Accents Chairman	261.62	1,318.00	19.85%
Total 7900 · Archives Chairman	82.29	1,638.00	5.02%
Total 7940 · Translation Committee	335.92	2,150.00	15.62%
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	497.28	500.00	99.46%
Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	2,205.83	10,758.00	20.5%
Total 8000 · Assemblies	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	2,309.46	14,600.00	15.82%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	1,250.00	4,200.00	29.76%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	2,500.00	4,750.00	52.63%
Total 8600 · Taxes & Fees	254.00	413.00	61.5%
Total Expense	11,689.23	60,600.00	19.29%
Net Ordinary Income	424.68	-498.00	-85.28%
Net Income	424.68	-498.00	-85.28%

Area Checking Account Balance – 02/28/15 \$ 7,028.40
Area Prudent Reserve Account – 02/28/15 \$ 7,601.29

CNIA 2015 Pre-Conference Assembly

Hosted by District 43



Email questions to preconf@fresnoaa.org

April 11 & 12

Selma High School Dining Hall

3125 Wright St. Selma, CA. 93662

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015 Registration 10:00am; Assembly 12 Noon

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015 Registration 8:30am; Assembly 9:00am

Name _____ Name On Badge: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

District _____ Group _____ Service Position _____

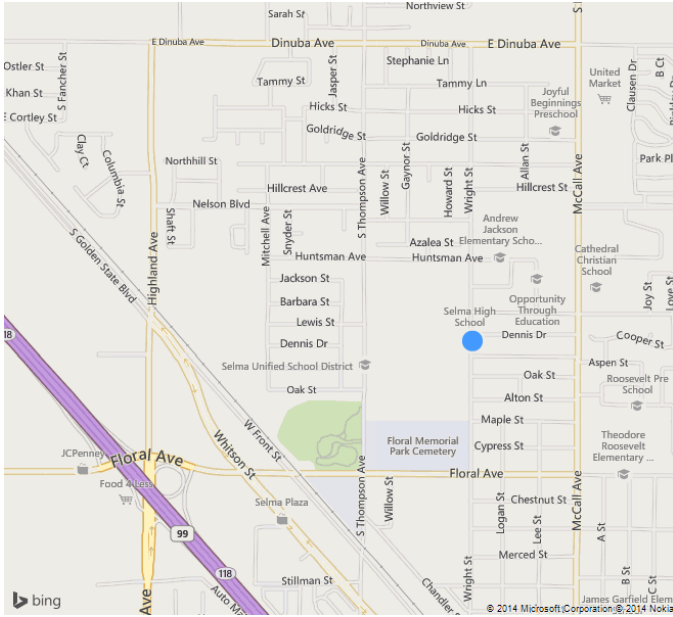
Registration \$ 11.00 ___ Coffee \$ 3.00 ___ Dinner \$11.00 ___ Total _____

Pork _____ Vegetarian _____

Online Registration at www.district43area7.org (Prereg prior to March 31, 2015)

Mail to : District 43 P.O. Box 4666 Fresno, CA 93744

**Selma High School, 3125 Wright St, Selma, CA
93662**



To Selma from the North: take CA-99 south (Bakersfield/Los Angeles) to exit #118/CA-43 S/Hanford/Corcoran toward Floral Avenue (0.4 mi). Turn left onto Floral Ave (0.9 mi). Turn left onto Wright St (0.3 mi). Your destination on Wright St is on the left

To Selma from the South: Take CA-99 north. Take exit #118/Floral Ave/Highland Ave (0.3 mi). Turn right onto Floral Ave (0.6 mi). Turn left onto Wright St (0.3 mi). Your destination on Wright St is on the left.

ROOMS AVAILABLE AT:

Super 8 Selma (Rated 6.7)

1-888-263-4415

3142 South Highland Avenue, Selma, CA 93662

Best Western Colonial Inn (Rated 6.7) \$79.00

1-559-891-0300 (Ask for CNIA Rate)

2799 Floral Avenue, Selma, CA 93662

Motel 6 Kingsburg (Rated 7.2)

(559) 897-1022

401 Sierra Street, Kingsburg, CA 93631

(4.5 miles from Selma)

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Selma

Kingsburg Rated 8.4

216 Ventura Court, Kingsburg, CA 93631

(4.3 miles from Selma)

Holiday Inn Selma-Swancourt

1-888-263-4415

2950 PEA SOUP ANDERSEN BLVD, Selma, CA 93662

La Quinta Inn & Suites Fowler \$79.00

1-559-834-6300 (Ask for CNIA Rate)

190 N. 10th Street, Fowler, CA 93625

Americas Best Value Inn/Kingsburg

1-888-263-4415

10.7 miles from Selma in Kingsburg, CA

Starting Rate: \$59.00

Back to Basics Housing

Available

POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2015



CNIA AREA 07

May 16th & 17th, 2015
Host Districts: 23, 24, 25, 27, 29

Mack Powell Event Center
2003 Howe Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 437-1209

Saturday, May 16th, 2014 from Noon to 9:00 p.m. Registration @ the door 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 17th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Registration @ the door 8:00 a.m.

Directions to the Assembly: Traveling East or West on Highway 50—Exit Howe Ave. Continue North on Howe Ave. Then turn left into 2003 Howe Ave.

Traveling East on I-80—Business 80 Exit to Arden Way East. Continue east on Arden. Turn left (north) on Howe Ave. Then turn left into 2003 Howe Ave.

Traveling West on I-80—Business 80 Exit to Arden Way, continue left (east) on Arden Way. Turn left (north) on Howe Ave. Then turn left into 2003 Howe Ave.

For more information or for information about Back-to-Basics Housing, contact:
postconferenceassembly@cnia.org

To register online, go to <http://area07postconf.EventBrite.com>

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM—Please detach form and mail along with your check to:

District 24, 2256 Markham Way, Sacramento, CA 95818
Please make checks payable to: District 24, notated "2015 Post-Conference"

Name: _____ Phone: _____ District/Area: _____

Badge Name: _____ Title: _____ Panel # _____ (or check one below)

GSR____, Alt.GSR____, DCM____, Alt.DCM____, AA Member____, Other _____

Registration \$16.00 \$ _____ **Pre-registration helps guarantee meal orders.**

Bottomless Coffee \$ 3.00 \$ _____ Entree choice (check one): Roasted Chicken _____

Dinner (Saturday) \$15.00 \$ _____ King Salmon _____ Spring Veggie Cassoulet _____

Total \$ _____ **Pre-registration ends May 1st, 2015**

When reserving rooms, use the code: CNIA

Hotels:

Residence Inn/Cal Expo: 1530 Howe Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 920- 9111.
\$109.00 for Studio and \$119.00 Studio DBL. (Has free high speed internet,
kitchen/kitchenette and an extra couch if you choose to add another person. Hotel offers
free breakfast.)

Sacramento Inn: 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. (916) 922-8041.
Rate: \$89.00 (Includes breakfast.)

Quality Inn and Suites: 1413 Howe Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 922- 9833.
Single or double: \$72.99 (Hotel provides internet and breakfast.)

Reservations to be made by 4/15/2015.

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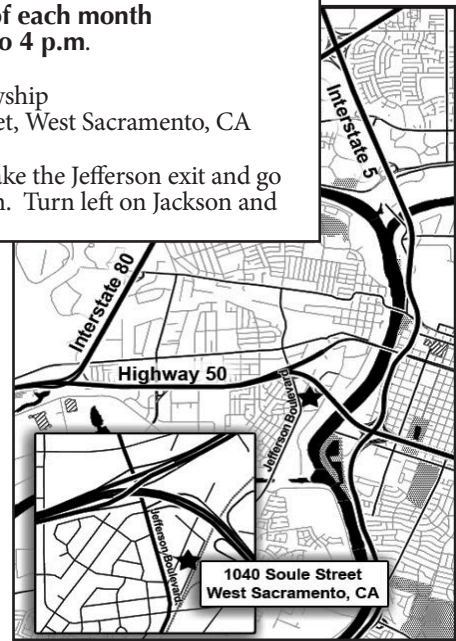
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Grapevine Chair	grapevine@cnia.org
Translation Committee	translation@cnia.org
Eservices Committee Chair	eservices@cnia.org
Pacific Regional Trustee	joel@joncast.com

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 ARCHIVES CENTER

1807 Navy Drive (at Fresno Ave) Suite #11 Stockton, CA 95555
(ROGERS Construction, Inc Near Port of Stockton)
Second Floor Rear

From Fresno (and other points south): North on 99, West on 120, North on I-5, Exit at W Charter Way - turn left at bottom of ramp. Keep to right and after about 100 ft make a right on to Navy Drive.

From Sacramento (and other points north): South on I-5, Exit at Fresno Ave - turn right at bottom of ramp. Keep to right and after about 100 ft make a right on to Navy Drive.

From both directions Continue on Navy Dr until just past Fresno Av. The Archives is located in the building on the NW corner of the inter-section of Navy and Fresno. The entrance is at the far end of the building, up the stairs.

**CNIA Archives Will Be Open the 1st Saturday
Noon to 5 pm**



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 6200 Rustic Hills Drive
 Rocklin, CA 95677
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California Northern Interior Area

Calendar 2015-2016

2015 (District)

Jan 17-18	Winter Assembly (D33)	Sonora
Feb 21	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Mar 6-8	PRAASA	Layton, UT
Mar 13-15	NCCAA	Foster City
Mar 21	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Apr 11-12	Pre-Conference Assembly (D43)	Selma
Apr 19-25	General Service Conference	New York, NY
May 16-17	Post Conference Assembly (D29)	Sacramento
Jun 5-7	NCCAA	Auburn
Jun 20	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Jul 2-5	80h International Convention	Atlanta, Ga
July 18	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Aug 15	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Sep 19	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Oct 17	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Oct 30-Nov 1	NCCAA	Fresno
Nov 20-22	Election Assembly (D53)	Fresno
Dec 19	Area Planning Meeting	W. Sacramento

**2016 (District)
 PROPOSED**

Jan 16-17	Winter Assembly (D11)	Red Bluff
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)	Maniposa
Apr 17-23	General Service Conference	New York, NY
May 21-22	Post Conference Assembly (D9)	Mr. 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	Waikoloa, 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

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