

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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GSR Preamble:

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.

A reminder for 7th Tradition contributions to CNIA:

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

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AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

JUNE 2015

As always, I was moved by the Delegate's Conference Report at the Post-Conference Assembly. Please contact Kelley directly if you would like to arrange for him to visit and give his Conference Report at any event.

Many months have passed since our last Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in March. Under business in March, we agreed to submit a bid at the Conference to host the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum in Fresno. We also decided to allow the Area Secretary to continue recording the ACM's and Assemblies.

Continuing business discussion topics include 1) the motion to produce only anonymous versions of our monthly newsletters, 2) discussion to use the General Service Office (GSO) Pamphlet instead of the blue and white cards for Bridging the Gap (BTG), and 3) reducing the Winter Assembly and Post Conference Assembly to a single day.

At the Post Conference Assembly there were two new motions brought forth. One by Jeff, District Committee Member (DCM) from District 37, for area support to update the Traditions Illustrated Pamphlet. The second motion was from Nancy, a General Service Representative from District 25. Nancy proposes the area support to add/clarify the description of BTG in the Glossary of the Service Manual. I have added this to the ACM Agenda for discussion in hopes that we will be ready to vote on this at our November Election Assembly in Fresno.

Hopefully the energy and enthusiasm from the Post conference Assembly carries over to our June ACM as I look forward to all the loving discussion that will take place.

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

June 2015 Area Committee Meeting (ACM) Agenda

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| 10:00am - Call to Order | 10:45am - District Committee Member (DCM) Reports |
| • Serenity Prayer | Noon - Lunch |
| • Readings | 1:00pm - Appointed Chair Reports
Officer reports |
| • 12 Traditions | 1:45pm - Delegate's Report |
| • 12 Concepts | 2:30pm - Old/New Business |
| • General Service Representative (GSR) Preamble | • Support DCM travel to ACM's |
| • Introductions | • Anonymous Accents/Acentos |
| • Announcements | • Bridging the Gap (BTG) blue & white cards |
| • Assembly reports | • One Day Assemblies |
| • Consideration of March 2015 Minutes | • Update Traditions Illustrated |
| • Liaison Reports | • Add BTG to Service Manual |
| • Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) | 3:45pm What's on your Mind |
| • Central Offices | 4:00pm Close |
| • Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (YPAA) | |
| • Special Needs (CNSN) | |
| • 7th Tradition | |

Finance Committee

In the fall of 2013 I was a newly elected DCM and fielding questions from GSRs about the proposed spending plan. I had no idea how to answer. I asked my service sponsor if it would be inappropriate to make myself available for the Finance Committee because I had zero experience in finance (ZERO). Of course she said I should. I thought it would be a good opportunity to learn about Area finances while I quietly observed as a lowly committee member. Then in Modesto at the Winter Assembly in 2014 I saw my name get picked out of the hat as the Finance Committee Chair.

I was crazy fearful, confident I was going to screw things up, and THEN we started dipping into the Prudent Reserve! (Turns out that is no cause for panic.) I was immediately directed to the CNIA Material Service Book which lays out the guidelines for the Finance Committee. The committee is composed of the CNIA Treasurer, three current DCMs, and a Past Delegate. As chair, my job is to organize the agenda and facilitate the meetings. We chose to meet every month before each ACM or Assembly. Each quarter we review the Treasurer's Revenue and Expense Report along with all bank statements. We also assist the Treasurer with developing the Spending Plan for the following year.

In the first months I would step up to the mic to give my report terrified that I wouldn't make sense or that someone would ask a question I couldn't answer. That fear has slowly left as I grow in the understanding that I am not doing this alone. I am so grateful for Tom, Judy, John, and Lela, such an amazing committee!

In CNIA 07 I am constantly surrounded by other trusted servants willing to share their experience, strength, and hope on any questions I have about the Finance Committee or any other aspect of the conference process. It has been such a joy to slowly overcome my fears as I grow in understanding of the principles behind the traditions and the concepts. And I have stayed sober.

Peace,
Jenny M.
Finance Committee Chair
CNIA Panel 64

E-Services Committee

It's been a privilege to serve as the Chair of the CNIA 07, Panel 64, E-Services Committee and work with talented Committee members including our Area Delegate, Vikki R., District 22 DCM Cindy A., and District 17 DCM, Paul K. We have had some terrific Committee meetings and I'm grateful to each of them.

Our Committee is responsible for the communication needs of the Area. We are also tasked with ensuring that the Area's computer equipment and software all function properly as well as maintaining and updating the Area website, www.cnia.org.

One of the first tasks we tackled this Panel was replacing the 1991 computer system used by the Area Archives Committee. That computer is still a part of Area Archives Committee except now it's on display as a PART of Archives. The E-Services Committee also helped to purchase a digital scanner and camera, a photo stand, lighting equipment, and other documentation, collection, and storage equipment so the Archives Committee could begin digitizing the paper documents in our Archives collection in earnest so that all of us can have access to our Area Archives for decades to come.

The E-Services Committee has two other tasks we're hoping to complete before the end of Panel 64. The first is implementing a teleconferencing option to help our geographically distant DCMs attend our Area Committee Meetings virtually when they can't travel to Sacramento. The second is to launch a Spanish language version of our Area website.

My experience as E-Services Chair has widened and deepened my understanding of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to Chair this Committee and to be of service to California Interior Area 07.

Thank you.

In Love and Service,
Brooke D.
Chair, E-Services Committee
CNIA Panel 63

Bridging the Gap Committee

My experience with Bridging The Gap:

The purpose of Bridging the Gap is to bridge the gap between persons in treatment facilities, hospitals, and correctional facilities and the first A.A. meetings patients and inmates go to upon release in the home community.

As we have learned, one of the more “slippery” places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of a facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting. Some of us can tell you that, even though we heard of A.A. in treatment, we were too fearful to go.

A.A. experience suggests that attending meetings is critical. In order to bridge the gap, A.A. members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Members of A.A., usually acting in pairs with at least one of them having a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety, meet the patients or inmates after release and accompany them to their first AA meeting. It is suggested that the temporary contact take the newcomer to a variety of A.A. meetings; introduce them to other A.A.s; insure he or she has the phone #'s of several A.A. members, and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group. As in all 12th step work, this activity is strictly voluntary.

Before I had the honor of being appointed to this position as Bridging The Gap Chair, I had a vague notion of what this A.A. work was after hearing about it for years but not much more than that. Since then I've learned a lot about this basic & rewarding 12th step work from first hand experience. I would encourage anyone with an interest in carrying the message to the next suffering alcoholic to join in this type of basic A.A. work.

In Gratitude and Service,
Ken M
Area 07 CNIA P64
Bridging The Gap Chair

Minutes (Unapproved)

CNIA 07 Area Committee Meeting

March 21, 2015

West Sacramento, CA

The Area Committee Meeting of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the East Yolo Fellowship, West Sacramento, CA from 10:02am-3:57pm on March 21, 2015. Area Chair, Mike K, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Chris K (D37 Alt-DCM) the 12 Concepts were read by Peggy (D11 GSR) and the GSR Preamble was read by Cindy (D09 GSR).

Introductions:

New Members: Susan K, D43 Recording Secretary; Steve, D19 BTG Chair; Peggy, D11 Grapevine Chair and GSR. Past Delegates: Inez Y – Panel 44, Woody R – Panel 50, Marianne H – Panel 56, Lee W – Panel 58, Melody T – Panel 60

Assembly Reports

Pre-Conference Assembly – April

11-12, 2015 – Susan K, D43 – 56 are registered. Meal is pork roast and vegetarian lasagna with ice cream social. We have back to basics housing. Post-Conference Assembly – May 16-17, 2015 – Judy B, D29 – All districts have duties. Volunteers are needed for back to basics. We're having an ice cream social. Election Assembly – November 20-22, 2015 – Rogelio R, D53 – There are some errors on the flyers. She'll meet with committee on March 28 to correct them and discuss amount of copies. It's at the Fresno Fairgrounds. Consideration of the Minutes Page 2, column 1, header should be “February 21, 2015.” Approved. Liaison Reports H&I – Will R, Liaison – Pink Pamphlet discussions continue. Prison system universal clearances changes caused concern and discussion. All to be discussed at May's Steering Committee Meeting. Delta Intergroup – Chris K – Open three days a week from 12pm-5pm at 1525 El Dorado St Suite 3 Stockton. Springfest is on May 9 at American Legion Hall in Lodi. Fresno Intergroup – Billy, Co-Chair –

Picnic in beginning of May at Kearny Park. Central Office is now at 1755 North Gateway. Phone number is same.

Central Valley Intergroup Hotline – Phillip, Coordinator – We need help Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12pm-5pm. Office help would be nice. MCYPAA – Michael J, member – the ACYPAA conference went to AO-CYPAA (All Orange County). SANJYPAA will host Summit. Thank you for the letter of support.

SANJYPAA – Tyler, General Service Liaison – ACYPAA was in San Jose in February with 2600 attending. AOCYPAA was awarded next year's conference. SANJYPAA is hosting mid-year summit in October 2015 in Stockton. We estimate 200-300 will attend. Elections will be March 28. Once the committee forms, we will finalize dates and look to CNIA for support.

CNSN – Rick K, Chair – we provide resources to alcoholics with special needs. We need your time, resources and commitment to reach the handicapped community. Pamphlets are available. Website is cnsn.info and email is cnsnaa@yahoo.com. PO Box is 853 Carmichael CA, 95609. We

appreciate financial help as we have startup expenses.

District Reports

D09 – Lance V, DCM – D09 met with 19 attending. All GSRs received their copy of the GSC Agenda. We discussed District workshop in Mt. Shasta on March 25. We had questions regarding district e-services position. I attended PRAASA's websites/newsletters roundtable and can offer more insight. D09 is well financially. It was great seeing so many Area 07 members at PRAASA.

D11 – Maureen R, DCM – February 21 was our meeting with 19 attending. We've added three GSRs. Our District's enthusiasm is wonderful. I distributed the 2015 GSC Agenda items. Our Registrar Larry distributed the background CD to GSRs. We've discussed the agenda items three times. PI/CPC is distributing Big Books, 12&12's and pamphlets to local libraries. National University has requested a panel presentation. Three people are ready. Finances are well.

D15 – Brooke D, DCM – 17 people attended our February 23 meeting. The 3rd annual mock GSC was held in Chico on February 28. Thank you to 49 attendees including all seven Area Officers. People said it helped. D15 funded me to PRAASA and I read from the podium. I'm so grateful! The highlight was Joyce, SoCal Past Delegate, who shared her extensive experience with mental health issues and her gratitude for the proposed mental health literature. Thank you Lela for connecting us! I hope we have eight GSRs report to Kelley at Pre-Conference like last year. Our Registrar Marjie E resigned and a GSR volunteered. Our PI/CPC Chair unofficially resigned. BTG had two successful contacts.

D17 – Paul K, DCM – We have a full slate of trusted servants, including a new Special Needs-Accessibilities Chair. Our Treasurer stepped down, and we filled her position. 15 attended our last meeting. CNIA Chair Mike K and CCF Chair Tamera K will present at our April 25 workshop – Service Beyond the Meeting. It was a great experience to speak at PRAASA. Participation in the multi-District agenda item workshop was wonderful. I thank all participants.

D19 – Terry D, DCM – At our March 14 meeting, both myself and Alt-DCM

Roy G gave reports on PRAASA. We thanked the District for sending us, and that raised healthy discussion on visions for AA and inclusiveness. GSR turnover resulted in more motivated GSRs excited for Nancy Mc's second GSR school. We're having a Sharing Session on "Safety Guidelines for Members and Groups" on March 28. We voted to fund our BTG Chairman, Steve M, to BTG meetings before ACMs. We're funding two rooms at Pre-Conference.

D21 – Betsy L, DCM – We have amazing GSRs fully informing their groups and getting group consciences. Two Fellowships are studying Group Guidelines and Procedures with incredible participation. NCCAA's 38th annual conference will be in Auburn. We participated in the 2nd Annual Agenda Item Workshop and hope it continues. We're great financially.

D22 – Cindy A, DCM – 15 attended our last meeting. Most groups report doing well with two inventories and a secretary's workshop upcoming. West Slope Unity Group will have a quarterly speaker meeting on April 25. Flyer is on our website westernsloped22.org. D22 co-hosted the multi-District Agenda Workshop in Citrus Heights on March 14. Thank you to all helpers. We hosted a March 15 agenda item workshop. Thank you Tom, Nancy and Kelley for your efforts presenting. Thank you Nancy for DCM school.

D23 – Joey W, DCM – Our Alt-DCM provided me with the Agenda Items CD. We discussed resolving the underfunding of the District. I advised GSRs to discuss this problem with their group. We passed a "proposed" DCM expense for assemblies.

D24 – John B, DCM – Attendance is typically 13 or more people. We've had GSR turnover in the past month. We're financially good. We're encouraging groups to send what they can. In February we allotted DCM and Alt-DCM reimbursement for PRAASA. We've added several new GSRs. 8 people are serving on a new bylaws committee.

D25 – Tim K, DCM – We reviewed responsibilities of a GSR and renewed our commitment to them. A lot of people went to Pre-Conference workshop on March 14. Thanks to everyone who shed light on them. Our District Secretary is new.

D27 – Rick K, DCM – Approximately 20 GSRs and Alt-GSRs attended. This

month D27 reviewed agenda items. Our 2nd annual agenda workshop was a huge success. It's great to see people involved and getting information. I attended PRAASA. It informed and re-energized me.

D29 – Judy B, DCM – My PRAASA experience was awesome. North Highlands Fireside Group has a GSR and is coming back to district meeting. Thank you to Chico for presenting a great agenda item workshop. D29 BTG had an unsuccessful contact.

D30 – Laurese M, DCM – I appreciate all PRAASA reports. We had a successful BTG contact through Coastal. Thank you District 15 for the agenda item workshop. We had 16 attend our last meeting including a new GSR! Past Delegate Melody enthusiastically discussed the Conference process and Agenda Items. Thank you Melody! Our new BTG Chairperson is going into Changing Echoes Recovery Facility and making connections with local hospital administration.

D33 – Gordon N, DCM – D33's fourth Monday workshop on February 23 was GSC topics by Kelley M, Mike K and Tom A. 14 attend our meeting on March 9. GSRs spoke on specific problems or information. I reported on PRAASA. We discussed singleness of purpose. March 23 workshop will be Concepts 10-12. All are invited with free coffee and cookies. We're vibrant and strong.

D-34 – Jenny M, DCM – District 34 meets on the second Wednesday. Pete V gave a report on the 10th Tradition and Concept. Marianne R reported on PRAASA. We discussed being more inclusive/less rigid in meetings. I handed out background CDs. I led a Conference process workshop and walked through background information. Thank you Kelley for page numbers. Central Valley Intergroup needs support. Office is only open on Monday and Friday. There are many open hotline shifts. Go to cviaa.org under Special Events for D34 events.

D36 – Gary M, DCM – I'm grateful for PRAASA. We talked about the shape of our triangles. D36 met on February 22 with 8 members attending. We attended D43's Unity Day with PI/CPC Workshop. D36 PAC meetings are going well. Information concerning the PI/CPC booth for Fourth of July will be shared. H&I: There will be new volunteer and refresher training for

Delegate's Report – Kelley M

Our theme is Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – the Foundation for our Future. I thank all people putting on, attending and presenting at agenda item workshops. I talked on leadership at PRAASA and said Bill W. told us the greatest leadership opportunity is sponsorship as it is the most important AA service.

Upcoming workshops are Tracy (D37), Mt. Shasta (D09), Fresno (D41, D42, D43), Spanish Interdistrict.

General Service Office (GSO) General Manager, GSO Staff Member and Appointed Committee Member positions are open. Please see Box 459. Please remember Corrections Correspondence Service. I encourage you to do this, as we need help. We have background discs in English and partial background in Spanish.

At our Regional luncheon at the General Service Conference (GSC), we'll vote on the site for 2018 Pacific Regional Forum. Are we available to host? Regional Forum asks for a committee of 10. We think we could do this and PRAASA. The last two Regional Forums have been in Sacramento. I suggest if we make ourselves available it be for Fresno. We would just need dates when the hotel is open. The deadline for asking for a Local Forum is April 1.

I want us to discuss the GSO Birthday Plan. Please consider discussing this at your Districts. Birthday envelopes are free through GSO.

Quarterly Contributions Report tells us how much each group gave to GSO in the last quarter of 2014. Share with your GSRs. If their group isn't contributing, they could discuss. The percentage of contributing groups in our Area has gone up. In 2013, we had 44.35% of groups contribute. In 2014, we had 45.03% contribute. Thank you for your support and service!

USP Atwater soon. The next quarterly H&I meeting is on April 26 at 2pm at Dale & Karen's house. We need volunteers for Hotline/Intergroup Offices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12pm-5pm. Tentative Unity Day date is September 27, 11am-4pm, Veterans Cove, Lake Yosemite.

D37 – Jeff P, DCM – Tracy Fellowship has our agenda item workshop tomorrow at 12pm. I attended PRAASA which was a great experience. D37 participated in NCCAA last weekend where four GSR's, SANJYPAA's Chair and I presented on agenda items.

D40 – Lorri A, Alt-DCM – We rotate our District meetings. Carrie is looking at Madera Fairgrounds for 2016 Pre-Conference. We're good financially. We're looking at Assembly fund for GSRs. We present on the Concepts. H&I and PI/CPC are strong.

D41 – Dave D, DCM – 9 people attended our last meeting. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. Registrations for Pre-Conference Assembly were turned in. We distributed \$300 and \$200 to CNIA as approved earlier. Menu for agenda item workshop lunch was discussed and approved. Post-Conference registration forms were distributed for April Business meeting. The DCM and Alt-DCM reported.

D43 – Susan K, Recording Secretary – 22 attended our last meeting. We read the General Service Preamble and Concept III. Finance – discussion on sending Hurley to PRAASA. Treasurer felt there was enough, and district sent him. PI/CPC now meets on second Sunday to avoid conflict with us. Website – our contribution button is working. We're doing a Unity Day in October and bimonthly service workshops.

D47 – John H, DCM – March 1 was our Pre-Pre-Conference. Thank you Kelley, Nancy, Jon and Tom for their unselfish commitment to Area. I had a great time at PRAASA. June 13 is a PI/CPC event. Flyer is on CNIA's website. We're working on Rule 62. Joshua will take my place as DCM after June's ACM.

D53 – Rogelio R, DCM – We visits groups as they invite us. Our PI/CPC groups are working together. We have a Special Needs Committee visiting sick members. BTG is an active committee. We named a La Viña representative. Our District anniversary planning committee has a location. We're trying to get a projector to show Conference-approved movies. Election Assembly is working hard, and we hope to have flyers.

D54 – Luz Maria G, DCM – We

celebrated our 19th Anniversary on February 22. Several GSRs spoke on Traditions, Francisco, D56 DCM, spoke on service and Mike K spoke on Warranties. All were satisfied. Our 14th Foro Organizing Committees meets the 3rd Thursday of every month. The 14th Foro will be in Citrus Heights on December 13. An agenda item workshop will be at the Interdistrict meeting at 777 South K St Tulare CA 93274.

D55 - Jesús R, DCM – We meet four times a month on Wednesday. At one meeting we study La Viña and the Concepts. We continue to visit all groups we can. On March 8 and March 12 we have been invited to separate groups to discuss How a District Functions. On March 29 will be the Interdistrict meeting in Kettleman City. On March 14, we were in Modesto working for the 14th Foro, helping D54.

D56 – Francisco, DCM – Pre-Conference has not much enthusiasm. We helped with the 14th Foro on March 15. We're working for a local anniversary of La Viña and Grapevine and are finding a date. There was no money for PRAASA. We've talked about Interdistrict on March 29 with Kelley.

Appointed Chair Reports

Accents – Jenn D – If you're not receiving Accents, and Matthew's information is correct, then check with me. Our new mailing house is cheaper and doing well. I get requests for emailed versions of the anonymous Accents.

I served at the D15 Mock Conference on a committee. Thank you to all attendees. I attended PRAASA and was reminded that AA is big, welcoming and loving. I met and talked with a person from Area 06 who was asked to do a presentation on mental health pamphlet. We talked about technology at the newsletter/website roundtable at PRAASA.

Archives – Steve H – I was at Archives on March 7, 2015 from 12pm-4pm.

We have a new addition to our literature, a 1st Edition 2nd Printing Big Book from 1941 thanks to Walter of Stockton! I'm looking for a cover. I need to explore getting equipment to digitize hundreds of cassette tapes that we have. I absolutely love what I do and know that elections will be here soon as I understand Archivist. I thank Woody for donating past GSC reports. BTG – Ken M – D25 has a new BTG Chair. We met this morning, and 4 attended. I've heard we have an 800 # for conference calls that would save money. Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. I learned a lot at the Grapevine Roundtable. The magic bus will ride again to the BTG Workshop. I'm looking for someone to put on the Area BTG Workshop. We received and sent out 25 contact requests with four contacts made and two declined. Steve C and I have talked about a combined BTG/Grapevine workshop hosted by a District.

E-Services – Brooke D – I went to a PRAASA newsletter/website roundtable. AA websites have been hacked recently. Brouck H said we need a good backup of website. We discussed web conferencing the ACM and are looking at WebEx. I thank Districts for taking non-anonymous versions of Accents down. (See Brooke for a funny story about touring Salt Lake City.)

Finance – Jenny M – We met this morning. Some committee members attended the PRAASA Treasurer's roundtable. We discussed improving methods for recording literature sales. People shared during inventory and spending plan discussions a desire

for pie charts. After discussion and research, we feel charts would be misleading. We are grateful for all of your groups' contributions to CNIA.

Grapevine/La Viña – Steve C – The Grapevine/La Viña Challenge is to increase subscriptions in 2015. The prize is a special section in the 2016 issue of Grapevine/La Viña for the state/province/territory with the greatest growth in new subscriptions between 1/26/15 and 12/20/15. Charts are updated monthly. By February, CA had 6,460 subscriptions increased by 212. The highest increase for the Grapevine! La Viña only had 3,009 but increased by 225. CA is leading the La Viña race! I want to have a writer's workshop and BTG workshop.

Literature – Mary O – Thank you for financing me to PRAASA; it was my best ever. The exchange of pertinent, vital ideas gives me a boost and makes me think. I'm ordering more literature. Thanks District 20 for donating much Spanish literature.

Verbal Translation – Michael J – Thanks for written reports and speaking slower. If you know anyone that can help out, please let me know.

Written Translation – Celia B – I thank our translators: Amparo M, Alondra P, Sam S, Jose U, Jose G, and Luis C. We translated the March Accents and, along with CNCA and Arizona Area, 20% of the GSC Background (including the Finance item on Conference material translation)! We brought hard copies and CDs today. Thank you to the translators that worked on this project. Thank you to Lee W who helped with editing. Thank you Jenn D for helping with files and burning discs. Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. I learned information that had a deep impact. I encourage going to PRAASA.

Officer's Reports

Registrar – Matthew L – I signed up 5 new groups. We're cleaning up our database. DCMs, let me know if you haven't received your contact list. I participated in two workshops: Chico and Sacramento. (See Matthew for touching story about Sacramento workshop.)

Secretary – Jon C – I delivered the February ACM minutes on February 24 and the Winter Assembly minutes on March 18. I participated in the D15 Mock GSC, a D47 agenda item workshop and an agenda item work-

shop in Citrus Heights. Thank you to coordinators and Kelley. I enjoyed my attendance at PRAASA. The panel topics were interesting. The Officers discussed the Secretary's recording. I value the recording. If someone objects to it, please voice it in Discussion Items.

Treasurer – Tom A – I'm grateful I get to go to PRAASA. "Shape of your triangle" hit hard. We paid our liability insurance for the year and gave our accountant tax information. Group contributions have been steady. The negative number is growing but we should be fine. We'll likely not go into prudent reserve.

Alternate Chair – Nancy Mc – Thank you for allowing me to go to PRAASA. Madeline P asked us to note ten things we learned. Some of mine: "not all service leaders have a title" and "Is AA all inclusive? Let it begin with me." Thank you DCMs and Kelley for inviting me to agenda item workshops. It's been amazing to attend D47, Sacramento and D22. I will also go to D37, D41-43 and Spanish Interdistrict. We have back to basics housing. Please register soon; this helps us plan. We'll have marvelous schools at Post-Conference: DCM, GSR, Treasurer, BTG, Archives and others for two 30-minute sessions. Chair – Mike K – Thanks for sending me to my 8th PRAASA. Thank you for sending me to NCC in Foster City where I attended the Steering Committee and Business meeting for CNIA. The next NCC Conference is in Auburn from June 5-7. There will be parties with alcohol near the venue. Thank you to D54 for allowing me to share on Warranties. The 14th Foro will be from 12pm-5pm, December 13 in Sacramento.

Alt-Delegate – Vikki L – I presented agenda items in Chico and Sacramento. I will attend Tracy's workshop. SAVE THE DATE! Our next PI/CPC Sharing Session is scheduled for May 31 at North Hall in Sacramento at 2pm. There is one in Fresno on October 3. On May 30, we're doing a mock CPC presentation at Redding with Melody T. On June 13, I've been invited to participate in D47's PI/CPC workshop. I'll speak at CNCA's Summer Assembly. I have heartfelt gratitude for PRAASA.

Business

2018 Regional Forum Bid

Our last Regional Forum was in 1998. Should we bid for 2018 in Fresno? // Fresno is in favor. // How much space is needed/people expected? A: seating for 500-600 people, no cost to CNIA, Fresno facility can handle, just a matter of determining dates. // Fresno Fairgrounds have hosted 1000+ people. // Date is August or September. // I love diving into a new service after PRAASA. // Since five Regional Forums will be chosen, should we provide multiple dates? A: Pacific is usually Fall. // If we can do service, we should say yes. // Sense of the room is unanimous to bid for 2018 Regional Forum. Kelley will work with Fresno Districts on dates. // D47 volunteers help.

Support DCM Travel to ACM

Chair Mike K: I was supposed to research but didn't. Did any DCMs get feedback? // I suggest disbanding the current ad hoc committee and creating a new committee including finance members. // Let's include the E-Committee too. Webex might help.

Anonymous Accents/Acentos

I've received requests to email the anonymous Accents. The normal emailed version has full names. Emailed Accents have been posted to district websites. Other entities decided to not use full names. The conversation at PRAASA was respecting a member's privacy rather than 11th Tradition. // Anonymous is most practical as we find people through emailing someone we know. We'll save time. // My full name has been on the internet with CNIA. It's not okay. The AA Guidelines on the Internet page 3 "Posting Service Minutes and Reports" is read. I don't think our practice works with the Guidelines because we email non-anonymous version to 900 people. // Anything electronic should not have last names as it could go beyond the AA member. // Anonymity is about humility. People questioned seeing my name in Accents. // I think it's time to make it anonymous. // There will be no money saving if it's anonymous only. // D47 DCM John H: I make a motion that all Accents be anonymous. There will be no addresses, numbers or last

names. Seconded. D09 DCM Lance V moves to call the question. Seconded. Calling the question fails. // Shouldn't this be decided at an Assembly? // Normally, at ACM, you pass it to go forward to Assembly. The Area Committee is not a decision-making body. // An item goes to two Assemblies: one to be discussed and one to be voted on. // Chair Mike K: I have seen motions voted on at an Assembly without being discussed at a prior one. // The Area Assembly OR Area Committee speaks for CNIA (wording at top of Accents/Acentos). BTG Discussion Topics BTG Chair Ken M: Could we put a line for email on the cards? Should we use BTG pamphlets from GSO? I think they're better than blue and white cards. // If we eliminate our cards, how would we be able to get information into facilities? A: The inmate form from GSO. That's where I'd put mailing address. // If we change this, it would change how every District does it throughout the Area. This would cause confusion. // We should talk to all committees using the current cards. // Is there a guideline for BTG outside CNIA? Slide the one from New York into it. Each committee is autonomous. // Chair Mike K: please bring back to your groups to discuss at the next meeting.

One-Day Assemblies

D17 DCM Paul K: My District had limited participation so we asked ourselves what affected it. My district directed me to bring this suggestion to the Area Committee for possible recommendation to Assembly. Suggestion: shorten Winter Assembly and Post-Conference Assembly to one-day Assemblies. Reasons: time commitment from family and work, more efficient Assemblies and monetary savings. From Service Material Book List of Past Area Actions: The first decision to have a two-day Post-Conference was 1/5/85. Pre-Conference was made a two-day Assembly and Post-Conference back to a one day on 4/4/92. On 12/16/95, Post-Conference became a two-day again. In April 2006, Winter became a two-day Assembly. // Did you look at rationales for decisions? A: Not yet. // I suggest every DCM review "How we conduct business." I opposed making Winter a two-day. There was no

reason except everyone liked Assemblies. Before, Winter was one of the best attended Assemblies. // Where is the "How We Conduct Business" document? We distributed earlier but Secretary will email. // We've had very good attendance at Assemblies including 2015 Winter. I learned a lot when we fellowshipped and love that part of Assemblies. Shortening would mean something would have to go. If money is a concern, hardly anyone comes for back to basics housing.

Secretary Recording

The Secretary records the ACMs and Assemblies to help make accurate minutes. If anyone objects, please speak. // How are the recordings handled? A: Secretary Jon C: I have retained them. Panel 62 Secretary Jan P deleted them after the minutes were approved. // When I was Secretary, I was instructed to send the cassette tapes to Archives. They can be discarded. // It was brought up earlier because it was thought it was illegal. I don't mind being recorded. Once notes are done, we can erase. // You can only record with two-way consent (announce to everyone that it's being recorded) or if it's a public meeting. // At the Officer's meeting, we considered this an open AA meeting. // Announce the recording to everyone. // We have to have the recording to get good minutes. // A "public meeting" is a government meeting opened by law. This is an open meeting but not public. I think we should read a statement: "we are recording this meeting." // Chair Mike K: Is there anyone really against recording Area meetings? Sense of the room is "no." We'll continue to record.

Motion and second to adjourn @ 3:57 p.m.

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

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.

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

January 1 through May 31, 2015

	Jan 1 – May 31, 15	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · Contributed support			
4010 · Group Contributions	18,554.09	43,000.00	43.15%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	1,232.77	2,000.00	61.64%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 4 · Contributed support	19,786.86	45,100.00	43.87%
5 · Earned revenues			
5110 · Literature Sales	817.50	2,000.00	40.88%
5140 · Grapevine Sales	1,447.22	3,000.00	48.24%
Total 5160 · Assembly Income	4,690.09	10,000.00	46.9%
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.46	2.00	23.0%
Total 5 · Earned revenues	6,955.27	15,002.00	46.36%
Total Income	26,742.13	60,102.00	44.5%
Expense			
7600 · Officers Expenses			
Total 7620 · Delegate	1,792.23	4,778.00	37.51%
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	1,275.25	2,026.00	62.94%
Total 7660 · Chairman	1,323.09	1,624.00	81.47%
Total 7680 · Alt. Chairman	1,442.51	1,475.00	97.8%
Total 7700 · Secretary	629.22	1,151.00	54.67%
Total 7720 · Treasurer	2,321.01	3,068.00	75.65%
Total 7740 · Registrar	1,143.30	1,757.00	65.07%
Total 7600 · Officers Expenses	9,926.61	15,879.00	62.51%
7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses			
Total 7820 · Literature Chairman	1,032.69	1,242.00	83.15%
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	889.14	1,585.00	56.1%
Total 7860 · Bridging The Gap	1,467.57	2,325.00	63.12%
Total 7880 · Accents Chairman	928.23	1,318.00	70.43%
Total 7900 · Archives Chairman	229.93	1,638.00	14.04%
Total 7940 · Translation Committee	1,447.53	2,150.00	67.33%
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	586.09	500.00	117.22%
Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	6,581.18	10,758.00	61.18%
Total 8000 · Assemblies	4,596.88	10,000.00	45.97%
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	4,927.01	14,600.00	33.75%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	2,350.00	4,200.00	55.95%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	3,490.00	4,750.00	73.47%
Total 8600 · Taxes & Fees	334.78	413.00	81.06%
Total Expense	32,206.46	60,600.00	53.15%
Net Ordinary Income	-5,464.33	-498.00	1,097.26%
Net Income	-5,464.33	-498.00	1,097.26%
Area Checking Account Balance – 05/31/15	\$ 2,140.67		
Area Prudent Reserve Account – 05/31/15	\$ 6,600.00		

Assembly Elections 2015

Hosted by: CNIA 07 District 53
Fresno Fair Ground
Gem & Mineral Building
1121 S. Chance Avenue
Fresno, CA 93702-3707



- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015:
Registration Begins at 4pm- Assembly 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015:
Assembly from 9 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015:
Assembly from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

QUESTIONS?? CONTACT: dcmdistrict53@cnia.org

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Service Position: _____

District: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

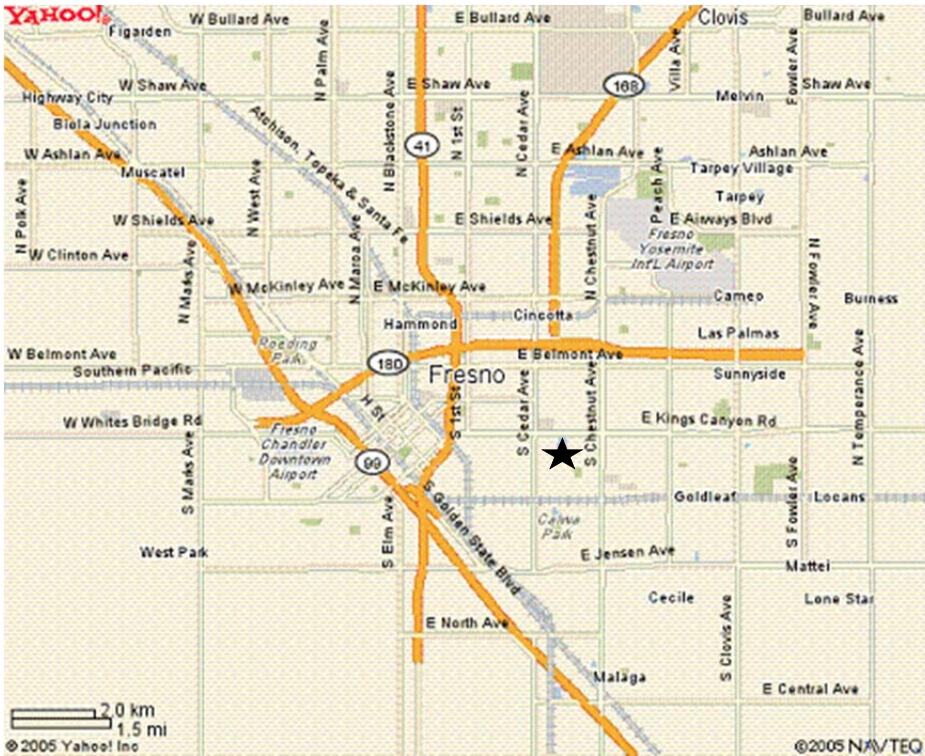
Registration \$15.00

Bottomless Coffee \$3.00

Dinner \$15.00: Choose Chicken Fajitas with rice pilaf, dinner roll **or** Vegetarian Pasta Salad with dinner roll

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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 Fresno, CA 93721
 (559)268-1000
2 miles

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 2660 S. 2nd Street
 Fresno, CA 93706
 (559)237-7800
3 miles *Free Breakfast Served

2. Best Western Plus- Fresno Airport Hotel
 1551 N. Peach Avenue
 Fresno, CA 93727
 (559)255-5200
4 miles *Free Breakfast Served

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 2570 S. East Avenue
 Fresno, CA 93706
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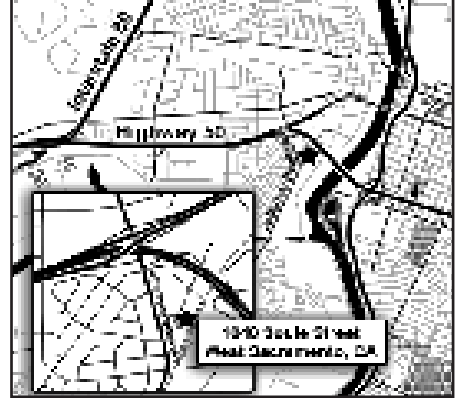
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Pacific Regional Trustee	joel@joncast.com

Area General Service Committee Meetings:

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

East Yolo Fellowship
1040 Soule Street, West Sacramento, CA

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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
April 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	80th 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)	Mariposa
April 17-23	General Service Conference	New York, NY
May 21-22	Post Conference Assembly (D9)	Mt. Shasta
Jun 10-12	NCCAA	Santa Rosa
Jun 18	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
July 16	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Aug 20	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Sep 17	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Sep 29-Oct 2	Regional Forum	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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