

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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

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**CNIA PANEL 62
JULY ACM AGENDA
Saturday, July 20, 2013**

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

**CNIA 07
CHAIR REPORT
Vikki L
chair@cnia.org**

Our last Area Committee Meeting was held on June 15th at the East Yolo Fellowship in West Sacramento. It was very nice to be "home". The day went very well with lots of love and laughter. In the morning, the appointed chair, officer, DCM, and liaison reports were heard. After lunch, we engaged in a heartfelt discussion regarding self-support and our financial responsibility as individuals, groups, districts and the area. Jon C. presented us with different options regarding the duties of the Treasurer, Finance Committee, and our use of a CPA and/or Bookkeeper. We will continue to discuss these options next month.

We also continued our discussion regarding the Accents Subscription Fee. It was decided that the DCMs would take the topic to the GSRs to discuss with their group. I am anxious to hear what the groups have to say.

I thought the day went quite smoothly. There was a lot of business taken care of with intervals of laughter. That is my kind of day!

What's on my mind? Lately, I have noticed an attitude among some of us in our fellowship, and especially those who do service in Alcoholics Anony-

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GSR Preamble: We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.

A reminder for 7th Tradition contributions to CNIA:

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

mous, and that is the "my service is more important than your service in AA" attitude. Really? We are just a bunch of drunks! I think sometimes we forget that we ALL share a common purpose; To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. There is no entity above the other. We all serve different functions but our goal is the same. Wouldn't it be nice if we all served together? My hope is that we can focus on our similarities and not our differences and use this as an opportunity to better serve the still suffering alcoholic.

As this panel winds down, I think it is important we demonstrate an attitude of love and unity for the next panel. Let us serve as the example.

That being said, my experiences in Alcoholics Anonymous, and especially in General Service, are ones that I will always remember and cherish. It is such an honor to be of service.

Love,
Vikki L
Area Chair
Area 07, Panel 62

E-Services Committee

As technology becomes such an important part of how we carry the message, I've been humbled to be a part of the E-Services committee this panel. We've been busy this panel making sure that the technology needs of our trusted servants are being met. We've purchased replacement computers, a new PA system and an assisted listening system for our members who have difficulty hearing at the ACM or Assemblies. We've moved the cnia.org website to a new host and are working on making improvements, including a Spanish language version of cnia.org.

The E-Services committee consists of:

1. One DCM who has a vote at the Area Committee,
2. The Alternate Delegate or a Past Delegate who has Public Information experience,
3. One member of the Spanish-speaking community, and
4. Two others with technical experience.

I am so grateful for the rest of the committee Sherry (District 47), Larry (District 9) and Kelley (Alternate Delegate) and Lee (former DCM District 27). Unfortunately this panel, we have not had a Spanish-speaking member on the committee this panel. We try to meet monthly to review the Area's technology needs.

I am grateful for the trust the Area has given the E-Services committee this panel. We asked to spend a lot of money; to make some changes and you've allowed us to

help the rest of our Area's trusted servants serve you better.

In my role as E-Services Chair, I've been asked to attend District meetings, participate on panels and share my experience with AA and technology and it always reminds me of a few simple things.

1. KISS – We don't need to reinvent the wheel. AA has taught me that the answer lies somewhere in our collective experience.
2. Rule 62 – AA is generally self-correcting. If we make a mistake, without fail someone will let us know. I am not right all the time.
3. It all comes down to humility.

Here, principles would have to come before personalities, without exception.

These experiences taught us that anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity.

We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity, is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have.

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With immense gratitude,
Jenn D

Finance Committee

In February 2013, I became Chair of the CNIA Finance Committee. While at first, I was hesitant and nervous about taking on the role of Chair, it has worked out for the best. I feel I can add the most to the committee as Chair, organizing our agendas and facilitating the meeting. I have learned that even though I have taken Accounting classes, other members of the committee know more relating to the technical aspects of our Area's finances.

The Finance Committee meets once a month, except in April this year due to how close the March ACM was to the April Pre-Conference Assembly. We began teleconference calls to provide a report to the Area, as our Assembly and ACM agendas can frequently ask for the Finance Commit-

tee report before we can meet that day. Our Area Service Material book gives the Finance Committee the broad guideline to "study any financial situation (e.g. taxes) of the Area". Under that guideline, we have looked at the prior month's financial statements; reviewed the prior years and current year tax situation; discussed our Area's contribution to fund the General Service Conference; and looked at the use of a bookkeeper and CPA to assist the Treasurer.

Our second major duty is to assist the Treasurer in developing next year's Spending Plan. We have begun the process of compiling the past three year's Area Officer and Appointed Chair actual expenses to determine the budget figure for the 2014 Spending Plan. Our Treasurer will draft the Spending Plan around that foundation. There is a detailed timeline for the Spending Plan creation in the Area Service Material Book.

We are also to stress the 7th Tradition and Self-Support in Area 07. We provided the text of a talk given by a Past Trustee-at-Large/Canada at the March ACM. It is about the first Mongolian National AA Conference and the 5 Mongolian language pamphlets that our GSO provided to them. Please contact me at finance@cnia.org for a copy of the brief talk. The Finance Committee's goal is to emphasize self-support more in the future.

The Finance Committee members are the Area Treasurer, a CNIA Past Delegate and three current DCM's appointed by the Area Chairperson and selected by the Area Officer's. If you have the opportunity to be a trusted servant as a DCM in Panel 64, I encourage you to consider being available for our CNIA Finance Committee. It is, and has been, a rewarding experience.

Yours In Love and Service,
Jon C

Registrar's Job Description

Not one person, who accepts a responsibility in AA, starts with all the requisite skills to be proficient at that specific task. It is certainly true that God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called. But He doesn't expect to have to teach you the basics, only to improve on them.

When making yourself available for the position of Registrar, it is important to start with at least a few basic skills and abilities. The time requirement is not huge, though it does require regular periods of attention, usually no more than two to three hours per week. If you make yourself available, and God calls you to be Registrar, there will surely be a period of learning to become proficient, or at least comfortable. If you already have some level of skill the learning time will be much less stressful and hectic than if

you trust solely on God to qualify you.

The General Service Office (GSO) in New York allows Area Registrars to enter into the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database and make real-time changes to the information stored there. One should be comfortable enough with computers to successfully use a password to gain admission to a secure website.

As an Area Registrar, the data held in FNV must be disseminated to the area by downloading, then putting into useable format for sharing. When area changes are required, the Registrar gains access to FNV and enters those changes.

The data downloaded from FNV comes out in Comma Separated Value (csv) format as an Excel file. The individual considering acting as Registrar should possess the ability to use Excel at a reasonable level of proficiency, capable of changing from Excel Workbook format to csv format and back with ease and accuracy.

Because FNV dumps out large amounts of data attached to each record, it is helpful, though not mandatory, that the Registrar be capable of using MS Word Mail Merge to convert these Excel csv files to MS Word files for ease of reading. At PRAASA this year, well over half the Registrars present at our Roundtable used Mail Merge. Some however, were still manipulating Excel files to make them less confusing and more readable, thus more useable. Not having Mail Merge skill is not a deal-breaker, but is certainly helpful.

The Registrar will need to use e-mail to send files to GSRs and DCMs, often in PDF format. This requires the Registrar to possess the ability to convert either Excel or Word files to PDF. Often area trusted servants send the Registrar change orders in PDF format as an attachment to an e-mail. Some changes will come as scanned files, and may even be in JPG format.

Make yourself available to serve CNIA as a Trusted Servant. Being your Registrar has been another opportunity to help maintain my sobriety, for which I am indeed grateful.

Brent G
Registrar@cnia.org

Minutes (Unapproved) CNIA 07 Area Committee Meeting June 15, 2013 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 a.m.-4 p.m. on June 15, 2013.

Area Chair, Vikki L, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The GSR Preamble was read by Will R, H&I Liaison. The 12 Traditions were read by Betsy L, DCM D21, and the Twelve Concepts were read by Larry W, D11 GSR for Free at Last.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vikki introduced Past Delegates: Woody R – Panel 50, Lee W – Panel 58, Melody T – Panel 60.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our newsletter, Accents, will have articles on the Officers and Appointed Chair positions in preparation for the Election Assembly in November. Be sure to read the articles to learn of the responsibilities as you consider making yourself available for those positions. Reminder: Please bring your Group Histories to Dave C, Archives Chair for the CNIA Archives.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

The March 16, 2013 Area Committee Meeting Minutes were approved with the following corrections.

The Heading in newsletter: Consideration of **THE MINUTES** - delete The December 2012 Minutes
The February 16, 2013 Area Planning Committee Meeting Minutes...

PRAASA 2013 REPORTBACK

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

Gordon Alt-DCM D33 – I left from Sacramento on the same flight with others attending. By the end of the 3rd Panel I was overwhelmed with the mass of information for consumption! The 'fire hose/fire hydrant' statement was apropos. At lunch I learned that all sessions were being recorded, so I bought the entire set. Friday evening I went to my first Roundtable on Tech-

nology and the minutes of the meeting will be emailed. Saturday, Jenn, D15 DCM, spoke on Concept 3 Right of Decision. Lela helped me with what I could say at the mic then I decided not to, but I did the 3rd time. The business meeting was confusing and I felt sorry for Madeleine P. I attended the DCM Roundtable and learned a lot about being a GSR and DCM. The Past Trustees panel was very interesting and I appreciate all the effort that members do to keep A.A. working for the alcoholic that still suffers.

ASSEMBLY / LIAISON REPORTS

Post Conference Assembly – May 18-19, 2013 – Larry, D-09 – To all of those who helped and those who attended, we thank you! You made it a success! We were able to give some money to the Area. We appreciated learning more about General Service.

Election Assembly – November 15-17, 2013 – Jenn D, DCM, D-15 – Steve W, GSR from Paradise, is our Committee Chair. Flyer will be at the ACM. Registration is \$15 and dinners \$17. Five hotels have room rates of \$75-\$90 and back-to-basics rooms available. Pre-Registration for the Election Assembly will be on our new website in July or August.

H&I – Woody R - The H&I General Meeting was held on June 9 at Fellowship Hall in San Mateo. Elections were: Steve M, General Chair for a second two-year term and Jeff N from Novato as Finance Committee Member #3. Will R from Woodland is the new H&I Liaison for 2 years. The travel reimbursement policy was approved after amendments. It will be available at the October General Committee. To locate H&I meetings, the H&I website handinorcal.org provides the date, time and location of meetings in your Region. Go to "How Can I Help" and a map outlining California Counties in Northern California with H&I Regions and Areas appears. A.A. members are encouraged to attend the meetings to represent their groups.

SACYPAA – Regina K – Was unable to attend. She continues to be available if anyone has questions about the Young Person's proposal.

2017 PRAASA – Lela M –Location announced when the host hotel contract is confirmed and signed. Our 'stretch goal' is 2000 attendees at PRAASA and we are working with the Convention Center on a new Request for Proposal. We met last week regarding the best terms with lower attendance than 2000.

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS

Accents Publisher – accents@cnia.org -- Mary O – Reports were on time and Accents went smoothly this month.

Archives – archives@cnia.org – Archives Center was opened on June 1st in Stockton. Please bring or send me your Group Histories to be placed in the Archives of Groups in our CNIA Archives.

BTG – btg@cnia.org -- **Matthew L** – 15 Contact Cards were received by BTG with the date of a released person. The BTG member arranges to meet the released person at a meeting, welcome and give a meeting schedule. After meeting 3 times, they are encouraged to get a sponsor and keep attending meetings. (Rides, financial help, shopping, etc. are not given.) On July 20, BTG training meeting is 9 a.m. at East Yolo. A Contact List for Districts will be available at July ACM. On August 24, D53 is hosting a BTG Workshop in Fresno.

Eservices – eservices@cnia.org – **Jenn D** – The Webmaster responsibilities are being reviewed. We continue to update and streamline the CNIA website. The CNIA pamphlet that needs updating was removed as it appeared on all the pages. Please contact me if you have questions and requests regarding the website.

Finance – finance@cnia.org – Jon C – Area Finance Committee met on June 9th via conference call. We reviewed the May financial statements. Steve C developed a worksheet of Assembly income and expense for hosting Districts. Separate account for PRAASA 2017 to not mix with CNIA 07 funds or a DBA (doing business as) was discussed and investigating previous PRAASAs accounting. Area Treasurer, CPA and bookkeeper responsibilities are being revised for necessary federal and state non-profit status paperwork. Development of the 2014 Spending Plan has begun. Deanna C is compiling average of expenses of Area Officers and Appointed Chairs from 2010 through 2012. Tom A, Treasurer, will create the first draft. We plan to present a first draft at the August ACM.

Grapevine/LaVina -- grapevine@cnia.org – Connie G – I attended D30s Unity Day “Young in Recovery” in Arnold on June 8th. June 29th, Jan H, D17, will host the Grapevine Table for Unity Day at Discovery Park, Sacramento. August 18th, I will speak at a Unity Day in McCloud. September 21st, Women’s Unity Day in Lodi asked me to share at the Writing and Upload Workshop. September 29th, I will be in Nevada City. Thank you to Districts that invited me to share our Grapevine table at their events. Our Writing Workshop format was shared with the NY Grapevine office requested by Ami B, Executive Editor of the Grapevine. Jon C, D27 DCM, proposed the possibility to share a limited number of Grapevine articles from the web with nonsubscribers of Grapevine Online and will be discussed at the Grapevine Board meeting. The new book, *One on One*, devoted to sponsorship for \$11 came out in May. Available are the 2014 Calendars with photos taken by AA members for \$9, 2014 Pocket Planners for \$4.25 in English, Spanish and French; and, Grapevine and LaVina gift subscriptions. Available monthly is The Grapevine Newsletter at AAGrapevine.org.

Literature – literature@cnia.org – Celia B – Great news! AA literature at AAWS has improved the online ordering site! The new site appears like aa.org and works with any browser, is easy to navigate and search. The technological help has made our literature much more accessible. Please contact me at literature@cnia.org to attend your events. I will be at Sacramento Unity Day, June 29.

Translation – translation@cnia.org – Luz Maria G – Translation was done at the Post Conference Assembly in Yreka. D54s A.A.s 78th Anniversary, June 16, Sacramento and at Unity Day, Discovery Park, on June 29th will have translation. Latino Americano Group had Kelley M, Alt-Delegate, presenting a PI/CPC Workshop on June 29th to carry the message. An article was written for Accents about Translation Appointed Chair to prepare for the Election Assembly.

Webmaster – webmaster@cnia.org – Eddie A – Several website changes were made in April per instructions from the E-Services Committee. One was removing the

Area brochure that appeared on all pages and some home page content. Any questions regarding this should be directed to the E-Services Committee Chair, Jenn D. Regarding statistics of our website: visits to the website have increased steadily in 2013. Since the change to the new web host, visits to the website have nearly doubled. They are:

May 2013		May 2012	
Page Views:	30,751	Page Views:	18,724
Unique Visitors:	28,131	Unique Visitors:	16,765
April 2013		April 2012	
Page Views:	26,580	Page Views:	14,648
Unique Visitors:	24,255	Unique Visitors:	13,240

As your webmaster, I will be rotating at the end of Panel 62. Anyone with good computer skills and understanding of the web is all that is required. Training will be provided and I will be available for assistance on an ongoing basis.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

Registrar registrar@cnia.org Brent G – The DCM, Alt-DCM, Officer’s lists are updated and available. Changes since Post Conference Assembly have been made. New GSRs and members in CNIA are excited to be of service for A.A. in General Service. Thank you!

Secretary secretary@cnia.org Jan P – Thank you D09 for all the work you did at Post Conference Assembly! Thanks to Lee W for correcting the LaViña banner. 3 additional banners were ordered and delivered to Jenn D for the Election Assembly. Accents and Translation received the minutes of March ACM on April 11th and the Post Conference Assembly minutes on May 30th. I participated in conference calls regarding PRAASA 2017 on Monday, June 10 and the Officer’s conference call on Wednesday, June 12th.

Treasurer treasurer@cnia.org, Tom A – Contributions are slightly below the budget estimates. We used some Prudent Reserve and it will be restored when we receive contributions from groups. Thank you for the group contributions! If Groups or Districts need help with Self-Support and 7th Tradition discussions I am available to be of service. Expenses are up and bills are paid on time. The Finance Committee discussed suggestions for more comprehensive statements. We reviewed the Treasurer, bookkeeper and CPA duties. The Committee hopes to have a draft of the 2014 Preliminary Budget in August. Please contact the Committee regarding any changes for next year. I participated in Officers’ and PRAASA 2017

conference call and am setting up a separate checking account for PRAASA.

Alternate Chair alt-chair@cnia.org

Michael K – Thank you D09 for a fantastic Post Conference – with speaker meeting, ice cream social, hiking and golf tournament for early arrivals! D15 Election Assembly Chair Steve W and I are working on the assembly. Rod B, Pacific Region Trustee is unable to attend our Election Assembly; however, he offered to attend the 2014 Winter Assembly or Pre-Conference Assembly. FYI: there are 2 Grapevine articles from Area 07 members, Billy G in Auburn and John V in Jamestown.

Chair chair@cnia.org Vikki L

– On May 30 I participated in 'Voices of Recovery' in Yuba City. June 7-8, I attended NCCAA in Foster City and the H&I General Meeting on June 9. At NCCAA, Delegate Lela M gave the General Service Conference report and Nancy M, DCM D29, spoke at Young People Speaker Meeting. The next NCCAA is October in Modesto. The Officers' conference call was June 12 and we discussed PRAASA 2017, Election Assembly, officer and chair articles for the newsletter, website changes and the 2014 Spending Plan. On June 22 I will speak at Rebellion Dogs Anniversary. June 29 I will attend Unity Day at Discovery Park, Sacramento. I'm available to participate at your events, please contact me.

Alternate Delegate alt-delegate@cnia.org Kelley M

– As Chair of PI/CPC, we are working on a Service Sponsorship Workshop in the fall. I'm seeking Districts interested in participating; we hope to have several workshops throughout CNIA this fall. CCFs PI/CPC Committee has expressed an interest to host with us. The goal is to inform and educate members and friends on the Third Legacy of Service through the Traditions, Concepts and literature available to the fellowship. I will moderate a District Inventory, participate in Sacramento Unity Day and speak at a Spanish-speaking group's business meeting. Please let me know if your District PI/CPC needs assistance. Thank you for your service to A.A.

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Lela M

(delegate@cnia.org)

I shared the General Service Conference Report at NCCAA on June 8 in Foster City. **Upcoming Events for me are:** June 18 at D27; June 22 at High Flyers; June 24 at D15; July 7 at D54; July 13 in Fresno; July 21 in Redding; July 23 in Auburn; and, July 28 in Modesto.

Box 459 Highlights: Box 459 is available on the aa.org website in English/Spanish/French. You can subscribe to Box 459 from GSOs website.

CPC Trustees Committee will revise the pamphlet 'If You are a Professional'.

Grapevine: Discussions continue about ways to reduce the **LaViña** deficit. Please stay informed throughout the year as new information comes out, and please discuss this with your groups. This is especially important for Spanish speaking groups – the next Delegate can best be of service by knowing your conscience on this topic. The more specific your ideas are, the better!

Treatment: Sound/translation improvements for 'Hope' video for Spanish and French.

Special Needs: The DVD 'AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs' is to be formatted for blind, deaf or learning challenged.

Conference Inventory Report-back: How is the communication from Trustees to Delegates to Areas to Districts to Groups? How effective is the use of technology to disseminate information? Conference Orientation and Definitions for Delegate - is there a need for clearer picture of what happens and how the decisions are determined? What about participation & timing for distribution of Agenda Items?

Theme for 2014 General Service Conference is: Communicating our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World. Presentation topics are: Liv-

ing in the Heart of A.A.; Recovery, Unity and Service Our Responsibility; Passing it On through Sponsorship; Participating in our Common Welfare through Contributions; and, Inventory – a Guiding Tool to our Future. Your groups can begin to talk about next years' conference theme and other continuing topics.

Items that were tabled and not put on 2013 Agenda – 1) Conference Committee on BTG; 2) How any Draft Literature is distributed while changes are considered.

Tradition 7 Quarterly Report lists every group's contribution and the percentage of participating groups in our Area. In 2012 January thru March groups contributed 24%; in 2013 January thru March 23% groups contributed – there are approximately 75% group's not contributing in the first 3 months. It may be an opportunity to ask group's why they don't contribute and learn their reason(s). Be sure to thank the groups that do contribute. *It's not the dollar amount, it's the participation. There's no right/wrong.*

March AAWS Highlights: Archives Dept has 5 b/w photos to be used by A.A. Archives for setting up local displays. **Grapevine** asked AAWS if they could use AAWS list to communicate. AAWS not responsible for regional forum or international lists. **AAWS** discussed sharing draft minutes with General Service Board to improve communication. Improved communication is unfolding!

Remote Communities report: In other Areas.... A flight costs \$1000 to get to meetings; DCMs fly between islands in Hawaii; Alaska has teleconference A.A. meetings at remote jails; Arizona has many Native America tribes – Paiute, Navajo and Pima and other Native America tribe nations; Alaska uses the 7th Tradition phone.

New Groups: Group Modesto, D56, Keep It Simple, D43 and Acceptance Group, D47

LaViña Anniversary in Fullerton (Area 09) July 20-21 – Lee W, Past Delegate of CNIA, Padee, Delegate of

CNCA and Judge Rogelio will be speaking.

DISTRICT REPORTS

D-09 – Steve C, DCM – Our District discussed the July 13 Traditions Workshop covering Traditions 6, 7, 8 and 9 at 6 p.m. and potluck in McCloud. August 18 is the District picnic at Lake Siskiyou. We will have Connie G (Grapevine), SISKIPAA, AA and Al-Anon speakers. We are planning an October Service Workshop w/potluck.

D-11 – Alt-DCM Maureen – District meeting was May 26 at the Alano Club in Redding with 15 GSRs and members-at-large. On Sunday, July 21 at noon at the Alano Club is the Workshop on General Service Conference with Lela M, Woody R, Vikki L and Tom A. Larry W improved our website cniadistrict11@gmail.com. We discussed H&I and BTG volunteers. Matthew L, BTG, will attend June 23rd District meeting to clarify the responsibilities and explain about the blue/yellow cards. ACYPAA will be in Redding in 2014!

D-15 – Jenn D, DCM – We changed our District meeting to the 4th Monday of the month at the same location. Our Delegate Lela M will be giving the General Service Conference Report on June 24. Our Web Committee is working on the new District website that is solely D15 and no longer shared.

D-17 – Jan H, DCM – Shermann from Winters is the new BTG chair and Sara C, Alt-GSR, Southport Serenity Group attended. We have reserved the Heidrick's Ag Center in Woodland to host the 2014 Pre-Conference Assembly next April. Grapevine will have an article written by Brent G, Registrar.

D-19 – Judy T, DCM -- Our next District meeting is June 29th. The agenda will have Roundtable discussions: GSRs will respond to the question: "What does it mean to be a 'Guardian of the Traditions?'" And, Officer's will discuss the question: "How can we

build interest in Service Work?" Materials were provided to encourage study of the Concepts and Traditions. June 1st, the Delegate's Report was presented and copies distributed of the 63rd GSC Agenda Items recommendations and actions. GSRs heard the purpose of the spirit of rotation focused on the Report and Charter Agenda Item recommending information about rotation to the Service Manual on page S23. District Officers and Chairs duties will be described to prepare GSRs for the November Election Assembly. Unity Day is June 22nd at Lion's Gate/Riverfront Park in Marysville.

D-20 –Kellie R, Alt-DCM – At the May 25th District Meeting Lela reported on the General Service Conference. Thank you to Lela M, Mike K and District 9 for the panel discussion. D20 Unity Day is September 28 at St Canice Hall in Nevada City. Connie G, Grapevine, and Celia B, Literature, will be attending. Check out our events on dist20aa.org.

D-21 – Betsy L, DCM – Auburn Unity Day is June 22 at Bell Road Baptist Church in Auburn and a panel of D21 members will give duties of District positions. The Website Chair is an elected term and a new person was elected. There were conflicts with the website being in the originators account and after 8 months of discussion the decision was to start a new District account that could be easily transferred during rotation.

D-22 – Becky B, DCM – We met on June 12 with 20 attending; 1 new GSR and Alt-GSR. Our contributions are dropping steadily. We asked GSRs to share about spirituality and money and what funds support in carrying the message. There is a new Spanish speaking meeting: Saturday at 6 p.m., 677 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Spanish members are invited to attend. Archivist Dick R has another group history to add to our Group History Board. We hope to have all groups represented at Mini-PRAASA next year! Our new District Website is nearly complete. June 29 High Flyers has Lela M giving the GSC Report @ 5 p.m. before dinner.

D-23 – Athena R, DCM – On May 27th I became the new DCM and grateful for this service! During May 29-June 6 I attended 6 meetings without GSRs. 2 of the 6 groups have members that plan to attend our June 24th meeting. I was also asked to speak on June 8th at one of the meetings. D23 is responsible for the sound and DJ for Unity Day at Discovery Park. We hope to have a new Alt-DCM at the next meeting.

D-24 – Jon S, DCM – Our District met on June 12 with 6 GSRs, 3 Alt-GSRs, 3 Officers and D21 GSR. One new GSR attended from a group w/o any GSR for some time. One GSR described their group is working to establish by-laws, distribution plan and support for the GSR. We discussed Unity Day and our District contribution as parking coordination. We are financially stable and thankful to receive regular contributions from groups. 2 Post Conference reports were given: Gordon, past Area Chair, now Alt-GSR North Hall and Katherine, Alt-DCM North Hall. Our District Archivist gave a box of meeting histories to Dave C, Area Archivist, to be included in CNIA Archives.

D-25 – Deanna C, DCM – Our District struggles with meetings w/o GSRs. We are planning a Concepts Workshop in Elk Grove in September. Unity Day at Discovery Park, Sacramento flyers are available.

D-27 – Jon C, DCM -- We met May 21st with 27 GSRs, Alt-GSRs and Officers, a *potential* Alt-GSR and a new GSR Barbara from Folsom Daily Reflections in attendance. Experiences of the Post Conference were shared. Thank you D09 and D47 for hosting the Post and Pre-Conference Assemblies. Our Participation Committee goal is to reach out to groups without a GSR. We established a spreadsheet for committee members to keep up-to-date. 2 new GSRs are now participating. In April drafting Guidelines were approved by simple majority. At May's meeting we decided we needed to have substantial unanimity. Drafted Guidelines are in process and the committee will meet twice before July's

District meeting. We discussed how, ways and techniques for GSRs to bring the Conference Results to groups. Lela will be at June's meeting to answer questions. Tabled were ideas for summer workshops with Appointed Chairs to lead them. Grapevine Chair Margie J and Special Needs Chair Jeannie K exchanged positions. Rae, manager at CCF, was contacted about listing the District meetings, time, place, date, etc. on the CCF website. Other Districts are discussing what they wish. We finalized preparations for Unity Day, Discovery Park, Sacramento with Sacramento and Yolo County Districts.

D-29 – Nancy M, DCM – D29 meets on the last Monday of the month except in May due to Memorial Day when we met on May 20th. 18 attended plus Rae, BTG, Gene B, H&I, Jon C, D27 and Chris B, D27. We discussed Concept 5 in detail. Upcoming events are: NCCAA June 7-9, Foster City; Unity Day June 29th 11-4pm Discovery Park; Matthew L on August 26; Jan P on September 30; Woody R on October 28; and, Election Assembly November 15-17 Chico. The District survey of Lela's Post Conference Report and Agenda Items were discussed. 4 of 5 Agenda Items we discussed did not pass: Blue card changes; Big Book Index; AA and Armed Service pamphlet –None Left Behind; and Big Book Dust Jacket changes. Passed was the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book to be printed in 2014. Opinions on Grapevine topics were favorably added and passed. The new title of the Spirituality pamphlet was embraced! D11 Seventh Tradition statement was given to GSRs for their meetings. It was an honor and pleasure to be the YP Speaker at NCCAA Summer Conference in Foster City.

D-32 – Sunni R, DCM – D32 met June 19. We have a new Treasurer, Kendal M, and a new DCM, Sunni R. Cynthia B, DCM, moved to be with family. Our merger with D31 is most pressing; we will finalize decision-making on June 23 at noon Stockton Group location.

D-33 – Gordon N, DCM – I'm new DCM and Jon C gave me suggestions. District passed a financial motion to

support GSRs to assemblies and conferences. Groups are to support but if unable the District will help. Post Conference reports were given by GSR Jenna and me. Notes of the General Service Report given by Lela at NCCAA were shared. After several years, June 9 Unity Day was attended by many.

D-34 – Philip S, DCM – 12 attended the District meeting on June 12. We are working with the Spanish Inter-groups to meet in a different room while they have their meetings. Marianne from Patterson is putting together a Traditions Workshop in November. We hope to bid for an assembly in 2015.

D36 – Roy – Our meeting is Sunday, June 16.

D-40 – Pete C, DCM -- D40 met in Madera on June 2nd with 5 in attendance. Planning continues with Oakhurst Mini-Conference in August and Bass Lake Unity Day in September. We hope to attend Lela's report next month in Fresno. Our next meeting is Mariposa on July 7th.

D-41 – Dave D, DCM – The D41 meeting was held on June 10th with DCM, 1 GSR and 1 Alt-GSR. The Treasurer's report was approved. We continued discussing D41 Guidelines. Post Conference Report was distributed from Lela. At the CCCAA Roundup in Fresno, May 24-25 and I participated on a Saturday panel 'How the Seventh Tradition affects the Newcomer'.

D-42 – Bill L, DCM – Vikki is chairing at Veterans Hospital on July 11. Lela is giving us the Conference Report at Fresno State on July 12. Attendance is steady and contributions are up!

D-47 – Sherry B, DCM – We met on June 5 and approved having a District service event in September with Lela sharing the General Conference Report. The annual picnic of CCCAA held the first Saturday in June was changed to Co-Founders Annual Picnic and the District hopes to extend the event through the weekend with service as H&I, District, Area and Central Offices. Thank you to all who helped with the Pre-Conference Assembly. Our Treas-

urer Cheryl was contacted about payment for D49 Answering Service bill; it was approved to pay in full.

D-54 Pedro C, DCM -- We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday's at 7-9 pm with 7 -12 people attending. Thank you to D09 for all your efforts for the Post Conference; there were 9 GSRs attending for the 1st time! The 78 years AA Anniversary begins at noon on June 16. We are participating on June 29th at Discovery Park Unity Day and bringing a piata. All 4 Spanish speaking meetings (inter-District) will meet on July 7 with Lela, Kelley, and we invite others to come and participate (location to be determined).

D-56 – Martin C, DCM – Results of Agenda Items was given to GSRs. We attended the State Convention one week ago. A place has been reserved for the 2014 Winter Assembly and will have more information at the next ACM. We are visiting groups without GSRs and telling them about the need to participate. We are participating in the 78 years Anniversary celebration. The FORO Committee meets on June 16 in Stockton.

OLD BUSINESS Discussion Items

Accents Subscription Fee *suggested by Brent G, Registrar*

A proposal was suggested to consider removing the requirement for a PAID subscription for our CNIA newsletter, Accents/Acentos. (2013 Budget of \$30 for Paid Subscriptions is for past or not active or current CNIA trusted servant such as: DCM, Alt-DCM, GSR, Officer, Appointed Chair, Past Delegates)

This item continues discussion.

Self-Support Financial Responsibilities

By Tom A., Treasurer

In interest for the Treasurer position, Financial Responsibilities and the upcoming November Election Assembly, the Area discussion began regarding the guidelines for our Treasurer and other necessary related assistance.

Tom introduced questions and comments: *What do others think when I don't put money in the basket?* I was involving my ego with what I contributed. My God wanted me to give for giving and sacrifice. *Self support?* I want my Group, District, Area and GSO to be around – A.A. as a whole to be around. Each one has to be self-supporting. For an example: We are not totally self-supporting; i.e., our Delegate goes to New York with only a \$2,000 commitment from us and the remainder is paid by GSO. To be *truly self-supporting*, we need to pay completely. According to 2012 46% of groups in Area 07 contributed to GSO. Lela told us the quarterly percentages for 2012 of 24% and 2013 of 23%. *When talking about self-support it's not about the money; it's about giving when you can, but giving something.* At the Area level we treat any amount whether it's \$1000 or \$1. The \$2 is more spiritual than the \$1000 – it's amazing when you get a check like that! Not all groups are aware of this, they are not aware of these facts. We always need to be informed where the money is needed and going.

Treasurer Duties/CPA Duties

given by Jon C, Finance Chair

The Service Manual description of Treasurer Duties was read.

The Finance Committee is considering revising the CNIA guidelines for the Treasurer position before the next panel. The position requires some knowledge of accounting, bookkeeping and assistance with necessary mandatory non-profit paperwork to be filed each year. Costs may occur in yearly

filing. A CPA is up-to-date with non-profit tax requirements by assisting the treasurer position. Currently, our Treasurer Guidelines state that the position is responsible for filing all the specific paperwork.

A member suggested a chart showing the links with a CPA, bookkeeper and treasurer position responsibilities to aid in understanding. Further discussion is to continue.

Explanation of Bookkeeper/CPA/ Treasurer Service Position

By Tom A., Treasurer

Tom began by giving some history and practices of other Area's and our practices. This information is presented to you so you may be informed about concerns and make as clear as possible what professionals we had to use to prevent possible penalties as a non-profit organization.

Financial reports are available for you to check and to ask questions or let us know of any concerns. Group contributions are important to cover expenses for carrying the message with workshops, updating old equipment, sending the newsletter, attendance for our Delegate to the General Service Conference and giving the report to meetings on the Agenda Items afterwards. We are volunteers and it is important to inform your groups how we spend the contributions received.

In researching other Area's, Past and Current Treasurer's, we found most use a CPA. The filing of the Federal and State tax paperwork cannot be missed or late without penalties! The current panel did not have a bookkeeper or CPA and learned we needed outside help to be sure various filings were accomplished according to a defined schedule. A CPA was retained for all needed CNIA 07 tax filings.

A bookkeeper who is knowledgeable about accounting supports us. The bookkeeper has helped the treasurer position immensely. The current

treasurer position guidelines do not address everything that actually needs to be done. Some Area's have 2 treasurers: 1 who verifies and writes checks and the other balances the account to make sure it is correct. Our current bookkeeper understands the necessity of having everything correct, balanced and the appropriate paperwork.

What's On Your Mind?

Motioned and seconded to
adjourn @ 3:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted
Blessings & *Humbled* Thankfulness,
Jan P, Recording Secretary

**CNIA 07
INCOME & EXPENSES
June 2013**

	<u>Jan - Jun 13</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Total 4 - Contributed support	20,578.03	44,660.00	46.08%
Total 5 - Earned revenues	9,175.59	16,170.00	56.75%
Total Income	29,753.62	60,830.00	48.91%
Expense			
7600 - Officers Expenses			
Total 7620 - Delegate	3,505.89	5,375.00	65.23%
Total 7640 - Alt. Delegate	1,297.63	1,950.00	66.55%
Total 7660 - Chairman	2,003.37	2,150.00	93.18%
Total 7680 - Alt. Chairman	1,898.37	1,970.00	96.36%
Total 7700 - Secretary	1,323.47	2,025.00	65.36%
Total 7720 - Treasurer	2,439.13	3,000.00	81.3%
Total 7740 - Registrar	2,486.20	3,500.00	71.03%
Total 7600 - Officers Expenses	14,954.06	19,970.00	74.88%
7800 - Appointed Chair Expenses			
Total 7820 - Literature Chairman	1,039.44	1,700.00	61.14%
Total 7840 - Grapevine Chair	1,939.61	1,800.00	107.76%
Total 7860 - Bridging The Gap	446.50	2,200.00	20.3%
Total 7880 - Accents Chairman	551.03	1,300.00	42.39%
Total 7900 - Archives Chairman	1,247.73	1,900.00	65.67%
Total 7940 - Translation Committee	757.61	1,325.00	57.18%
Total 7960 - Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	349.36	500.00	69.87%
Total 7800 - Appointed Chair Expenses	6,331.28	10,725.00	59.03%
Total 8000 - Assemblies	1,077.63	10,000.00	10.78%
Total 8100 - Accents, Grapevine, Literature	10,675.48	16,200.00	65.9%
Total 8200 - Meeting Room Expenses	2,625.00	3,980.00	65.96%
Total 8500 - Misc expenses	7,362.29	8,525.00	86.36%
Total 8600 - Taxes & Fees	735.54	550.00	133.74%
Total Expense	43,761.28	69,950.00	62.56%
Net Ordinary Income	-14,007.66	-9,120.00	153.59%
Net Other Income	-1,185.91		
Net Income	-15,193.57	-9,120.00	166.6%

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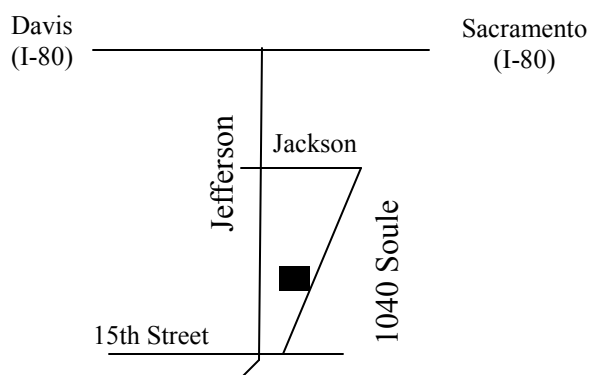
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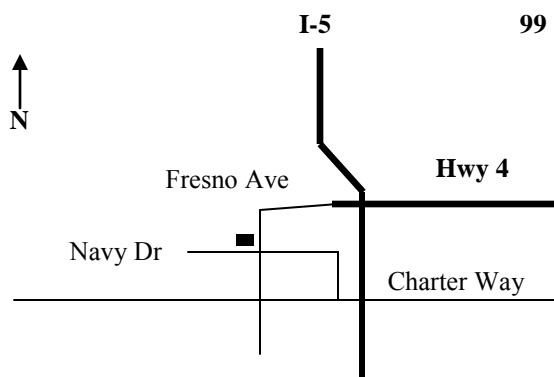
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CALENDAR 2013-2014**

**2013
(DISTRICT)**

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

**2014 (Proposed)
(DISTRICT)**

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