

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!

Please mail to:
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AREA CHAIR'S REPORT AUGUST 2015

Business covered at the June Area Committee Meeting (ACM) included the following.

Under housekeeping it was agreed unanimously to bid to host the 20th Anniversary of the La Vina in 2016.

The Ad Hoc Committee regarding District Committee Member (DCM) travel to ACM's recommended the Area grant scholarships of up to \$60 per District per ACM. After much discussion it was agreed to get input from the Groups and continue the discussion at the August ACM.

Information was presented by Paul K., District 17 DCM, regarding previous Area discussion of one day Assemblies. After much discussion no consensus was reached on this topic. We will continue discussion of this topic at the upcoming ACM.

There was healthy discussion and some good questions raised on the topic of Bridging the Gap (BTG) Blue and White Cards. Hopefully there will be a response to these questions and more discussion at the August ACM.

The Assembly motion for Area support to update the Traditions Illustrated Pamphlet was presented and after discussion there was unanimous support from the ACM body of this Assembly motion. Obviously the work of the Conference goes on all year long.

GSR Nancy K., who presented the Assembly motion for area support to add BTG to the Service Manual, stated she would like to withdraw the Assembly motion and requested instead that an Ad Hoc Committee be created to explore some BTG topics. Three specific topics mentioned were 1) forming a more formal area BTG committee rather than an appointed area chairperson, 2) recommend adding BTG to the AA Service Manual, and 3) creating AA guidelines for BTG. There was no opposition to forming an Ad Hoc Committee so more will be revealed on these topics at future ACM's.

I have heard that the Draft 2016 Spending Plan will be available in August and look forward to the energetic discussions to follow - definitely evidence that we are not a glum lot.

It has been an amazing experience to serve the Area during Panel 64. All are invited to participate at the ACMs and I look forward to seeing all who attend in August.

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

Grapevine / La Viña Appointed Chair Experience

When I was first asked to consider accepting the Grapevine Appointed Chair position I thought how hard can it be. I'll just drive around the area and promote the Grapevine and La Viña magazines.

I then arranged a meeting with Connie G. (The outgoing Grapevine / La Viña Appointed Chair). When I arrived we met and Connie said "The Supplies are in the garage" And we proceeded to load my car with 4 storage containers of supplies. That is when I got my first glimpse of how much the Grapevine and La Viña impacts AA.

Emotional Sobriety, Language of the Heart, Young and Sober to just name a few of the books that I had but didn't realize were Grapevine publications. The slogans, the traditions and all of the current stuff that makes AA . . . AA. And yes, the experience of meeting all of the people that I have gotten to meet from Redding to Fresno as well as in the Region, have been "Priceless".

In short I have been able to be a part of a 70 year tradition with the Grapevine and a 19 year tradition with the La Viña in bringing the current voice of AA to AA. Without the continuing message of hope and recovery that are within its pages and publications AA would simply not have the resources to reach the still suffering Alcoholic one short block away. I have been privileged to have this commitment and will always benefit from the growth that it's given me.

In Love and Service
Steve C.

P.S. Have you heard about the Grapevine / La Viña Subscription Challenge?

Literature Chair

I took over as Literature Chair from Celia. She is tall and strong and had huge containers of books and pamphlets and racks to give me. I'm little and older and not very strong. I repackaged things into smaller boxes that I could carry. Then I broke my arm and thought about giving up my commitment. But everyone helped during the 8 month period when I could not carry more than 5 lbs. My neighbor packed my car, and wherever I went, folks unpacked the car, so I could set up the display.

My favorite of the gifts I have received from being Literature Chair for the last 2 years has been how much more I learned about all the material AA has on a variety of subjects. I have read pamphlets I didn't even know existed. I am blown away by how carefully AA looks at each piece of literature to see if it is relevant and serves the people for whom it is intended.

I have had an opportunity to spend time at several unity days in different districts and meet so many great people. What a gift! I have also learned to serve the Area in a way that provides what is needed without overspending. It is a balance that took me most of the two years to learn, but well worth the work.

In gratitude and service
Mary O.
Literature Chair
Area 07, Panel 64

Verbal Translation Chair

This is one of the most important parts of my life sober. It is not always easy, but it is simple. The job is to make sure that all area events (ACMs, assemblies, etc), have verbal translation available. It also means being in charge of the equipment. If I am unable to attend, then I should have someone else ready and available. That has not always been the case, unfortunately.

I started with the all the important qualifications: an alcoholic that can speak Spanish and has a desire to be of service. Initially I volunteered to be part of the committee, not the chair. I began translating at the pre-conference assembly in Woodland. Along the way, I was appointed.

AA has a special vocabulary I learned along the way. Learning the language of recovery was difficult. Some people speak very quickly. The biggest challenge is getting the point across without losing the specific meaning of message. It gets better and easier with time.

Michael J.
Verbal Translations Chair

August 2015 Area Committee Meeting (ACM) Agenda

10:00am Call to Order

Serenity Prayer
Readings
12 Traditions
12 Concepts
General Service Representative (GSR)
Preamble
Anonymity Statement

Introductions
Announcements
Assembly reports

Consideration of July 2015 Minutes

Liaison Reports
Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)
Central Offices
Young People in Alcoholics
Anonymous (YPAA)
Special Needs (CNSN)

7th Tradition

10:45am Old/New Business
Support DCM travel to ACM's
One Day Assemblies
BTG Blue & White cards
BTG Ad Hoc Committee
Draft 2016 Spending Plan

Noon Lunch

1:00pm Appointed Chair Reports
Officer reports

1:45pm Delegate's Report

2:30pm District Committee Member
(DCM) Reports

3:45pm 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.

Minutes (Unapproved) CNIA 07 Area Committee Meeting July 18, 2015 West Sacramento, CA

The Area Committee Meeting of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at East Yolo Fellowship, West Sacramento, CA from 10am-3:51pm on July 18, 2015. Area Chair, Mike K, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Tyler, SACYPAA GSR, the 12 Concepts were read by Leon N, CCF Liaison, the GSR Preamble was read by Victor, GSR, D53 and the Anonymity Statement was read by Phillip S, D34.

Introductions

New Attendees: Valerie – member, Don Lee H – member, Jenn – ASL interpreter, Cathy – ASL interpreter, Jess E – D43 Alt-DCM

Mike introduced Past Delegates: Melody T – Panel 60, Lela M – Panel 62.

Announcements

Grapevine Chair Steve C – a 19th anniversary of La Viña celebration is in San Jose. I asked if we could put our name in the hat to host. Is there agreement to do so? [Area Committee supports.] Lela M – I thank everyone who participated in the Pacific Region booth at the International Convention. We're having writing workshops to address calls for stories for three pieces of literature. One workshop in the north will potentially be hosted by D15. Another one intended to serve Districts 17-29 and 54 will be September 12 from 2pm-4pm. Fliers in English and Spanish are available and will be posted to cnia.org. For the south there will be one at Porter Group in Stockton on September 5 from 2pm-4pm. We can discuss another one further south.

Assembly Reports

Post-Conference Assembly – May 16-17, 2015 – Judy B, D29 – We sent \$2,613.79 to Area. We sent \$807.04 over seed money.

Election Assembly – November 20-22, 2015 – Rogelio R, D53 – All positions are filled. We received some registrations. We have more fliers in English and Spanish. Winter Assembly – January 16-17, 2015 – Larry W, D11 – A couple chair positions are filled with all filled soon.

Pre-Conference Assembly – April 9-10, 2015 – Carrie J, D40 – We're still searching for a location. Once we have a location, Nancy will facilitate a kick off meeting. Post-Conference Assembly – May 21-22, 2015 – Lance V, D09 – Tom sent the deposit. We have the insurance.

Consideration of the Minutes

Spelling mistakes in the minutes vary among readers as they are from PDF readers. Page 6, column 1, Treasurer Tom's last initial should be changed from "C" to "A".

Liaison Reports

H&I – Will R, Liaison – Nothing to report regarding new liaison. I just took an Alt-GSR position and will be at the next assembly. I enjoyed and appreciated working with you.

CCF – Leon N, Liaison – CCFAA Picnic will be at Elk Grove Park on August 16 9am-4pm. A Long Timers Speaker Meeting/Dessert Potluck is on August 1. The meeting starts at 6pm, speakers at 7pm. Volunteers to mail the fliers and By The Way are welcome. MCVYPAA – Michael J, member – we meet in Modesto. Our second annual campout is August 7-9 (FCYPAA co-hosts). We have a monthly game night on second Friday.

SACYPAA – Tyler C, GSR – We're holding our monthly speaker meeting and event this month in Folsom on July 25. Four attended the International Convention and we volunteered at the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite on Friday. SACYPAA is bidding to bring WACYPAA (Western Area Conference of Young People in AA) to Sacramento in 2016. We're hosting our annual Service Palooza on September 26 at Saint Marks Church at 3pm. The purpose of Service Palooza is

to bridge the gap between young people in AA and service within AA as a whole. You are all invited to attend.

District Reports

D09 – Lance V, DCM – D09 held its monthly meeting on July 5 with 12 attending. Our upcoming annual picnic in Yreka on August 29 is on track. Mary H reported the deposit and insurance rider had been received for 2016 Post-Conference Assembly. Lisa volunteered Friday Night Primary Purpose to host the Delegate General Service Conference report for D09 on October 16. Larry B informed the District of the upcoming Sobriety in the Siskiyous to be held September 12 in Yreka.

D11 – Larry W, District Officer – We anticipate a strong turnout for Kelley's Delegate Report on July 26. We have people eager to be of service.

D15 – Brooke D, DCM – D15 last met on June 22 with 17 people attending. We're compiling questions for a District inventory. We'll attempt to complete the inventory by year-end. Prior to June's District meeting, an ad-hoc finance committee met to create a proposed spending plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1. It passed unanimously at the District meeting. D15 will host Kelley M on July 25 for his Delegate report. I asked our GSRs about CNIA switching to one-day assemblies. Many supported it with some exceptions. We discussed using Area funds to subsidize travel expenses for DCMs to attend the ACM, and our GSRs supported it. We discussed hosting a writing workshop for the call for stories. All supported the idea, but D15 money is not allocated. We'll need financial support to host.

D17 – Paul K, DCM – Our next District meeting will be July 20. We'll discuss the GSO request for sharing. We'll get information to the groups ASAP and participate in the writing workshops being scheduled. I was incredibly privileged to attend the International Convention. I send our District's condolences to Gordon Norris' family and D33's trusted servants.

D19 – Terry D, DCM – D19 last met on

July 11. Kelley M will give his Delegate Report on August 1 at 10am. The Linda-Olivehurst Group will host. Brad E, PI/CPC Chair, announced plans for the committee to meet on a regular basis.

The district funded the committee for the August Veterans Stand Down day in Marysville in August. The GSRs approved a Unity Day picnic. We voted to host or support a writing workshop with considerable interest in participation. We have a domain for our website.

D20 – Justin P, DCM – Linda C filled our PI/CPC chair position. We're discussing changing our phone service from AT&T to ACN. We've tabled it for four months. Our Unity Day will be September 26.

D21 – Betsy L, DCM – Our business meeting is the 4th Tuesday. Check out district21cnia.org for Summer Events. Our District formed a Committee to choose the Inventory questions and at our next meeting we will approve them. Our District approved funding our BTG Chairperson to attend the Workshop Weekend. PI/CPC reports our hotel/motels are fully stocked with pamphlets as well as the High Schools being stocked with Big Books and 12&12's. D22 – Cindy A, DCM – D22 holds its monthly business meeting on the second Wednesday. 10 attended this month. We filled several empty positions. Don H became our Web Editor. Gary M was elected our PI/CPC Chair. Two women's groups report having more newcomers. One GSR is trying to get his group to split for the first time ever.

D23 – Joey W, DCM – Four GSRs came to our last meeting. I'm reminding GSRs it's their responsibility to make announcements. I've gone to some business meetings.

D24 – John B, DCM – D24 meets every 2nd Wednesday at 6:00. Our meeting lasts an hour. Our attendance is eight to twelve members and occasional guests. We have been getting irregular contributions from groups. It may be that the treasurers had the incorrect mailing address for the district, and we have asked GSRs to make sure their groups have the correct address. We met on July 8, with nine members and

two guests attending. In addition, Delegate Kelley M attended and presented an informative 2015 GSC report. Thank you Kelley.

D25 – Tim K, DCM – The CCF Picnic will be in D25. Midtown Solutions started a new service study meeting on Thursdays at 5:30pm.

D27 – Rick K, DCM – Our Treasurer stepped down. We approved a \$100 donation to the upcoming writing workshop. We're organizing a road trip for Archives.

D29 – Judy B, DCM – We meet at 6:30pm on the last Monday. We discussed whether the District will sponsor a Grapevine subscription. We are looking forward to helping with the writing workshop on September 12. The Tahoe Park Group and Natomas Group will host the muffin/cake walk booth at the CCF picnic.

D30 – Greg N, Alt-DCM – D30 held our July District Committee Meeting on July 11. Roughly 15 trusted servants attended. We approved the D30 budget. The District is our own Central Office. We print our own meeting schedules and maintain the D30 Hotline and Website. We're preparing for a Secretary's Workshop that will be hosted by the Jackson Fellowship. The Gold Country Round Up Committee is preparing for this year's event. The Round Up will be October 23–25 at the St. Sava Mission & Retreat Center, 604 Mission Blvd, Jackson, Ca. See our website: cnia30.org

D33 – Gina M, DCM – Our regular district meeting was July 13. It's held the 2nd Monday of every month at 6pm. Our meeting started with a moment of silence for Gordon. 17 people attended. Gina M is now the DCM. Jason C is the Alt-DCM. We have three new GSRs and one new Alt-GSR. The memo for stories was handed out for GSRs to take to their groups. We paid the deposit on the unity day venue. We will hold our Unity Day October 3rd from 11am to 4:30pm. Thank you all for your love and support. The loss of Gordon has affected our district greatly. Our District will host a memorial at the Alano on August 30 from 1pm–4pm.

D34 – Jenny M, DCM – D34 meets on

the second Wednesday at 7:00pm. 13 members attended. We're arranging for our delegate's report. Our PI committee is preparing to make presentations at all business meetings. Details for all events in D34 can be found at cviaa.org under Special Events.

D36 – Gary M, DCM – D36 met on June 28 with 10 people attending. We formed a Unity Day committee. Unity Day will be held on September 27 at Veterans Cove/Lake Yosemite from 11-3pm. Our guest speakers will be Inez Y, Marianne H. and Paul C. Fliers are now available via email and on the cviaa.org. PI/CPC is looking at a booth at the Atwater Fall Festival. We will also have a booth at the Merced March Against Meth in October. H&I – USP meetings are back on track on Tuesday nights. Hotline – Phil S has brought new schedules to District and will take Unity Day fliers to ACM. Groups have contributed over \$200 to the Unity Day fund, and D36 is extremely grateful. Some fellowships are passing a special can for the event while others are directly donating. Many of the fellowships are also donating goodie baskets that will be distributed after a silent auction. Beachwood Fellowship is looking into revising Birthday celebration to include Birthday envelopes to help fund GSO. Kelley M will be giving his Delegate Report at Beachwood fellowship on July 19th @ 1:30pm.

D37 – Jeff P, DCM – We meet on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:15pm. 11 people attended with one new GSR. PI/CPC committee is doing presentations in the district. E-Committee is closer to launching website. D37 is hosting a story workshop on September 5 at 2pm at Porter Group. On September 26 at 1:30pm will be a Delegate Report at Porter Group.

D40 – Carrie J, DCM – We had our district meeting on July 5 in Mariposa. Alt-DCM Lorri A led the meeting as I was at the International Convention. They discussed planning for Unity Day on September 13. D41 – Dave D, DCM – D41's meeting was held on July 8 at 7pm. Six people attended. The Long form of Concept 7 was read and discussed. Home Group elected an

Alt-GSR. We hope Fresno Fellowship stays with D41 when they move. The planned visit to Area Archives on June 13th was postponed.

D42 – Tommy R, DCM – We met on July 13 at 7:30pm with nine groups represented. Attendance is impacted by summer activities. PI/CPC received \$150 donation from D42 with appreciation. NCCAA is looking for volunteers for conference in Fresno, October 30-November 1. Pleasant Valley State Prison meetings need support, both English and Spanish speaking. D43 – Jess E, Alt-DCM – D43's meeting was moved to the 1st Saturday. We met on July 4 with a fair turnout. The GSRs voted to keep the district meeting within D43. Keep it Simple Fresno will split for the first time ever. Keep it Simple Selma will also contribute.

D47 – Josh F, DCM – District 47 paid the deposit for Tachi Palace as the venue for the 2016 Mini-PRAASA. Cheryl H has been appointed Chair.

D53 – Rogelio R, DCM – We meet every Friday. Last night three trusted servants stepped up: secretaries for PI, the anniversary and Election Assembly. We're visiting all groups in Fresno to motivate them for Election Assembly. Last week was our District's anniversary. We also had a meeting on service with three people sharing experience. We had \$498 surplus. D54 – Luz María G, DCM – Kelley presented his Delegate Report on July 12. Thank you Kelley. D54 elections will be in October. We've invited officers from Area to talk. Mike talked about PI/CPC and BTG. Nancy will visit on August 6th to talk about DCM. 6-9 GSRs attend each month. D54 will participate in the 19th Anniversary celebration of La Viña.

D55 – Jesús R, DCM – We have four meetings a month on Wednesday. We continue to talk about Concepts and La Viña. We're motivating for La Viña. The audiovisual committee is working on taking movies to groups. The Foro Anniversary Committee is supporting D54 and the Foro.

D56 – Francisco J, DCM – we meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday. Our District

elections will be November 14. We're trying to motivate people from Area to come to a local Grapevine anniversary on August 2. Steve C will participate. We're also hoping people in D56 attend the Foro. Appointed Chair Reports

Accents – Jenn D – I need August articles soon due to scheduling. Please let me know if you're not getting the Accents.

BTG – Ken M – BTG contact requests are down considerably with three last month.

CNCA says things will break loose soon.

Lots of inmates are reaching parole.

eServices – Brooke D – The eServices Committee met during lunch at June's ACM. We discussed the review of the cnia.org website in Spanish and answered a few questions about the Committee's function. Celia B and Luz María are reviewing the Spanish translations. When they're finished, the Spanish version will be published soon. The eServices Committee has three obsolete laptops. I propose I give them to a computer-recycling center. [The Area Committee agrees.]

Finance – Jenny M – We reviewed the bank statements. We continue to work on the 2016 Spending Plan and will present a draft next month. We're trying to make it transparent and understandable.

Grapevine/La Viña – Steve C – On the Subscription Challenge, CA leads Grapevine – up 16.15%. CA La Viña is up 29.8%. I will attend the 19th Anniversary of La Viña.

Literature – Mary O – I manned a literature table at the D21 Unity Day last month.

Thanks for having me. Another literature order will be here by next ACM.

Verbal Translation – Michael J – I missed the last two months. I appreciate people speaking slower. I appreciate any help finding translators.

Written Translation – Celia B – I thank Alondra, Amparo, Jose, Jose, and Luis. We translated material on time. I noticed there is a flier that is not in Spanish. If you give us the material a few days before you need it, we would be happy to translate it.

Officer Reports

Registrar – Matthew L – Please send your

forms.

Secretary – Jon C – I sent the June ACM minutes to Accents and Written Translation on June 26.

Treasurer – Tom A – We have steady contributions. We're slightly ahead of schedule for spending. Our Prudent Reserve is fully funded, and we have a healthy checking account balance. We're close to presenting a draft spending plan next month.

Alternate Chair – Nancy Mc – I look forward to the writing workshops. Thank you Celia for translating the flier. I have been working closely with your Election Assembly committee and plans are coming along great. Please submit your registrations forms, no online registration this time.

Chair – Mike K – I attended the 14th Foro Committee Meeting in Sanger. The 14th Foro will be in Sacramento this year on December 13. I participated in the D54 Meeting where I discussed both BTG and PI/CPC. I am still reviewing and updating the CNIA Service Material Book for this panel. Thank you to all the area trusted servants for their review and comments, including Secretary Jon C for helping with compilation and updating. I hope to have a draft at the August ACM.

Alternate Delegate – Vikki R – I went to the CCF PI/CPC Committee meeting yesterday and there may be reconciliation between the Sacramento committees. September 27 from 2pm-4pm at North Hall is the next Sharing Session. AAWS Non-trustee Director David N has been asked to speak. October 3rd in Fresno will be another Sharing Session with Judge Roper, Class A Trustee nominee.

Delegate's Report – Kelley M

Thank you for our Area's support of my trip to the International Convention in Atlanta. The celebration of our 80th Anniversary was an amazing experience. An area of concern was the many anonymity breaks via social media I witnessed at the International. When using social media such as Facebook, please consider reviewing the pamphlet

"Understanding Anonymity" and the Grapevine article written by Bill W. titled: "Why Alcoholics Anonymous is Anonymous" which can be found in our book *Language of the Heart*. Our 11th and 12th Traditions remain vital to the survival of our fellowship.

Delegate reports have been going well. If your District or group is interested in hearing a report from the 65th General Service Conference, please contact me. News from Alcoholic Anonymous World Services Inc., the GSO/AA Grapevine Co-Location Project – planning for mid-August construction on 11th floor is on track. A new exhibit, "AA's 10th Anniversary" has been created for the Digital Archives exhibit on aa.org. A nine-minute clip of Sister Ignatia's talk at the 1960 International Convention has been added.

On August 31, GSO Staff member Jim M will leave GSO to pursue other interests. Post-production work on the brief video on anonymity for our friends in the media is complete. The new video PSA "Doors" is available for viewing online.

The new ASL translation of "Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" is progressing. Please contact CNIA Treasurer Tom A. if you're interested in your quarterly contribution reports to the General Service Office. For first three months of the year, the percentage of groups contributing is 23.33%. We're up from last year's figure of 23.14%. If you are interested in purchasing Grapevine subscriptions for inmates who have requested them, please contact Grapevine Chair Steve C. Remember this may be the only contact these inmates are able to have with Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you to our Past Delegate Lela, for helping to coordinate our writing workshops. Please check the CNIA website for dates and times. These workshops will help members with sharing their stories for updating the pamphlets, "A.A. for the Woman" and the "Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" (this title will be updated also). The workshops will also help us submit our stories to help with

developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.

Thank you for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous!

Business

Support DCM Travel to ACMs

The ad hoc committee recommends CNIA grant scholarships to Districts unable to afford to attend ACMs. The scholarship will not exceed \$60/ACM, per District for mileage.// Perhaps the amount could relate to how far the District is from East Yolo Fellowship (EYF)?// I turn in \$120 in expenses so this would help.// We talked to all DCMs. We learned their distance from EYF and how much each was reimbursed for mileage only. We took the furthest away District (09) which is reimbursed \$120. \$60 is more than half their mileage expense.// Did the ad hoc committee talk to Tom and the Finance Committee? Yes, but it is not part of the 2016 Spending Plan.// Let's cover 100%.// Where is the money coming from? Would Districts be able to contribute directly?// I thought we couldn't direct contributions to specific things. There are many variables in where the money is coming from.// The money would come from the general fund. We're against this because it's a matter of groups contributing enough to support the District.// I believe everyone should be able participate in General Service. I also believe in self-support. We've had full four scholarships in our District. They haven't utilized them.// Some Areas have one-day Assemblies and no ACMs each year. I think less ACMs and shorter Assemblies (more efficiency) is better.// The biggest obstacle to participation is time and effort. I don't want us to focus on money instead of WebEx and then say we've already supported gas so we won't support WebEx.// I don't see a need.// I agree. We don't have a District needing financial support. Lance's travel comes out of his pocket. They wait for the money to be available, and they reimburse him.// Up to a few months ago, we went two years without money to come and paid

out of pocket.// Contributions among Districts may be similar but the cost due to distance may call for supporting far-flung Districts.// Two past DCMs from my District did not attend ACMs due to expense. If the DCM goes to ACMs, there might not be money for anything else.// If people start contributing less, Area will need some way of stopping it. It could be half of total expense.// Instead of 8 ACMs, have 4 ACMs.// My budget to come to ACMs is \$200/month. That cuts back on going to PRAASA. The hardest thing about getting new DCMs is the time it takes. I lean toward less ACMs if it's going to allow DCMs to do other things.// I think it's important to both provide scholarships and reduce the number of ACMs.// I have no problem giving Districts money for gas. I don't think my home group is going to notice if there are 4 ACMs instead of 8 ACMs.// It would be greatly appreciated in my District, and I think it's a wonderful idea.// I support using this money from the general fund. Maybe Districts can contribute to Area for this purpose.// I support taking this back to the groups.//

One-Day Assemblies

I submitted considering taking Post-Conference and/or Winter Assembly to one-day assemblies. Motivations were effect on family, work and finances. All Assemblies were one-day prior to 1986. Some discussion from 2006 Accents: time management at Assemblies, shorten reports, reports can be published in Accents, GSRs want to vote on motions, do motions first. Efficiency is key.// Past one-day Assemblies were 10am-4pm. Why would one-day Assemblies increase participation when people can go to an Assembly for one day already?// What do we cut at Assemblies?// I hear the question being participation. I don't think finagling our ACMs and assemblies is the answer. I think it's the message we're taking back.// With a two-day assembly, you miss something if you only go one day. Not many saw the people who presented on Sunday at Post-Conference.

We did a panel and the ask-it-basket. Is that the best use of group funds? The whole weekend aspect is a barrier to some people with families.// I ask myself what's best for District and Area. Does what we do today affect reaching the alcoholic that still suffers?// People complained about some GSR reports always being the same. The District wanted to hear Area information. We cut GSR reports but left time for group issues/concerns.// I'm not opposed to one-day Assemblies, but I love everything we currently do.// How long will the Assembly go if people have to drive home?// I'm in favor of being more efficient. I think this is something to look at as an inventory question. I look forward to the whole experience on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

BTG Blue and White Cards

I brought up using the tri-fold pamphlets from New York instead of the blue and white cards.// They're F-183 and F-184. The blue and white cards have a form to fill out and a blurb. The GSO tri-folds have more information.// We use blue and white cards for both treatment and corrections. Would the replacements from GSO work for both? Yes.// If we change, we have to get the new ones approved at facilities. Also, the GSO tri-folds say we give rides, and we do not in CNIA.

Updating Twelve Traditions Illustrated

The notes are what the Stockton group found. We're looking for other ideas.// There should be a brief statement as a motion so we know what we'll present to the Conference.// I think letting people at GSO decide what to change would be best.// We know that the Literature Committee would decide on the changes.// Once I explained the process of how it would work with the committees, everyone was in favor.// D37 DCM Jeff P's motion at 2015 Post-Conference Assembly: "I move that California Northern Interior Area 07 support the proposed agenda item from the Stockton Group on updating the pamphlet "Twelve

Traditions Illustrated." If approved, this would include a letter requesting an agenda item to update the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated" from the CNIA Delegate to the General Service Conference Secretary." The information provided is background.// I think we're ready to ask for a recommendation from the Area Committee on this motion.// [The Area Committee recommends the item to the Assembly.]

Placing BTG in the Service Manual

Since bridging services are interpreted differently around the country, we want to form an ad hoc committee to explore adding bridge services to the Service Manual.// We're thinking of having a few more members to coordinate services for BTG.// The group thought the original motion was premature. There were questions and a lot more we need to look at.// Babes in Recovery GSR Nancy K: I withdraw the motion I made at 2015 Post-Conference Assembly regarding placing BTG in the Service Manual.// Chair Mike K: Is anyone opposed to an ad hoc committee?// I would like to see Corrections Correspondence incorporated into an ad hoc committee.// I'm not sure why we're going to have an ad hoc committee to figure it out if it's going to be up to the Literature Committee.// I want clarification on the goal of the ad hoc committee.// Three things. We have only one person doing BTG. CNCA has a more formal committee. The second was adding something to the Service Manual. The third was AA Guidelines for BTG.// I was the BTG Correspondence Secretary for three BTG Chairpersons. This is the first time there is only one person.// Chair Mike K: I will contact Nancy about forming the ad hoc committee.

Motion and second to adjourn @ 3:51pm.

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

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

January 1 through July 31, 2015

	<u>Jan 1 – July 31, 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · Contributed support			
4010 · Group Contributions	26,727.27	43,000.00	62.16%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	1,465.77	2,000.00	73.29%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 4 · Contributed support	28,193.04	45,100.00	62.51%
5 · Earned revenues			
5110 · Literature Sales	817.50	2,000.00	40.88%
5140 · Grapevine Sales	1,607.22	3,000.00	53.57%
Total 5160 · Assembly Income	7,303.88	10,000.00	73.04%
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	<u>0.70</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>35.0%</u>
Total 5 · Earned revenues	<u>9,729.30</u>	<u>15,002.00</u>	<u>64.85%</u>
Total Income	37,922.34	60,102.00	63.1%
Expense			
7600 · Officers Expenses			
Total 7620 · Delegate	3,913.90	4,778.00	81.92%
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	1,474.77	2,026.00	72.79%
Total 7660 · Chairman	1,384.09	1,624.00	85.23%
Total 7680 · Alt. Chairman	1,616.07	1,475.00	109.56%
Total 7700 · Secretary	667.73	1,151.00	58.01%
Total 7720 · Treasurer	2,617.88	3,068.00	85.33%
Total 7740 · Registrar	<u>1,261.98</u>	<u>1,757.00</u>	<u>71.83%</u>
Total 7600 · Officers Expenses	12,936.42	15,879.00	81.47%
7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses			
Total 7820 · Literature Chairman	1,163.55	1,242.00	93.68%
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	1,735.27	1,585.00	109.48%
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	1,510.03	2,150.00	70.23%
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	<u>756.61</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>151.32%</u>
Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	7,791.19	10,758.00	72.42%
Total 8000 · Assemblies	4,321.87	10,000.00	43.22%
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	6,434.78	14,600.00	44.07%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	2,675.00	4,200.00	63.69%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	3,638.69	4,750.00	76.6%
Total 8600 · Taxes & Fees	<u>350.78</u>	<u>413.00</u>	<u>84.94%</u>
Total Expense	<u>38,148.73</u>	<u>60,600.00</u>	<u>62.95%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-226.39</u>	<u>-498.00</u>	<u>45.46%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-226.39</u></u>	<u><u>-498.00</u></u>	<u><u>45.46%</u></u>

Area Checking Account Balance – 07/31/15 \$ 6,378.44

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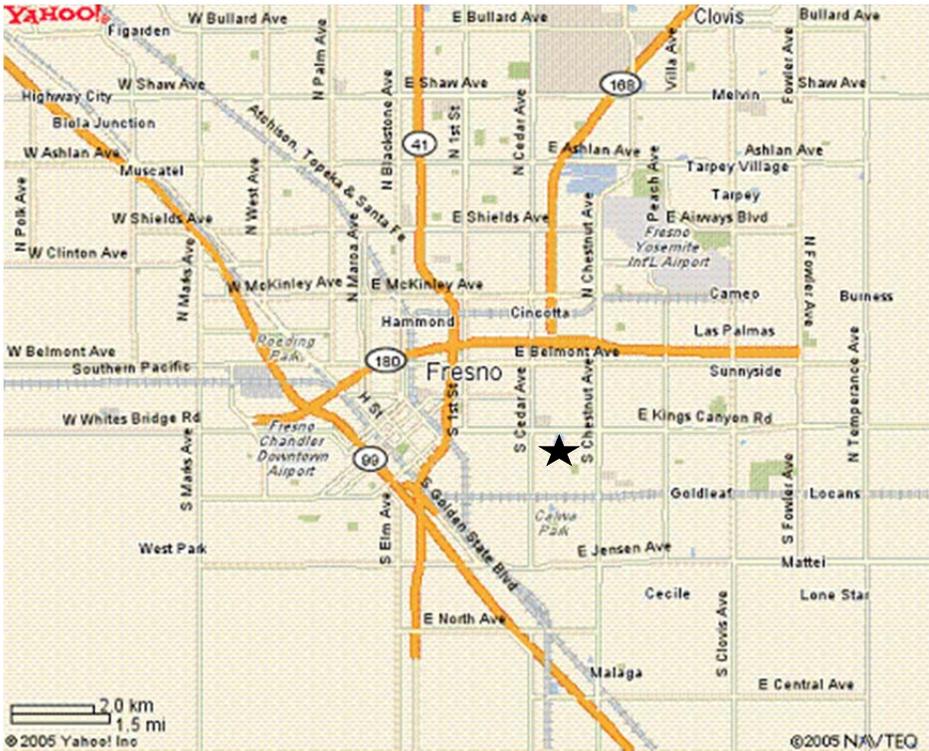
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Calendar 2015-2016

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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