

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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September 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 August 2015 Minutes

Liaison Reports

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

Central Offices

Young People in Alcoholics

Anonymous (YPAA)

Special Needs (CNSN)

7th Tradition

10:45am District Committee Member
(DCM) Reports

Noon Lunch

1:00pm Appointed Chair Reports
Officer reports

1:45pm Delegate's Report

2:30pm Old/New Business
Support DCM travel to ACMs
Ad Hoc Committee
One Day Assemblies
BTG Ad Hoc Committee
2016 Spending Plan
Area Service Material Book

3:45pm What's on your Mind

4:00pm Close

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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Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

I enjoy the Area Committee Meetings (ACM) during the summer and fall months. Although there is less emphasis on preparing our Delegate for the General Service Conference (GSC), there is more energy directed towards improving services and unity within the area.

At the August ACM our the Grapevine/La Vina Chairperson, Steve C., reported we were not selected to host the 2016 Pacific Region 20th Anniversary of the La Vina.

There was good discussion on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding financial assistance for District Committee Member (DCM) travel to ACMs and the District 17 topic of One Day Assemblies. Both these topics will remain on the agenda for discussion at the September ACM.

After expressed concerns regarding use of the General Service Office (GSO) pamphlets, Area BTG Chairperson Ken M. reported support of using the Blue and White cards only – thus concluding discussion of this topic for now.

The recently formed Ad Hoc Committee on BTG had little to report and Area Treasurer, Tom A., presented a Draft 2016 Spending Plan. I am looking forward to hear more loving discussion on these topics at the upcoming ACM.

There was a motion presented for area funding of the area writing workshops. After discussion and vote this motion did not pass.

Under What's On Your Mind, there was discussion and substantial unanimity to switch the DCM Reports back to the morning and conduct Old/New Business in the afternoon portion of the ACM.

It is truly an honor and a pleasure to participate with such dedicated trusted servants.

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

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Secretary

Thank you CNIA 07 for the opportunity to serve as your Secretary! It has been an honor, privilege and pleasure.

The first duty of the Secretary is to take minutes and maintain corrected minutes of all Assemblies and ACMs. I ask the Area Committee and Area liaisons to email reports. Thank you to those that email reports! It helps a lot as I cut and paste into a template. Some people submit reports at the meeting, and those are valuable too. At the meeting, I take minutes on those that did not email reports. I take all minutes for the business portion. The biggest help for this is the recording. The computer I use has a recording device built in that connects to the PA system. It is invaluable. However, I never know if the recording or other technology will work. I have pen and paper ready in case everything breaks down. This is why handwritten submitted reports are valuable as they backup the recording.

At each meeting, we review the minutes and ask if there are any corrections. The important thing is that the minutes be right. I'm just grateful someone is reading them!

The most difficult part of being Secretary is next - getting the minutes to Accents and Written Translation on time. In many months, they are due by Thursday following the ACM/Assembly. I spend all my "free time" on the minutes from the ACM Saturday until I send them to Accents/Written Translation. The Delegate wanted to see his report before it was sent so I allotted time for that. Reducing the minutes to 4,500 words was the biggest challenge. The minutes start at 10,000 to 12,500 words. I learned to take a blank document and re-write the minutes in reduced form.

The next item is to submit the corrected and approved minutes to Archives at the end of the year. I took this to mean sending January-December minutes so I did this after the February ACM when all 2014 minutes were approved. I brought a binder with paper copies and an electronic copy. The next bullet directs the Secretary to have a file with all business of current and past Panels. After speaking with past Secretaries, I decided to keep business from Panels 62 and 64. I also wrote letters for various YPAA's bidding on conferences and sent emails to the Area Committee for members announcing events. Finally, I maintain security for the recordings.

If you're considering being available for Secretary, I have some thoughts. Step 3 is about sacrifice according to God's Will. When I turned myself over to a Power greater than myself to do His will, I learned I was called to serve. Wherever it is was definitely where God wanted me to learn. If you're eligible to be available, I hope you consider it. Whatever happens, you will know what God wants you to do.

Thank you Area 07 for my life!

Yours in Love and Service,
Jon C.

Treasurer

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as CNIA Treasurer for Panel 64. Since being elected, not one day has gone by that I have not felt blessed to serve my Area. My experience as Treasurer has been more than I had ever expected; challenging, rewarding, fulfilling and a whole lot of fun. I have been fortunate to serve on a Panel with some incredible trusted servants who regularly show me what it means to be of service.

If you are considering making yourself available for Treasurer this November, be sure to check the Duties and Responsibilities of the position in the CNIA Service Material Book. Having some understanding of basic accounting and bookkeeping is important, if you struggle with balancing your personal checking account this may not be for you. In addition, computer software, QuickBooks, is used by the Area and can make recording and reporting much easier. Some experience and understanding of computers and software will be a benefit.

You can expect to spend 15-20 hours a month in the regular duties of the position. Contributions must be collected, recorded and deposited in a timely fashion and followed up with a "Thank You" receipt and checks must be sent out for rent, printing, and reimbursement expenses. Financial reports will go a long way in helping members to see how the funds are serving the Area.

If this is something that interests you, be sure to talk to those that know you best; your recovery sponsor, your service sponsor, and your family. It is a two year commitment that deserves to be looked at from many angles.

I ask God to show me what I need to do next, to set fear aside long enough to say "yes", and enough humility to know how this all happened. I feel this has been one of many steps in an incredible journey in recovery. I do not feel that I can ever repay this Fellowship because the harder I try, the more I receive.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Area Treasurer for the 64th Panel.

Tom A
Area Treasurer

Registrar

Greetings Trusted Servants,

With the Election Assembly quickly approaching, I have been tasked with writing an article regarding the Service position of Area Registrar. The most important thing to remember is that you do not need to be "qualified" for a particular Service Position. It has been proven over and over again that "God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called." If you have the time, continuous sobriety, enthusiasm to be a trusted servant, we can teach you the basics and I promise you will only improve through the course of the Panel.

As you consider, making yourself available for the position of Area Registrar, it is important that you understand some of the specifics that I have learned during this Panel. The time requirement can be as much as 15-20 hours per month, depending on the month. The weeks, between the ACM's and Service Assemblies, there are required regular periods of closer attention. The main responsibility of Area Registrar is to maintain current and accurate records that include lists of all groups known to the area and then get the necessary changes to the General Service Office in New York. The learning curve for the position is generally a few months to become proficient and learn the quirks and nuances of the FNV Fellowship New Vision Website.

The General Service Office (GSO) in New York allows the Area Registrars to enter the demographic information into the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database and make real time changes to the data stored there. The FNV is a live database and all changes made are instantaneous. Accessing the FNV requires that a basic understanding and comfort with computers to successfully use a password to gain access to a secure website.

The Group Change Form is a most important tool for the Area Registrar as well as a clarifying tool for the DCM' and GSR's when adding, deleting, or changing anything regarding a Group or Individual. The change form provides a clear account of a group's information and serves as the hard copy of a group's information that might become lost or missing.

The Area Registrar compiles and creates reports with specific data for the Delegate, Officers and DCM's. These reports are then distributed to the appropriate persons and usually done once a month prior to the Area Committee meeting or Assembly. The report that is distributed to the DCM's contains all registered groups in their district in an Excel file sorted by "Active" "Inactive" and Unknown" Groups. The responsibility then is left up to the DCM to review the file and submit change forms for each group as needed.

This may sound very complicated and time consuming and at first it is. However, just like any other service commitment you get better at it over time. It also keeps you sober and accountable, in the process. My hope is that you make yourself available to serve CNIA knowing that you are never alone and will be fully supported by your Officers. This Position has been fulfilling in so many ways and I blessed beyond measure serving the Area.

Matthew L.
CNIA Registrar

Minutes (Unapproved) CNIA 07 Area Committee Meeting August 15, 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 10am-3:37pm on August 15, 2015. Area Chair, Mike K, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Brian, the 12 Concepts were read by Yolanda, the Anonymity Statement was read by Claudio B and the GSR Preamble was read by Rosa.

Introductions

New to ACM: Lorri A, GSR Mariposa

Fellowship & Alt-DCM D40; Eloy, Election Assembly Chair; Yolanda, By the Grace GSR.
Mike introduced Past Delegates: Inez Y – Panel 44, Woody R – Panel 50, Lee W – Panel 58, Melody T – Panel 60, Lela M – Panel 62.

Announcements

The new Fresno Central Office address is 1755 N Gateway Blvd #102 93727.
D19 Unity Day Picnic is October 17 at Sam Brennan Park in Yuba City.
Assembly Reports
Election Assembly – November 20-22, 2015 – Eloy, D53 – Martha is receiving registrations. We elected a Secretary.
Winter Assembly – January 16-17, 2016 – Maureen R, D11 – We met on July 26 and filled all positions. We decided on all menu items and hotels on August 11. We'll have

our flyer in September.
Pre-Conference Assembly – April 9-10, 2016 – Lorri A, D40 – Carrie is working on the location.

Consideration of July Minutes

Approved.

Liaison Reports

NCCAA – Shaun G, Chair – Thank you Kelley for reporting at NCCAA. We elected a liaison from Al-Anon and the Spanish community. We adopted the GSO guidelines for Al-Anon participation at AA conferences. Our last three conference flyers were printed in Spanish. We have a permanent ASL signer for conferences. We'll be having our inventory in Fresno with CNIA and CNCA facilitating. We created a map that shows all cities that hosted an NCCAA. We currently have one intergroup

and 26 of the 42 counties represented. We have 65-80 group delegates per conference. The cost of having conferences at hotels has increased. Our webmaster improved the website. The inventory questions are posted online for any member to share.

CCF – Leon N, Assistant Chair – The CCFAA Picnic is tomorrow at Elk Grove Park, 9am-4pm.

SACYPAA – Claudio B, Member – On August 22 will be BAE Watch at Elk Grove Park. In September will be Servicepalooza. We're bidding for WACYPAA in Portland December 17-21. We're getting involved with the Spanish community.

SANJYPAA – Tyler M, General Service Liaison – We meet for a monthly business meeting on the second Sunday at Central United Methodist Church in Stockton. We'll host "Comedy with a Chance of Meatballs" on September 12. We're accepting pre-registration for ACYPAA Summit October 23-25 in Stockton. We're planning a group inventory.

MCVYPAA – Michael J – We have two Grapevine subscriptions, one for a monthly Grapevine meeting. We're having a game night at Pass It On Fellowship on September 11. We meet every Monday.

CNSN – Rick K, Chair – We're providing resources for people with special needs. Our next meeting is prior to September's ACM at 8:15am.

Workshops

We can submit stories to update AA for the Woman and AA for the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic and create literature regarding alcoholics with mental health issues. Stories are due October 15. Three workshops are coming up. We're asking Area for funding for mileage for Lela, pens, paper, pamphlets and a writing how-to that we'll recycle through the workshops. \$411.73 is the total. Q: Are you collecting a 7th Tradition? Yes, for rent.

Business

Support DCM Travel to ACMs:

Ad hoc committee proposal: CNIA grant scholarships to districts unable to afford ACMs, up to eight times per year, not to exceed \$60 per month, per district. The money will only be used if the district is unable to fund ACM mileage.// Treasurer Tom: we can absorb this if someone

did it for a year at \$60.// Q: how many DCMs would be funded? A: This allows for funding all.// I think we should cap it.// It's never about the money. Since funding issues are variable between districts, sharing expenses is reasonable.// I'd like to see if this would increase participation of DCMs not participating. Are people going to use it?// If a District asks, we have to help. The consensus was to try it.// Getting from place to place always seems to work. I believe deciding from fear is not prudent.// Has a DCM been unable to afford attendance?// Yes, CNIA helped my DCM.// When you take a position, it's about time, money and commitment. Where there's a will, there's a way. It's not an emergency situation. It would be better to motivate the groups to contribute more rather than take money from the Area for reimbursement.// Everyone wants to be fair; we just don't want abuse.// We should not let financial need limit participation. Is reimbursement amount adjusted for mileage? No, it's up to \$60 per district.// It's about motivating GSRs. We're worried about impacting Area.// District elections are happening soon. They may need to know if Area funds will be available. We could get a more concrete number.

One-Day Assemblies

This is to look at possibility of making Winter and/or Post-Conference one-day assemblies. Winter was one of the best-attended assemblies when it was one day.// My GSRs feel much information would be lost.// The GSRs were generally supportive. To increase overall attendance, changing to one day would help.// I'm not in favor, because we have many events at Winter Assembly. Overnight stays create unity and camaraderie.// Our District prefer two-day assemblies. You can do more in a two-day.// I'm against. We have a two-year commitment including assemblies. I don't believe participation will increase due to one-day.// Part of a two-day assembly is more than business; it's a spiritual experience. When you cut the time, you're left with just nuts and bolts, and AA is more than that.// My District supports shorter assemblies with a few supporting two-day assemblies. I love everything just described. However, we need to be prudent. If we spend less on hotels, maybe we'll contribute more. Is the camaraderie

why we're here?// If people must stay overnight anyway, have a second day. People can attend an Assembly for one day now, but instead they're missing both days. I think making it one-day will not bring currently absent people.// If it's a one-day Assembly in Fresno, will people from Yreka go? I think it'll decrease participation.// I learned general service outside the regular meeting. Panels, roundtables and ask-it-basket are where it is.

BTG Blue and White Cards

We're using the blue and white cards. GSO's tri-folds have problems.

BTG Ad Hoc Committee

The purpose is to decide what to put in the Service Manual.// The Alternate Chair is Roy G.

Funding for Story Writing Workshops

D21 DCM Betsy L: I move that Area 07 reimburse recipients for the "Literature Call for Story Writing Workshops" not to exceed \$411.73. Seconded.// If we reimburse a Past Delegate, we should reimburse all Past Delegates. If these are like agenda item workshops, districts fund them.

If the districts can't afford it all, they can ask the Area for help instead of setting a precedent.// Kelley specifically asked Lela to do this.// The districts are asking.// I think the GSRs should know. It's their money.// Lela: I am going regardless so it's not urgent.// I don't see why both can't chip in.// D17 DCM Paul K calls the question. Motion passes.// Main motion fails.// Minority opinion: For some agenda workshops, we reimbursed attending past delegates. Kelley asked Lela to do this.// Other workshops include multiple districts that share the cost. My district has to absorb the total cost. If the GSRs decide they don't want to, the workshop won't happen.// No motion to reconsider. Motion fails.

2016 Spending Plan

Treasurer Tom: Literature and Grapevine Sales have matching expense. Account 5160 Assembly Income – we're stating a positive otherwise income is understated. For Officers/Appointed Chairs, lodging and registration are based on cost. Mileage will be modified later. BTG, Archives and

E-Services have an annual event that the Spending Plan proposes they be funded to. We're proposing increasing the contribution to the General Service Conference from \$2,500 to \$3,000. The GSC actually costs between \$7,000 and \$8,000. In many years, we've come in way under budget. Our current checking account is \$8,200.// Comments/Questions: The eServices Committee Special Conference is under 8510.// The lodging for Alt-Chair is low. The cost will be higher than \$250.// Q: Why is there a separate line item for General Service Conference for Delegate of \$900? Why is there \$1,000 for NCCAA and only \$900 for GSC? A: The \$900 for GSC is walking around money for the week. Either Delegate or Chair will use the \$1,000 for NCCAA. The \$1,000 for NCCAA includes three Conferences and six steering committee meetings.// GSC actual expense. 2014 was \$5,800 in Rye Brook. 2015 was \$7,500 in Manhattan.

Appointed Chair Reports

Accents – Jenn D – Thank you everybody who submitted their articles for the August and September Accents.

Archives – Steve H – The office was closed on July 4 and August 1. If anyone wants to visit Archives on Labor Day Weekend, let me know. I will attend D36's Unity Day on September 27. On October 3, I'm bringing Archives to Sonora. On October 17, I'll take Archives to Tracy.

BTG – Ken M – I'm registered for the BTG Workshop Weekend next month. We had 22 contact requests sent out with six contacts made. I will organize the CNIA BTG Workshop. On October 3, I will attend CNCA's 10th annual BTG workshop. On October 10, I will attend D29's BTG workshop.

eServices – Brooke D – The eServices Committee met during the lunch break of the July and August ACMs. Celia B. and Luz María are currently reviewing the Spanish translations. We will publish the website in Spanish soon.

Finance – Jenny M – The Area 07 Finance Committee met via conference call on July 26. We finalized the 2016 Proposed Spending Plan. We'll make changes based on today's discussion and bring the revised plan to September's ACM. Please contact finance@cnia.org with questions.

Grapevine/La Viña – Steve C – On August 30 I'll attend D09's Unity Day. I'll attend

Sobriety in Siskiyou on September 12. On September 27, I'll go to Lake Yosemite. I attended the Pacific Regional 19th Anniversary of La Viña in Santa Clara. Over 1,200 La Viña subscriptions were raised. The last order of business was to pick next year's host area from a hat. Arizona won. I hope we can host this event or follow its model. I was invited to Area 07's La Viña Anniversary on August 2 in Stockton. They had a writing workshop, and Francisco gave me 10 stories to mail. Area 07's linguistic districts generated over 40 new La Viña subscriptions between both events. Literature – Mary O – I ordered more pamphlets. If you requested particular materials, see me at break. Verbal Translation – Michael J – The August Accents has my article.

Officer Reports

Registrar – Matthew L – Please submit your forms.

Secretary – Jon C – I sent July's minutes to Accents and Written Translation on July 24. I spoke on service sponsorship at D29 on July 27. I submitted an article on Secretary on August 9.

Treasurer – Tom A – Contributions are good. All bills are paid.

Alternate Chair – Nancy Mc – I encourage DCMs to attend other district meetings to gain ideas. I was invited to spend August 6 with D54 at their meeting to talk about DCM and GSR. On September 27, I will chair on Concept 9 at Group III. I get to share at the Hand in Hand conference for Women on September 26 on service! There is no online registration for Election Assembly.

Chair – Mike K – I thank D54 for inviting my participation on their 14th Foro Committee. The 14th Foro is in Sacramento on December 13. I thank SACYPAA for asking me to facilitate their group inventory. I hope to have the updated service material book available for review at the remaining ACMs. I thank Appointed Chair Ken M, Past Delegate Woody R, current DCMs Gina M and Jeff P, and Alternate DCM Roy G for serving on the BTG ad hoc committee.

Alternate Delegate – Vikki L – The next PI/CPC Sharing Session is September 27, 2pm-4pm, in Sacramento. David N, current AAWS Non-Trustee Director, will speak. On October 3, I've invited Judge Glade Roper (non-alcoholic) for a PI/CPC

Sharing Session at 11am in Fresno. Please send experience on using social media for AA purposes to publicinfo@aa.org, due by 12/31/15.

Delegate's Report – Kelley M

I thank Vikki for agreeing to share my report. My Delegate Reports continue and are scheduled into November. Please check the CNIA calendar if you wish to attend one or contact me to schedule one. GSO announced a new Anonymity Resource page on aa.org called "Anonymity - A Vital Spiritual Principle." The new page includes the recently created video "Why Anonymous?" as well as links to the following resources:

- Service Material: Anonymity Online and A.A. Guidelines-Internet
 - Conference-approved literature: pamphlets and books such as Under standing Anonymity, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and A.A. Comes of Age.
 - The Annual Anonymity Letter to Media
- Another good resource is the article "Anonymity and the International Convention" from the 2015 Spring Edition of Box 4-5-9.

The General Service Board Chairman Terry Bedient announced the appointment of the new General Manager of the General Service Office, Greg T, who has been AAWS's Publishing Director since 2013. Greg has 35 years experience in corporate publishing and non-profits. He has been active in AA service since 1986, having served as General Service Trustee. Here is some of what Pacific Regional Trustee Joel C. sent us following the Board weekend:

AAWS

The construction process to bring AA Grapevine, Inc., onto the 11th floor of 475 Riverside Dr. and to remodel and upgrade the AAWS/GSO offices begins August 10, with completion in November. Tours will be limited during construction.

New archives content is on aa.org.

On the financial side, net revenues for the six first months of 2015 were about 8.5% less than budget; expenses were about 5% less than budget. The feasibility study launched this year by the trustees' finance committee is focused on addressing our ongoing financial challenges.

AA Grapevine

The Language of the Heart is now available in audio as an MP3 Download and as an MP3 CD.

The Carry the Message effort has forwarded 593 subscription requests to the areas. The subscription challenge numbers are on aagrapevine.org.

Grapevine circulation is 77,734. This is a decline from average circulation in 2014 but is better than the budgeted circulation. La Viña circulation is 10,310, compared to an average circulation in 2014 of 10,515 and a budgeted circulation of 10,607. Total Grapevine income for the first six months of the year is about \$945,000 compared to a budgeted income of about \$950,000. Total costs and expenses were about \$854,000, which is about \$138,000 less than budget. The overall result is a net profit of about \$92,000. The La Viña shortfall is about \$18,000 lower than expected for the first six months of the year.

The AA Grapevine board and staff are working to deliver a "mobile friendly" version of the magazines and explore the possible use of SMS text messaging.

Trustees' committees

The main focus of the trustee's committees at this board weekend was review and follow-up on Conference advisory actions and additional considerations.

Conference:

A subcommittee was formed to follow up on Conference agenda committee input regarding the agenda item selection process. A subcommittee was formed to follow up on the Conference advisory action to create a plan to translate all Conference material.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities:

In response to a Conference CPC additional consideration, the trustees' committee formed a subcommittee to review the current selection of pamphlets in the CPC Kit. In response to an additional consideration from the Conference TSNA committee regarding how to better realize the commitment to make A.A. available to all, the trustee's committee asked staff to explore options for renaming the committee and formed a subcommittee to revise the trustees' committee's scope and to move forward on revising and reorganizing the Special Needs-Accessibilities Workbook.

Finance

Mid-year budget adjustments required as a result of Conference brought budgeted net profit down to about \$13,000. The Reserve Fund had a balance on June 30 of about \$15.5 million, which represents

about 10 months of operating expenses.

The upcoming construction project, which is to be funded through the Reserve Fund, will bring the total down. Areas of focus for the feasibility study include apparent lack of growth of the Fellowship, apparent decline in literature sales, and increasing operating expenses.

International

Upcoming trips by trustees and staff are to the Annual Italian Convention, the 19th Meeting of the Americas (REDELA) in Mexico City, the 18th European Service Meeting in York, England, the 11th Asia-Oceania Service Meeting in Dubai, and the 44th Polish General Service Conference.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

Registration for the International Convention was approximately 57,000. 93 flags were displayed at the flag ceremony, in addition to the Eagle Staff representing Native American/First Nations.

Literature

Subcommittees have been formed to work on three literature projects: the revision of the pamphlet, "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic"; revision of the pamphlet, "A.A. for the Woman"; and development of literature for alcoholics with mental health issues. Michele Grinberg, class "A" trustee, has been appointed to work with staff to develop a plan for systematic review of recovery literature.

Nominating

A subcommittee has been formed to review options for filling an unexpected vacancy of a regional trustee with a full-term replacement.

Public Information

Staff reported that the new P.S.A., "Doors," has been performing strongly. A subcommittee was appointed to review and develop the P.I. Comprehensive Media Plan. Thank you to Joel for his report and thank you all for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to be of service to CNIA. Please call me if you have questions.

District Reports

D09 – Cindy, Recording Secretary – we met on August 2 with 9 attending. We paid the deposit for Post-Conference Assembly. Kelley M will visit on October 16.

D11 – Maureen R, DCM – On July 26, we had a Winter Assembly meeting prior to District meeting. We got all committee

chairs and some volunteers. At September's ACM, our flyer will be available. Stacey W was elected to fill Alt-DCM.

D15 – Brooke D, DCM – D15's last meeting was on July 27 with 14 attending. D15 is conducting an inventory that we plan to complete before 2016. We discussed presenting a writing workshop for the Call for Stories for GSO. Kelley M gave his Delegate's Report on July 25 in Chico. Thank you Kelley!

D17 – Paul K, DCM – Our meeting was July 20 with 13 present. Our District inventory will be our September 21 meeting with Area Chair Mike K facilitating. We look forward to participating in the writing workshop.

D19 – Terry D, DCM – We met on August 1. Kelley M gave his 2015 Conference Report followed by Q&A. The district is building a website that we hope to publish by 2016. Plans continue for a Unity Day on October 17. Several district members want to participate in the central area stories workshop.

D21 – Betsy L, DCM – Our business meeting is the 4th Tuesday. Please check district21cnia.org for upcoming events. Our District inventory committee presented the questions, and our next meeting will begin the process. Our BTG Chairperson is anticipating the Workshop Weekend.

D22 – Cindy A, DCM – D22 held its business meeting on August 12 in Placerville. 11 attended. Two women's groups are deciding between making splits and funding their GSRs. One has decided to fund both, but the other group's decision is still pending. Flyers for events in D22 are on www.westernsloped22.org. The District is doing well financially. We've had a large balance for 2015 and our GSRs want to examine that. That question is on agenda for September.

D23 – Joey W, DCM – We met on July 27 with four GSRs present. Groups in D23 thought we should fund DCMs to ACMs. We declined to participate in the writing workshop as we felt excluded.

D24 – John B, DCM – D24 meets monthly on every 2nd Wednesday. Our current treasury balance is \$877. We had been getting irregular contributions. We have asked GSRs to make sure their groups have the correct address and a contribution policy. We met on August 13 with 12 members.

D25 – Tim K, DCM – we meet on the

second Wednesday. Nine attended in August. Kelley will make a Delegate report to D25 next month. We voted to support DCMs being funded to ACM. We voted to support the story-writing forum with \$50. D27 – Margie J, Alt-DCM – D27 held its meeting on July 21. We discussed a trip to Area Archives. Our treasurer stepped down. Our new treasurer, Hooty, will create next year's budget. Districts 27 and 21 will host a workshop on running business meetings – September 5, at the 5th Street Alano Club in Roseville from 2-4pm. We will co-host the writer's workshop on September 12, 2pm-4pm at the Church of the Ascension in Citrus Heights.

D29 – Judy B, DCM – We meet at Northminster Presbyterian Church on the last Monday. Thank you Jon C for sharing on Service Sponsorship. Support was unanimous for 2-day assemblies. We discussed whether the Area should fund DCM travel for some districts. The Tahoe Park Group and D29 are hosting a BTG workshop on October 10.

D30 – Laurese M, DCM – August 8 was our District meeting with 17 GSRs and Trusted Servants attending! Some members are reviewing our D30 Guidelines. We decided to include the Guidelines on our website which will allow members to read the job duties for all commitments. We have a new principal in a local high school who asked me for AA information. Our PI/CPC chair is contacting her. We discussed Kelley coming to our District on October 10.

D33 – Gina M, DCM – Our district meeting was on August 10 with 14 attending. Our literature chair distributed the illustration of the 12 Traditions, and the GSRs are taking it to their groups. We discussed upcoming changes to our website and decided to have another planning meeting for our unity day. We should have fliers next ACM.

D34 – Jenny M, DCM – D34 meets monthly on the second Wednesday. 22 members attended in August. Betty Ann presented on the pamphlet AA for the Woman. Northside Fellowship will be studying the Service Manual, Traditions Checklist and Concepts. Kelley will present a delegate report on October 25. I read the Ad Hoc Committee Proposal. Our discussion turned to our district's low attendance at Assemblies. All agreed there needs to be better education on the GSR's importance. I'm going to work on a D34

pamphlet addressing this.

D36 – Gary M, DCM – D36 met on July 19 with 12 attending. THANK YOU to Kelley for sharing his GSC Delegate Report in Merced. It was well received and appreciated. PI/CPC-We're working on a presence at the Atwater Fall Festival. We're going to meet with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the \$100 fee. BTG-Merced received one of three referrals. H&I-USP Atwater continues to be on lockdown. We're still working on volunteers for Juvenile Hall. D36 will be having their annual "Unity Day Celebration" on September 27, from 11am-4pm at Veterans Cove, Lake Yosemite. Those wishing to contribute are asked to bring a dessert or side dish. Our speakers are three Past Delegates: Inez Y, Marianne H, and Paul C.

D37 – Jeff P, DCM – D37 will meet on August 19 at Fremont fellowship. The E-committee will be meeting prior. Hopefully we will decide what server to use, what content will be on the web site and when it will launch. On September 5, D37 may host a writing workshop at Porter Group in Stockton. On September 29, D37 will have its Delegate's report at Porter Group.

D40 – Lorri A, Alt-DCM – Our district meeting was August 2 in Oakhurst. D40 Unity Day is on September 13 at 12pm in Mariposa. We agreed to have Kelley give his report in October. Mariposa will have their 60th anniversary event in October. We shared information about story writing workshops and asked GSRs to share with their groups. We unanimously agreed to support scholarships for DCMs to attend the ACM.

D41 – Keith S, Alt-DCM – Our business meeting was last Wednesday at the Alano Club in Fresno with seven attending. The Fresno Fellowship of AA (FFAA) was set to sign the lease for a new homestead. The broker was showing the FFAA one space of the building that the FFAA was still ready to sign for even though it needed repair. The building owner thought the broker was showing FFAA a completely different space that needs more work, which the owner is unwilling to pay for. That leaves the FFAA continuing its search. The lease for its current facility is up on October 31. D41, in conjunction with Districts 47 and 43, will co-host The Story Writing Forum for the Southern Central California Districts, featuring Lela M.

D42 – Darrel D, DCM – 10 attended the last meeting. Intergroup: Contributions to Central Office are down. We asked ourselves the question, "Are we meeting the needs of Newcomers?" PI/CPC: We attended the Health Fair at the Sanger Health Center. National Night Out will be at the Sanger Health Center on October 15. DCM Report: We had a printed copy of the report Tommy R provided of the July ACM. D43 – Hurley T, DCM – D43 holds monthly business meetings the first Saturday. Our August 1 meeting had six attending. We discussed Unity Day—which will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, October 3, 11am-9pm. Activities included PI/CPC Workshop presented by CNIA Area 07, AA Story Writing Forum and 6:30 AA Speaker. We discussed the proposed sponsoring of districts that cannot afford to attend ACM.

D47 – Josh F, DCM – We're discussing potential workshop discussion items. Having an open, frank discussion on divisive items would be beneficial.

D53 – Rogelio R, DCM – We meet every Friday. We're meeting to encourage groups in anticipation of Election Assembly. We filled the anniversary committee yesterday.

D54 – Luz María G, DCM – We're anticipating elections taking place on October 15. We'll invite officers to attend. We've had officers speak about service. Alt-Chair Nancy spoke about GSR and DCM. On August 6, we had 13 GSRs! We visit all groups telling them of business and encourage electing a GSR. We looked at whether people locked up would like La Viña. We will host the 14th Foro on December 13 starting at 7am.

D55 – Jesús R, DCM – We have eight GSRs. We study La Viña once a month. Next year will be La Viña's 20th Anniversary. The District's anniversary is December 13. We visit all groups on Tuesday. We continue to motivate and encourage every group. We will change leadership in October. The Audiovisual committee continues working on taking movies to every group that asks.

What's On Your Mind?

Motion and second to adjourn @ 3:37pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Yours in Love and Service,
Jon C, Secretary

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

January 1 through August 31, 2015

	Jan 1 – Aug 31, 15	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · Contributed support			
4010 · Group Contributions	29,978.65	43,000.00	69.72%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	1,547.77	2,000.00	77.39%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	<u>28.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>28.0%</u>
Total 4 · Contributed support	31,554.42	45,100.00	69.97%
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>0.83</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>41.5%</u>
Total 5 · Earned revenues	<u>9,729.43</u>	<u>15,002.00</u>	<u>64.85%</u>
Total Income	41,283.85	60,102.00	68.69%
Expense			
7600 · Officers Expenses			
Total 7620 · Delegate	3,962.95	4,778.00	82.94%
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	1,684.19	2,026.00	83.13%
Total 7660 · Chairman	1,401.22	1,624.00	86.28%
Total 7680 · Alt. Chairman	1,616.07	1,475.00	109.56%
Total 7700 · Secretary	682.17	1,151.00	59.27%
Total 7720 · Treasurer	2,842.57	3,068.00	92.65%
Total 7740 · Registrar	<u>1,329.39</u>	<u>1,757.00</u>	<u>75.66%</u>
Total 7600 · Officers Expenses	13,518.56	15,879.00	85.14%
7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses			
Total 7820 · Literature Chairman	1,163.55	1,242.00	93.68%
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	2,088.02	1,585.00	131.74%
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	1,572.53	2,150.00	73.14%
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	<u>756.61</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>151.32%</u>
Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	8,206.44	10,758.00	76.28%
Total 8000 · Assemblies	4,321.87	10,000.00	43.22%
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	7,013.96	14,600.00	48.04%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	2,675.00	4,200.00	63.69%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	3,650.85	4,750.00	76.86%
Total 8600 · Taxes & Fees	<u>350.78</u>	<u>413.00</u>	<u>84.94%</u>
Total Expense	<u>39,737.46</u>	<u>60,600.00</u>	<u>65.57%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,546.39</u>	<u>-498.00</u>	<u>-310.52%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,546.39</u></u>	<u><u>-498.00</u></u>	<u><u>-310.52%</u></u>
Area Checking Account Balance – 08/31/15	\$ 7,880.43		
Area Prudent Reserve Account – 08/31/15	\$ 7,600.31		

Assembly Elections 2015

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- 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.

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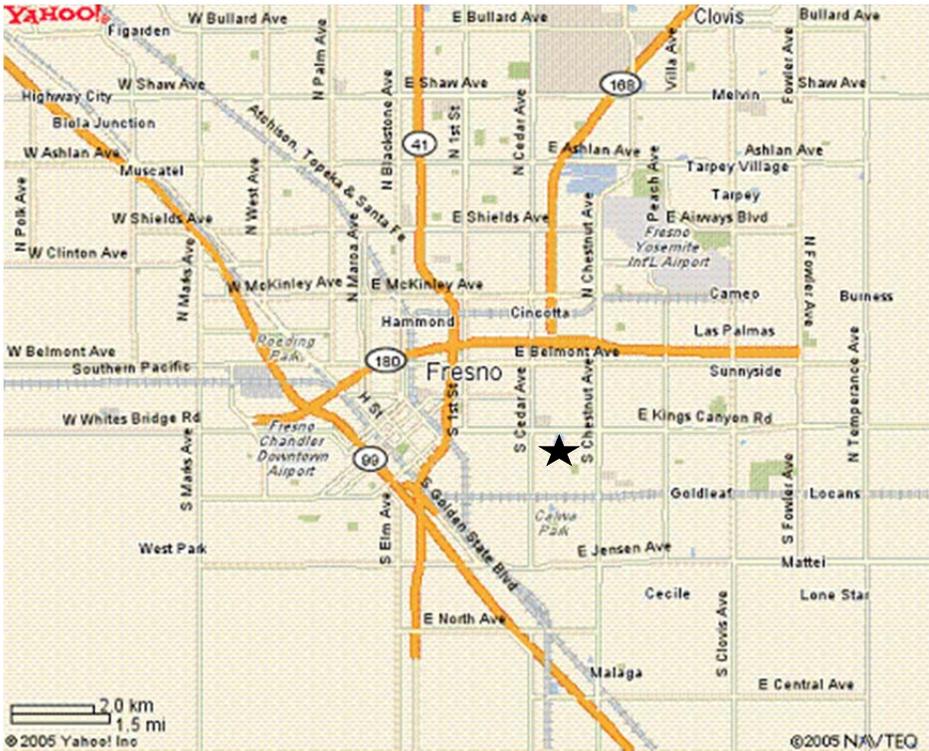
Registration \$15.00

Bottomless Coffee \$3.00

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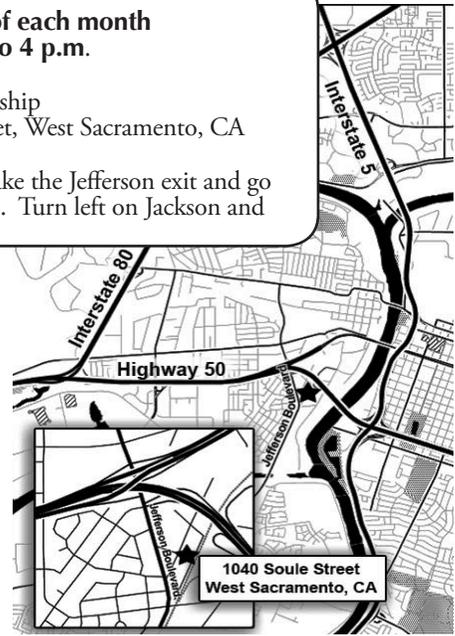
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**California Northern Interior Area
Calendar 2015-2016**

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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