

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 NOVEMBER ACM AGENDA Saturday, November 17, 2012

- 10:00 am Call to Order
- Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions (short form)
- 12 Concepts (short form)
- Introductions
- Announcements
- Assembly Reports
- Consideration of the September 2012 minutes
- Liaison Reports
 - Central Offices
 - H&I
 - YP
- 7th Tradition
- Appointed Chair Reports
- District Committee Member Reports (DCM's)
- Officer Reports
- Housekeeping (coming out of reports)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Delegate's Report—
- 1:30 New Business
- 2:00 Discussion Topics
- 3:30 What's On Your Mind
- 4:00 Close

CNIA CHAIR REPORT

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If you didn't get a chance to attend the Mini PRAASA in Angels Camp, you missed an amazing weekend. Thank you to Titia A. and the rest of the volunteers from District 30 for all their hard work.

The assembly officially started on Friday, October 19th with the "Weekend Overview" presented by Woody R. That was followed by the assembly reports and the appointed chair reports. Then we had our first panel regarding "The AA Group". Each of the presenters did an excellent job on their topic.

The last event of the evening was the Roundtables. The topics were Using the Grapevine and LaViña to Carry the Message, Bridging the Gap, and the General Service Conference Inventory – Share with your Delegate.

The next morning, the assembly started off with the Officer's Reports and Old and New Business. In my report, I announced the need for a new CNIA Treasurer. There will be an election at the Winter Assembly in Yuba City for this position. If you are currently a DCM, you are eligible to submit your resume. If you are not a DCM, you will need to be nominated by a district. Each district can put forth one nominee. The deadline to submit your resume is Saturday, January 19th at 12:00 p.m. I strongly

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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

PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM REPORT Kelley M

encourage anyone considering making themselves available for this position to read the duties and responsibilities in the CNIA Service Material Book. It is very important that you have the willingness and the time needed to fulfill this commitment. If you have an existing service position you might consider honoring that commitment and giving someone else the opportunity to serve.

Under Old Business, we discussed the possibility of having a Young People's Appointed Chair position. We discussed the need for more information regarding the total cost of such a position. The discussion will continue at the November ACM. Under new business, a new motion was brought to the floor regarding the Accents/Acentos. It reads as follows:

I move that CNIA Area Accents be published and e-mailed in an anonymous version only. (John H., GSR – Gut Level Group, D-47)

This motion will be discussed at the November ACM and could be voted on at the Winter Assembly, if the body is prepared to do so.

Next on our agenda was the election of our Area's candidate for trustee-at-large/U.S. **Congratulations to Lee W.!** Lee will be one of the nominees considered at next year's General Service Conference. More information regarding this position can be found in the Spring 2012 issue of Box 459, and also in the AA Service Manual. It is very exciting to be part of this process.

After lunch, it was time for our Area Inventory. The inventory went very well with Nancy H., general service trustee, as the facilitator. She did an amazing job! There was plenty of participation and heartfelt responses at the microphones. I am looking forward to the report back from the Area Inventory Committee.

After the inventory, District 30 served us with a delicious dinner. Then it was time for our speaker, Nancy H. Thank you Nancy for sharing your experience, strength and hope with us. After the speaker, we divided into roundtables. The topics were Grapevine/LaViña – Right Now! Write Now!, Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community and General Service Conference Inventory-Share with your Delegate. After the roundtables, it was time for one of my favorite events – an ice cream social!

On Sunday, the assembly resumed with the Past Delegates Panel and concluded with the DCM reports. It was truly awesome to get to share in the experiences of nine Past Delegates: Melody T.; Lee W.; Marianne H.; Paul C.; Kathy C.; Woody R.; Nancy H.; Inez Y. and Diane O. Thank you so much for participating!

As always, I was sad when Sunday came. I hate to see everybody go home. I have such a good time at these assemblies! And we got a lot accomplished. Thank you for all that you do.

With gratitude and love,
Vikki L
Area Chair
Area 07, Panel 62

In mid-September, our Delegate Lela and I had the pleasure of attending the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska, on behalf of CNIA. The Forum was from Friday evening to Sunday at noon and other members from CNIA including DCM's, appointed Chairs, and past Delegates also attended.

There were many Presentations and Workshops. We heard from our General Service Board Chairman, Ward Ewing, a non-alcoholic Class A Trustee, in his last year of service to Alcoholics Anonymous. He stressed we don't need to fear technology, and that the heart of A.A. program will always be carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We also heard from the General Service Office General Manager, Phyllis H., the A. A. Grapevine Executive Editor and Publisher, Ami B., and La Vina Editor, Irene D.

Presentation topics included the Seventh Tradition, Carrying the A.A. Message, Addressing Disruptive Behavior in Meetings; Facebook; Social Media and the Tradition of Anonymity; "Is General Service Still Relevant to Members at the Group Level?" (it is if we make it relevant in our home groups); and AA Around the World. And A.A. is around the world in at least 170 countries with the Big Book translated into 67 languages with 14 language versions pending. This is possible because of the Seventh Tradition support we contribute at our meetings.

Our Delegate, Lela, moderated a workshop on "Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) in Your District and Area" in which I served as reporter and was asked to record (in two paragraphs) an accurate sense of the meeting. It was fascinating to hear the CPC work being done in the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous. I can sum up our findings in one sentence, "We need to do more CPC work and we need more people to do it."

We also watched "Markings on the Journey". In the video, Bill W. reminds us the A.A. program is about "spiritual recovery". Even though I've seen this before several times it really resonated with me this weekend.

I had numerous conversations with members from Alaska and around the Pacific Region for which I will be forever grateful. One of the lasting impressions I had was a conversation with one of our own Past Delegates who attended at her own expense and shared with me her view that within our Area service work we need to continue to focus on General Service Representatives (GSR's) and the support, education and mentoring GSR's deserve as they are the future leaders of California Northern Interior Area. Without that support when I was a GSR, I would not be where I'm at today and for that I am very grateful. Thank you for your support in sending me to the Pacific Regional Forum!

MINI-PRAASA ROUNDTABLE REPORTS

Friday Night Workshop on Using the GV/LV Magazines and Books to Carry the Message

The Grapevine will try to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics and practice the A.A. principles in all its affairs." Bill W.

(From the pamphlet AA Grapevine and La Viña, copyrighted by A.A. Grapevine Inc.) In this workshop we brainstormed ideas for using the tools of GV and LV to carry the message in our home groups, district, BTG, PI/CPC, sponsorship and outreach to loners and shut-ins. Our theme ended up being, "You can't give away what you don't have": i.e. old Grapevines, recommendations on AA Grapevine books to read, and the message of recovery as expressed by our stories in print. We noted that sharing articles to help with the steps and sponsorship requires reading the books and magazines.

Some of our specific ideas were: District might buy a one year subscription for a newly formed group in the District. Read GV/LV articles to get help with being a sponsor and read the GV books with sponsees after reading the Big Book and 12 X 12. Select articles you have read on issues relevant to a particular sponsee and share with him or her. Sponsor a subscription to a recovery home, either as in individual, district, group or through PI/CPC. For BTG, give an old GV or LV to a person you are taking to a meeting. If you have a digital subscription, find and print stories from people leaving recovery home or prison and share them with those we are helping through BTG. Use Grapevines for almost everything PI/CPC does. Sometimes a story will have a greater impact than just an informational pamphlet. Talk to your doctor and see if you can provide GV for her waiting room. Give old GV or LV to newcomers when you hand them phone numbers. Ask your home group to have a GV library and to sell the books. We plan to submit our whole list to the Grapevine as a product of the CNI Area 07 Mini-PRAASA.

Saturday Night Workshop: Right Now! Write Now!

We had about 25 attendees at the writing workshop. The topics for next year's GV and LV issues were distributed. The next immediate themes are "BTG" in April for Grapevine and "Myths and Truths from the Podium" for La Viña. The magazine articles need to be submitted about six months in advance of the publication date. Everyone privately picked a topic and then we had an AA-type meeting with several people sharing on their topic for about two minutes. Every story needs a beginning, middle and an end. The Big Book says it this way, "Our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now." Then we wrote for about 20 minutes.

To close, several people read their stories aloud, which can be scary. They found that people liked what they wrote and encouraged them to send the stories in. As GV/LV Chair, I am typing up a few stories for those who don't have the capability and will be sending them in for them. There were many others who promised that they would submit their stories. This whole workshop only took an hour, so anyone can set aside an hour or less to write their story. Grapevine and La Viña belong to US—it is our stories that they tell.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Roundtable

We discussed what can we do better to carry the message to alcoholics who are still suffering through our PI/CPC work. Several districts are working to start PI/CPC's committees and other districts are actively involved in PI/CPC

work. Placing Big Books and 12 and 12's in public and high school libraries is good PI work and good for committees starting out. Also getting Grapevine Subscriptions into libraries is an excellent use of our resources.

Speaking with our own Doctors about AA and what we are and what we are not is a great way to do CPC work on our own. Reviewing the AA guidelines for Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community is highly recommended for anyone interested in doing this service. The Guidelines are the "yellow sheets" and can be found at AA.org. We have a lot of work to do and we need more people to get involved in PI/CPC work to help out.

The Conference is a Yearlong Process

There were two Round Tables which focused on the 2013 General Service Conference inventory questions. This was an opportunity for GSRs, DCMs, Chairs, Officers and Past Delegates to share thoughts about the various inventory questions. There were many ideas and questions. The topics ranged from "The effectiveness of the Conference/Conference Process Overall," to "Composition of the Conference," and CNIA's cherished, "Yearlong process." The below is just a random snippet of what was covered.

A few innovative ideas were raised:

- Asking GSO to share the background items on the web. This was balanced by the perspective of why not to share background items on the web.
- Using Grapevine for Conference topics
- CNIA to consider using a "mock conference process" to involve the Area in background topics more

Past Delegates shared about their experience, strength, and hope:

- Using Floor Actions can play on emotion
- Using Floor Actions is contradictory to our committee process
- It is important to trust the process and trust our trusted servants
- Any member can submit an agenda item
- There is an 8 page document available describing the selection of the Agenda topics (ask me if you want a copy)
- We need to take time to explain our committee system at the Area

Note that the above is just a snippet. A few of us took pages of detailed notes and I will carry your voice on these topics with me to the Conference discussions next year.

At the November ACM, we will review the inventory question "How well does the Conference fulfill the General Warranties of Concept Twelve?" We will hear an overview of Concept Twelve and the First Warranty, and then we will have time for inputs and discussion. Anyone is welcome to join our ACM – I hope to see you there!

*Love and service,
Lela M
delegate@cni.org*

**Minutes (Unapproved)
CNIA 07 Area Committee Meeting
September 15, 2012
East Yolo Fellowship
West Sacramento, CA**

The Area Committee Meeting of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the East Yolo Fellowship, on September 15, 2012, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Area Chair, Vikki L, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. The GSR Preamble was read in Spanish by Luz Maria, Translation Chair. The 12 Traditions were read by Judy B, DCM D-29. The Twelve Concepts were read by Jim H, DCM D-31.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vikki introduced Past Delegates: Woody R – Panel 50 and Marianne H – Panel 56.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCCAA Conference, Sacramento, is October 5-7, 2012. Speakers: Friday is Father Tom W, Saturday is Billy S from Las Vegas, and the General Service Panel is Saturday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Area Inventory questions will be published in October Accents/Acentos.

NCCAA 2013 schedule is revised – see calendar:

January 25-27, Fresno

June 7-9, Foster City

October 11-13 Modesto

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AUGUST
2012 MINUTES**

The August 2012 ACM Minutes were unanimously approved with following correction:

*Delegate's Report pg7, c2 Trustee-at-Large, U.S. will be elected: **selected as a Nominee for election at the General Service Conference in May 2013 @ Mini-PRAASA***

ASSEMBLY / LIAISON REPORTS

MINI-PRAASA – Districts 30 and 22 – Larry A for Titia A, Chair – We have approximately 26+ Pre-Registrations.

Winter Assembly -- January 19-20, 2013 – Terry D, Alt-DCM, D-19 & Chair – flyers are available for the Winter Assembly in Yuba City at the

Fairgrounds. Pre-register early. Contact me or Nancy T with your questions.

Pre-Conference Assembly – Sherry B, D-47 reported for Liz B, Chair, D-32 – Occurs April 6-7, 2013 in Visalia. Hotel rates are \$85/night. Flyer will be available at Mini-PRAASA. District website will be up by Mini-PRAASA for online registrations.

PRAASA 2017 – Jan P – (read by Jon C) Unfortunately I was not able to meet with key contacts as they were on vacation. Hopefully we will meet before Mini-PRAASA. We are considering another location rather than the Convention Center.

Hospitals & Institutions – Woody R – H&I Steering Committee met Saturday, 9/8, in Sacramento. H&I proposed budget passed and will be presented at General Meeting in Crescent City. The Grapevine and LaVina orders will be increased to institutions and Areas that request more. The General Chair requested an Area volunteer to host the February 2013 General Meeting. I attended the BTG Conference in Minneapolis, MN. The main speaker was Tracie O who works at GSO serving us on the Treatment Desk.

CCF – Stan J, Chair – New Special Needs flyers are available at the office. Teleservice Chair has established a rotation of service; call Sacramento Central Office (CCF) to be added to the list. Delegates approved a 60th Anniversary Research Committee of CCF – Paul is Chair. CCF Picnic was very successful and a financial report will be in the September By-the-Way newsletter.

Central Valley – Philip – We cover Modesto, Turlock, Merced, areas. We are in need for someone who is available Sunday 6-9 a.m. on our telephone service.

SACYPAA – Regina K – We have our speaker meetings and events on the 4th Saturday of every month at St. Mark's Methodist Church off Watt and Butano. Our 4th Annual Servicepalooza is Sunday, November 18, 10 am to 2 pm at St. Mark's Church. We will have a General Service panel and hope to incorporate CFFAA, H&I, PI/CPC and Bridging the Gap (BTG). For the 1st time, WACYPA Advisory Council met with us with a Q&A session for our 4th year bid to host WACYPA. We are at-

tending Mini-PRAASA requesting a letter of support in our bid.

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS

Accents Publisher – accents@cnia.org -- Mary O – (read by Jon C) Accents/Acentos was sent to the printer on Monday, September 10. See you at Mini-PRAASA.

BTG – btg@cnia.org -- Matthew L – Thank you for sending me to BTG Workshop in Minneapolis, MN. Woody R, Past Delegate, helped me understand some information given. CNCA-06 and CNIA-07 are leading the U.S. with BTG Committees. Tracie O, Treatment desk at GSO, was main the speaker. Access to National BTG Database was granted to all attendees and I learned how to work the format of the website and library database of BTG service materials. Cooperating with H&I, PI/CPC and BTG has come a long way in 22 years. We are committed to establish A.A. Guidelines from GSO. There will be BTG Workshop before each ACM @ 9 a.m., East Yolo Fellowship. I will be at Mini-PRAASA at the BTG table. If you want a presentation at your District, please contact me.

Eservices – eservices@cnia.org – Jenn D – We met and are doing an inventory of our CNIA website. We made a list of questions about the website, looked at other California Area websites for ideas. Our Web hosting service expires in January 2013. Eddie, Webmaster, had given us a recommendation for a Web hosting company that is not expensive, supports our needs and will be more efficient. We are considering making our Pacific Region Trustees' email address PacificRegionTrustee@cnia.org in the Area Accent, since his current address is very similar to his name. D-29 asked me to help them with their website.

Finance – finance@cnia.org – Tom A – (read by Jon C) Ann, Treasurer, will cover in her report.

Grapevine/LaVina -- grapevine@cnia.org – Connie G – (read by Jon C) I am attending the Regional Forum in Alaska. I will be serving on the following: NCCAA Conference in Sacramento in October; chairing a marathon meeting; serving on a services

panel; Grapevine Workshop hosted by D-27 the last weekend of October.

Literature – literature@cnia.org – Celia B -- The Trustees Literature Committee has approved the last change to Living Sober and forwarded the final version to the Publications Department. Gayle R, GSO Literature desk, says it will be printed when current stock is depleted. The following will be available at Mini-PRAASA: new version of *Living Sober*; updated As Bill Sees It with the 12 concepts; updated Service Manual. A.A. sold 902,237 books for gross sales over \$6,500,000 January-June 2012. Approximately 1 million Big Book copies are sold every year. An update on e-books: GSB decided to discontinue development of e-book apps or publications. They will continue support of the existing iPhone app. It was decided further e-books will be published by e-book distributors, such as Kindle. I look forward to the service event in D-47 on the September 29.

Translation – translation@cnia.org – Luz Maria – Minutes are sent to me, then dispersed to the Translation Committee who have one week to translate, then return to me for final editing before going to Mary O, publisher. A couple of translators could not continue and some forgot they received the minutes to be translated. We still need translators and help at the ACM and Assemblies.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Registrar registrar@cnia.org Brent G – I don't do the Accents; I only put it on the website when it's ready. I send emails to verify that people are receiving the newsletter and it's about 5-7 returned replies versus 25-30. If I don't receive any reply from these emails, their email is removed from the email list. If a GSR claims they are not receiving the Accents/Acentos, please have their name put on the US Mail list.

Secretary secretary@cnia.org Jan P -- (read by Jon C) Minutes for the Accents/Acentos were sent to Mary and Luz Maria Wednesday, August 22. August 21, I took D-27 Inventory notes; August 26, shared on Concept 2 at

Group Three; September 8, shared on Traditions at East Yolo Fellowship's 7th Tradition Workshop. Thank you Jon C, Alt-DCM D-27, for substituting for me! See you at Mini-PRAASA!

Treasurer treasurer@cnia.org Ann R – So it's about the people, about recovery, about service, it is not about the money! We are well! Rent is paid; Bills are paid! With the assistance of a professional bookkeeper the bank account has been reconciled to date. The Financial Reports have been submitted to CPA to complete our taxes. We have taken steps to streamline our bookkeeping processes but we are not done yet. The bookkeeper will continue this month assisting your Treasurer and Finance Committee with bringing our bookkeeping practices in line with today's standards and with State and Federal Tax reporting requirements. You, Area 07, are in good hands, thanks to our Higher Power and the principles of A.A.!

Chair chair@cnia.org Vikki L – August 19, Lee W and I helped a group take their inventory at Pershing Fellowship in Stockton. I attended the NCCAA Steering Committee Meeting on August 26; we talked about the Fall Conference October 5-7 and there will be a Grapevine Panel on Saturday morning. Presenters will be Jon C, Alt-DCM D27, Terry D, Alt-DCM D-29, and Past Delegates: Marianne H and Inez Y. My upcoming schedule is: September 27 – Oak Tree Fellowship Inventory; October 5-7– Mini-PRAASA; November 3 – CNCA Elections; November 4 – Redding Workshop; and, November 10 – Back to Basic in Manteca.

Alternate Delegate alt-delegate@cnia.org Kelley M – (read by Lee P, DCM 27) I attended CCF PI/CPC meeting. We continue identifying radio and television stations to receive PSA's (Public Service Announcements) produced by GSO in New York and were approved by the General Service Conference. I shared my role as Alternate Delegate and discussed PI/CPC efforts within CNIA to D-25. I'm very grateful to attend the Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska and look forward to sharing my report at Mini-PRAASA in Angels Camp.

DISTRICT REPORTS

D-09 – Steve C, DCM -- At Unity Day held on August 29 in Mt. Shasta, we gave away Grapevine subscriptions. Our September 2 District meeting had 12 GSRs present. A new phone service is in our future. We had our 3rd Service Workshop on September 18. Topics were Grapevine, Meeting Service Positions and District Treasurer Positions.

D-11 – Cindy C, DCM -- Meeting held 9/9/12 with 15 GSRs, 1 new and 1 prospect. We are actively reviewing every listed meeting to obtain GSR or Contact Person. Sunday, November 4 at 12:30-5 p.m. at Alano Club in Redding, is our Traditions Workshop with 4 speakers: Vikki, Lee, Jenn and Jim. Traditions skit, script from GSR is to be performed by REDDYPA group. We spent a lot of time discussing the YPAA liaison position.

D-15 – Jenn D, DCM – We met on August 25 and a new GSR attended. Celia (Literature) and I are putting together newcomer packets for GSRs. We are still discussing the 2013 Spending Plan. GSRs are encouraging dark meetings to update information. We had a PI/CPC presentation at Skyway House Treatment Center and are working to get PSAs out to local radio stations. Our Web Committee is checking our host and guidelines of our website. The host is linked to a local business website and there are concerns regarding autonomy, 7th Tradition and anonymity. We still need a BTG Chair and Alt-DCM. I'm looking forward to the Traditions Workshop in Redding.

D-17 – Andrea, Alt-DCM – District meeting was on September 9 with 12 GSRs. We discussed reaching dark groups. We have a workshop Saturday, October 13, @ East Yolo Fellowship with 4 topics: H&I, BTG, Sponsorship and Teleservice.

D-19 – Judy T, DCM -- The majority of D-19 voiced support for YPAA chairperson at the Area level. Two motions sent to groups were: (1) to have or not to have our District update the local meeting schedule on an annual basis, and (2) to include or not include non-affiliated group meeting announcements (Al-Anon, ACA, etc.) in the schedule. GSRs were presented a summary of 2012 General Service Confer-

ence Advisory Actions and Additional Consideration Agenda Items. GSRs will begin informing their groups about the Agenda Items of interest to them. GSRs continue studying the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts using the GSR School handouts. The Winter Assembly Committee continues recruiting volunteers. I attended BTG Workshops and was a member of the Area Inventory Committee.

D-20 – Dan L, DCM (read by Kellie R, Alt-DCM) – Our new BTG chair is John C. At District meeting on August 27 focused on Unity Day, September 29. We asked Jenn, E-Services, to create a link on their website to District 20 web page.

D-21 – Dick B, DCM and Betsy, Alt-DCM (read by Matthew L, BTG Chair) -- Our last District Meeting had 24 attendees. We have only one treatment center in the District. D-21 BTG was approved to take the "White and Blue" cards into the jail after 2 years of 'knocking on the door'. This could not have happened without the aid of H&I. Our District has great attendance at meetings, good contributions and some changes in our elected positions that most are filled. Our District wants more information regarding the possible YPAA Appointed Chair position.

D-22 – Becky A, Alt-DCM – D-22 held its meeting on September 12 with 18 attending and 3 new GSRs. The Webmaster is putting audio files (up to 600) on the D-22 website for members use. Our Tape/CD Librarian has many speaker CDs; he will make a copy and pass it on. Our Archivist has asked if a member or group has any storage space for archive items. It would save money to help our District send our DCM to future A.A. events. He requested pictorials of D-22 group histories. Matthew L, Area BTG chair, gave a presentation on BTG and the purpose. This generated a lot of interest; 2 GSRs are going to attend D-21 BTG meeting for more information to start a BTG in D-22. Thank you, Matthew, for being of service to CNIA 07. We discussed the young people's position at the Area level and are looking for a Grapevine Rep. It was suggested that the long form of Tradition 11 be read instead of the short form at District meetings; asking GSRs to go to

their groups and suggest reading the long form of T11 and get their feedback. Mini-PRAASA flyers are on website cnaia.org and being sent by email to D-22 GSRs; 5 will be attending.

D-23 – Karlos A, DCM -- Nick, member-at-large, came to learn about BTG. Visited 3 business meetings in the district and gave reports on General Service.

D-24 – Jon S, DCM -- September District meeting had 12 GSRs, or Alts, with 1 interested member and 3 Officers. Still have liaison positions open for PI/CPC and GV. Our Alt-DCM has been in contact with Alt-DCM-25 to coordinate a workshop for a CNIA Post-Conference report at North Hall Sunday, October 7 after the NCCAA.

D-27 – Lee P, DCM – D-27 met August 21 with 32 in attendance. We had our 1st District Inventory. GSRs were given 10 questions last month for discussion topics. We began with: "If you could ask one question not covered in the inventory, what would that be?" 8 questions were listed then we continued the inventory process. Each question was discussed and great suggestions given. One change was implemented immediately. The feedback will be given to an ad hoc committee to recommend changes and how to conduct District business meetings. Our purpose was to discover how we could better involve the GSRs and encourage participation. Our District meeting agenda has been the same for the last several panels and members questioned the process. Thanks to Inez Y who moderated and Jan P who took notes of the inventory.

Area 07 and D-27 combined for a BTG Workshop on September 29 and a Grapevine Workshop on Saturday, October 27th. Our facility has notified us that effective January 2013 our meeting room will not be available. We are looking at options available for other rooms on the same campus.

D-29 – Nancy M, DCM -- Pat G, GSR for Serenity Book Study, submitted a 2013 Agenda Item concerning self-support. The letter was sent to Lela that briefly outlined a request to read: *"It has been projected that in 2013 AA will be in arrears for over \$500k and 1.3 million in 2014 if current contribu-*

tions continue in the same manner. The cost of AA services has far exceeded member contributions. In an effort to continue to support members of Alcoholics Anonymous worldwide, we would like to ask for a special "pass of the basket" or fund drive to assist with maintaining the services provided by GSO. These services include the publication of all AA literature, AA group record keeping and archives, membership correspondence worldwide, information and cooperation with our professional communities, supervision, and correspondence to correctional facilities and institutions. Shut-in and loner programs for those members unable to physically attend AA meetings, international conventions, special forums, and not to mention the maintenance of our General Service office in New York, to name a few. Without the help of you, Alcoholics Anonymous will have to cut these services." Matthew L gave a presentation on BTG August 27th. Our District realized the need for this service. Rebellion Dogs is having H&I Workshop on Thursday, October 11, 7-8:30 pm. D-27 & D-29 are co-hosting an Acronyms Workshop on Saturday, November 3rd from 2:00-3:30pm at Traditional location Alta Arden Expressway, Sacramento, CA.

D-30 – Larry A, DCM -- We still have open service positions. We have Local Committee Members in our District due to size of the District; LCMs provide a way to stay in touch with meetings in a specific geographic area. Our monthly business meeting was held on Saturday 8 Sept. 2012. The primary discussion was Assembly in October at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds. We voted on scholarships for dark meetings to attend the Assembly. D-30 decided to fund 20 scholarships to include Assembly registration and Saturday night dinner. We hope to attract new GSRs to General Service and show other A.A.s the benefits of having group representation. Current group contributions are lower than expected.

D-31 – Jim H, DCM – District meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19. There is a proposed merger of Districts 31 and 32 – it's still pending. We'll probably get a Past Delegate to assist us.

D-32 – Cynthia B, DCM -- Our District meeting was held September 19. We will see you next month.

D-34 – Philip S, DCM -- We had 7 GSRs present at the District meeting Wednesday, September 12. We finalized rooms and how many were planning on attending for Mini-PRAASA. I was approached 3 weeks ago by Probation to do a presentation for them on Monday, October 15, and that is being confirmed.

D-36 – Roy L, DCM -- Our District meeting held August 18 in Merced. Our Budget Committee met to establish a 2013 budget. Our PI/CPC Committee meets the 1st Saturday of each month @ 4 p.m. We had a booth at the Atwater Fall Festival on September 29 and 30. At our last District meeting Brianne L, first GSR from Serenity Group in Los Banos, attended. She reported they have 15 meetings a week. Our next D-36 meeting was 9/16/12 @ 12:30 p.m.

D-40 – Pete C, DCM (read by Jon C) -- I attended ICYPAA in St. Louis and celebrated my 21st year of sobriety (today) with 2000 of my closest friends. We had our District meeting in Oakhurst on September 2nd. We performed the Traditions Play, had a speaker meeting and a raffle at our District's Unity Day. Our GSR from Oakhurst resigned. We currently do not have an Alt-GSR. Hopefully we will have someone inspired from our Unity Day event.

D-41 – Dave D, Alt-DCM -- D-41 meeting was held on September 10. Present were DCM, Alt-DCM, Secretary, and 3 GSRs. Amity B who is the ACYPAA rep was elected D-41 Secretary. Eddie A, DCM, gave the Treasurer's report. An increase in our prudent reserve will be discussed at our next business meeting. A motion was presented to send \$100.00 to GSO and \$100.00 to CNIA07. Motion passed. A discussion on subsidizing GSRs whose groups could not finance their GSR to attend Area 07 Assemblies: what percent of cost was reasonable and should it be done on an as-needed basis, or as percent of the actual cost. We also considered funding scholarships for dark groups. A motion was tabled to create a website for the District. We discussed having a Unity Day with the 3 Districts in Fresno and a GSR School. Further input from the District was pending.

D-42 – Bill L, DCM -- Attendance and contributions are up. We are organizing for NCCAA in January and ACYPAA convention is progressing and enthusiasm is growing.

D-43 – Rodney M, DCM -- On 9/2/12 @ 2 p.m. we held our District meeting with 3 GSRs in attendance. We discussed how to bring more GSRs to participate in our District. We voted to alternate District meetings to Fresno and Kingsberg so we could reach more people.

D-47 – Sherry B, DCM -- We met Wednesday, September 5, at 7pm. We discussed the upcoming Service Event on September 29, the creation of District website, and preparations for the Pre-Conference Assembly in 2013. Regarding the service event: our District is looking forward to Lela M and Celia B visiting with us. A potluck and a panel comprised of past/present GSRs, CSRs, DCMs and H&I is being planned. We hope to increase participation of our District at all levels of service. Our current Treasurer, Barbara T, is relocating to Arizona, and Cheryl H has volunteered to be Treasurer. I attended a meeting that had no GSR in a long time and Mark P was voted in as GSR; hopefully he will attend the Mini-PRAASA. I'm still working on answering service bill for D-49. The invoice is still pending. Our previous DCM, Cheryl, has been contacted by D-49 and collections have begun to cover the bill. Hopefully the bill will be covered with no contributions needed from other Districts. We have kept accurate records of those who have contributed in the event they are not required so that monies can be returned. I talked to Brent G about contacting inactive groups in our District in order to update the information. Progress on our website will go 'live' in October and Pre-Conference Assembly plans are doing well.

D-53 – Miguel E, DCM -- 15 September D-53 has 4 meetings per month. They continue to study General Service Manual for year 2013. They are working with Spanish District meetings for the 11th Foro to be held December 1st and also working with a Pre-Anniversary Committee. All the GSRs gave their report in written form. 2nd Friday of the month is a closed meeting for the Officers of the District. Their

purpose is to put together the points of the agenda of the following meeting and plan to prepare for the different groups.

D-54 – Pedro C, DCM -- I attend Intergroup meetings and report what is going on in the District. The Intergroup of Sacramento (Spanish speaking) is having their Anniversary in October. We are working with 11th Foro that will be held on December 1st in Fresno; and, the bylaws of District 54. We continue to visit groups. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month 7-9 p.m. and 12 GSRs are present. There is a possibility that I will be able to attend the 5th Congresos of the Area of Sacramento to be held in Gridley, CA, on 23-25 November 2012. We are working to celebrate 78 years of A.A. to be held the 16th of June 2013.

D-55 – Luis, DCM -- District continues meetings on Wednesdays. They are information, study and internal meetings. We visit groups every Monday. Our Sub-Committee and Districts 54 and 56 are working to help the 11th Foro be a reality. We are preparing the 4th Anniversary that will be held on 9 December 2012 in Woodlake, CA. The invitation is open - everyone is welcome. Coordinator of La Vina, Coordinator of Camacho, Committee Foro, Coordinator Jose Luis, Intergroup Representative, Guyo and other committees are working together with the District visiting groups and taking information about their service.

D-56 – Martin C, DCM -- Our District has 2 meetings per month. One is a study meeting that is small and has begun to read the Concepts; and the other is a business meeting when information from the ACM is given and questions are answered. You are invited to attend their meetings when they celebrate anniversaries. Some groups have been motivated to send someone to represent them at their District meetings.

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Lela M - (delegate@cni.org)

(Report read by Ann R, Treasurer)

I do send emails from time to time; if you aren't receiving them and you want to, please give me your email address and I will add you to the list. The Conference Reports are in – both English and Spanish. I will bring them to the Assembly too. This past month I shared my Delegate's Report in Manteca; and, sat on a panel with Kelley and Jan about the Traditions at East Yolo Fellowship. Next month I will be in Visalia for a Delegate's Report the last weekend in September and Sacramento on October 7th. We received an A.A. World Services Report and Rod's Pacific Region Trustee's Report from the Board weekend.

AAWS -- It was announced that the 2011 Membership Survey Pamphlet is now available in print and on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site. The committee discussed a draft of an A.A.W.S. policy on types of literature which do not require consideration by the General Service Conference and literature that should receive Conference consideration, and defining what are "editorial" and "format" changes to literature. The committee agreed to continue its discussion at the September meeting. Since December 9, 2011, we have sold 3,492 Big Books and 3,071 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in eBook format. A.A.W.S. received a report on International Publishing that noted there are currently 67 Big Book translations with 14 new translations pending. A.A.W.S. has published 235 titles (books, booklets, pamphlets, service pieces) in 44 languages. Forty-five countries are licensed by A.A.W.S. to produce 1,512 publications in a variety of formats in 44 languages.

Pacific Region Trustee Report -- I would like to encourage sharing with our group members the value and understanding of our 2nd and 3rd legacies more than we do now. I believe that we do a very good job of sharing with the general membership the merits and implications of our 1st legacy. All of you have experienced and have come to understand how important all of our legacies are individually and for the entire fellowship. ... Rod shares a nice quote from AA Comes of Age, and then shares his personal perspective

again..."When I first got sober it wasn't until I became a GSR then DCM, that I began to understand how important unity and service were to me and my fellows AAs. I believe we have a responsibility just like Bill and Dr. Bob when they passed on to the entire fellowship the permanent keeping of our three legacies in 1950, which is to keep these legacies for us in perpetuity but to always share them with the still suffering alcoholic." AAWS discussed a request from Grapevine to access several mail/email lists held by AAWS, group lists, Forum attendee lists, etc. After a lengthy discussion, consensus was that although cooperation between AAWS and the Grapevine is paramount, the idea of sharing protected lists is not consistent with individual/group anonymity. AAWS believes that its role regarding these lists is custodial and accordingly agreed to turn down the request. Grapevine -- Year to date net profit was \$138,120 in comparison to a budgeted net loss of \$842. (GV is in the positive again!!)

Trustee's Committee on Literature

-- At the request of the GSC, the committee selected the text "which leads to even worse trouble" to complete the ending of a paragraph on page 61 of "Living Sober" and forwarded it to the Publications Department to complete the Conference-approved revision of the booklet. The committee reviewed a draft copy of the revised pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service" and tabled discussion on this item for the October GSB meeting. The committee continued its discussion on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality taking into consideration the input and suggestions from the 2012 Conference Committee on Literature. The chair expressed appreciation to the committee for their reviewing of the page proofs and tear sheets of the updates/revisions to the 2012-2013 Edition of the Service Manual. The committee continued to discuss adding the 12 Concepts to the current edition of the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" and took no action. The committee tabled discussions on the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" for the October GSB meeting.

Please bring your Conference Reports with you to Mini-PRAASA. Reference will be the inventory questions about

the General Service Conference process on pages 6 and 7

Information learned at Alaska Regional Forum will be given at Mini-PRAASA. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

OLD BUSINESS -- DISCUSSION TOPICS

Consider Publishing Accents/Acentos All Anonymous

Vikki reminded us that we will probably vote on this at Mini-PRAASA – be sure to discuss or remind your District's that a vote will most likely occur.

D-47 Request for D-49 Answering Service Non-Payment December 2011-April 2012

(continued discussion from July ACM) There is no invoice yet so this is tabled for now.

Appointed YPAA Chair Possibility by Regina K

(continued discussion from July ACM)

Vikki, Chair: We will talk about this at Mini-PRAASA. We don't have enough information to go to vote yet. Vikki asked for a sense of the room for the Duties and Responsibilities go to DCMs first sent by email from our Registrar, Brent, OR be in the October Accents/Acentos.

The following was unanimously decided by the ACM members attending in September:

Regina was to finalize the DRAFT of the Duties and Responsibilities for an Appointed Young Person Chair (previously titled - Appointed YPAA Chair) for Area 07, and send to Vikki, CNIA Chair, who will forward the approved DRAFT to CNIA Registrar, Brent, to email and US postal to all listed DCMs and Alternate DCMs.

There is NO Motion at this time pending further discussion and information.

Motion and seconded to adjourn @ 2 p.m.

***Respectively submitted with Blessings & Humbled Thankfulness,
Jan P, Recording Secretary
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Area 07, Panel 62***



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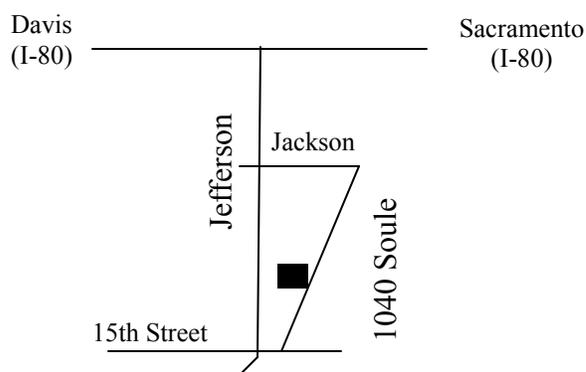
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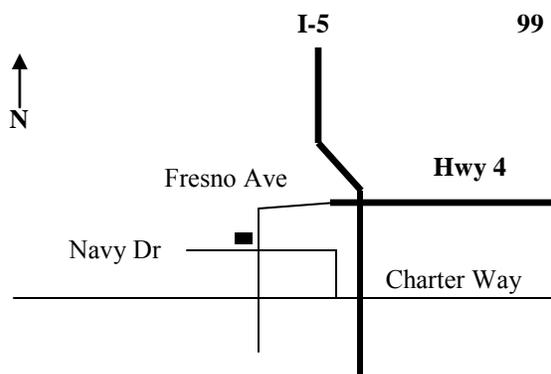
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| MAR 16-18 | NCCAA | SAN RAMON |
| MAR 17 | AREA COMMITTEE | W. SACRAMENTO |
| APR 14-15 | PRE-CONFERENCE ASMBLY(32) | LODI |
| APR 22-28 | GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE | NEW YORK |
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