

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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WINTER ASSEMBLY — AGENDA — JANUARY 21, 2012

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Registration
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Assembly Convenes
12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Traditions, Concepts, Roll Call Housekeeping
12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Weekend Overview, (Past Delegate)
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Liaison Reports Appointed Chair Reports Officer Reports
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Delegate Report, Lela M
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	DCM Reports
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	General Service Representative (GSR) School
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Panel: General Service Conference Agenda
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Panel: Literature and PI / CPC
7:30 p.m. - ?	Roundtables

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012

9:00 a.m.	Assembly Reconvenes
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Roundtable Reports
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Old Business
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	New Business
11:00 a.m. - Noon	<i>"Ask It" Basket & What's on Your Mind</i>
Noon	Assembly Closing

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

CHAIR'S REPORT—PANEL 62

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by Vikki L

First I want to say, "Congratulations to all the new DCMs, Alternate DCM's, GSR's, Alternate GSR's, and all the incoming Area Officer and Appointed Chairs! It's hard to believe we are already starting a new panel!! I am sure we have a very exciting two years ahead of us. As I am equally sure, we have a lot of work to do.

At our December Planning Meeting, the main topic of discussion was the assemblies for 2013. It was awesome to see so many districts making themselves available for such a wonderful opportunity. The votes were very close. But after all the dust had settled and all the votes had been counted, the Assembly Schedule for 2013 is:

Winter Assembly – District 19

Pre-Conference Assembly – District 47

Post Conference Assembly – District 09

Election Assembly – District 15

We also voted on who would host the Bridging the Gap Workshop in the Summer of 2012. District 53 was selected. Thank you to everyone who made themselves available!!

One of the topics of discussion at our last meeting regarded our Prudent Reserve. Just defining what our Prudent Reserve consists of is embarking on new territory. Isn't it cool?? We, in this panel, have the opportunity to establish that definition if we so choose.

There was a motion introduced at the December Planning Meeting that will be discussed at the Winter Assembly. It was introduced by Titia A and Jan P. It reads as follows: **I move that we move the Election Assembly to the third weekend in October and have the ACM the third weekend of November.** It was decided that more information and a lot more discussion would be necessary.

The other motion discussed was the one introduced at the Election Assembly by the E-Services Committee. It reads: **E-services would like to purchase a mobile wireless card at a cost of \$50 and a monthly service fee not to exceed \$100 per month. The card will be used to update Area computer operating systems, virus protections, and would be available for internet access, ACMs for presentation.** We will hear more from the Finance Committee with their review.

As your newly elected Area Chair, I am scared to death!! But more than that, I am swept away with gratitude at this new phase of sobriety. Of this I am certain, we don't do this alone. We have each other and we have our Higher Power and together we can move mountains!!!

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

Minutes (Unapproved) CNIA 07 Election Assembly November 18-20, 2011 Modesto, CA

The Election Assembly of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Modesto, California on Friday, November 18th, Saturday, November 19th, and Sunday, November 20th. Area Chair, Lela M, called the Assembly to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Serenity Prayer. The GSR Preamble was read in Spanish by Idalia D., RSG-D56. The 12 Concepts were read by Ann R., DCM – D27. The Twelve Traditions were read by Laurelle G., DCM – D36.

INTRODUCTIONS

Lela introduced Past Delegates Woody R – Panel 50, Lee W – Panel 58, Diane O – CNCA. Nancy H – General Service Trustee and Grapevine Director.

WEEKEND OVERVIEW – Woody R

DCM REPORTS (November 18, 2011)

D-11 – Katie W, DCM – All is well in D11. We had 8 attendees at the last District meeting. We have 3 positions that are not filled and GSRs continue to encourage AA members to be of service in D11. GSRs were interested in the PI/CPC and Parole Board Panel being held in Stockton in December. We received an inquiry from a member on Open/Closed meetings definition.

D-15 – Thomas G, Alternate DCM – Our District is really doing well. Contributions are up. We had our District Elections last month and that went really great. Celia B. moderated for us. We filled 9 of the 11 positions, which is almost unheard of in our District. Tom G is the new DCM for District 15 and Jenn D is the new Alt DCM for the next Panel. Congratulations to both of them!

D-17 – Connie G, DCM – We finished our election process at the November meeting. Our new District Officers are: Jan H. - DCM, Joe A. - Treasurer, Gil - Workshop Chair, Roger - Teleservice, Andrea Q. - Alt DCM, Juan C. - PI/CPC Chair and Althea B. - BTG Chair. Our District budget was passed at the last meeting and the District is in good shape financially. District 17 has decided to bid to have an assembly in our District in 2013.

D-20 – Mary O, DCM – The proposed Safety in AA workshop was the main topic of discussion. In the District meeting in September, the workshop was approved unanimously, but the GSRs present at the October meeting felt that not enough discussion had occurred before that vote. Feelings ran high, but AA principles were observed and we all worked our way through the discussion. It was decided that the GSRs would take the topic back to their groups for further discussion.

D-21 – Mathew L, DCM – We have 38 meetings in our district and 32 GSRs. Dick B. is our new DCM. Betsy L. is our new Alternate DCM. We also have a new BTG correspondent. We continue to work on our website. We are continually trying to improve that. Our BTG committee is working hard. We have made some presentations at 3 facilities. We are working with the H&I committees. We have searched out a few places for the 2012 Post Conference Assembly. It is going to be a good time.

D-22 – Shane K, DCM - Most of the groups are using words like happy, fine, very well, etc. in their group reports. One of our larger more established meetings (Motherlode) has moved. The traditional Thanksgiving and holiday al-cathon at Motherlode will be happening. We are currently working on a budget for 2012. We are looking at holding workshops on Making the Home Group a safe place and Anonymity in the Digital age... as both of these topics have received a lot of attention lately. The unity up here in the hills is very good.

D-23 – Dave C, DCM – We had 4 people at our last meeting. We had a new person present. Carlos A. is here today. I will stay on as recording secretary in my District. We had one group that is having a Thanksgiving potluck in Rancho Cordova.

D-24 – Regina K, DCM – At our last District meeting, we elected all new District Officers. Jon S and Catherine N are the new DCM and alternate, respectively. We also elected our treasurer, recording secretary, and registrar, along with our H&I, Grapevine, and Archives Liaisons. Financially, the District is strong and our groups are doing well. A few of the GSRs are rotating out, so we should be getting new people in, while some are staying on.

D-25 – Patrick H, DCM – At our last District meeting, we held our election. Deanna C, Alternate DCM and Bridging the Gap (BTG) coordinator was elected DCM. Deanna distributed District inventory forms to be completed and discussed at our December meeting. We discussed the Election Assembly, Area budget, Area Accents and Concept XII. We voted and approved up to \$1,100.00 of District 25 budget to supplement District 25 GSRs and Trusted Servants at-

tendance expenses at the Election Assembly in Modesto. We reviewed some of our activities that we have accomplished this last panel.

D-27 – Ann R, DCM – We are well and living in the spirit of sobriety, sharing the message of AA. District 27 held their 2nd of 2 workshops in October - Anonymity in the Digital Age, and it was a smashing success! District 27 also held elections this past month utilizing the 3rd Legacy and facilitated by District 21. Our new DCM is Derrick H. and Jon C. is our Alternate DCM. District 27 also elected our new Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer. There were thirty eight GSR's at our meeting in October. In November, our Finance committee will present a proposed Spending Plan for the next calendar year to the District.

D-29 – Nancy M, Alternate DCM – Our District will be holding our elections for Panel 62 on November 28th. We will have DCM/Alt DCM, Treasurer, H&I, BTG, and PI/CPC positions available. Rebellion Dogs had their 24th annual potluck and anniversary meeting. Traditional group will have a group inventory December 3rd. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Alkathons will be held at the location on Alta-Arden Hwy in Sacramento. These events are already posted in the By The Way. SACYPAA held their 3rd Annual SERVICE PA-LOOZA.

D-30 – Titia A, DCM – I would like to introduce our new DCM for Panel 62, Larry A. We had our last business meeting on November 12th. We gratefully we were able to fill almost all the trusted servant positions. We still have openings in Grapevine, Archives and BTG. This month, our discussion was mainly focused on the Election Assembly. We read the service manual pertaining to the Election Assembly and the Third Legacy so that all who attend this weekend would be prepared for the experience. We also discussed the Proposed 2012 Spending Plan and the motion that we will be bring to the floor.

D-31 – Shelly R, DCM – We achieved our goal to have approved District guidelines by the end of this panel. Our treasury has been building, and we are running below budget. We had our elections and filled our Alternate DCM position and some of our liaison positions.

We agreed as a District to hold a meeting in December to hold more elections.

D-32 – Cynthia B, DCM – We had our elections. Sonny R. is our new Alternate DCM. We have a couple of new groups in our area. We are having marathon meetings for Thanksgiving. We will be hosting the Pre Conference in April. We will have our flyers ready by the Winter Assembly.

D-33 – Tripp J, DCM – Our elections were held last Monday. There was nobody in attendance to fill any of the positions for the next panel. It may be a necessity to see our District grow a little dark. Maybe someone will step out of the shadows and lighten it back up. Other than that, the financial situation seems to be going well. H & I is doing well and meeting all their commitments. Contributions have been steady.

D-34 – Phillip S, DCM – Dave is my Alternate DCM. We had about 15 people at our election meeting on November 9th.

D-36 – Laurelle G, DCM – Our District Elections were held last month. I would like to introduce District 36's new DCM, Roy L. and our new Alt DCM, Jackie B. I have much appreciation to District 36 and 56 for hosting this assembly. Our District looks forward to welcoming CNIA's new panel and GSR's on January 21st 2012 at the Merced County Fairgrounds for the Winter Assembly. In closing, just in case you forgot, District 36 is CNIA's Sobriety Central.

D-42 – Brian W, DCM – Northeast Fellowship is gearing up for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Harvest Fellowship reported everything is going good. Sierra Fellowship is gearing up for Al-cathons at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Northpark Fellowship is doing well. FCYPAA will be holding annual broomball event at Gateway Ice Center. They are well above their prudent reserve and will be splitting monies to service structures. We looked at the motion to define Prudent Reserve and the proposed 2012 Area Budget. We elected Jerry K. as DCM, Mike D. as Alt. DCM, Tommy R. as Treasurer and Brian W. hanging around as Recording Secretary. Welcome to all new members!

D-43 – Bruce H, DCM – Our meeting was sparsely attended. Rodney M. will be our new DCM. There is also talk of combining Districts 41, 42 and 43.

D-47 – Cheryl H, DCM – We held our elections. Sherry is our new DCM. Kevin A. is our new Alternate DCM. Rick L. is our new Treasurer and John H. is our Recording Secretary. I would like to thank Susan M. for many years of service as our District Treasurer. We have a great committee this next panel!

D-53 – Inocencia S, DCM – I am really happy to be here. It was really hard to get a new panel. I am hoping my GSRs show up tomorrow.

D-54 – Pedro, DCM – We held our District elections and I will do my best as DCM for the next two years. We had assistance from Michael K and Kelley M. We had a very democratic election. We have the participation of all of our committees. Lucy is our new District secretary. Francisco is heading up our BTG committee.

D-56 – Francisco E, DCM – I am very emotional to have everybody here. We have not had our elections yet. They will be on the December 3rd. I am very pleased with everybody who worked with us in Area 07.

The Election Assembly reconvened
Saturday, November 19, 2011.
INTRODUCTIONS

Lela introduced Jim E - Past Trustee and Past Chairman of the General Service Board; Diane O - Past CNCA Delegate; Nancy H - General Service Trustee and Grapevine Director; Lee W - Past Delegate, Panel 58; Woody R – Past Delegate, Panel 50, Marianne H – Past Delegate, Panel 56; Rod B. - Current Regional Trustee, and Paul C.– Past Delegate, Panel 54.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Winter Assembly – Gail K – Merced County will be hosting the Winter Assembly on January 21st and 22nd. Please register today. We have a venue at the Fairgrounds. We will have lots of space and lots of fun. We have a great caterer for dinner.

Pre-Conference Assembly – Cynthia B – We have the Pre-conference Assembly all set to be in Lodi. We do not have our flyers out. We are working on motels right now.

Post Conference Assembly – Mathew L – The Post Conference Assembly will be on May 19th and 20th. We have been talking with two different venues. We are thinking about Thunder Valley Casino. It is a beautiful place. We will report more at the next ACM.

PRAASA Report – Jan P – Melody T. was able to obtain financial information for PRAASAs since 1989! This is proving quite useful in putting our bid together. As a result, more information was given to Angelina at Doubletree by Hilton for a proposal to be put together. Bill S. has been asked to put together an overall budget of potential income and expenses for 2016 PRAASA to be included in the bid notebook. Dick R. checked out the new Holiday Inn in Sacramento and determined it does not have enough space.

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS

Accents/Acentos – Jan P – The Accents/Acentos were completed on November 1st for the printer for mailing and Registrar for e-mail. They were completed on November 3rd for E-services and webmaster. I have enjoyed working with everyone at CNIA. Thank you for this awesome opportunity to grow.

Archives – Dean C – Archives is open the first Saturday of the month from noon to four at 1807 Navy Drive in Stockton. I would like to thank you for sending me to the 15th annual National AA Archives Workshop in Helena, Montana. The next one will be in Cocoa Beach, Florida and in 2013, the workshop will be in Springfield, Illinois. I attended the Conservation Workshop. There were a few ground rules for working on archival documents. First do no harm. No Scotch tape. No lamination, do not laminate an original document. No pens. In the Archives on the Internet presentation, I learned of a group on the web that was started by history lovers who were doing research on people mentioned in the Big Book. Further details on the lives of early AA members and a

coherent dating scheme can be found at aahistorylovers.com. I was saturated with information the first day and kept going back for more. I would recommend this workshop to anyone who has an interest in AA history. Thank you for the privilege of this experience.

BTG – Dick R – I participated in the CNCA Forum in Santa Rosa. Our BTG Correspondence Secretary, Betsy L., is going to rotate out of her position and we are looking for a replacement. If you feel you may be available for the position or want further information, please see me or Betsy for any questions. On December 3rd, there will be a ‘Corrections Workshop’ at the Big Bookers Group in Lodi that will focus on cooperating with Parole and Probation departments. The Criminal Justice Realignment Act, which went into effect last month, will substantially affect the need for Bridging the Gap services.

E-Services – Shane K – Your eService Committee continues to work on an itemized Area inventory. The ‘Recording Secretaries’ computer experienced yet another problem, and had to be taken in for more repairs. It was decided by the committee to repair this computer for temporary use by the Recording Secretary, while bringing a housekeeping matter to the body for purchase of a new Laptop with necessary software to take its place and using the old computer as a backup for the area. The committee also recommends that a wireless card be purchased to be used at Area functions for future maintained requirements.

Webmaster – Eddie A. – We are very close to launching the Spanish translation of the website. We have worked really hard. We got the service manual for this panel on the website. We are doing a lot of things. This is only a beginning. We have some great ideas.

Finance – Titia A – This has been a great two years for the Finance Committee. We have had an awesome mentor, Past Delegate Lee W and a great team. We started off the panel with a few goals. We wanted to help the Area better understand our financial status and provide transparency of all our finances. We also wanted to take a good look at the Prudent Reserve and better understand what that Prudent Reserve represented. I believe as a committee we did

a very good job at attaining those goals, and we learned quite a bit about ourselves as trusted servants as we worked together to better understand what our function as the Finance Committee was. I would like to thank Lee W, Brent G, Patrick H and Mathew L for allowing me to serve with them.

Grapevine/La Vina – Diana V. – Grapevine/La Vina need your support. The Grapevine is yours to enjoy. A person came up to me and said she never read a Grapevine. I said take this and read it. I love coming to assemblies. It is the greatest magazine in the world.

Literature – Paul C – I want to say what a pleasure it has been to serve as Literature Chair for CNIA. The purpose of this position is to expose the fellowship to what is available from the General Service Office in helping fulfill our primary purpose. Please check out what is available at the literature table and what is in the catalog. We have a number of free items including AA Guidelines, past copies of Box 459, Corrections Correspondence and other service materials. There are a number of items that have been reduced in price as well.

LIAISON REPORTS

SACYPAA – Jessa – We have a speaker meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month. Our October event was huge. More than 200 people showed up. We had our Servicepalooza event. We had some awesome speakers. We are a WACYPAA bid committee. We are asking the Area for a letter of support for our bid.

Special Needs Report – Steve – The national library service in Washington DC has the Daily Reflections in Braille.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The 2011 Post Conference Minutes were considered and unanimously approved.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTION

SACYPAA needs a letter of support for the WACYPAA Bid Committee. The dates are Jan 3rd – 6th, 2013; December 12th – 16th, 2012; and, the last weekend of December, 2012.

ELECTIONS—PANEL 62 NEW OFFICERS

Delegate – Lela M

Alternate Delegate – Kelley M

Chair – Vikki L

Alternate Chair – Michael K

Treasurer – Ann R

Recording Secretary – Jan P

Registrar – Brent G

OLD BUSINESS

Accents/Acentos Survey Report- Jan P

– Thank you to all those who willingly took the time to fill out the Accents/Acentos Survey form! Pie charts were prepared according to the 75 responses we received. The largest pie chart, Service Position, shows 70% were from GSRs and Alternate GSRs, while the remaining percentages were from Area Officers and Appointed Chairs, Past Delegate, Group Contact and other. The mid-sized pie chart titled Preferred Distribution describes the electronic of 58%, 23% had switched either from US Postal to email or reducing from both email and printed; i.e., —witching methods”. 19% preferred to continue receiving printed version.

The question, —What would be the impact of NOT printing/mailing the Accents/Acentos? Valid comments given were: DCMs and GSRs would need to rely and/or attend all Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies for the information to be distributed / Contributions would most likely decrease / Without written communication via the Accents/Acentos, there would be no communication or link to ACM and meetings / A huge loss of unity and our fellowship would NOT be informed.

In other comments, many found the Accents/Acentos to be very useful and a needed reference. And most wanted to be sure reports, minutes, calendar and events information was in the newsletter.

Motion:

Motion to eliminate postage expense for Accents and Acentos Printed Accents and Acentos to be distributed through Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies to the DCMs to pass on to the GSRs and RSGs. (Tom A.)

Discussion: Our group is opposed. We don't feel we would get the information early enough. / The minutes are a bit long and there is a lot of useful information in there. / It is just passing the expenses down to the Districts. / This motion was brought up in a time when we were facing hard financial times. / Our budget now is much better at this time. I think that the continued distribution of the Accents would be a good thing. / Some of the people that want it mailed are the ones that show up at District and assemblies. / What about the possibility of people sending in self addressed self stamped envelopes? I would be willing to do that if I wanted mine mailed to me. / Is the DCMs responsible for printing or will they be getting printed copies from the Area? / How many people actually do not have access to the internet? Maybe 10. / We discussed this at the last assembly. I talked to our group. You don't want to cut off communications with anybody. If we leave it up to the DCMs, we will lose a lot of people in our rural areas. Our group does not support this. We support transitioning people to e-mail. I think that makes more sense. / I have an older computer. It is hard for me to get the Accents by computer. / This is the day of technology. Could a subscription fee be applied? / When we started this discussion, I thought it would make sense for the districts to distribute. But after hearing all the things that have been said, I think we should continue our policy and keep doing it the way it is. / It is great to see a transition of the Area into technology. It is my group's opinion to provide Accents on a subscription basis for those who wish to obtain it. And of course electronically made available. / The spending plan appears that what we are doing now is doable. We are being self-supporting. Why would we make this change to such a critical piece of information?

Vote – Motion Fails by 2/3 vote.

Minority Opinion – CNIA is hurting for money. We could go ahead with the

motion. And CNIA could subsidize some of the costs. We could have the DCMs help. As the economy gets better, we could back off a little. / I voted yes because I looked day to day how I used the Accents. It is easier to use the electronic version.

Motion to reconsider –
The decision stands.

DELEGATE'S REPORT delegate@cnia.org by Melody T

AAWS - The Regional Directories and new Service Manuals are available. E-Book project: The e-Book rolls out for the Big Book and 12 and 12, English, French and Spanish, has been pushed to early December. This will be for Apple products and Android products will follow about a month later.

Corrections - Sign up for the Corrections Correspondence Service. This is a great opportunity for those who are unable to get out to do H&I for one reason or another. We hope that some of you participated or will participate in the survey to update the Corrections Workbook.

Finance - We want to thank all the Groups which are contributing to GSO and all the service entities in these tough times. And all the Groups which are struggling to keep the doors open to the newcomer. We know you are all working really hard to make ends meet. Please continue to submit stories which humanize the impact of the 7th Tradition. You could be published in *Box 4-5-9!*

Grapevine, Inc. - The new books, *Step by Step* and *Emotional Sobriety II* are now available. Get in on the Grapevine Gift subscription offer: 2 gift subscriptions for \$42.00. New package: Grapevine Complete. Grapevine Complete combines the print magazine with the digital version at \$49.97, almost a \$14.00 savings than if you purchase them separately. The first Grapevine eBook will be available in December. Grapevine and La Viña are working with the Postal Service to correct issue delivery problems in California. The calendar of events will no longer be available in the print version of Grapevine.

The delegates are at it again. There is a grass roots effort to increase Grapevine subscriptions. Did you know that if each Area could get 65 more print sub-

scriptions or 48 digital magazine subscriptions the Grapevine could be self-supporting? I placed flyers in the DCM packets. If new subscribers let me know, we can keep a tally.

Literature - You might recall that I reported AAWS received a request to have Daily Reflections on the website, with e-mail capabilities for the —Meditation of the Day.” The board approved the concept and will hear a progress report at the October meeting. Remember, the revised pamphlets —AA Member – Medication and Other Drugs” and —Understanding Anonymity” has been available. AAWS has approved online sales. AAWS estimates the capabilities to be up by next fall. For shipping orders greater than \$500, there will be no shipping charge, which will give a break to our Intergroups and Central Offices, which may notice a cut in revenue with this new policy. Shipping charges under \$500 per order will vary.

PRAASA - The 2012 PRAASA will be in Bellevue, WA March 2, 3, and 4, 2012. Registration forms are available in English and Spanish. I am going to continue on the PRAASA 2016 Bid Committee. I want to thank Jan for all her hard work in arranging site visits and interfacing with the hotel personnel. And we welcome Bill S, former CNIA Treasurer, to the Bid Committee.

Treatment /Special Needs- Accessibilities - As reported, AAWS has reviewed some customized illustrations for the pamphlet —“AA for Me?” We are particularly interested in this concept, because it paves the way for our work in producing a work for persons with less visible challenges. One of the outcomes of the Special Needs workshop in Stockton on November 5 is cooperation with the Special Education Department at the University of the Pacific. We want to thank Michael Ellium (non-alcoholic), the Director of the program, for his support in this endeavor. He has already given us some materials, and has agreed to review any materials we propose. I am going to continue to serve on the local committee and will keep the CNIA delegate informed. Thank you, Delta Intergroup, for hosting! We are happy to report that the ASL and CD formats for the new pamphlet —“AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs” and the large print formats in French of the Big Book and 12 and 12 will go forward

in 2012.

New Groups - CNIA welcomes the following new Groups: Monday Night Big Book Study – District 25; Common Solution Group – District 20 and Grupo 12 x 12 – District 55.

Thank You! Now I want to say thank you for keeping me sober the past two years. It has been the most formative two years of my sobriety, and indeed, my life. What I have learned and experienced on a deeply personal and spiritual level has been life-changing, and I will be eternally grateful...

OFFICER REPORTS

Registrar – Michael K

(registrar@cnia.org) – This month we have 720 active groups and about 280 unknown groups. We increased from 26,200 members at the beginning of 2010 to a little over 28,000 members currently. At the beginning of this panel, we mailed out more than 900 Accents every month. We had a lot of financial concerns. This month we mailed out about 500.

Secretary – Vikki L

(secretary@cnia.org) - I just want to say thank so much for allowing me to be your Recording Secretary for this panel. It has given me the opportunity to meet so many of you. And I am just amazed by all the love here. This has been an interesting month. I experienced computer problems again. This time my LCD light and my integrator quit functioning and so therefore, no monitor. Despite the challenges, the minutes were prepared and sent on time to get published in the Accents.

Treasurer – Brent G

(treasurer@cnia.org) – I have processed a couple of big envelopes of contributions. I also printed and mailed almost all the receipts for contribution. First was the process of putting the accounting into QuickBooks, and setting up all the appropriate income and expense accounts to properly track our financial situation. I am also creating a Pass-It-On file to give to the new treasurer, which I hope will make transitioning into the job a little easier. Thank you for the trust you showed in me to allow me to care for and watch over your money. I have not taken that responsibility lightly.

Alternate Chairman – Kelly M (alt-chair@cnia.org) - There's a lot of work which goes into hosting these events and let's thank the Co-Chairs Brenda A. from District 33 and Francisco E. from Distrito 56 and all the volunteers from the Host Committee for a job well done! Service opportunities of note for me included participating in Traditions Workshop at Roseville 5th Street Fellowship, SACYPAA Workshop Panel on General Service, and my Home Group, Folsom Friday Nights 31st Anniversary Potluck. The Winter Assembly will be held in Merced in January. We will be considering bids for the assemblies for 2013 at the planning meeting.

Chair –Lela M (chair@cnia.org) – This past month, I worked on the Service Material Book. All the committees reviewed their portion. Eddie did an amazing job of getting it on the web. Go to www.cnia.org to take a look at it. We will take final comments on that at our next ACM. I attended NCAA and I made a motion that they please announce the panels. That motion passed. It spurred good discussion about communication. I made a second motion regarding NCAA having an inventory. That motion did not pass. But a motion was made to look at the inventory questions. And that one passed. All the officers are available to be of service.

Alternate Delegate – Dreigh P (alt-delegate@cnia.org) - Welcome all of our new Panel 62 Officers and —Thank You” to the our outgoing Panel 60 officers. I don't know who you all are yet, but thank you in advance for your service. On November 5th, I was able to participate with the Delta Intergroup at their Carrying the AA Message to Alcoholics with Special Needs. Though not well attended, I learned a lot... Thank you Melody for the opportunity to serve. Next Month, on the 3rd, I will, as the Area 07 CPC and PI Chair, be attending the Delta Intergroup PI/CPC Workshop about Cooperation with Parole and Probation Department.

Topic #1 – Dreigh P - Housekeeping recommendation regarding purchasing a new computer not more than \$600. This is a recommendation. We brought our four laptops three panels ago. The secretary's computer keeps breaking down. Total cost

NEW BUSINESS

not to exceed \$600.

*No objections –
recommendation passes*

Topic #2 – Titia A – Motion to approve the proposed budget for 2012.

*Vote – The voting plan was
unanimously approved.*

Topic #3 – Dreigh P – Housekeeping recommendation. We are missing a power supply. Our computers have never been maintained.

MOTION: E-service would like to purchase a mobile wireless card at a cost of \$50 and a monthly service fee of not to exceed \$100 per month. The card will be used to update Area computer operating systems, virus protections, and would be available for internet access at assemblies, ACMs for presentations.

Discussion: I think this is a good idea. We need to make an investment in our computers. / I don't oppose this motion. I trust the E-services committee. I am curious as to how it will affect the budget and where will that money come from. / If we have the ability to maintain our equipment, it would save us money in the long run for emergency repairs. / I would like to point out that \$1300 a year really is a cheap, cheap maintenance plan. / What are we doing currently to make sure that they are not breaking down? / We don't do anything on a regular basis until they break. / The Finance Committee needs time to review this./Since software has been lost and computers have not been updated, will the E-services Committee stay the same and who will have possession of the card and will the committee update the computers? / The E-services Chair will possess the card and the committee will be responsible for computer updates / It is only .89 cents a day per computer.

Topic #4

MOTION: District 30 would like to make a motion to define the Area 07 Prudent Reserve. The principle of our Prudent Reserve will be to provide the financial resources needed to continue fundamental services for up to one (1) year in the event of an unexpected and substantial reduction in contributions to Area 07.

The prudent reserve would be based on the following annual expenses (the figures shown are those applicable to 2012) and would allow Area 07 to fulfill the essential purpose of sending an informed Delegate to the annual meeting of the General Service Conference: ACM Meeting Room Rent (\$800.00) Archives Facility Rental (\$2,700.00) Liability Insurance (\$480.00) General Service Conference – Delegate's miscellaneous expenses (\$900.00) General Service Conference – CNIA contribution to GSO for the cost of our Delegate's attendance at the annual meeting of the General Service Conference (\$2,000.00)

**In a situation where Area 07 experiences a temporary cash-flow shortage the Prudent Reserve would remain available for -any Area 07 expenses and would be replenished as soon as revenues permit.*

The current Prudent Reserve would be set at \$6,880.00 to be reevaluated annually by the Finance Committee and the ACM based on actual changes to the above-specified expenses.

Discussion: What was the last prudent reserve amount? / It has never been defined. / How does your calculation compare to other Area budgets? / We did not compare it to other areas because we know our area's needs better than anyone else. / I was just referring to it as a learning curve. / My vote would vote today in favor. Our business meeting was very engaged on the budget discussion. / What is the breakdown cost of the Archives? / We pay rent for our Archives office.

**Discussion is tabled until
the next assembly**

After the —As it Basket”, the meeting adjourned at 12:00. Thank you for letting me be of service.

With love and gratitude,

Vikki L — Recording Secretary
(secretary@cnia.org)
Area 07 — Panel 60

CNIA Finances as of December 31, 2011		2011 Budget	100.0% of the Year	YTD Actual	Over or (Under) Budget	Variance
4 - Contributed support						
4010 - Group Contributions		37,000.00	37,000.00	34,046.88	(2,953.12)	-8.0%
4020 - Seventh Tradition						
4021 - 7th - ACM		760.00	760.00	527.34	(232.66)	-30.6%
4022 - 7th - Assy		900.00	900.00	1,224.08	324.08	36.0%
Total 4020 - Seventh Tradition		1,660.00	1,660.00	1,751.42	91.42	5.5%
4050 - Contribution - Other		0.00	0.00	3,944.69	3,944.69	100.0%
Total 4 - Contributed support		38,660.00	38,660.00	39,742.99	1,082.99	2.8%
5 - Earned revenues						
5110 - Literature Sales		3,000.00	3,000.00	1,482.60	(1,517.40)	-50.6%
5140 - Grapevine Sales		2,250.00	2,250.00	1,178.75	(1,071.25)	-47.6%
5150 - Accents Subscriptions		40.00	40.00	16.00	(24.00)	-60.0%
5160 - Assembly Income		10,000.00	10,000.00	8,120.84	(1,879.16)	-18.8%
5220 - Other AA Sources		100.00	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	-100.0%
5310 - Interest-savings/short-term inv		40.00	40.00	23.53	(16.47)	-41.2%
Total 5 - Earned revenues		15,430.00	15,430.00	10,821.72	(4,608.28)	-29.9%
Total Income		54,090.00	54,090.00	50,564.71	(3,525.29)	-6.5%
Expenses						
Total 7620 - Delegate		5,460.00	5,460.00	3,273.79	(2,186.21)	-40.0%
Total 7640 - Alt. Delegate		1,825.00	1,825.00	1,228.14	(596.86)	-32.7%
Total 7660 - Chairman		2,150.00	2,150.00	966.86	(1,183.14)	-55.0%
Total 7680 - Alt. Chairman		1,350.00	1,350.00	1,172.04	(177.96)	-13.2%
Total 7700 - Secretary		1,200.00	1,200.00	629.52	(570.48)	-47.5%
Total 7720 - Treasurer		3,400.00	3,400.00	3,458.77	58.77	1.7%
Total 7740 - Registrar		1,225.00	1,225.00	1,135.65	(89.35)	-7.3%
Total 7600 - Officers Expenses		16,610.00	16,610.00	11,864.77	(4,745.23)	-28.6%
Total 7820 - Literature Chairman		800.00	800.00	671.89	(128.11)	-16.0%
Total 7840 - Grapevine Chair		800.00	800.00	658.82	(141.18)	-17.6%
Total 7860 - Bridging The Gap		1,430.00	1,430.00	704.87	(725.13)	-50.7%
Total 7880 - Accents Chairman		720.00	720.00	696.35	(23.65)	-3.3%
Total 7900 - Archives Chairman		1,625.00	1,625.00	1,613.52	(11.48)	-0.7%
Total 7920 - Webmaster		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 7940 - Translation Committee		775.00	775.00	1,202.62	427.62	55.2%
Total 7960 - Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 7800 - Appointed Chair Expenses		6,150.00	6,150.00	5,548.07	(601.93)	-9.8%
Total 8010 - Winter Assembly		2,500.00	2,500.00	1,422.73	(1,077.27)	-43.1%
Total 8020 - Pre-Conference Assembly		2,500.00	2,500.00	3,604.81	1,104.81	44.2%
Total 8030 - Post-Conference Assembly		2,500.00	2,500.00	37.35	(2,462.65)	-98.5%
Total 8040 - Mini-PRAASA		2,500.00	0.00	37.00	37.00	100.0%
Total 8050 - Election Assembly		2,500.00	2,500.00	3,143.55	643.55	25.7%
Total 8070 - Area Workshops		0.00	0.00	116.33	116.33	100.0%
Total 8000 - Assemblies & Workshops		12,500.00	12,500.00	8,361.77	(4,138.23)	-33.1%
8153 - English Accents Printing		6,000.00	6,000.00	4,796.35	(1,203.65)	-20.1%
8156 - Spanish Acentos Printing		1,400.00	1,400.00	694.79	(705.21)	-50.4%
8158 - Accents & Acentos Postage		0.00	0.00	2,691.79	2,691.79	100.0%
8159 - Accents & Acentos Return Postage		0.00	0.00	46.50	46.50	100.0%
Total 8150 - Accents & Acentos Production		7,400.00	7,400.00	8,229.43	829.43	11.2%
8180 - AA Grapevine Purchases		2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	(2,250.00)	-100.0%
8190 - AA Literature Purchases		3,000.00	3,000.00	1,692.47	(1,307.53)	-43.6%
Total 8100 - Accents, Grapevine, Literature		12,650.00	12,650.00	9,921.90	(2,728.10)	-21.6%
8210 - Rent		800.00	200.00	1,500.00	1,300.00	650.0%
8230 - Liability Insurance		480.00	480.00	460.00	(20.00)	-4.2%
8240 - Archives Facility Rental		2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 8200 - Meeting Room Expenses		3,980.00	3,980.00	4,660.00	680.00	17.1%
Total 8300 - Web Site		0.00	0.00	79.95	79.95	100.0%
Total 8500 - Misc expenses		3,984.00	3,984.00	2,111.99	(1,872.01)	-47.0%
8620 - Sales taxes		500.00	500.00	442.03	(57.97)	-11.6%
8640 - Chargeback of Contributions		216.00	216.00	92.96	(123.04)	-57.0%
Total 8600 - Taxes & Fees		716.00	716.00	561.99	(154.01)	-21.5%
Total Expense		54,090.00	54,090.00	43,110.44	(10,979.56)	-20.3%
Net Income		0.00	0.00	7,454.27	7,454.27	100.0%

As of Checking Account Balance \$14,534.21

12/31/2011 Savings Account Balance \$9,112.76

Total Both
Accounts: \$23,646.97

WINTER ASSEMBLY - CNIA AREA 07

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012

Hosted by District 36

*MERCED COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - TIOGA HALL
900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Merced, CA 95341*

Map and directions on reverse

ON-SITE REGISTRATION BEGINS AT
9:00 A.M. SATURDAY

ASSEMBLY STARTS AT 12:00 NOON

For more information contact: winterassembly@cnia.org

2012 Winter Assembly Registration Form

Please detach and mail to address below.

Name _____ Phone _____ District _____

Service Position: GSR ___ Alt GSR ___ DCM ___ Alt DCM ___ AA Member _____

Area Officer/ Position _____ Other _____

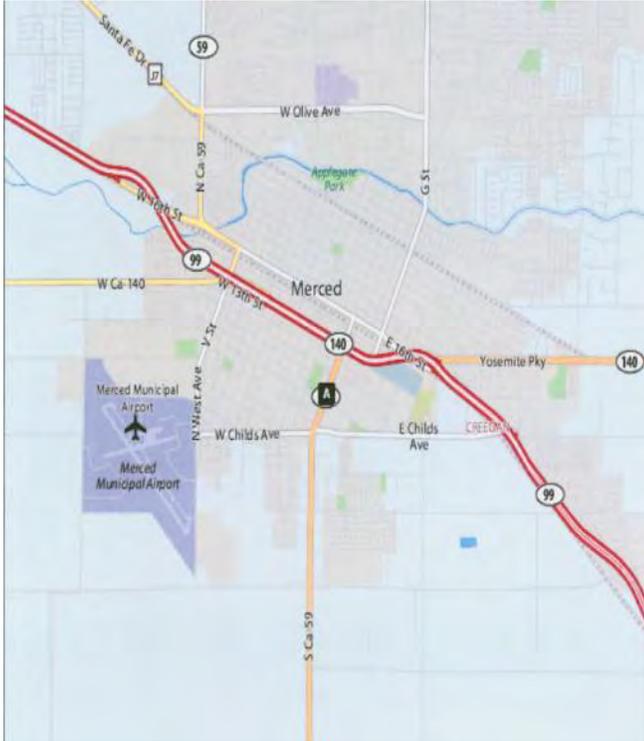
_____ Registration \$15.00

_____ Bottomless coffee \$ 3.00

_____ Dinner \$15.00 **SPECIFY:** Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

\$ _____ Total amount enclosed

Make check payable to District 36. Mail completed form & check to:
District 36, P. O. Box 1362, Atwater, CA 95301



**WINTER ASSEMBLY
JANUARY 21-22, 2012**

**Merced County Fairgrounds
Tioga Building (just inside gate)**

FROM SOUTH: Take Highway 99 North to Martin Luther King, Jr. Way exit in Merced. At foot of exit ramp, turn left under overpass. Proceed approx. 4/10 mile. Fairgrounds is on your left. Tioga Bldg. is on your right just inside the gate.

FROM NORTH: Take Highway 99 South to Martin Luther King, Jr. Way exit in Merced. At foot of exit ramp, turn right. Proceed approx. 3/10 mile. Fairgrounds is on your left. Tioga Bldg. is on your right just inside the gate.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

730 Motel Drive
Merced, CA 95340
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Rate: \$69 (or \$79 for upgrade to suite).
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Complimentary Full Breakfast

Hampton Inn & Suites
225 S. Parsons Ave.
Merced, CA 95340
209-386-1210
Rate: \$79 (or \$89 for upgrade to suite).
MENTION "CNIA" AND REGISTER PRIOR TO JAN 2 FOR RATE.
Complimentary Breakfast Buffet

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730 Motel Drive
Merced, CA 95340
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Complimentary full breakfast.

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Merced, CA 95340
209-723-2163
Corporate Rate: \$73 for single, \$79 for double (2 queens) MENTION "CNIA" TO GET CORPORATE RATE.
Complimentary Continental Breakfast

Courtyard by Marriott
750 Motel Drive
Merced, CA 95340
1-866-599-6674
Rate: \$109 (regular rate)

Others....
Days Inn (209) 722-2726
Motel 6 (209) 384-2181
Super 8 (209) 384-1303

QUESTIONS?
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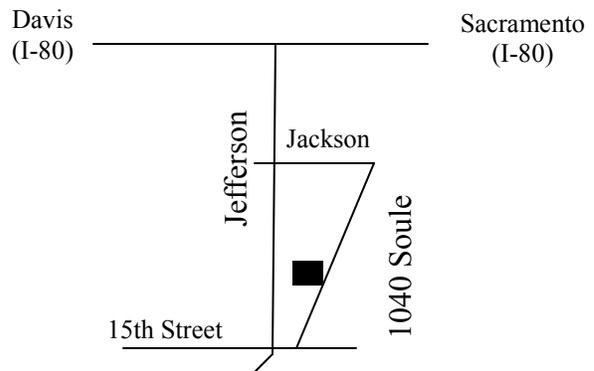
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

Area General Service Committee Meetings:

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

East Yolo Fellowship

1040 Soule Street, West Sacramento, CA (map below)



CNIA ARCHIVES CENTER

1807 Navy Drive (at Fresno Ave) Suite #11 Stockton, CA 95555
(ROGERS Construction, Inc Near Port of Stockton)

Second Floor Rear

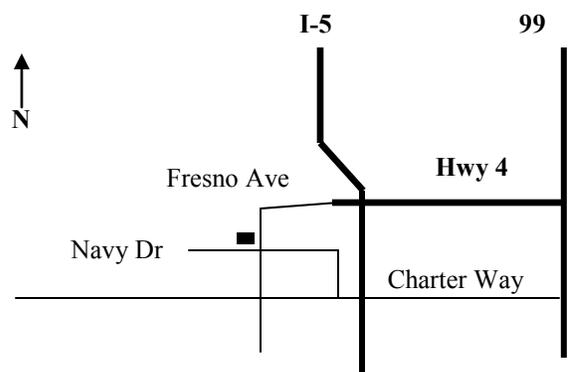
From Fresno (and other points south): North on 99, West on 120, North on I-5, Exit at W Charter Way - turn left at bottom of ramp. Keep to right and after about 100 ft make a right on to Navy Drive.

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From both directions Continue on Navy Dr until just past Fresno Av. The Archives is located in the building on the NW corner of the intersection of Navy and Fresno. The entrance is at the far end of the building, up the stairs.

Call Archivist:

CNIA Archives Will Be Open the 1st Saturday - Noon to 5 pm



**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA
CALENDAR 2011-2012**

2012

(DISTRICT)

JAN 21-22	WINTER ASSEMBLY (D36)	MERCED
FEB 18	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
MAR 2-4	PRAASA	BELLEVEUE, WA
MAR 16-18	NCCAA	SAN RAMON
MAR 17	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
APR 14-15	PRE-CONFERENCE ASMBLY(D32)	TRACY/STOCKTON
APR 22-28	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE	NEW YORK
MAY 19-20	POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY(29/21)	ROSEVILLE
JUN 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
JUL 6-8	NCCAA	AUBURN ^(Gold City Ftr/ds)
JUL 21	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
AUG 18	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
SEP 14-16	PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM	FAIRBANKS, AK
SEP 15	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
OCT 5-7	NCCAA	SACRAMENTO
OCT 19-20	MINI-PRAASA (D30 / D22)	JACKSON
NOV 17	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
DEC 15	AREA PLANING COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO

2013 - Proposed

(DISTRICT)

JAN 19-20	WINTER ASSEMBLY (D19)	YUBA CITY
FEB 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
MAR 1-3	PRAASA	BOISE, ID
SPRING	NCCAA	FRESNO
MAR 16	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
APR 13-14	PRE-CONFERENCE ASMBLY (D47)	TULARE / VISALIA
APR 21-27	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE	RYE NEW YORK
MAY 18-19	POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY (D9)	YREKA
JUN 7-9	NCCAA	FOSTER CITY
JUN 15	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
JUL 20	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
AUG 17	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
SUMMER/FALL	BTG—BRIDGING THE GAP (D56)	SACRAMENTO
SEP 21	AREA COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO
OCT 19	AREA COMMITTEE ?	W. SACRAMENTO
NOV 15-17	ELECTION ASSEMBLY ? (D15)	CHICO
DEC 21	AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE	W. SACRAMENTO

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