

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

APRIL 2014

I look forward to seeing and hearing from all the General Service Representative's (GSR's) at the Pre-Conference Assembly. If time permits, we may also hear reports from area liaisons, appointed chairs, and area committee members. I have not yet heard of any new business, but under old business there is a motion to add a committee chair position to represent young person's groups and an active discussion topic to accept online contributions.

I wish everyone safe travels to and from the assembly. As we send off our well informed Delegate, Kelley M., to his first General Service Conference (GSC), I look forward to hearing his GSC Report at the Post-Conference Assembly on May 17 and 18 in Sacramento.

It is an honor to serve as the CNIA Area Chairperson during this critical time of the General Service process.

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

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.

Communicating Our Legacies - Vital in a Changing World

The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) was held this year March 7-9 in San Diego. Over 1800 trusted servants from the 15 Pacific Region Areas and British Columbia/Yukon were able to attend. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve CNIA and to attend PRAASA. It is always a transforming experience. The theme of the upcoming 64th General Service Conference in New York is “Communicating Our Legacies — Vital in a Changing World.” Each of the panels at PRAASA looked at some aspect of how we, as AA members serving AA in General Service, can better communicate our message of unity, service and recovery. Over the course of the weekend, there were six panels, with each one addressing a part of how we can carry the message. While each panelist was asked to speak on a very specific topic, I heard certain things being repeated and saw bigger ideas emerging.

One of the first themes I heard was “finding the service that best fits us.” Most of the people in attendance are actively involved in General Service, some for many years. Several times we were reminded that service “is anything whatever that helps us reach a fellow sufferer.” I love General Service, but I am reminded of Step 12 in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, where service is described not only as working directly with another alcoholic, but taking on the “unspectacular, but important tasks” in AA. It’s easy to feel like General Service can be that unspectacular task if your homegroup doesn’t understand what you’re doing as their GSR, but we should be careful not to fall into the trap of self-righteousness thinking that “those people” should care; that “they” need to get involved. Making coffee, handing out chips and sometimes, just sitting next to someone who is suffering, all count as service and it all matters. We each find the service that we can do best, in this time and in this place in our sobriety.

As trusted servants for our groups, our district, or our area, we need to make sure that we are communicating well. Is the GSR just this mysterious position, or are we guiding the newly elected GSR through their journey in service just like we guided them in early recovery? The panelists spoke about sharing all of our legacies through sponsorship, our home group and as part of our recovery story. One of the panelists shared about “Participating in Our Common Welfare Through Contributions.” Every July when we read Tradition Seven, my poor home group watches me weep as I try to express my gratitude for everything Tradition Seven has meant in my sobriety.

My favorite panel at PRAASA is always the Past Trustees panel and this year was no exception. I always hear a message of overwhelming love and humility that counters the message of fear I occasionally hear in meetings. AA is a big boat and if you have a desire to stop drinking, you belong. Some of those thoughts were “Just ignore the ‘and a [n addict],’ they’re new. Eventually they will become just an alcoholic.” “I want AA to be a place where people who hate AA and refuse to believe in God feel welcome.” “I don’t care if alcohol is your 27th most pressing problem, if you have a desire to stop drinking, you’re welcome in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.” Like the men and women from my first home group who loved me and taught me to be a productive, sober member of AA, I am forever grateful to our Past Trustees and Past Delegates who have shown me what it means to be a good trusted servant in AA.

It is such a privilege to have the opportunity to serve our Area.

Yours in service,
Jenn D
Area Accents Publisher
Panel 64

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY AGENDA
April 12-14th WOODLAND, CA

Saturday, April 12th

9:00 a.m.

Registration Opens

12:00 p.m.

Call to Order
 GSR Preamble
 12 Concepts
 12 Traditions

Announcements & Introductions

Housekeeping Dan G.
 7th Tradition

12:15 p.m.

Weekend Overview
 “Pre-Conference Assembly”
 Past Delegate Inez Y

12:30 p.m.

Sharing with the Delegate on Agenda Items

2:30 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m.

Continue Sharing with the Delegate
 on all Agenda Items

5:45 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

8:00 p.m.

Continue Sharing with the Delegate
 on all Agenda Items

9:00 p.m.

Roundtables

10:30 p.m.

Close

Sunday, April 15th

9:00 a.m.

Assembly Reconvenes

Approval of Winter Assembly Minutes
 Report Back on 2014 Winter Assembly D56
 Report on 2014 Post Conference Assembly D54
 Report Mini Praasa 2014 D22

10:00am

Liaison Reports

10:30AM

Officer and Appointed Chair Reports

11:00am

DCM reports
 What’s on your mind
 “Ask-it Basket”

12:00pm

Close

Minutes (Unapproved)
CNIA 07 Winter Assembly
January 18-19, 2014
Modesto Centre Plaza, Modesto, CA

The Winter Assembly of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at Modesto Centre Plaza, Modesto, CA on Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 12:04 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday January 19, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Area Chair, Mike K, called the meeting to order followed by the Serenity Prayer. The GSR Preamble was read by Jill, GSR, D20. The 12 Traditions were read by Betty Ann V, GSR, Northside Fellowship, D34. The Twelve Concepts were read by Sherman T, Bridging the Gap Chair, D17.

Introductions: Mike introduced Past Delegates: Woody R – Panel 50, Marianne H – Panel 56, Lee W – Panel 58, Melody T – Panel 60, Lela M – Panel 62.

District Roll Call: All active Districts were represented during roll call except District 55.

Mike asked new GSRs and those at their first Assembly to raise their hands.

Weekend Overview: Woody R, Past Delegate, Panel 50

Consideration of the Minutes: The November 15-17, 2013 Election Assembly Minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

ASSEMBLY/LIAISON REPORTS

Election Assembly November 15-17, 2013, Paradise – Jenn D, D15, We were privileged to host Election Assembly. My home group reads the long form of the Traditions and “trustees” were no longer an intellectual concept which was amazing. We broke even (\$120 short). Thank you for letting us be of service.

Pre-Conference Assembly – April 12-13, 2014, Woodland – Paul K, D17 – Flyers are available. Committees are filled. We're ready for Pre-Conference Assembly! A link to the District website is on cniia.org.

Post-Conference Assembly – May 17-18, 2014, Sacramento – Rose Mary C, D54 – We are preparing for Post-Conference Assembly. More information will be at the February ACM.

Mini-PRAASA – October 17-19 – Becky B, D22 – Placerville Fairgrounds is secured. By February or March, we will get volunteers and prepare.

PRAASA 2017 – March 3-5, 2017 – Lela M, Past Delegate, Panel 62 – A group is going to the Lions Gate Hotel next week.

H&I – Will R, Liaison – Major Institution Coordinators updated us on institutions and a new system for clearances is being implemented. Melody T has clearance forms for a new prison in Stockton. Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions will be increased. There was no discussion on motion for travel expense. The final vote will be at General Business Meeting in Santa Cruz. A committee is updating the pink pamphlet. We approved a publisher-recommended redesign of our wallet cards.

SACYPAA – Claudio B, GSR – Thank you for the support letter for our WACYPAA bid. Hawaii received the bid, and we hope to attend in 2015. SACYPAA is going to reach out to the Spanish Districts. SACYPAA had 5 or 6 members involved in General Service attending WACYPAA.

SANJYPAA – Danny K, Liaison – We are the newest young people's group in Area 07. We will be bidding for ACYPAA 2015 in Redding in April. We are focused on being of service to Area 07, Central Office and NCCAA.

ACYPAA and SISKYPAA – Christine

T, GSR – I'm the new GSR/Liaison for ACYPAA. ACYPAA is April 3-6 and has 812 pre-registrations. We encourage people to pre-register or sponsor a newcomer and want groups to sponsor a newcomer. We need volunteers to help and we need groups to host marathon meetings. SISKYPAA had a successful event with participants from a new YPAA in Southern OR, SORYPAA. We look forward to possibly hosting a D09 service workshop.

MCVYPAA – Chau-Marie G, We are in Stanislaus County including Modesto. We are not a new YPAA but are a struggling YPAA. MCVYPAA will be contacting our DCM to help with a group inventory.

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS

Accents – accents@cniia.org – Jenn D – I met with Mary to do our pass-it-on. We were not able to work together on the January Accents, but I know I'll have help with the February Accents, if needed.

Archives – archives@cniia.org – Steve H. – I invite anyone to come to Archives the first Saturday from 12pm-4pm. Please let me know if you're coming.

Bridging the Gap – btg@cniia.org – Cindy C – A white card explains what BTG is: (partial) “the purpose of BTG is to assist new members being released from a treatment or correctional facility to make a successful transition to AA in the community where they will be living.” Individuals released from a correctional or treatment facility fill out a blue card. When released in a different area from where they live, someone calls them where they live.

Eservices – eservices@cniia.org – Brooke D – The E-Services Committee has not met. I have made some updates to cniia.org. I contacted the other 2 members of the committee: Paul K, D17 DCM and Vikki L, Alt-Delegate. We need 2 more members:

one Spanish/English bilingual with computer knowledge and one with computer knowledge.

Finance – finance@cniia.org – Jenny M – Our committee consists of myself, DCM D34; Judy B, DCM D29; John H, DCM D47; Tom A, Area Treasurer; and Lela M, Past Delegate. We met today, and I was elected Chair.

Grapevine/LaViña -- grapevine@cniia.org – Steve C – The Grapevine is more than a monthly magazine and our meeting in print. It is also the Grapevine books. I intend to help members in Area 07 know about the Grapevine. I will attend all Assemblies and as many ACM's as possible and try to give a “Book Report” on one or more books. I'm available for District events, workshops and meetings. I invite one person from each District to help set up a network of District GVRs.

Translation – translation@cniia.org – Rodney M – Some people speak fast, so please email me your reports. Then I can refer to the written material.

OFFICER REPORTS

Registrar - registrar@cniia.org - Matthew L – I have group change forms. Please have you and your predecessor complete the form. You choose whether to receive the Accents by email or postal mail. If you have questions, I will respond ASAP.

Treasurer - treasurer@cniia.org - Tom A – Please include your group number on contribution checks. Your contribution receipt will have your group number. The Year End Financial information is in the January Accents/Acentos. It is important we understand where Area contributions are used so please don't hesitate to ask. The final District contributions are available to DCMs. One of the Treasurer's Duties is, “To remind and encourage the AA Groups of their financial responsibility to support District, Area, and GSO, and the

spiritual significance of self-support". I am available to help.

Secretary - secretary@cnaia.org - Jon C – Thank you to trusted servants who emailed or wrote their reports. I participated in the Officer's Conference Call on December 26th. I decided to enter last names in the minutes, with permission, due to past Area business. This is only for the non-anonymous version of the Accents and will only affect those who make reports. Names are omitted for discussion items. Please say whether your last name should be in the non-anonymous minutes. I am available to serve on panels and visit District meetings.

Alternate Chair alt-chair@cnaia.org Nancy Mc – The honor I feel doesn't come close to the humility and love I experienced at my first Assembly. I learned to let go and let God. Thank you to the many people who helped me with Winter Assembly. I have been invited to teach GSR Schools at many Districts. I am available to teach GSR Schools at all Districts.

Chair - chair@cnaia.org - Mike K – On December 26th I called an Officer's Conference call at 8pm. Thank you all Officers that participated. Appointed Chairs and the Winter Assembly agenda were discussed. 20 members were available for 7 elected positions. 12 people submitted résumés for 6 Appointed Chairs. 11 Districts were available for 4 Assemblies. I participated on a Conference Call on January 10th to update the Area Handbook. DCM binders are available. Officers and Appointed Chairs binders will be available by the February ACM. Thank you to Vikki for help transitioning, thank you to the Past Delegates for their help, thank you to my service sponsor and to everyone for participating.

Alternate Delegate - alt-delegate@cnaia.org - Vikki R – On December 26th, I participated in an Officer's Conference Call. We discussed the Appointed Chair positions, the

Area Service Material Handbook, the Winter Assembly, and having an effective Area Officer "Pass-It-On". On January 10th, I participated in a Conference Call to discuss final revisions to the CNIA Handbook. Thank you to all Area Officers/Appointed Chairs who gave us suggestions. I received my Alternate Delegate's folder from GSO. I am privileged to be the Area PI/CPC Liaison. Please provide your contact information if you're involved in PI/PC. It is an honor to be invited to your events, anniversaries, inventories, workshops, picnics and especially potlucks

DELEGATE'S REPORT

delegate@cnaia.org – Kelley M Thank you for your service to AA and for carrying the message. We are trusted servants who do not govern and an essential link in AA's chain of communication. This year is the 64th annual General Service Conference (GSC) and why we are Panel 64. This year's theme is "Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World." We have three legacies – Recovery (12 Steps), Unity (12 Traditions), Service (12 Concepts). All three legacies are necessary for AA to survive.

Why do we need a GSC? The late Bernard B. Smith, non-alcoholic Chair of the General Service Board (GSB), answered that question. Refer to the AA Service Manual on p.S20 of the 2013-2014 Edition.

At the GSC, Agenda Items will be discussed. I will present those to discuss with your groups as they are about AA's future. We need your input at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

I serve on the Conference Committee on Trustees. My contact information is in the Accents.

The GSB met in November. There are 21 Trustees, 7 non-alcoholic – Class A, 14 alcoholic – Class B. At a GSB Sharing Session, Lynda B, Grapevine (GV) Director, shared on "What is

the role of the GSC structure?" She thinks only a minority of DCMs and GSRs are motivated. It is so important to motivate our groups about our legacies and do that work. I hope we continue to be motivated pass on our legacies. The 75th Anniversary Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book) was announced. It has the same look of first Big Book. It is available through AAWS.

Please block out the following dates: April 12-13 Pre-Conference Assembly in Woodland; May 17-18 Post-Conference Assembly in Sacramento; July 11-13 Regional Forum in Boise; and October 17-19 Mini-PRAASA in Placerville.

A Regional Forum provides an opportunity for AA groups and AA members to share with representatives of the GSB and General Service Office (GSO)/GV staff members. There is no Registration Fee to attend the Regional Forums and they are hosted by the GSB and coordinated by the GSO. These sharing sessions carry the message through service work. First-time attendees are especially welcomed.

PRAASA stands for Pacific Region AA Service Assembly and goes from Friday, March 7 until Sunday, March 9, 2014 in San Diego. Its purpose is to develop greater unity within our Pacific Region. In 2017 our Area will host the 50th Anniversary of PRAASA! We are scouting locations within Sacramento. We will have a chairperson and a committee within our Area, and I will announce the chairperson at Mini-PRAASA in October.

If possible, please attend the International Convention July 2-5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. Its theme is "80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free". Registration forms will be mailed August 2014 and you can register online starting September 3rd. There is more information in the Winter edition of Box 459. It's amazing to have 60,000 alcoholics together at one

time!

E-book publishing update from GSO General Manager Phyllis H: the trustees have approved e-books publishing. The 4th Edition Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve and Twelve are available via Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Apple. The entire AAWS catalog will be offered in e-book format in English, Spanish and French soon. Regarding the iOS 6 AA reader app, the GSB decided to discontinue all sales but will continue support for some time.

The Public Information Coordinator at GSO gave the final report on the PSA Tengo Esperanza. It was recorded in Spanish and played on Hispanic media outlets throughout the US since its release in November 2012. The PSA received very strong support from stations throughout the country. The success is due to local committees assisting distribution. The GSB accepts young people's videos submissions in English, Spanish and French from groups within Canada/US. Currently, five videos can be seen at aa.org.

About AA is a newsletter for professionals. A recent article is about anonymity in new media technologies. The pamphlet Understanding Anonymity states: "when we use digital media, we are responsible for our own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text or blog we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others."

Markings, Archives newsletter, Winter 2013 issue had an article about how the Serenity Prayer came into AA use. It appeared in the New York Herald Tribune on May 28, 1941. An AA member put it in their AA meeting. You can sign up at aa.org to have Markings.

The Chairperson of the GSB is a non-alcoholic (Class A) – Terry

Bedient, a medical administrator and longtime friend of AA. He was elected in Summer 2013 and replaced outgoing Board Chair, Class A Trustee Ward Ewing. He was asked about AA's greatest challenges: "The key issue facing AA is membership growth and engagement. There are enormous opportunities worldwide to share the lifesaving message of A.A. as the Fellowship engages in the many aspects of service ... about 2/3rds of new members come to AA through non-AA sources." This highlights the work of Cooperation with the Professional Community committees.

Our Assemblies are Concept 1 in action. While we do not govern we are given an opportunity to lead by communicating our legacies to our groups, fellow members and countless suffering alcoholics who have yet to have the hand of AA reached out to them.

Thank you again for your service to CNIA 07, for being responsible and for being motivated to make a difference because your service matters to AA. In Love and Service, thank you.

GSR SCHOOL ALTERNATE CHAIR NANCY M. PRESENTED A GSR SCHOOL

PANELS

GSR & DCM Experience, Strength and Hope

- Facilitated by Ronn I, GSR D36
- Timer Louie M, GSR D43
- Margie J – Alt-DCM D27
Experience as a GSR
- Gordon N – DCM D33
Experience as a New DCM
- Becky B – DCM D22
GSC Agenda Items and
How to Interpret Them
- Miguel M – Panel 62 DCM D53
Going From GSR to DCM

A Journey From GSR To Delegate

- Facilitated by Lance V
Alt-DCM D09
- Timer Gina M, Alt-DCM D33
- Panel 50 Delegate Woody R
- Panel 56 Delegate Marianne H
- Panel 58 Delegate Lee W
- Panel 60 Delegate Melody T
- Panel 62 Delegate Lela M

DCM REPORTS

D09 – Lance V, Alt-DCM – On January 3, Alt-DCM, 16 members and GSR's attended the D09 meeting in Yreka. We discussed our agenda items: workshops, annual barbeque, open positions and the 2014 D09 calendar. The quarterly workshops motion passed. We discussed a motion to present at the Winter Assembly about changing ACM locations.

D11 – Maureen R, DCM – I am grateful to D11 for the opportunity to be of service. Our first D11 meeting will be Sunday, January 26. Many groups had their elections. The ACYPAA (All California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Round-Up will be held April 3-6 in Redding. Our District had elections.

D15 – Brooke D, DCM – D15 meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the First Congregational Church, 1190 E 1st St, Chico, CA. However, we held our meeting on December 16th to not interfere with holiday plans. Outgoing DCM Jenn D expressed her immense gratitude for being trusted with the opportunity to serve D15. 5 GSRs, an Alt-GSR and 3 District Officers attended. Some rotating GSRs will serve as Panel 64 District Officers. The Alt-DCM, Secretary, Archives Chair, Web Committee Chair, and I also attended. D15 is financially healthy, and we financed a GSR to attend Winter Assembly.

D17 – Paul K, DCM – Our first Panel 64 D17 meeting was on Monday

January 13 with 20 attending, including 13 GSRs, District Officers, Alt-GSRs and members-at-large. We filled all positions for Pre-Conference Assembly. All District positions were filled except Alt-DCM. We discussed the Qualifications and Duties of GSRs (from the Service Manual), the 2014 calendar, and the District's Teleservice.

D19 – Terry D, DCM – We had our 1st District meeting on January 4 with 12 attending. Several groups have not elected a GSR. Many were eager and ready to start. We filled most committee vacancies. We eliminated a commercial answering service, and groups contributed at the same rate. Some people did not take reimbursement leaving us with a healthy balance. We agreed to have a Finance Committee and ask GSRs to consult their groups about a budget. Suggestions were scholarships for GSRs to attend assemblies and a District website. I plan to visit every group and attend business meetings when invited.

D20 – Justin P, DCM – At our December meeting, we elected our new Alt-DCM, Kimmie B, and new DCM. Matthew L. from Auburn “supervised” our elections. We discussed increasing our prudent reserve to send our DCM to PRAASA and support our Unity Day.

D21 – Betsy L, DCM – D21 meets the 4th Tuesday at 6 pm in the Auburn Fellowship. 19 people came for our December District Meeting on December 24th. We passed the 2014 Spending Plan and heard group reports. We have many new GSRs. In discussing our Spending Plan, we factored in a CPC Event and a “Mock GSC”. A group was greatly concerned about the Appointed Young Person's Chair. Financially, we are strong and will be discussing our Prudent Reserve and criteria for “Scholarships” we offer to those unable to afford Assemblies.

D22 – Becky B, DCM – D22 held its

monthly meeting on January 8 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center, 937 Spring St. in Placerville. We had 15 present, a new GSR and Alt-GSR. Our District's pass-it-on went smoothly. Our PI/CPC Chair has contacted GSO and our Area PI/CPC Coordinator regarding workbooks and literature. He will attend the PI/CPC meeting in Citrus Heights. Our treasurer reported District 22 has funds! He encouraged GSRs to talk to the group treasurer about splits and District's vital part in those splits. Our Web Committee continues to add speaker CDs onto westernsloped22.org. Click on Media Files. Our Grapevine Rep helped 2 members get familiar with the Grapevine website and purchase e-books. We discussed the Young Person's Appointed Chair position.

D23 – Joey W, DCM – We meet at the United Methodist Church, 2101 Zinfandel Drive in Rancho Cordova from 7 pm-8 pm on the last Monday. Generally, 8-9 GSRs, a Treasurer and a Recording Secretary attend. We have 8-9 groups without GSRs out of 26-28 meetings a week. We held elections recently. The new DCM stepped down and, as Alt-DCM, I will step in. We need a new Alt-DCM. We discussed the PayPal account process and Young People's Appointed Chair. We are determining what costs the District is willing to bear in sending the DCM to Area Assemblies.

D24 – Kendyce M, Alt-DCM – D24 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in Downtown Sacramento. For our first Panel 64 meeting, 2 GSRs continued, and we welcomed 4 new GSRs and one Alt-GSR. 3 GSRs and our Registrar attended Winter Assembly. In December, Mike K facilitated our District elections. Our current Treasurer will continue to assist a new Treasurer. All liaison positions are vacant. At the December 2013 meeting we talked about the Young People's Appointed Chair motion. We agreed to wait for further information at the Assembly. The District's PO Box was offline, and some groups had

their checks returned. Contributions stopped at that time, but our mailbox is online again.

D25 – Mike M, Acting Alt-DCM – Our first meeting was January 8th with 6 people. We held an election last year for DCM but nobody stood. Deanna is graciously serving again.

D27 – Rick K, DCM – D27 meets the Tuesday after the 3rd Saturday @ Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church at 7 pm in room Y2. We have 20-30 GSRs and Alt-GSRs attend. A deaf member told me no American Sign Language meetings exist in the Sacramento area. We're working to start one ASAP. Please inform your Special Needs Committees. We will discuss Winter Assembly (8 GSRs present) and elect new District Committee Chairpersons.

D29 – Judy B, DCM – Our meetings are the last Monday at 6:30 pm. We meet at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave, Sacramento. We had elections in December and new trusted servants are: DCM – Judy B, Alt-DCM – Ron B, Treasurer – Bruce A, H&I Liaison – Gene B, BTG Rep. – Rae W, PI/CPC Rep – Valerie G. We need a Recording Secretary. 15 people attended our meeting, including H&I Liaison, BTG Rep and PI/CPC Rep. I was asked to serve on the Area Finance Committee and accepted.

D30 – Laurese M, DCM – Our D30 covers Amador and Calaveras Counties. Our meetings are the 2nd Saturday at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 414 Oak Street, San Andreas. We changed the meeting date up 1 week for March and April. Big thanks to Steve H, past DCM, for his service! 22 members attended our last District meeting! This included: 8 new GSRs, 3 Alt-GSRs and even outgoing GSRs! 10 GSRs attended Winter Assembly. Their groups spoke about the Young People's Appointed Chair proposal. This raised a great introduction of the Concepts regarding the GSR's Rights of Decision and Participation.

We review and discuss a Concept a month. Our Finance Committee recommended where to spend excess District funds. The GSRs voted to distribute 2 Big Books and 2 Living Sober books to each meeting in our District. We also purchased an improved PI/CPC booth/table display. Our Panel 64 Alt-DCM, Greg N, has already secured the dates, times, location, speakers, and fliers for our Unity Day held on Saturday June 14th at the Jackson Senior Center on New York Ranch Rd.

D33 – Gordon N, DCM – Our meeting was January 13th. We had 2 workshops already. We were awarded the 2015 Winter Assembly. Instead of hearing all the GSR reports in February, we will start planning for Winter Assembly. We have coffee at our meetings and receive good participation in District 33.

D34 – Jenny M, DCM – D34 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Doctor's Hospital, Modesto at 7:00 pm. At January's meeting, 14 members were present including 10 GSRs. 13 members attended today. At the last Modesto Assembly in 2011 we had 3 members. Huge thanks to Phil S, Panel 62 DCM. We continue to begin each District meeting with a Tradition and Concept report. 3 groups plan for group inventories in coming months. One group is discussing whether to allow members to chair meetings at their fellowship and also chair a meeting elsewhere. Several fellowships have pre-ordered cases of the 75th Anniversary Edition Big Book through our Central Valley Intergroup. CVI will have copies for sale in April. After reading the 2013 Conference Report, a new GSR was concerned because AA has a \$10.3 million unfunded pension liability. She received an email from the General Service Board's Assistant Treasurer, responding to the questions. The GSB is addressing this, but we will continue to research and understand more. Details for all D34 events are at cviaa.org under Special Events.

D36 – Laurelle G, Alt-DCM - D36 meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our last one was December 21st. New Officers, GSRs, members-at-large and outgoing Officers attended. H&I is getting ready for their May Mini-Conference at the prison. They are working on live-scans and getting back into Juvenile Hall. PI/CPC is distributing pamphlets and brochures to area motels/hotels. The Hotline, which covers Merced and Stanislaus Counties, has all shifts covered.

D37 – Jeff P, DCM – D37 meets on the 3rd Wednesday. D37 held their first meeting on January 15th. There were 11 GSRs, 3 Alt-GSRs, 2 liaisons and 3 members-at-large. We finished most of the merger and have a new bank account. Most service positions are filled except 2 liaisons. We voted on some of the District Guidelines and will finish them at our next meeting. Most groups' service positions are full, and they are doing well financially. We incorporated the GSR Preamble and a Concept report into our District meeting.

D40 – Carrie J, DCM – We meet up in the mountains on the 1st Sunday at 1:30 pm. We rotate our meeting locations. We have 12 groups that could have GSRs and 4-5 GSRs show up regularly. We caravanned to groups talking about General Service. We obtained some group contacts and one group started to make contributions.

D41 – Dave D, DCM - The D41 meeting was on Monday January 6. The DCM, Treasurer and 3 GSRs attended. Treasurer's report was approved. A motion to send \$300 to Area and \$200 to GSO was approved. The introduction to the 12 Concepts was read and discussed. The Winter Assembly details were discussed. A motion for the DCM and District Officers to attend PRAASA in San Diego was approved.

D42 – Gary D, GSR – Reporting for DCM Tommy Redwine, District meeting attendance is up and finances are well. The budget was approved

and there is a prudent reserve. The 2015 Calendar for Fresno is full: 2 Assemblies, H&I Conference and an NCCAA Conference. Daryle D is the new Alt-DCM. We discussed the Living Sober p.5 deletion with no consensus. We told groups that Alcoholics Anonymous and the 12&12 can be purchased through Kindle, Nook and iTunes for \$6.00.

D43 – Hurley T, Alt-DCM – We meet the 1st Sunday at Life on Life's Terms (LOLT). On January 5, we had 5 GSRs and 3 Officers. We are planning for 2014 Pre-Conference Assembly in Fresno. The proposed budget was submitted for consideration. We discussed ways to increase interest and awareness. One way is a Unity Day with the Delegate giving a report.

D47 – John H, DCM – D47 had their 1st meeting of the 2014/2015 panel on January 8. The meeting was well attended with 2 new GSRs. Our new panel is John H, DCM; Lucinda, Alt-DCM; Gregg G, Treasurer; Joshua, Recording Secretary; and Brent G, CPC. We discussed several items: moving the District PO Box to Exeter; deciding the signers on the checking account; and whether we would require 2 signatures on checks. The GSRs decided to move the PO Box to Exeter; the Treasurer, DCM, Alt-DCM and Recording Secretary will be on the bank signature card; and two signatures will be required on checks. We discussed our direction as a District and how to be successful as a Panel. We talked about an AA alphabet workshop. Brent laid out his vision for CPC. We are excited and will begin work on these at the next meeting. We talked about a District Mini-PRAASA with Roundtables.

D53 – Rogelio R, DCM – On January 6th I took office as DCM and we had 2 District meetings. My Alt-DCM Luis, Treasurer Rafael, Past DCM Miguel, 2 GSRs from one group and GSR Victor came today. I am going to get my Officers and GSRs ready for Election Assembly next year.

D54 – Luz Maria G, DCM – We have lots of activity. Group Valver a Nacer will have their 4th Anniversary after 4 days of sessions and speaker meetings. Grupo Nueva Vida will celebrate their 14th Anniversary Saturday, February 8. There is a new group in Marysville – Grupo Secundo Oportunidad. Our Registrar Rose Mary C is creating an updated version of the group directory. We are mailing it to the groups with new Officer lists and a new Directory. Thanks to Nancy Mc, Alt-Chair, for helping to finalize Post-Conference, D54 hosting, on May 16-18. We will bring information and a flyer next month.

D56 – Francisco J, DCM – Lee and Kelley were present at Elections. On December 8th there was a Foro at the Modesto Doubletree with 20 Roundtables. They all worked well. We are working on the next Foro in December 2014. January 11th was our 1st District meeting. There is a La Viña committee, a Registration committee and a 13th Foro committee. We are trying to form a committee for Bridging the Gap. Our vision is to visit all groups and talk to them about AA's Conference structure.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Online Contributions to CNIA on CNIA website? Originally presented by Jon C, Panel 62 DCM, D27 and Panel 62 Area Finance Chair at October 2013 ACM.

Idea: CNIA accepts online contributions on cnia.org. One could donate to Area via PayPal. It would ask whether you are an AA member. There is a flat charge of \$0.30 per contribution. There is a 2.2% per transaction fee. Have you been talking about this? Would your groups use this? Is there a need? Is there a desire to use?

Q: only registration or registration and payment? A: for donations to Area by groups and individuals. / My group thinks it needs more development. / Q: replacing postal mail? A: no,

another option. / Are we being lazy? / Q: Is there a problem with current process? A: No problem currently. / Online birthday contribution was easier than birthday envelope. / Anonymity is a factor. Contributions need to be from AA members only and no way to guarantee that. If we use PayPal, we identify ourselves. / Area has non-profit status. Contributions made by individuals are tax-deductible. / GSO does this. Some non-members contribute at picnics and we don't stop them. / On AAWS website they ask whether you are a member. If you say no, they do not accept contributions. If a non-AA member wants to, they can. We did not receive online registration for an Assembly from non-members. There could be a login or a layer of security. / Big groups could do it for convenience. If the Area is not spending additional money, I don't see the harm. / Good response to online registration for Assembly. I think any method of securing donations to our entities is good. / Q: who pays the fee? A: the Area pays the fee. For 2013 Election Assembly, there was an option to cover PayPal fee. / We have Delegate sharing via email. We shared on electronic payment. 29 of 93 Delegates responded. 10 Areas use a form of electronic payment, mostly for conventions/conferences. PayPal is the most used method. Processing fee is accepted as cost of service. 19 Areas do not accept electronic payments. However, several Areas are considering. / It's our Conference theme – "changing world". / I was asked how many contributions were made by individuals. I received 12 or 13 checks from individuals. Of those, some were using personal checks for the group. I don't know how many individuals would be drawn to using this button. Currently, not many are donating to the Area.

MOTION

Motion: "I motion that CNIA Area 07 create an Appointed Chair position that is specific to connecting young people's groups and committees in

Area General Service. This position would act as a liaison between already established groups, emerging groups and Districts with a need." – made by Regina K, Panel 62 North Hall GSR, Election Assembly, November 17, 2013

11 proposed duties of the proposed Appointed Chair are available in the March 2013 Accents online (cnia.org - Accents tab) and in paper upon request. Sharing: this would be a major disservice to YPAAs – no going to microphone, takes away YPAAs helping each other. / My meeting felt young people were already represented through their GSRs. / What will it cost? / Q: is it an Appointed Chair or a liaison? A: Appointed Chair acting as liaison. / Two groups support: average AA is getting older, perception of fragmentation and this might pull YPAAs together. / How many minorities are here? AA needs to focus. / Our rooms should represent our need. There is no effort in my community regarding young people. / I love young people's and it's about the unity not the events. We need someone to unite us. Our group supports the motion.

Chair Mike K asks if the body is ready to vote and it is determined the body is not ready. We will discuss the motion further. The Area Finance Committee will provide a recommendation at the next ACM.

"Ask It" Basket and "What's on Your Mind?" with Area Trusted Servants.

Motion and second to adjourn @ 12:00 p.m. on Sunday January 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Yours in Love and Service,
Jon C, Secretary
secretary@cnia.org

CNIA Condensed Revenue and Expense - Year-to-date 2014

January 1 through March 31, 2014

	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 14	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · Contributed support			
4010 · Group Contributions	11,783.20	43,000.00	27.4%
Total 4020 · Seventh Tradition	526.06	2,050.00	25.66%
Total 4050 · Contribution - Other	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Total 4 · Contributed support	12,309.26	45,300.00	27.17%
5 · Earned revenues			
5110 · Literature Sales	217.50	2,500.00	8.7%
5140 · Grapevine Sales	370.00	6,000.00	6.17%
Total 5160 · Assembly Income	472.00	10,000.00	4.72%
5310 · Interest-savings/short-term inv	0.23	5.00	4.6%
Total 5 · Earned revenues	1,059.73	18,505.00	5.73%
Total Income	13,368.99	63,805.00	20.95%
Expense			
7600 · Officers Expenses			
Total 7620 · Delegate	894.86	4,520.00	19.8%
Total 7640 · Alt. Delegate	1,073.85	2,720.00	39.48%
Total 7660 · Chairman	685.59	2,420.00	28.33%
Total 7680 · Alt. Chairman	1,141.75	1,890.00	60.41%
Total 7700 · Secretary	552.69	1,645.00	33.6%
Total 7720 · Treasurer	1,393.98	2,620.00	53.21%
Total 7740 · Registrar	1,275.35	2,120.00	60.16%
Total 7600 · Officers Expenses	7,018.07	17,935.00	39.13%
7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses			
Total 7820 · Literature Chairman	0.00	1,720.00	0.0%
Total 7840 · Grapevine Chair	801.32	2,020.00	39.67%
Total 7860 · Bridging The Gap	0.00	2,270.00	0.0%
Total 7880 · Accents Chairman	736.77	1,520.00	48.47%
Total 7900 · Archives Chairman	504.84	2,020.00	24.99%
Total 7940 · Translation Committee	239.10	1,445.00	16.55%
Total 7960 · Other Appointed, Ad Hoc Commit	101.59	500.00	20.32%
Total 7800 · Appointed Chair Expenses	2,383.62	11,495.00	20.74%
Total 8000 · Assemblies	1,597.00	10,000.00	15.97%
Total 8100 · Accents, Grapevine, Literature	2,591.06	18,340.00	14.13%
Total 8200 · Meeting Room Expenses	1,575.00	4,175.00	37.73%
Total 8500 · Misc expenses	3,491.52	5,125.00	68.13%
Total 8600 · Taxes & Fees	741.25	757.00	97.92%
Total Expense	19,397.52	67,827.00	28.6%
Net Ordinary Income	-6,028.53	-4,022.00	149.89%
Net Income	-6,028.53	-4,022.00	149.89%
Area Checking Account Balance - Current	\$ 625.95		
Area Prudent Reserve Account - Current	\$ 5,100.00		

CNIA 2014 PRE-CONFERENCE
ASSEMBLY

Hosted by District 17
April 12 - 13, 2014

HEIDRICK AG HISTORY CENTER
1962 HAYS LANE
WOODLAND, CA 95776



SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014 Registration 10:00am; Assembly 12 Noon
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014 Registration 8:30am; Assembly 9:00am

DIRECTIONS

From Sacramento - I-5 North - to CR-E8/Road 102, Exit 536. Stay straight - go across County Road 102 to 1962 Hays Lane.

From Redding - I-5 South - CR-E8/Road 102, Exit 536. Keep left at fork to go onto County Road Exit 102. Turn left onto Hays Lane.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.cnia.org/calendar-of-events.aspx?m=2014-4>

Then click on "Pre-Conference Assembly" on the calendar!

****See Reverse for Lodging Recommendations****

Questions? Call Paul K. (530) 795-5597 or Jan H. (916) 376-0158

If Electronic Registration is not your thing
Please detach and mail to the address below
(ONE FORM PER PERSON PLEASE)

Full Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Service Position: _____ District: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Registration \$13

Bottomless Coffee \$ 3

Dinner \$13

PICK: ___ Meat Lasagna

___ Vegetarian Lasagna

Make checks payable to **District 17**

Mail (before 3/31/14) to:

District 17 Pre-Conf Assembly

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Davis, CA 95616

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POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2014

CNIA AREA 07

May 17th & 18th 2014

Host District 54 Linguistic

**Mack Powell Event Center 2003 Howe Ave
Sacramento, Ca. 95825**

**The Mack Powell Event Center is located within an office park for
Sacramento Association of Realtors across the street from Home Depot**

Saturday, May 17th 2014 from 12 to 9:00 p.m. Registration @ the door 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday, May 18th 2014 from 9a.m.to12:00 p.m. Registration @ the door 8:30 a.m.

Directions to the assembly: Traveling North; Business 80 Exit on Arden Way East. Continue on Arden Turn left on Howe Ave. and turn left onto our address 2003 Howe Ave.

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Service Position: GSR _____ GSR Alt. _____ DCM _____ DCM Alt _____ NCIA Position _____

AA Member _____ Other _____ Panel _____

Registration \$ 15.00 \$ _____

Unlimited Coffee \$ 3.00 \$ _____

Dinner (Saturday) \$ 12.00 \$ _____ Mexican _____ Vegetarian _____

Total included \$ _____

**Please make checks payable to CNIA and mail to: CNIA 07 – c/o Herminia V.
6000 Riverside Blvd. Apt. # 114 Sacramento, Ca. 95831-1305**

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Marriot Residence Inn/Cal Expo. 1530 Howe Ave. Sacramento, Ca. 95825 (916) 920- 9111

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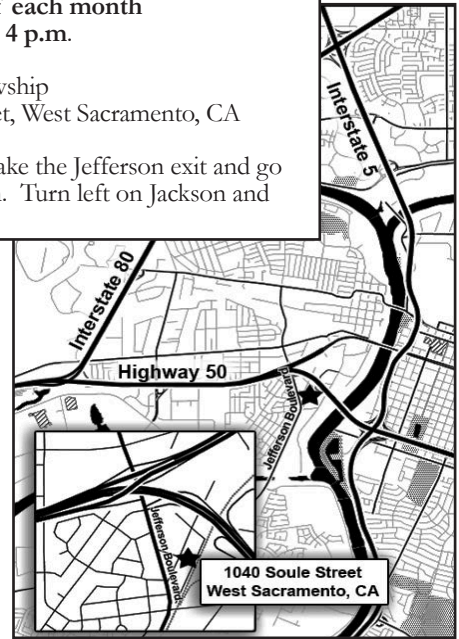
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Area General Service Committee Meetings:

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

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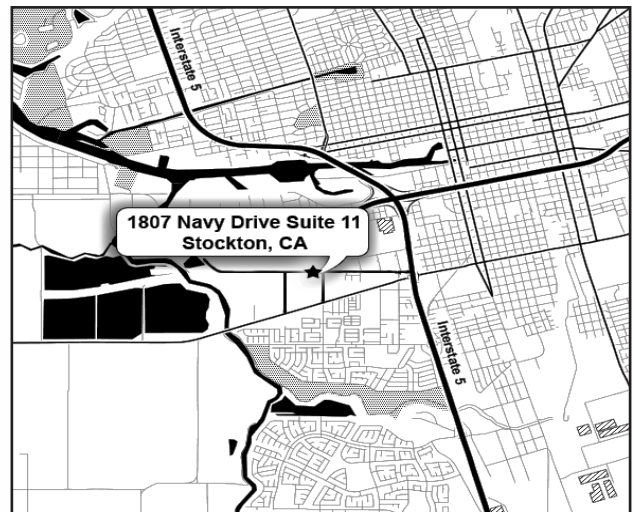
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California Northern Interior Area

Calendar 2013-2014
2014
 (District)

Jan 18-19	Winter Assembly (D56)	Modesto
Feb 15	Area Committee	W. Sacramento
Mar 7-9	PRAASA	San Diego
Mar 15	Area Committee	W. Sacramento
Mar 21-23	NCCAA	San Ramon
Apr 12-13	Pre-Conference Asmby (D17)	Woodland
Apr 27-May 3	General Service Conference	Rye Brook, NY
May 17-18	Post-Conference Asmby (D54)	Sacramento
Jun 21	Area Committee	W. Sacramento
Jun 27-29	NCCAA	Lodi
Jul 11-13	Regional Forum	Boise, ID
Jul 19	Area Committee	W. Sacramento
Aug 16	Area Committee	W. Sacramento
Sep 20	Area Committee	W. Sacramento
Oct 3-5	NCCAA	Sacramento
Oct 17-19	Mini-PRAASA (D22)	Sacramento
Nov 15	Area Committee	Placerville
Dec 20	Area Planning Meeting	W. Sacramento

2015 (Proposed)
 (District)

Jan 17-18	Winter Assembly (D33)	Sonora
Feb 21	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Mar 6-8	PRAASA	Layton, UT
Mar 21	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Mar TBA	NCCAA	TBA
Apr 11-12	Pre-Conference Asmby (D43)	Fresno
April 19-25	General Service Conference	New York, NY
May 16-17	Post Conference Asmby (D29)	Sacramento
Jun 20	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Jun Tbd	NCCAA	TBA
Jul 2-5	80Th International Conv	Atlanta, Ga
July 18	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Aug 15	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Sep 19	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Oct 17	Area Committee Meeting	W. Sacramento
Oct TBA	NCCAA	TBA
Nov 20-21-22	Election Assembly (D53)	Fresno
Dec 19	Area Planning Meeting	W. Sacramento

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