

CNIA AREA ACCENTS



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Chair Report

The California Northern Interior Area 07 Pre-Conference Assembly will be hosted by District 34 in Denair on April 6th & 7th, and I look forward to seeing you all there! This assembly provides all the groups in our area an opportunity to share their group conscience with our delegate, so he can carry our voice to the General Service Conference in New York. This is also an opportunity for us to hear what is important to other groups in our area and to consider their opinions on topics that may differ from our own – *all within the spirit of Love and Service to Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Our delegate, Matthew, has held several Literature Discussion Sessions regarding our Founders' Writings, and we have had great participation at many Agenda Topic Workshops over the past month. These sharing sessions and agenda-topic workshops are designed to help members prepare for their group discussions to form a group conscience. **Our Pre-Conference Assembly is dedicated to hearing GSR reports of their group's conscience on agenda topics.** It is helpful if GSRs (General Service Representatives) have three copies of their report printed out – one copy for our secretary, one copy for our translator, and one copy to read at the microphone.

GSRs will line up early and we will hear their reports throughout the weekend. We will have our dinner and ice cream social on Saturday, and there is an early bird A.A. meeting on Sunday morning before we resume with the assembly. We may hear reports and address business on Sunday, if time permits.

At our Winter Assembly in January, we continued a discussion regarding our Area Archives that resulted in a motion *to form an ad-hoc committee to research relocation options for our archives*. We have heard reports from our ad-hoc committee and have continued this discussion at our February and March Area Committee Meetings (ACMs). District Committee Members (DCMs) have information to share with their districts, so GSRs can, in turn, share the information with their groups. GSRs should be prepared to participate in discussion and vote on this motion at our Post-Conference Assembly in May.

We have also had discussions regarding Accessibilities and Online Group Participation in our Service Structure. We will continue these discussions in the coming months, and looking forward, we will start drafting questions for our area inventory held at our Fall Assembly in October.

Registration is open for our Post-Conference Assembly in Huron (District 55) May 18th & 19th. Our delegate, Matthew, will report back to us on what occurs at the 74th General Service Conference. Make your plans now to attend, and remember: *Attending area assemblies with other GSRs and DCMs is a lot of fun and more cost-effective for your groups!*

Thank you to everyone who participates to make our service work possible, and thank you for the opportunity to serve with you.

Yours in Service,

Holly J., CNIA Chair

Panel 74

chair@cnia.org

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY AGENDA– APRIL 6 & 7, 2024

LOCATION:
Denair Community Center
3850 N. Gratton Rd. Denair, CA 95316

Saturday, April 6th

10:00am - 12:00pm Registration
Come early for a getting to know each other game!
12:00pm - 12:30pm Call to Order

Readings

Introductions: Past delegates; Area officers; Appointed Chairs; First
Assembly/New GSRs; Visitors
District Roll Call
Housekeeping/Announcements

7th Tradition

12:30pm - 12:45pm Weekend Overview
12:45pm - 1:00pm Explanation of Agenda Item sharing process
1:00pm - 2:45pm Sharing your group's conscience sharing with the Delegate
2:45pm - 3:00pm BREAK
3:00pm - 5:00 pm Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate
5:00pm - 6:30pm DINNER
6:30pm - 7:45pm Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate
7:45pm - 8:15pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL
8:15pm - 9:30pm Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate

Sunday, April 7th

7:30am - 8:30am Early bird AA meeting –*surprise format!*
9:00am - 9:15am Call to Order
Housekeeping/Announcements
9:15am - 10:30am Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate
10:30am - 10:45am BREAK
10:45am - 12:00pm Sharing your group's conscience with the Delegate

Time Permitting Approval of Winter Assembly minutes, Reports, Business,

Ask-It Basket, What's On Your Mind?

Winter Assembly Meeting Minutes 2024 (Unapproved)

The Winter Assembly of California Northern Interior Area (CNIA) was held at the Women's Club located at 707 W. 22nd St. in Merced, CA. The event took place on Saturday, January 20 from 12 pm to 9 pm and resumed on Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Call to order: The Panel 74 Winter Assembly open with the Declaration of Unity. The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, GSR Preamble, and Why We Need a Conference were read by different members.

Introductions: Panel 74 Area Officers and Appointed Chairs were introduced, along with several guests and visitors. Holly J. introduced Past Delegates including Inez Y. (P44), Paul C. (P54), Lela M. (P62), Vikki L. (P66), Mike K. (P68), Tom A. (P70), and Jenn D. (P72). Those who achieved Sobriety milestones were recognized as well. New members including several GSRs, guests, and visitors were invited to introduce themselves at the microphone.

Weekend Overview: Past Delegate Jenn D. P72 recommends that the incoming GSR, ALT-GSR, DCM, and ALT-DCM should have a service sponsor.

Consideration of Minutes: The minutes from the Election Assembly were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Assembly Reports:

Election Assembly Reyna D22: Is Great, we had a good time. (Verbal report given)

Pre-Conference 2024, Robert (D36/34): D36 works with D34 on the pre-conf assembly. D36 is covering the dinner, concessions, and the treasury. We have flyers. (Verbal report given)

Post Conference 2024, Simon. (D55): they have a facility in Huron. Lots of parking space and we are ready to go. (Verbal report given)

Mini PRASA Drew D30: Calaveras Fairground, Snack Bar, and ice cream social. Registrations and decorations are ready to go. (Verbal report given)

Winter Assembly 2024, Luis (D53):

Liaison Reports:

Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki: We are currently seeking sponsors as most of our meetings are held in prisons, jails, and treatment/rehab facilities. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your H&I Committee. Our sponsorship program is serving 127 inmates in San Quentin. H&I is also bringing together Southern and Northern California to participate in a conference taking place in Bakersfield, CA. May 3-5, 2024. We are looking for volunteers for this event as well.

Hispanic Forum, Herminia: The Hispanic Forum is an event organized by the Linguistic Districts for AA fellowship. Its purpose is to provide information from AA and GSO, showcase the experience of the Original Forum, offer roundtables, GSR-DCM-Area Assemblies, and activity-Delegate-AWS, AA Grapevine, and La Vina. The Foro rotates yearly between the south districts 53 & 55 and the north districts 54, 56, and 57. The meetings are held on the third Sunday of every month. The 23rd anniversary of the Forum will be celebrated on December 1, 2024, and it will be hosted by D54.

Registrar, Jessica: I would like to remind all new group service representatives (GSRs), alternate GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), or alternate DCMs to register with me before the weekend ends. Your registration is essential. Thank you all for your service and patience in connecting with the fellowship.

Archives, Herminia: (No printed report given)

Grapevine, Amanda: I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunity to be part of this incredible panel. It was such a wonderful experience and I feel truly honored to have been able to contribute. Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service.

Literature, Beth: I did a full inventory this month.

Chair Holly J: We have some open positions for the finance and technology committee. If interested, please submit your resume for DCM or GSR to review.

Hispanic Women's Conference, Amanda: the conference went very well, with 180 women on Zoom and in person. Area 07 will be hosting the 10th workshop

Fresno Intergroup, Darryl: all board and liaison positions are filled except PI CPC and teleservice coordinator. Fresnoaa.org for more info.

Recording Secretary Jose U: I thank everyone who attended our Winter Assembly. Our first meeting was a great success and I was pleased to see so many of you there. However, I regret to inform you that I did not receive reports from many of you and the recording was not good due to excessive noise. Moreover, since we had many new faces in attendance, we were not familiar with the new DCM's and GSR's, which made the meeting less smooth than I had hoped. I apologize for any inconvenience caused and would like to request that you kindly send your reports to me via email or hard copy. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding.

The 7th tradition was conducted.

District Reports

D09, Christine M DCM: I'm thrilled to report that we've made it to the top of State GSR, and both Alt-GSR and GSR are here with us! It's an absolute honor to be in their presence, and I can't wait to see what's in store for us.

District: 11 Gayle H: "GSR was excited to attend the assembly today. They requested to create some by-laws and discuss the agenda items."

District: 15 Martha T: AA. fist meeting on January 22

D17, Ryan: On Monday, November 21 at 6 pm, District 17 conducted an election for trusted servants for panel 74. The election was held alongside the regular monthly business meeting. All positions were filled except the DCM and alt DCM positions. During the meeting, the treasurer presented the proposed spending plan for 2024, which was discussed by all attendees.

D19, Sue E: The District finances are being reconciled by the interim Treasurer. GSR's register for the Winter Assembly and attend the GSR workshop.

Distinct 20: Eric K: Hosting a conference in Northern California for GSRs to learn, have fun, and showcase their talents.

D21, Christina A: New DCM. Placer County is having its first meeting on Tuesday to set guidelines for helping GSRs in D21 & 22 and to discuss agenda topics.

D22, Lorraine M: (No printed report was given)

D23: Chris K: New DCM, and getting support for participation.

D24 Ada R: The district in Sacramento meets on the second Wednesday of every month. And have tips for the GSR.

D25, Nancy M:

D27, Nick H. Alt-DCM: Sacramento County, Folsom, and Fair Oaks meet virtually on Zoom on the Tuesday of every month. We need all GSRs, trusted servants, and anyone interested for support and to ask questions.

District 29: Raechyl L: New DCM. (No printed report given)

D30, Titia: Last Saturday in District 30, we had a meeting but the recording secretary was missing. We discussed plans for Mini-Praasa the next fall.

District 33 Drew R: aasonora.org is hosting a 12-step meeting and Zoom meeting. The CNIA Winter Assembly will be held in Sonora, CA in 2025. A budget expense has been made to secure funds for 2024. Emily is attending a GSR school. District elections are taking place.

D34, Leslie B DCM: Groups and fellowships are asked to contribute to areas such as GSR. It is important to have a new representative for PI/CCP. We are financially stable.

D36, Robert G: During the pre-conference assembly registration, we are collaborating with D34 on the new DCM in Merced. There are 17 active groups, and all positions are filled for Unity Day in September. We are encouraging groups to attend our meetings.

D37 Patricia G: DCM is Learning in our area and we have received a list from the registrar. We plan to visit all the groups on the list because we are hosting an assembly on November 14, 2025.

D40 Carrie J: This is the future of AA. Thank you D53 for hosting the assembly. We meet on the first Sunday of every month on Zoom. We may also have an in-person meeting. PRAASA is local, so make it a priority to attend.

District 41:

D42 Bill L: Things are looking up for DCM. A workshop has been scheduled for Districts 41-42-43 and 47, and all positions have been filled.

D47 Michael C: New DCM. GSRs are reading the Service manual on the first Wednesday of every month. GSR school will contact Emily shortly.

D53, Hector H. DCM: Meetings are every Friday 7-9 pm. The committee visits groups every Thursday. We attend PRAASA from March 1-3, 2024. New GSRs will attend. Alt-Chair Emily will organize a GSR school on Friday, March 8, 2024. Districts 53-55 collaborate on an Agenda Items Workshop with Delegate Matthew L. Thanks.

D54 Ismael M. DCM: District 54 has 17 groups and its officers include Ismael M. as DCM, Amado M. as Alt-DCM, Victor as Treasurer, Felipe M. as Alt-Treasurer, Mauricio as Secretary, Miguel M. as Alt-Secretary, Rafael F. as RLV La Vina Rep., Guadalupe G. as Registrar, and Epigmenio as Public Information Officer. The 2024 Forum December Committee is chaired by Ismael, with Byron Z. as Treasurer and Alex S. as Secretary.

D55 Simon C. DCM: District 55 still has meetings every Wednesday and visits groups every Tuesday. They have 13 groups including 11 GSR's. The Post-Conference will be hosted in May at 1830 Mooney Blvd., Suite #210, Visalia, CA. Contact number: 93277.

D57 Jose M. DCM: On Feb 6, 2024, we had a business meeting with 8 GSRs. We have 10 groups and 2 online. The concept meeting is scheduled for Feb 25, 2024.

Old Business:

The motion made at the Election Assembly in November to increase the archives location rent was withdrawn by Don H., And we continued the discussion

regarding Area Archives relocation. The discussion included consideration to combine archives, storage, and ACM locations; there is expressed interest to move Archives due to undesirable location and safety issue. Rent has not increased in over 30 years, so current rent of \$235 is unreasonable to expect to pay at fair market value.

A motion was made by Greg N., but it was held by the Chair to allow for further discussion. Jerry T. offered a friendly amendment to Greg's motion that was accepted to read as follows MOTION: Area 7 appoint an ad hoc committee to explore location options, including the ability to accommodate archives, ACM, and AV storage, and bring its recommendation back to the next assembly.

New Business:

Discussion topic to consider forming an Area Accessibilities Committee. Northern California Accessibility Committee (NCAC) reported at our post conference assembly in May 2023 that they were dissolving and invited the Area to considered continuing with an accessibilities committee.

The Area Winter Assembly concluded at Noon with the Responsibility Statement in Spanish and English.

In Love and Service,

Jose U.

Recording Secretary,

CNIA 07. Panel 74

Treasure Report

Thank you for your contributions big and small! There is love in the contributions, and each one is important. Be sure to include Name, Group, District and 6-digit Fellowship Reg # (find at CNIA website) and make sure your treasurer knows that #. Clarify if the contribution is an individual (or an anniversary or birthday one), group, or district one.

Spending plans and expense/revenue reports are now in English/Spanish together – integrated! Current balances are approximately checking (\$17,000) prudent reserve (\$15,000) and prepaid reserve for the Forum (sinking, \$3,000); a total of about \$35,000 (Note: I could not do the expense/revenue report due to the Accents early deadline with an early assembly – I can bring it along hard copy, though.)

From 2019 to the present, particularly around the pandemic, we spent less and contributed about the same = a surplus. Members asked, “What have we done with that?” So, the Finance Committee and I took a look, and the surplus was about \$34,000 and as of today, we have put all of it into action:

- Translation/interpretation costs in 2022 are \$3,100 and in 2023 \$8,500 = \$11,600.
- Translation/interpretation equipment in 2022-23 \$2,000 and 2024 \$5,000 this month for 40 processors for the assembly = \$7,000
- Prudent Reserve was also increased in 2023 = \$5,000
- Sinking fund for non-annual special conferences in 2023 = \$3,300
- General service conference contribution to send the delegate increased from \$1,800 to \$5,000 in – 2023-24 = \$6,400 (\$3,200 X 2 years)
- Other technology in 2023 \$3,500 = \$3,500

Total = \$36,800

So, we shall be more prudent – we have funds – yet need more contributions. The good news is that we have money, however, we still need contributions as archives rent will increase over \$1,000/month, probably, and other things come up. Thanks to the Archives Committee for reviewing options and to the Finance Committee (Drew, Ada, Simon, Jenn). Please offer suggestions on how we help alcoholics going forward! Are we spending on the ‘right’ things? Are other things we should consider? How do we adapt to changing times?

California Northern Interior Area 7

Post-conference Assembly – May 18-19, 2024

Área Interior Norte California

Asamblea post a la conferencia – 18 y 19 de Mayo, 2024

Hosted by District 55 & 47



Keenan Center

17094 Myrtle Street, Huron CA. 93234

Heart of the Valley, California

El Corazon del Valle, California

Online Registration -Due by May 11, 2024

<https://ti.to/cnia-07/post-conference-assembly-2024>

Registro en Linea - Hasta el 11 de Mayo

<https://ti.to/cnia-07/post-conference-assembly-2024/es>

Email/Correo electrónico:
post-conference@cnia.org

05/18/2024: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

In-Person Registration/ En-Persona Registros

12:00 PM Call to order/ Llamar al ordenar

05/19/2024: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Dinner: Choice of Beef—Chicken—Pork (Res, Pollo,

Puerco) Vegetarian / Vegetarian

Includes sides, Rice and Beans / Incluye Arroz y Frijoles

Snack bar & refreshments (purchase at cost)

Almuerzo y refrigerios (compra artículos al costo)

Send registration forms and payment to: Enviar formulario y pago a:

Make check payable to: California Northern Interior Area

P.O. Box 161712 Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

Mail Pre-registration/ Correo - Due by May 4 – hasta el 4 la Mayo

Hacer cheques pagaderas a nombre de: California Northern Interior Area

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Name/Nombre:

District/Distrito:

Name on Badge (if different)/Nombre en la insignia (si es diferente):

Email/electrónico Correo:

Phone/Teléfono:

Service Position: GSR/Alt. DCM/Alt. Officer Appointed Past Delegate Member

Puesto de Servicio: RSG/Alt. MCD/Alt. Funcionarios Designado/a Delegado/a Pasado/Pasanda
Miembro/a

Registration/Registro \$13.00 Dinner/Cena: \$20.00 Coffee/Café sin fondo: \$3.00

Total:

Hotel Room Rental Options – Alquiler de Habitaciones de Hotel

Best Western/Big Country Inn

25020 West Dorris Street, Coalinga, CA 93210
559-935-0866. Located 12 miles from Huron, CA
\$140.69 Single or Double Per Night. W/hot breakfast
Group Rate AA Event

Harris Ranch Resort

24505 W Dorris Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210
559-935-0717. Located 12 miles from Huron, CA
Starting at \$199. Per Night.

Motel 6

25008 W Dorris Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210
559-935-1536. Located 12 miles from Huron, CA
Starting from \$88.00 Per Night.

RV Parking and Campground— Almond Tree Oasis RV Park

41191 S Glenn Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210
(559) 935-0711
Prices range from \$55 - \$70 per night
Located 7 miles from Huron CA

Reservations: <https://www.campspot.com/book/almondtreeoasispark>

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GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.

Area General Service Meetings

3rd Saturday of each month from 10 am to 4 pm Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd. west sac.
From I-5, Merge onto hwy 50 Take Jefferson exit stay to the left Continue through light onto Park Blvd Turn right on Westacre



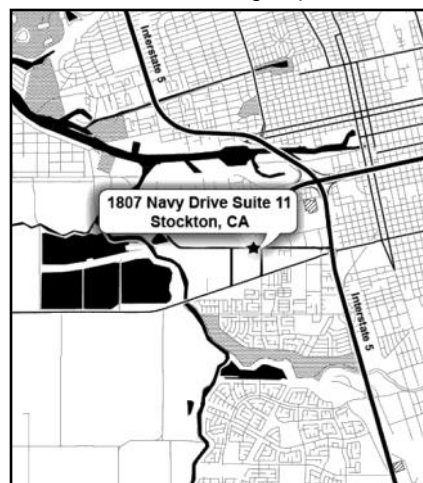
CNIA Archives Center

1807 Navy Drive (at Fresno Ave) Suite #11, Stockton, CA 95555 (Rodgers Construction, Inc., near Port of Stockton) – Second Floor Rear

From Fresno (and other points south): 99 North to Highway 4 West. Turn left at dead end at Navy Dr, to Navy Dr–Fresno Ave. Building is on the left.

From Sacramento (and other points north): 99 South to Highway 4 West or I-5 South to Navy Dr–Highway 4 West exit. From dead end on Navy Dr, turn left to Fresno Ave. Building is on the left.

From both directions: The Archives is located in the Rodgers Construction 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.



**CNIA Archives
will be open
the 1st Saturday
10 am to 2 pm**

**Contact Area
Archivist before
Visiting**

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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA 07 · CALENDAR 2024 to 2025

2024			2025		
JAN 20 - 21	Winter Assembly	Merced - D53	JAN 18 - 19	Winter Assembly	Sonora – D33
FEB 17	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	FEB 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
MAR 1 - 3	PRAASA	Area 06	MAR 7 - 9	PRAASA	Anchorage AK
MARCH 16	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	MARCH 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
APR 6 - 7	Pre-Conference Assembly	Denair - D36	APR 12 - 13	Pre-Conference Assembly	Anderson – D9 - D11
APRIL 14-20	General Service Conference	New York	APRIL 27 MAY3	General Service Conference	New York
MAY 18 - 19	Post-Conference Assembly	Huron – D55	MAY 17 - 18	Post-Conference Assembly	Nevada City- D20
JUNE 15	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	JUNE 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
JULY 12-14	Regional Forum	Las Vegas	JULY 3 -6	International Convention	Vancouver Canada
JULY 20	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	JULY 19	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
AUG 17	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	AUG 16	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
SEP 21	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	SEPT 20	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
OCT 18 - 20	Mini PRAASA	Angels Camp D30/33	OCT 18	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento
OCT 4 - 6	NCCAA	Modesto			
NOV 16	Area Committee Meeting	Sacramento	NOV 14-16	Election Assembly	Stockton D17
DEC 14	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento	DEC 13	Area Planning Meeting	Sacramento