

Welcome to Area 07. G.S.R.'s You and your group are welcome, wanted, and needed!

It means you are officially part of the California Northern Interior Area 07.

You should receive your GSR kit in the mail from GSO in a few weeks. If you do not receive it by then, please contact your DCM, and they will follow up with the registrar

As it says in Concept I: The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. You are linking your home group with the whole of A.A. As a general service representative, you have a big responsibility:

You transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts, through you, the group conscience becomes a part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship," as expressed in the General Service Conference. Like everything else in A.A., it works through a series of simple steps. Q&A on AA Group Matters

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE? What am I representing as a G.S.R.?

The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the General Service Representative. (GSR) The group elects. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of the G.S.R.

(That was a quote from Bill W. from the GSR Pamphlet)

WHAT IS GENERAL SERVICE?

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services. They thereby made the Conference excepting for any changes in the 12 Traditions, or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter, the actual voice and the Effective conscience for our whole Society.

(And that comes from Concept 2)

If your group has an active GSR, you are connected to A.A. as a whole.

By choosing its most qualified member as GSR, a group helps secure its own future, and the future of A.A. As a whole.

Just as you rely on your group for help in your personal recovery, so the A.A. Groups of Canada and the USA rely on the General Service conference in maintaining the unity and strength of our fellowship.

Our obligation to all the Alcoholics of today and tomorrow.

(This comes from the GSR Pamphlet)

WHERE DO I SHOW UP?

- Area 07 Committee Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. This meeting is 6 hours long and goes until 4:00 pm. We do have Lunch time.
- Area Assemblies are held 4 times a year. These are weekend-long events

You attend area assemblies four times a year. Assemblies will always be held somewhere in the Central and Northern California Area 07. Each Assembly has a Different Focus:

JANUARY ASSEMBLY IS THE WINTER ASSEMBLY in Orangevale D27, Meet the people you'll be serving with and learn a little bit about your new service commitment

APRIL ASSEMBLY IS THE PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY at Yuba City, D19, where the upcoming General Service Conference agenda items are discussed, and our Delegate hears our group's voices so that they are prepared to represent our voice at the annual General Service Conference in New York.

MAY ASSEMBLY IS THE POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY, in Merced, CA, D53, where our Delegate reports on what happened at the Annual General Service Conference. GSRs then take the information back to share with their group.

OCTOBER ASSEMBLY IS MINI-PRAASA ASSEMBLY: in Woodland D7. Develop greater unity among the members, districts, and groups. Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences. Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Assembly and the PRAASA Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity, and Service legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.

NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY IS ELECTIONS ASSEMBLY: Develop greater unity among CNIA as we elect the next panel of Area Officers and discuss our spending plan

California Area 07 is an even-year rotation Area. But every area out of the 93 Areas we have throughout the USA and Canada is either an odd year rotation or an even Year rotation, half of them odd and the other half of them are even year rotation. They're all two-year terms, so the California Area happens to be on the even year rotation, so elections happen on an odd year, and then we all rotate whether the GSR the DCM Delegate on the first of the even year.

How (and when? And how much?) do I report back to my group?

WHAT DO I REPORT AT A DISTRICT MEETING?

- Have we recently implemented a new service position or updated our bylaws?
- Have we changed any days, times, or locations of our meetings?
- Did we make any other major decisions or changes at a recent meeting?
- Do we have any special events coming up or flyers?
- Are we planning a group inventory? Or have we done a group inventory?
- Have we recently changed or adjusted our contributions pie chart lately, for contributions split?
- Have we faced any major safety concerns or other issues recently that we should share with the district for help or guidance on how our group managed them using the steps, Traditions, or Concepts?

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What do I report back to my Group?

There can be four parts to your report back to your group.

- General Service Conference and A.A. World Services.
- Area Assemblies-Area 07.
- From our 29 Districts.
- From all our A.A. Groups

PART OF THE General Service Office & A.A. World Services.

- Is there a New Box 459 you can share with your group?
- Is the General Service Conference coming up?
- Is there a Forum coming up?
- Anything New at the AA World Services?
- Any new literature published?

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- Is there a new Area Accents/Acentos out that you can share?
- Is there any Assembly coming up that you will need finance for?
- If you just got back from an Area Assembly, what information do you have to report?
- Any Area motions to discuss?
- How are the Area finances? Do we have a Treasurer's report?
- Did elections just happen? Who are the new officers?
- Are there open service positions at the Area that need to be filled? What Positions? When will they be open? Where to send a service resume?
- Any Traditions workshops, Area Conference, or events to announce? Dates? How to register? PRAASA is going to be in Hawaii.

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AT YOUR HOME GROUP

- Is it time to discuss a group inventory?
- Possibly give a small Tradition presentation on the Tradition of the month?
- Has your Alt-GSR been accompanying you to Assemblies, District meetings, and other events?
- Has any trusted servant in the group gone above and beyond, and you would like to thank them for helping you?
- Remind the group that we are a team, and express appreciation.
- Make sure your group knows that if they have any concerns, they can come to you, and you will try to help.
(YOUR REPORTS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME)

Sometimes called “**The Guardians of the Traditions.**” G.S.R.’s also assist their groups in solving a variety of problems, especially those related to the Traditions. In serving their groups, they can draw on all the services offered by the G.S.O. (a group pamphlet)

Resources to help a GSR acquire a better understanding of the Traditions.

- A.A. Come Of Age
- 12 Traditions Illustrated
- The A.A. Group Pamphlet
- A Service Sponsor

WHAT IS A SERVICE SPONSOR

A service sponsor is usually someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. History and has a strong background in the service structure. The A.A. members are introduced to a new language, G.S.R. D.C.M. area assemblies, and minority opinion. They will become familiar with the Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties, as well as the A.A. Service Manual-Twelve Concepts for the World Services, Alcoholics Anonymous Come of Age, and other A.A. Literature.

(Questions and Answers Sponsorship Pamphlet)

The same impulse that drives some new people to try to “do A.A.” alone drives some new G.S.R.’s to try to “do General service” alone. There's no reason to. In fact, there's every reason not to. As rewarding and enjoyable as general service can be, you might find yourself feeling overwhelmed at times. A service sponsor can make the difference between struggling in your service position and feeling a sense of purpose and accomplishment (and having some fun along the way). A service sponsor is the answer to your questions about your responsibilities, the structure of general service, The Twelve Traditions, and The Twelve Concepts and how to apply them. (Service Sponsor/Service Manual)

How do I help with group problems?

Because you've made a special point of studying the information listed below, you can help when your group faces a problem involving one of the Traditions. You don't have to know all the answers. No one member possibly could, but you learn where to look for good suggestions, drawn from the broad A.A. experience. (GSR Pamphlet)

- The A.A. Group Pamphlet
- A.A. Comes of Age
- Problems Other Than Alcohol
- Twelve Traditions Illustrated

If you do not yet have a service sponsor, you don't have to do this alone.: Your DCM-Alt-DCM-Area Officers are here to fill that role until you do.

There are also past GSR's that are always willing to offer service sponsorship as well. This is what we are here for.

PLEASE don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us and ask for help at any time. We WANT to help you to succeed in your new role as you represent your home group.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.