

The Chronicles of Mid-Southern California Area 09 "50" Year History

September 7, 1958 – on **this date at the Area Service Assembly in Santa Ana, a new Delegate Area was carved out of the "California Southern Area."** The new Delegates' terms started in the even numbered years. This now gave California 5 Areas (5 Delegates). The new Area officially designated "California Southern Coastal", or less precisely but more familiarly "Southern Coastal California." Nicknamed "Panel 2" because of its even-year terms. The first delegate was Art B., who served only a 1-year term, in 1959. The new Area started meeting in October, however it officially did not exist until January 1959. There were "10" Districts created (District's 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10) with 105 AA meetings at this time and with 105 GSR's. The reason for this meeting so soon was to start forming plans for the A.A. International Convention to be held in Long Beach in 1960.

1959 - The first order of business for this new Area 09 was to create a host committee for the International Convention. Jack W. was in charge of the host committee and had help from AA members all over Southern California. In April, Art B. attends the Conference in New York.

1960 - The first full-term delegate was Jack W., Panel 10. That year the 3rd AA International Convention was held in Long Beach, Ca. Local AA's got to see and hear Bill W., Ebby T., Dr. Harry Tiebout, and others. Local bars displayed signs: "Coffee Served Here" in honor of the occasion. Great drama in the closing meeting at the Veterans' Stadium when all the lights were turned out during the Lord's Prayer and all 14,000 AA's Lit a match to symbolize the 12th Step.

The following year's through-out MSCA 09 history follows:

1961 – **At a January, 1961 Assembly, three new districts' were created.**

District 11 was created from District 8, District 12(1961 – 1963), and District 13(which merged with District 2 later on).

1965 – AA Court Cards were established in So. California by Bud Mc. and Judge Leon E.

January, 1968 - the 1st Western General Service Assembly was held in Fresno, Ca.

January, 1969 – The 2nd Western General Service Assembly Was held in Reno, Nevada, and was re-named to the “Pacific Region AA Service Assembly” which is known today as “PRAASA.”

1971 - Area 09 changes its name from Southern Coastal California to Mid-Southern California (MSCA 09).

1972 - District 14 was created from District 8.

1973 - 1st MSCA Area 09 Servathon in January, 1973.

1975 – District’s 15 and District 16 were created. District 16 merged with District 10 in 1989.

1978 – District 17 was created from District 8.

1980 - District 19 was created from District 8. PRAASA in 1980 was held in Anaheim, Ca.

1982 – The MSCA Archives Committee was formed to collect and preserve the Area 09 documents and history. Ellery S. is the first Archives Committee Chairman. The Area Newsletter begins to be translated from the English version into Spanish for each Districts to distribute to the Spanish Community.

1985 – District 20 was created to cover all Spanish meetings within the MSCA Area 09 with Leopoldo D. as the first Spanish DCM.

1985- March – the 1st Orange County and Victor Valley Conventions begin.

1986 – January – the “GSR Preamble” is written by Goldene L. and accepted by the MSCA 09 Area Assembly.

1987 – Goldene L’s writing’s on “on the 7th Tradition” are accepted and included in the first publication of the “Daily Reflections.” **A new Spanish District 21 was created from District 20. District 21 now covers the South Bay area or Districts 1- 4 of the English Districts.**

1988 - District 30 was created from District 9. Spanish District 22 was created from District 20.

1991 – Spanish District 23 was created from District 20.

1992 – The 1st Annual FORO de MSCA was started by the Spanish Districts of MSCA Area 09 on General Service.

1994 – MSCA 09 sends a letter to GSO requesting the Grapevine be translated into Spanish. This leads to the creation of “LaVina” in 1995.

1995 – Spanish District 24 was created from District 20.

1996 – District 31 was created from District 30, then merged with District 9 in 1996.

1998 – Past MSCA 09 Delegate (Panel 42/1992-1993), Jim C. is elected at the General Service Conference to be the new Pacific Region Trustee. He served from 1998 – 2002.

2002 – MSCA Area 09 Archives hosted the 7th National Archives Workshop in San Bernardino along with Area’s 5, 8, and 93. A total of 135 Archivists from around the United States and Canada attended.

2004 – PRAASA was held in Irvine, Ca.

2008 – At a January, 2008 Area Assembly a new Spanish District 25 was created from District 24.