



The Mid Southern California Area 9 Newsletter

The Monthly General Service Newsletter for Area 9 of the General Service Conference
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MSCA Area 9 includes all AA groups in the counties of Los Angeles (South of Rosecrans Ave.), San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange.

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Report from incoming Delegate (and outgoing Chair)

By Jeryl T

It has been my pleasure serving as chair for the past 2 years. Thank you.

I am an alcoholic, first and foremost. I love AA and I love God. I have grown to love Service as well. I don't always like the people involved, nor their aura that they emit, but I love General Service, and it happens to include all those people as well. So I love them too!

Picture a planet full of love, life, joy and festive living. Happiness permeates all who inhabit this heavenly body. Life is good, people are kind, loving and helpful to one another. Everybody has a place on this planet. Everyone is heard and is cared for if they have need. No one goes without, and no one is alone.

Picture an asteroid, aimlessly traveling through space. Uninhabited, in fact uninhabitable. Void of any signs of life. No atmosphere. Unable to sustain recognizable life. Moving quickly through space with no direction, no purpose, aimlessly plodding through space on a collision course with your beautiful planet. What would you do? My question is which one will reflect our Area in the future? Where are we going, and how do we see ourselves getting there?

I was always warned that General Service was the politics of AA, and that all they did in General Service was to argue and scheme. So it took forever for me to decide to participate in this arm of service. When I did, I thought I had found something different than that which I had been warned. I found people who love AA like I do, serving, leading, helping, loving.

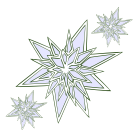
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I went to PRAASA in Anchorage, Alaska a few years ago and was moved to tears by the story of the Russian woman who lived 200 miles from Anchorage, but had to travel to Moscow, Atlanta, Seattle then to Anchorage just to represent her Group at PRAASA. I realized that sacrifice of time, comfort, money and opinion was paramount in true service. I was in a room with 750 other alcoholics who were all there just to learn and discuss how to better serve AA. I found my calling: Service.

Then I looked behind the curtain and saw the potential ugliness of Service work. Plots, plans, manipulation, coercion, and the like, and didn't like what I saw. Fear of the potential darkness overcoming me, and those I found I love to serve with. And just at that moment, the Light shined again like it has shown on me for all of my sobriety. That Light was God, and that Light still is God.

Next month, when we welcome all the new GSRs, DCMS, elect new committee chairs and the like, lets welcome them with a new sense of purpose. A new desire, or a rekindled Spirit to serve the groups and members we set out to serve, and not only our own opinions, our agendas, and desires, but with love, open mindedness, compassion and honesty. Let's allow the light to shine on them as God sees fit, and not our controlled dispensation of the illumination. Let's reflect the love of service, the joy of service, the recovery in service that we are blessed to be gifted with. Let us tend to an incredible planet full of love, life, joy and festive living, where happiness permeates all who inhabit this heavenly body. Life is good, people are kind, loving and helpful to one another. Everybody has a place on this planet. Everyone is heard and is cared for if they have need. No one goes without, and no one is alone.



Schedule for most MSCA Assemblies/ASCs

9:00 am....Delegate's Sharing*
10:15 am..... GSR School, and
Committee Meetings
11:30 am... Lunch
Noon . ASC or Assembly meeting

* Please note that The Delegate's Sharing now goes from 9:00 to 10:00 and the GSR School and committees start their meetings at 10:15

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The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Panel 62 Area Officers:

Jeryl T.... Delegate
Sharon K.... Alt. Delegate
Cesar F Chair
Jesus O..... Secretary
Annie D ... Treasurer
Raul C..... Registrar

Upcoming Events

Date - Event:

Jan. 8, 2012 –Sunday–Assembly (GSRs vote), District 5, 212 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana, CA
Feb. 11 - 4 Area DCM Sharing Session, St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5657 Lindley Ave Tarzana, CA 91356
Feb. 12 – Sunday – ASC (*The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them*), District 23, Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District, 4810 Pedley Rd., Riverside, CA 92509
Mar. 11 – Sunday – ASC (*The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda*), District 15
Apr. 15, Pre-Conference Workshop, District 24
May 20 – Sunday – Assembly (GSRs vote), District 1
June 10, ASC (*The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them*), District 22
July 8 – Foro, Districts 20 & 18
Aug. 12 – ASC (*The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda*), District 10
Sept. 9 – Assembly (GSRs vote), District 6
Oct. 14 – ASC (*The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them*), District 12
Nov. 11, Servathon, District 21
Dec. 9, ASC (*The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda*), District 7

Tradition 1 (long form)

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

The MSCA Assembly includes permanent committees responsible for conducting much of the AA business activity in the Area. We have Standing and Coordinate Committees. Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Standing committees are listed below.

Panel 60 Area Standing Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, et al.

Archives Chair... Joseph H
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Convention Liaison, Span... tbd
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CPC Co-Chair, Span... Martin G
DCM School... Terry S
DCM School Spanish ... tbd

Finance Committee Chair... Jim B
Grapevine Chair... Doug M
La Vifa Chair... Mauricio T
GSR School... David B
GSR School, Spanish... Renaldo A
Literature Chair... Ernesto M
Literature Co-Chair, Spanish ... tbd
Public Information Chair... Keith S
Public Info., Sp... Marcelo C
Registration Chair... Devon F
Special Needs Chair...Scott R
Special Needs Co-Chair, Spanish...tbd
Treatment Facilities Chair... John O

Archivist... Pete B
Coffee person... Paco G
Sound Dudes...Leandro L & Raul C

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