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WE ARE RESPONSIBLE ...SPIRITUALLY

[2012 PRAASA presentation]

Hello, my name is Barbara D and I am an alcoholic. I have the pleasure and privilege of serving as the DCMC of District # 4 in the Mid-Southern California Area #9 on Panel #62. I am very grateful to our awesome Delegate Jeryl for submitting my name to PRAASA and to Gail for allowing me to be of service.

When I first heard that my topic was going to be "Spiritual Responsibility" on the panel for The Seventh Tradition, my response was 'one of these things is not like the other one ...' and a sober sister of mine, sober for just over 90 days, thought perhaps Spiritual Responsibility was always wearing protection when praying! But really, the 7th Tradition is not just our responsibility, but also our gift. Our gift to ourselves, to our God, to Alcoholics Anonymous, and most importantly, our gift to the alcoholic who still suffers.

People act like talking about money and spirituality together is somehow taboo - like oil and water, they don't mix. Not so. Giving of ourselves, in whatever capacity, is the ultimate 12th Step work. Way back in the 1930's, when Ebby first called Bill and paid that 10 cents to take the subway to visit him, with payment of that fare was born the marriage of money and service.

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WE ARE RESPONSIBLE ...FINANCIALLY

A shivering denizen stumbles up to a doorway - light pours out, laughter echoes off the walls and he can feel the room's warmth. His brow burrows quizzically, this was not at all what he had expected when his doctor referred him to this meeting and showed him a P.S.A. of Alcoholics Anonymous. As he enters, the familiar smell of fresh coffee permeates the room, and in perfect harmony, an elderly man approaches him and offers him a half-filled cup. The man is unsure about the motives behind this coffee, but he figures he could use a little caffeine. As he begins to walk toward the back of the room he notices a brochure entitled "Am I am Alcoholic?". He glances around the room to make

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| <u>MSCA TREASURY 4-15-12</u> | |
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| CHECKING | \$ 5,001.89 |
| PRUDENT RESERVE | <u>2,000.69</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,002.58 |
| <u>1/1/12 to 3/31/12 Contributing Entities</u> | |
| Registered Groups | 364 |
| Unregistered Groups | 30 |
| Districts | 3 |
| Conventions/Alcathons | 2 |
| Individuals | 11 |

DELEGATE'S CORNER

The 62nd General Service Conference has come and gone and we are well on our way to the 63rd. If the experience of next year's conference will be anything like this year's, I need this whole year to prepare for it. Because, this Conference was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and I have had many incredible moments in my 55 years of life and my 19 years of sobriety.

The funny thing about those numbers is that the average age of participants in the conference was 55. The average length of sobriety this year was 19 years. And I felt right smack in the middle of the pack all the time I was there. I believe my security came from the knowledge that God brought me here, and the fact that my Area MSCA09 had prepared me with their collective wisdom and trust, I was there to be the voice and ears of our segment of the Movement of AA.

I served on the Report and Charter Committee. I participated in the, "Safety in AA," workshop. Attended

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all presentations, both committee and personal, and didn't miss a meal!! The food was wonderful, but the fellowship was 800 times better!!

We are in great hands; it's the minds that I am concerned with. Just kidding, no I'm not...Yes I am. The voice of AA was heard and listened to. Debates were educational, and many listened and participated with open minds. And those whose minds were closed, were exactly who and what were needed to help others open their minds. The process really works, and I can't wait to tell you all the good news of the determinations of the Conference at the Assembly on May 20th.

I have to tell you of a couple things that can make us happy. La Vina will be here as long as we need it to be! Also, there will not be a change to Tradition Eleven, but maybe a hope that sponsorship and the long form of the traditions will continue to direct and guide our Movement in our course. There were many, many other topics discussed and debated, which passed and failed, were swayed by minority appeal, revisited by floor action, withdrawn by the maker, misquoted, and butchered in other ways. But you will have to wait for the rest. Thank you for allowing me to represent you and your conscience in Rye, New York. See you in Torrance!!

Jeryl T., Panel 62 Area 09 Delegate,
Serving on the Report and Charter
Committee.

DISTRICT

CONFERENCE REPORT-BACK
DISTRICTS 5, 6, 7, 12 & 18
THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH 6:30 P.M.
CHURCH OF THE FOOTHILLS
(DIST. 5 MEETING PLACE)
19211 DODGE
TUSTIN (MORE DISTRICT
DATES IN NEXT ISSUE)

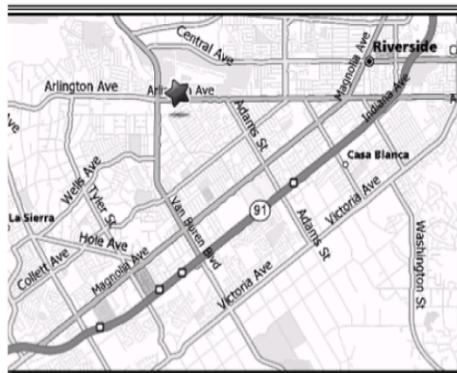
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Movie Night at the Archives!

2012 Schedule

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| I'll Cry Tomorrow (1960) | Saturday – Jan 21 |
| My Name is Bill W. (1989) | Saturday – Feb 18 |
| When Love is not Enough (1998) | Saturday – Mar 17 |
| Lost Weekend (1945) | Saturday – Apr 21 |
| Shattered Spirits (1986) | Saturday – May 19 |
| Country Girl (1954) | Saturday – Jun 16 |
| Clean and Sober (1988) | Saturday – Jul 21 |
| The Voice in the Mirror (1958) | Saturday – Aug 18 |



7111 Arlington Ave, Suite B
Riverside CA 951 785-0845
(Next to the Airport in the Riverside Air Park)

Show Time: Doors open at 7:00PM. The movie starts at 7:30PM. Stay after and tour the archives.

Cost: FREE!
Bring your lawn chairs or chaise lounge and enjoy classic Hollywood movies about AA in our own unique theater.

Refreshments will be available

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If the primary purpose of AA is, as stated, to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, then we all need to make it our personal responsibility - our spiritual responsibly - to see that AA is funded. Phone lines, directories, rents, literature - that Big Book doesn't print itself, you know! - these things all take money.

So we have established that money is necessary to our mission, however mercenary that may sound. Originally Bill W and some of the early AA members felt that the only way for this fellowship to survive was to solicit outside funds. Heck, we are performing a public service keeping a drunk like me off the streets - perhaps we should receive government funding! ☺ ☺ Oddly enough, it was an early non-alcoholic friend of the program, John D. Rockefeller Jr., who helped lay the groundwork for our tradition of self support. He said to Bill W, quote, "I'm afraid that money will spoil this thing." He endorsed our work

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rightly enough, but he planted the seed in our fledgling society for a reminder of that old adage, 'he who pays the piper calls the tune'. The person, or people, paying for this program are the ones who will ultimately control it.

Alcoholics Anonymous needs money, but we cannot get it from outside sources. As Bill W put it in 1957, "Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations is, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility - one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid." (As quoted in the AA pamphlet, 'Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix'.)

Bill W said it - we cannot skimp. That is my spiritual responsibility and one we had best share with our sponsees, and with our groups, in order for AA to be here for future generations. Back in 1960, it was customary to put \$1.00 in the basket at meetings. In 1970, \$1.00. In 1980, \$1.00.

People, it is 2012.

You hear folks who have been around awhile say, "Back in my day, a cup of coffee cost 15 cents.". Yeah?

You hear folks who have been around awhile say, "Back in my day, a cup of coffee cost 15 cents.". Yeah? Well, take your 15 cents over to Starbucks and see where it gets you. In my home group, you can hear people say, with all sincerity, that Alcoholics Anonymous saved their lives, that they owe everything they have to AA ... while holding a 'grande latte', having just smoked a \$4.00 cigarette (or however much those things cost). And then when the basket comes around, they drop in one buck.

Put your money where your mouth is—rather, where your sobriety is. Literally. That is our spiritual responsibility. Of course for those who don't have the money, there are many other ways to repay

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AREA HIGHLIGHTS

Each first year delegate prepares a two-minute overview of his/her area for presentation at the General Service Conference. Our Pacific Region delegates have an opportunity to practice the presentation at the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly in March. The recording of Jeryl presenting these highlights can be heard on the www.Area09.org website. Following is the text, which will also appear in the final Conference Report.

My name is Jeryl and I am an alcoholic. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as the panel 62 Area 09 delegate.

Area 9 is made up of over 1938 registered groups and serve more than 60,000 members within the geographic boundaries (*numbers from 2011 Final Conference Report*), making us the largest Area in terms of those it serves, of the 93 present Areas in the US and Canada. And because of the enormity of the size and the distances between our 26 Districts, 6 of which are Hispanic, we have begun to look at ways of better serving and polling the conscience of our ever growing community.

Because there is 1 Delegate for 1938 groups and 60,000 members compared to the national average of 1 delegate for every 676 groups or 14771 members, we have developed a "Think Tank," to gather and process information on how to better serve and communicate with the remote communities as well as the dense metropolitan regions of our area. This Think Tank will eventually conclude with some recommendations as to its research, which may serve just as we are.

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We have a committee for creating our conference agenda summaries for our yearly pre-conference workshop. Our past delegates continue to serve a vital function in the education and sponsorship of newer service members, while giving our newly installed board a reason to stay engaged in our guidelines and bylaws. All of our committees have chairs and most have both English and Spanish co-chairs, and function in unison. We also have the best coffee maker in all of California, and maybe in all of General Service.

From the Native Americans to the snowbirds from Canada, from farmers to fishermen, our Area serves the combined voices and consciences of a multi-lingual, multi cultural fellowship through the language of the heart as supported by the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, and thank God for A.A.

AA in Uganda

Although he wishes to maintain a low profile, an A.A. member from District 18 has been instrumental in the establishment and growth of A.A. in Uganda. The following article is from the Spring 2012 issue of Box 459.

A.A. has been growing in the East African country of Uganda—with a translation of the Big Book into Luganda, one of the main local languages, just on the horizon. Meetings have been established in Kampala, the capital city, on every day of the week (except Monday), with other meetings taking root around the country as well. In addition, a meeting was recently started in a treatment facility in Kampala, where local members are trying to encourage use of the Twelve Steps as part of the treatment program.

Many Ugandans have embraced the program and their enthusiasm has spurred interest in translating A.A. materials into the additional languages of

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SATURDAY, MAY 5

LITERATURE WORKSHOP

7111 Arlington Ave., Suite B, Riverside, Ca (MSCA Archives Repository)

Hosted by MSCA Literature Committee

Are you the new Literature person for your group and you have asked yourself, "What do I do with this commitment?" We have the answer to that question.

Directions: 91 Freeway to Adams, north on Adams to Arlington, West on Arlington to Riverside Airport. Turn in just west of the airport into parking lot (Sewing Store on corner); drive down the east side of the complex to Suite B (look for Circle and Triangle sign!) (see map on page 2) – Questions? E-mail literaturechair@msca09.org

SUNDAY, MAY 20

AREA 09 ASSEMBLY – 10:15 a.m.

DELEGATE'S CONFERENCE REPORT—12:00 noon

All Committee Meetings: 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

West High School – 20401 Victor St., Torrance

LUNCH: 11:15 A.M. to Noon

NOTE: TIME
CHANGES

Assembly Purpose:

The Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure and is the representative voice of the movement expressing itself. It is the gathering of the General Service Representatives (GSRs) and the Area Service Committee, which deliberates and enacts resolutions concerning service matters brought before it. Responsibilities include: 1) Electing Area Officers/Directors 2) Being an interim repository of the collective group conscience of the Area 3) Seeking substantial unanimity in all important decisions 4) Strengthening AA as a whole and carrying the AA message the best way possible in our own Area.

Voting members of the Assembly:

GSRs, DCMCs, DCMs, District officers, Coordinate Committee chairs or representative, Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs. Alternates may vote in the absence of their principals and Past Delegates.



DIRECTIONS

From the East: Take 91 West to 405 North, exit at Western Ave., left on Western, right on 190th St., left on Hawthorne, 3rd right on Del Amo, left on Victor (school on right)

From the West: From Pacific Coast Highway to Vincent Street East; north on N. Prospect to Del Amo Street East, right on Victor (school on right).

From the South: Take 405 North, exit at Western Ave., left on Western, right on 190th St., left on Hawthorne, 3rd right on Del Amo, left on Victor (school on right)

From the North: Take 405 South, exit at Hawthorne Blvd. exit; right on Hawthorne, right on del Amo, left on Victor (school is on right)

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this wonderful fellowship which has given us so much. If you don't have it, don't worry about it. But if you do have it, please remember to come from a place of abundance, remembering that as you give, so shall you receive. Conversely, as I have received, so should I be giving.

In the Language of the Heart (p.221) it says, "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being

Prudent. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

The fundamental work of Alcoholics Anonymous is to ensure that "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am spiritually and financially responsible!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to this wonderful PRAASA!

Barbara D., District 4



STEPS COME ALIVE & DANCE

All Orange County
Young People in A.A.
(AOCYPAA)

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL AGES!

www.aocypaa.org

When: Sunday, May 27, 2:00 pm

Where: Canyon Club, 20456 Laguna
Canyon Road, Laguna Beach

Other Info: Workshop w/Patti O 2:00
– 5:00 p.m.

BBQ: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Speaker Meeting: 7:30 – 18:30 p.m.

80's Themed Dance: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00
a.m.

*Suggested donation of \$10 or pre-
register for SOCALYPAA \$15*

From the desk of Bill W.

March 1967

*“The title of this volume, **A.A. Comes of Age**, is now and then questioned because it conveys to some people the idea that we A.A.'s really think we have “grown up”; that we have already achieved great emotional maturity.*

“In reality, the expression ‘comes of age’ is used by us in a very different sense. We simply say that we have arrived at the time of life when adult responsibilities have to be faced and dealt with, as best we are able. To this end we do try to rely upon ourselves—and upon God.”

*From a letter included following the original Foreword (1957) to the book, **Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age***

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MARCH 2012 AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) NOTES

Following an informative hour with our Panel 62 Delegate, Jeryl T., committee meetings and a delicious lunch, Chair, Cesar F. called the Area Service Committee to order with the usual readings and introductions.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Officers' reports included a reading by Jeryl from the final paragraphs of his PRAASA presentation; Alt. Del., Sharon talked about the April Pre-Conference Workshop; Registrar, Raul, shared about the 19 hour “road trip” to PRAASA, emphasized that each group needs a primary contact in order to be listed with GSO, and announced that he will give a Registration presentation to District 17 on May 13th; Secretary, Jesus O., gave an overview of his PRAASA experiences and assured everyone that the Conference Agenda summaries would be available soon; Treasurer, Annie D., commented that it appears that group contributions are slightly lower than at this time for the past two years, but isn't sure whether it is a result of the new panel transition or an actual decrease. She reported that during the immediate past two months 314 entities have made contributions, 286 of those are groups; Chairman, Cesar F., also commented on the long, interesting van trip to PRAASA and thanked District 20 for renting the vans and making it possible for so many to attend. He discussed some of his experiences at PRAASA, including discussions at the Chairperson Roundtables about how to attract and sustain interest from Group Representatives, especially from other language communities such as Vietnamese, Cambodian, Farsi, etc.

PACIFIC REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY (PRAASA)

The Chairman invited sharing about PRAASA experience and following are snippets and short notes on what was shared: “EBooks are available! Yay!” “People in General Service are sponsoring people who haven't yet gotten to A.A.” “Sharing was sooo great!” “It was so moving to hear the Japanese Past Trustee talk about how A.A. meetings and groups reformed so quickly after the earthquake!” “I shared with the Editor/Publisher of Grapevine and La Viña, Amy B., and she gave us so much praise for the work our area is doing in support of both magazines. It felt good to hear that...and remember the 16th Anniversary of La Viña Celebration will take place in Washington State this year” “I'm starting to plan and save for next year's PRAASA...I encourage everyone to attend...once you experience it, you will never want to miss it again.” “My home group GSR was there...we collect a few dollars each week just to send our GSR to PRAASA...this is the third year we've had our GSR at PRAASA.” “I was impressed with how much work there is to do in Special Needs (deaf, blind, crippled, home-bound), this is such an important part of 12th Step work!” “I was made aware that only three people publish La Viña and how few people know about it and also how enthusiastic the staff is.”

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING (ASC) AND ASSEMBLY.

Past Delegate/Trustee, Jim C., gave a short explanation of the different purposes and structure of the ASC and Area Assembly. He also went over the area's rules of order for meetings, copies of which were made available to everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to consider area publication of a pamphlet on Safety in A.A. was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

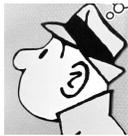
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives: Open House April 29; work continues on Group History book.
Communications (ACC): Committee members now have “business” cards with how to contact the area; also reported on new Audio “button”

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Grapevine Seeks Senior Editor

From Spring 2012 Box 459



A.A. Grapevine, Inc., publisher of the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, is currently seeking a senior editor to work in its New York City office. Written, edited and illustrated by A.A. members and others interested in alcoholism, *Grapevine*, *La Viña* and *AAGrapevine.org*, reflect the experience, strength and hope of its contributors and carry the message of thousands of alcoholics. A.A. Grapevine, Inc. also publishes collections of Grapevine and *La Viña* stories in books, e-books, CDs and other related products.

The senior editor is responsible for developing editorial content of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and for overseeing the publication of the Grapevine and *La Viña* magazines and Grapevine or *La Viña* items, both in print and digital, and for leading a creative, committed editorial team. In addition, the senior editor participates in the annual General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous and at various A.A. events. The position reports to the Grapevine's executive editor/publisher.

Requirements: Five years of editorial and management experience; demonstrated writing and editing skill; B.A. or the equivalent; and a working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Fluency in English, proficiency in Spanish is a plus.

Interested members may forward their résumé and cover letter, by May 31, 2012, to resumes@aagrapevine.org

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Luo, Ateso and Runyonkole-Rukiga. Along with Luganda, these languages would cover most of the country.

In the interim, A.A.s in Uganda asked A.A. World Services, Inc. for permission to print an abridged version of the Big Book in English for English-speaking Ugandans. AAWS granted permission and even paid for the printing of 1,000 copies.

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on the area website where talks on service can be heard. *Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)*: They are talking with the Head of Health Services at Long Beach City College & are working closely with PI contact in Dist. 4 & neighboring districts. *Convention Liaison*: Attending Fellowship of the Spirit, High Desert Convention, Sep. 1st Hispanic Convention in Los Angeles, ACY-PAA in Ontario, Orange County Convention, Camp Sealy in April, & many more. *Corrections*: Reviewed *It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell* pamphlet changes to be discussed at the Conference & discussed the upcoming H&I Convention & contacting other H&I groups; *District Committee Member School*: Registrations to be given to Registrar; discussed conference agenda items & how to discuss them at district & group meetings & workshops. *Finance*: Reviewed the Finance Committee Guidelines & expect to have them done by June. They are working on tracking all area property. Discussed the 17% drop in group contributions compared to the past two years. *Grapevine*: Discussed Grapevine books & reviewed as many of the Grapevine conference agenda items as time allowed. *La Viña*: Reviewed PRAASA experiences, especially the *La Viña* Roundtable feedback & also talked about the 16th Anniversary Celebration in Washington state; registration will be \$10. *Literature*: Planning a Workshop Roundtable; will have a table at the Pre-Conference Workshop to discuss literature items on the conference agenda. *General Service Representative School*: Reviewed the rights & responsibilities of GSRs, the meaning of "substantial unanimity", how to call for "group conscience feedback" & how to make a report. *Spanish GSR School*: Reviewed "trust in leaders & the process" & importance of taking conference items to groups to be better informed. Encouraged GSRs to get involved in other committees. *Public Information (PI)*: Organizing English/Spanish programs & Public Service Announcements (PSAs); will attend several Fairs in April & May; expressed need to buy some equipment including a TV. *Registration*: Raul is helping with ongoing registration problems; planning another workshop in June or July; need Spanish-speaking translator for committee meetings. *Special Needs*: Discussed Mental Illness pamphlet; reviewed draft events & opportunities at colleges and universities. *Treatment*: Preparing methods of approach for Treatment Centers and need to coordinate with H&I to identify treatment facilities that might be good to contact; planning pre-conference workshop table discussion.

PRESENTATIONS: Chair asked how many committee chairs were available to make presentations at Districts or Groups: 10 chairpersons raised their hands.

COORDINATE COMMITTEES: Representatives from North Orange County Central Office (NOCCO) and All Orange County Young People in A.A. (AOCYPAA) were in attendance. NOCCO brought a literature display and will bring more at the next meeting. AOCYPAA announced several YPAA events including AOCYPAA elections on April 18th and Chili Cook-off on March 24th.

DISTRICT REPORTS (Highlights): ONE: Will have post-conference report on May 20th; Jeopardy event was great! TWO and THREE (no reps); FOUR: Discussing PRAASA & budgeting. FIVE: PRAASA reports & 4 Area DCM Sharing, plus conference items discussion. SIX: 4 Area Sharing and PRAASA reports, very actively looking at Health Care agencies in district, dispensing Grapevines, very active! SEVEN: Has a new treasurer, studying Concepts 1&2. Decided not to send a rep to PRAASA this year so they can send someone next year; re-writing district guidelines; EIGHT: (no rep) NINE: They have 290 groups, usually about 20 GSRs at meetings; they have sent letters to Unified school district offering speakers at high schools; several people attended PRAASA. TEN: Thanked Jeryl for visitation, five people went to PRAASA, more next year; giving out FAQ to secretaries of all meetings with business cards and mention "food is provided", will have AA Jeopardy event in November. ELEVEN [Ed. Note: missed the report, sorry.] TWELVE: Planning annual

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sure no eyes are on him before tucking it into his pocket. Just then, a burly tattooed young man pulls out a chair and offers him a seat. As he takes his seat he notices a woman in the room signing to a deaf man. Now settling into his seat he observes a man in his Army fatigues pocketing several of the table's magazines.

When the hopeless man arrived there was meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in full swing, but in that moment the curtains were still closed. What happens when we look behind the curtains of Alcoholics Anonymous? The countless hours, our trusted servants and our financial contributions are all working together to make AA function. The General Service Representatives (GSRs) carry each member's voice into a collective conscience necessary to provide all of AA's services. The little old man who offered him coffee found AA 4 years ago when the Cooperation with the Elderly Committee visited his retirement home. The most important service position, the coffee maker, allowed the man to receive a fresh 'cup of Joe' at the meeting. At the fellowships request, the Literature Committee created and published "Am I an Alcoholic?" so our wet friend could "steal" it off the literature table and discover he really is an alcoholic. The tattooed fellow was able to get sober in the penitentiary due to the work of the Corrections Committee. The Treatment Facilities Committee, that visited his rehab, guided our tattooed parolee to outside meetings once he was released. The woman facilitating American Sign Language to a deaf member was recruited by the Special Needs Committee. The Grapevine Committee creates our meeting in print so that the Army officer, who can't attend meetings while in combat, can always have a meeting with him. It was the work of the Public Information Committee that put together the Public Service Announcement (PSA) video which had given the man the courage to attend his first meeting. His doctor was informed by the Cooperation with the

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Professional Community (CPC) Committee about the specific meeting he was referred to. All of these services were created out of the experiences of our early members, that history is preserved by our Archives Committee. Each service is vital to AA's existence and is made possible only by our financial contributions! The monies collected each time we pass the basket finance everything from the coffee to the activities of the committees, which keep AA alive.

It is now 365 days later. Now, a man brimming over with self-confidence approaches a room that he calls home. He is met by the warm smile of the elderly man who still insists on bringing him a cup of coffee at the start of each meeting. He walks over to the literature table and purchases a Big Book. He finds his usual seat next to his tattooed brother. He signs hello to his deaf sponsor, and of course his American Sign Language aid. A smile blossoms as he notices his army buddy safely returning from combat and back home, to the meeting of course. As he sinks into his chair he is overwhelmed with that good ol' AA gratitude. In the last 365 days he has been able to look behind the curtain and he joyfully tosses \$5 into the basket, grateful to contribute to the program that saved his life. He contributes not only out of gratitude for his own sobriety but also a few extra bucks towards the services that will be provided for the lonely man who still suffers.

Lauren B. and Ashly W.

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Memorial Day Picnic, very active! FOURTEEN: DCMC attended PRAASA; planning a sorting party at the Archives repository, Past Delegate, Marita H., will give a presentation on April 18 re importance of General Service. FIFTEEN: Sponsored an Open House, discussed PRAASA, hosted ASC today. SEVENTEEN: All committees are filled, excellent work.

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3/13 Raul will visit; 6/12 conference report. EIGHTEEN: GSO Publications Director sent 15 Farsi language Big Books to Farsi meeting in District 18 as part of the translation project; hosting a marathon meeting; looking forward to delegate's share back. Also working with ACYPAA & with District 20 Foro planning. NINETEEN (no rep) TWENTY: Have 24 groups, 14 people attended PRAASA; working on FORO & planning district 27th Anniversary on May 5. TWENTY ONE: Always working with group visitations, 7th Tradition, and dark meetings. Past Delegate, Pete B., attended Interdistrict meeting, encourage all GSRs to attend pre-conference workshop. TWENTY-TWO: District is reorganizing itself, meets every Tuesday (alternates between business and Concept study), La Viña and PI committees are very active; working on next area event. TWENTY-THREE: 21 groups: 15 have GSRs; encouraging other groups with visitations TWENTY-FOUR: They use the area's rules of order in their business meetings; the Pre Conference will be in their district and there will be great food! TWENTY-FIVE: Business meetings on Mondays, visitations on Wednesdays and Fridays. Encouraging importance of GSR, La Viña, and 7th Tradition. THIRTY: Working on developing the district; thanked Don from District 15 for information and help.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Angelo 16 Pete 8, Scott 11, Brian 5, Steve 20, Karen 28, Kim 29, Enecio 13, Juan 19, Sharon 7, Joseph 21.

The next Area Service Committee meeting will be on
Sunday,
June 10th
at Best Western Plus Palm Desert Resort, 74695 CA-111, Palm Desert



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

⇒ May 5—Saturday 11 a.m. to 3:00 pm

Literature Workshop

7111 Arlington Ave., Suite B., Riverside

(Hosted by the Area Literature Committee which seeks to share experience with local groups so that they may generate interest in AA literature through attractive and organized displays)

⇒ May 20—Sunday—10:15 a.m.

Area Assembly (GSRs & ASC members vote), followed by lunch (11:15) and
Area 09 Delegate Conference Report at 12:00 noon!

West High School, 20401 Victor Street, Torrance

Hosted by District 1

⇒ June 10—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

(Proposals are presented; no votes taken)

Best Western Plus Palm Desert Resort, 74695 CA 111, Palm Desert

Hosted by District 23

⇒ July 8—Sunday—9 am to 3 pm

Area 09 Spanish-Speaking Foro

“AA Knows No Borders”

24112 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods (Gate 12, Clubhouse 2)

(English translation provided) Co-hosted by Districts 20 and 18

⇒ August 12—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

(ASC members will discuss and vote on which proposals to put on the September Assembly agenda) Hosted by District 10

⇒ September 9—Sunday

Area Assembly

Hosted by District 6

⇒ October 14—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

(Proposals are presented; no votes taken) Hosted by District 12

⇒ November 11—Sunday

Servathon

(focuses on various aspects of service work; roundtable discussions and reports)

Hosted by District 21

⇒ December 9—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

Hosted by District 7

MAY ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 20th

8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - Noon

12: 00 Noon

Registration, coffee & donuts

All committees will have their meetings.

Assembly call to order.

Lunch (hosted by District 1)

62nd General Service Conference

Report by MSCA 09 Panel 62 Delegate, Jeryl T.

West High School, 20401 Victor St., Torrance

OFFICERS

Delegate: Jeryl T.

Alt. Delegate: Sharon K.

Chairperson: Cesar F.

Secretary: Jesus O.

Treasurer: Annie D.

Registrar: Raul C.

COMMITTEE

CHAIRS, CO-CHAIRS
and other Area Service
Positions

ACC: Martin J.

Elec. Media: Kris C.

Elec. Equip: John W.

Translation: Santiago S.

Newsletter: Linda C.

Archives (Eng): Matt W.

Archives (Sp) : (open)

CEC: (open)

Convention (Eng): Lois L.

Convention (Sp): Mauricio T.

Corrections: Julio I.

CPC (Eng): Catherine

CPC (Sp): (open)

DCM School (Eng): Nikki N.

Finance: Tina B.

Grapevine: Justin S.

GSR School (Eng): Marita H.

GSR School (Sp): Marcelo C.

La Vina: Paco G.

Literature (Eng): Scott B.

Literature (Sp): Martin G.

P.I. (Eng): Bob D.

P.I. (Sp): (open)

Registration: Kristin F.

Special Needs (Eng): Jennifer

Special Needs (Sp): (open)

Treatment Fac: Steve S.

Archivist: Pete B.

Coffee: Tony M.

Copier: Jim C.

Sound: Jim B.

Web Coordinator: Rainer F.

Usual MEETING SCHEDULE (**but NOT at the May Assembly!**)

At most assemblies & ASCs:

9:00: Delegate's Sharing Session

9:00: GSR School & Finance Mtg

10:00: Committee Mtgs & DCM

School

11:15 a.m. Lunch

12 noon: ASC or Assembly