

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



May 11th - 7:00 pm
Group: District 2
Webb F., Reno, NV

Silver Legacy - 407 North Virginia St., Reno - Doors open at 6:30

April, 2019

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(The above is adapted and modified from "The AA Service Manual", and AA Co-Founder Bill W's. Twelve Concepts for World Service; Concept XII, as adopted by the General Service Conference on April 26, 1962. This adaptation of copyrighted AA material has been approved by the General Service Board)

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Hiking to Sobriety Trudging "the road of Happy Destiny" had a special meaning for these AA hikers

Back in 1999, when I was newly divorced and just over 50, I learned of a new wonderful and healthy activity. It was all about hiking the trails and climbing the hills of Connecticut. I threw myself into this new adventure with "complete abandon." The problem was that I was drinking daily and would be for the next 12 years. It wasn't until 2011 that I realized that my health was failing and my life was in jeopardy because of alcoholism.

After I surrendered, started attending AA meetings and working with a sponsor, my health improved and I was able to hike with enthusiasm. People heard me describing my experiences on the trails and the word got around. Soon I started getting inquiries about how to get started and equipped to hike safely and comfortably. On some occasions, I would be leading a group of 15 or 20 friends and 10 might be in AA. Anonymity was the word of the day. However, if we got down to just our AA members then we were able to talk about AA and how things were going for us in and around the rooms.

I found many of these people to be very adventurous, so I started sharing the longest trails and the biggest and most challenging hills with them. We did six to eight-mile hikes every weekend, even in the snow and ice. On one Father's Day weekend, our group and several other friends did a huge hike of almost 15 miles in the White Mountains. A special triangular shaped rock from Connecticut was labeled with AA-CT and placed in a secluded and beautiful spot on Mt Hale and a rock from Mt Hale is now labeled and displayed in my Memorial Hike Garden by my house. So now our group has collectively climbed five of the toughest mountains in N.H., including Mt Washington, as well as the 52 miles of the Appalachian Trail that crosses through Connecticut. We are very proud of this..

There is a wonderful feeling of peace and serenity in the woods. Many famous people have used walking through the forest as a way to relieve stress and solve problems. Try it sometime. You will surely meet some of us as you "trudge the Road of Happy Destiny."

Norm S., Southington, Conn.
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Elections for Steering Committee & NNIG Chairpersons
June 4th. See all positions available on Page 8!



AA's

Recovery Step Four:

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

Three

Unity Tradition Four:

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

Legacies

Service Concept Four:

"Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels, a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge" To better understand of this Concept, please read the full Concept IV in the A.A. Service Manual, page 17, and/or in AA Pamphlet P-8, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated." P-8, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated."

Concept IV: Right of Participation

Have you ever felt that your ideas of how to go about doing your job as an employee or as a volunteer were not appreciated? Or, that other ideas you had about your work situation were ignored? These are exact opposites of the meaning of "right of participation." Concept IV tells us that throughout our A.A. service structure we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "right of participation," taking care that each classification or group of our trusted servants be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must carry out.

Bill W. says the lessons learned about this right of participation, as in most A.A. lessons, came the hard way. In the early days A.A. headquarters was run on authoritarian and institutional lines. At that time, A.A.'s Trustees saw no reason to delegate their managerial powers or to work with voting participation with anyone outside their own body. The result was often grievous trouble and misunderstanding. It was years before we saw that we could never put all authority in one group and virtually all responsibility in another and then expect efficiency of operation, let alone real harmony. Participation can usually stop this sort of demoralizing nonsense before it starts. We are not order-takers nor rubber-stamps. We are participants and trusted servants.

Paraphrasing Bill further, he says that we are not against the idea of an ultimate authority. We are only against its misapplication and misuse. The "right of participation" is correction of a misuse or harshness in the application of authority.

Bill also discusses how the right of participation is important spiritually to us individually and to A.A. as a whole. This applies to our relationships with each other throughout our fellowship. All of us have a deep desire to belong and to be included. Because of this we prefer an A.A. relationship of "brotherly partnership." Among A.A. members, in our groups, and among our local and world service workers there should never be any who are considered "second class". "Right of participation" includes the attitude that all participants in A.A. make valid and important contributions to our work together.

By implication, this relationship of "brotherly partnership" would extend to how we treat each other as persons and how we respect and honor the job each person is doing. A past A.A. Trustee expands on this idea when she says that as we work together in A.A., it is not so much what we do or accomplish, but how well we treat each other while we do it that really matters. "Right of participation" includes having all our ideas both heard and respected.

This is a 12 part series written by members of the 12 Concepts Study Group in Reno, Nevada. Efforts were made to use simple, everyday language. Each concept is written by an individual member of the group and is not necessarily the opinion of AA as a whole or NNIG. We hope this series will help our community to understand the Concepts and bring interest to those wanting to know more about them.

NNIG & AREA EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings
Silver Legacy – 407 North Virginia Street, Reno 89501



Monthly Speaker Meeting
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Speaker at 7:00 PM



February 9, 2019

Host Group — Beginners Are Winners, Triangle Club 6:45am
Speaker — Pat & Mary D. (Reno, NV)
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

March 9, 2019

Host Group — Sisters of Sobriety, Buddhist Church 6pm Tuesday
Speaker — Ilene W. (Los Angeles, CA)
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

April 13, 2019

Host Group — District 2
Speaker — Webb F. (Reno, NV)
Location — Silver Baron A

May 11, 2019

Host Group — SouthSide, Unitarian Universalist Church 12pm
Speaker — Rachel B. (Los Angeles, CA)
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

June 8, 2019

Host Group — RENVYPAA, Triangle Club 2nd/4th Sunday 4pm
Long Timers Meeting (25+ years)
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

July 13, 2019

Host Group — Women's Just 4 Today, Triangle Club Monday 5:30pm
Speaker — Adrian L. (Sacramento, CA)
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A. – (775) 846-1120
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ ~5pm with the speaker

SAVE THE DATE

FOUNDERS DAY & NNIG'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 8, 2019 FOOD, GAMES

RAFFLE

FELLOWSHIP

98 RICHARDS WAY

SPARKS NV

MORE AREA EVENTS



12th International Conference
Reno-Tahoe, Nevada

May 19-21, 2019



Our Lives Have Just Begun

The Conference focuses on alcoholism, recovery and the aging process for Seniors:

- Seniors in Sobriety History & Culture
- Coping with Grief and Losses
- Workshop Discussions

Silver Legacy Resort & Casino
407 N. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89501

Main Speakers:
Mark L. - San Jose CA
Leslie K. - Modesto CA

Features of the Conference:

- AA, Al-Anon participation
- Pre & Post Scenic Tours are available
- Rise and Shine Early Meditation & Yoga

www.renotahoesis2019.com
P.O. Box 11011 Reno, NV 89510-9998

For more info contact:
775-399-4627
sireg2019@gmail

11th Step Retreat
Spiritual Oneness – Sought Through Prayer & Meditation

Zephyr Point Conference Center Lake Tahoe
660 US-50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

Friday, May 31st at 4 PM through Sunday, June 2nd at 11 AM



A \$130 registration fee includes:

- 5 Amazing meals with plentiful snacks & beverages
- 2 Nights lodging with your choice of 2, 3, or 4 people to a room
- Meetings, yoga, guided meditation, spiritual nourishment, fellowship & fun
- Your participation to help cook, clean and keep costs low

Registration closes May 2nd and is limited to attendees.

This is open to anyone in recovery.

*No refunds, you will need to find a substitute for your registration if you are unable to attend.
Questions? Contact Conference Chair, Sara Keyes, at 951-515-1601 OR Registration Chair, Nancy Whitten at 775-696-8599

NAME	
ADDRESS	
EMAIL	
PHONE	
ROOMMATE(S) REQUEST	
SCHOLARSHIP DONATION (OPTIONAL)	\$
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$

Payment by check only. Make checks payable to "11th Step Retreat". Send check with registration form to: Nancy Whitten 1895 Woodlawn Lane, Sparks, NV 89434

Serenity in the Sierras XXX
July 18-21, 2019
Eagles Nest
Campground at Camp
Richardson



Dear NNIG Fellowship,

- Volunteer hours- 86.5 hours
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Thank you all for getting the word out about the need for volunteers at the office. We just have Saturdays open! Volunteers do not need to commit to a full 4 hour shift on Saturdays if needed. Thursday's at 1:30 the Archive Committee meets at the office, please come in to the office and have fun putting our local history together.

Ronda
Central Office Manager

The Birthday Club

MARCH

Kent L. 37 Years

Rob L. 9 Years



February 2019

Joe R. 20 Years

William M. 28 Years

January 2019

Joan H. 47 Years

November 2018

Leslie S. 21 Years

Cheryl Z. 23 Years

Mike M. 34 Years

October 2018

Sharon F. 34 Years

September 2018

Mike H. 23 Years

August 2018

Kim D. 41 Years

Tonia J. 17 Years

Danny S. 16 Years

July 2018

Paul M. 27 Years

Linda 26 Years

Sandra 23 Years

Barbara M. 43 Years

Joanne P. 6 Years

June 2018

Kyle 36 Years

May 2018

Susanne T. 24 Years

Donn T. 28 Years

April 2018

Ron T. 7 Years

Jack W. 33 Years

Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the A.A. Birthday Club? Sign Up today be featured in the Bracer

Show your Support for your NNIG Central Office and join the Birthday Club

A donation of only one dollar for every year of your Sobriety Birthday.

Envelopes available at Central Office,

NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

Good Life Group

7:00 AM Monday
452 Old Mammoth Rd.
3rd Floor Conference Room
Mammoth Lakes, CA

Beginners are Winners

Daily 6:45 AM
Triangle Club
635 S. Wells Ave.
Reno, NV

Early Birds

Mon-Sat 6:45 AM
412 W. Musser St.
Carson City, NV

AA ANSWERING SERVICE NUMBERS

Reno, Sparks, Carson City and all of Northern Nevada: (775) 355-1151
Las Vegas and all of Southern Nevada: (702) 598-1888
Mammoth Lake: (760) 934-3434
North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126
South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243
Susanville, CA: (775) 355-1151

Daily Reflections Group

Daily 8:00 AM
Wednesday 5:30 PM
1276 Pit Road
Gardnerville, NV

Sunday Morning

Speaker Group
Sunday 11:00 AM
1640 Prater Way
Sparks, NV

N.N.I.G. STEERING COMMITTEE
 Last Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM
 Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

N.N.I.G. BUSINESS MEETING
 First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM
 Alano Club, 1640 Prater Way, Sparks

N.N.I.G. MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING
 7:00 PM Silver Legacy - Silver Baron A

N.N.I.G CPC/PI
 Second Sunday of each month, 2:00 – 3:30 PM
 Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

N.N.I.G. H&I
 Last Thursday of each month, 5:15 PM
 Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
H&I, BRIDGING THE GAP
 FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
 5:30 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

CPC/PI NOT CURRENTLY MEETING

YPAA MEETINGS
TITYPAA, 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY 6:30
 PM, 8425 DOLLY VARDEN AVE, KINGS
 BEACH, CA

RENVYPAA 2ND&4TH SUNDAY 4:00
 PM, 635 WELLS AVE., UPSTAIRS

District Meetings

DISTRICT-2 Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM-Reno
 Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd. Reno

DISTRICT 4 First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno
 Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue Reno

DISTRICT 6 2nd Sunday of even numbered months-For
 information email district6@nevadaarea42.org

DISTRICT 8 First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months
 Call (760) 937-8407

DISTRICT 10A Third Sunday of every other month, 1:30 PM
 680 River St. Elko, NV

DISTRICT 10B Last Sunday Odd Numbered Months @
 10:00AM Rotating Group Locations –
 Call (775)403-0869

DISTRICT 11 Only holds meetings 4 time a year, call DCM

DISTRICT 12 2nd Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM- 457
 Esmeralda Street Wolf Center, Fallon NV

DISTRICT 14 3rd Mon of each "Odd" month at 6:00 PM -265
 Bear Street in Kings Beach CA

DISTRICT 16 Meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of the month
 Sparks Family Christian Church 510 Greenbrae
 Blvd 6:00PM-7:00PM

DISTRICT 18 DARK DISTRICT

DISTRICT 20 First Saturday of every month 1:30 PM- 50
 South Weatherlow, Susanville

DISTRICT 22 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 6:30 PM @
 Central Office

Volunteers are needed to take meetings into hospitals, institutions and treatment centers. Please contact Central Office or Treatment Chair Rob L. for more information.

AREA CLUBS

Reno / Sparks Clubs
 Alano Club Sparks, 1640 Prater Way (775) 359-2727
 Driars Club Reno 345 S. Wells Avenue (775) 324-9210
 Triangle Club Reno 635 S Wells Avenue (775) 324-7977

Clubs outside Reno/Sparks Area
 Alano Club Carson City, 1800 HWY 50 East (775) 882-0443
 Bishop Alano Club (760) 873-6700
 Elko Alano Club (775) 738-4747
 Las Vegas Triangle Club (702) 435-0597
 South Lake Tahoe (530) 541-1243

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR ELECTIONS JUNE 4, 2019

POSITIONS	SOBRIETY
<u>Steering Committee</u>	
CHAIRPERSON	5 Years
VICE-CHAIR	5 Years
SECRETARY	2 Years
TREASURE	5
Years	
2-INTERGROUP LIASONS	2 Years
<u>NNIG Chairpersons</u>	
Activities Events - Chair	4 Years
Answering Service - Chair	2 Years
Bracer Newsletter - Chair	2 Years
CPC/PI - Cooperation with the	2 Years
Professional Community - Chair	
Public Information - Chair	2 Years
H&I - Chair	2
Years	
Bridging the Gap - Chair	2 Years
Corrections - Chair	2 Years
Treatment - Chair	2 Years
Pink Can, Literature	2 Years
Monthly Speaker Meeting - Chair	2 Years
Sunshine Committee - Chair	2 Years
Web Site - Chair	2 Years

Look in the Operating Procedures on the website at nning.org for qualifications for these positions, find the one that fits you, or someone you know, and come to the June meeting for elections.

2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CENTRAL OFFICE

Monday February 18, Presidents' Day – Closed
 Monday May 27, Memorial Day –Closed
 Monday September 2, Labor Day – Closed
 Friday October 25, Nevada Day – Closed
 Monday November 11 Veterans Day – Closed
 Thursday November 21, Thanksgiving – Closed
 Friday November 22, Family Day – Closed
 Wednesday December 25, Christmas – Closed
 Tuesday December 31, 2019 Inventory – Closed

Submit this form or call Central Office to get on the list.

12 STEP Volunteer Application Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sobriety Date: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Phone # _____ Location/City: _____

Available: _____ Days: _____ Times: _____

serving our group members in the pursuit of their personal sobriety.

The inventory is a place where your views on the question asked can be heard. No one has to speak if they don't want to, but when it comes around to your turn on any particular question, you get to say what you think. It is important to note that the focus of the exercise is to talk about how our group is doing, not what AA as a whole ought to do, or what you as an individual AA member could do or what some other A.A. member ought to do. It is a group inventory, not a personal one. The corollary of this aspect is that even if no one around the room agrees with you, you have been able to say what you think out loud and it doesn't have to be supported by any darn thing at all. (There is no crosstalk at an inventory). That is a very powerful aspect of an Inventory and leads nicely to the next point.

It doesn't matter how much sobriety you have. Not one little bit. 40 years or 40 minutes, if you say you are a member, you get equal airtime. I have found in moderating inventories that often the youngest members in the room have the best ideas.

At the risk of sounding "sponsor-ish," an inventory gives you the unique opportunity to listen to and digest the views of another member while not in the course of heated one-on-one discussion, mulling those thoughts around privately in your mind, perhaps later taking this thinking to your sponsor for quiet discussion and resolution. This has the effect of helping to open our minds—and that's never a bad thing.

An assigned scribe takes notes and in reasonable time produces for the group a list of thoughts and suggestions that come to light from each question of the inventory. It is a great practice to get into that when you have time left over at the end of your regular business meetings to try to address some of these issues. It is important to note that no motions are made or accepted at an inventory. Business meetings are where we can make change, if desired, through normal procedure to produce group conscience.

So why then ought you either organize or attend your group's inventory? First, it is your right to be heard, but I think, more importantly, it is your duty from a 12th Step perspective to give back what was so freely given you. It might also be suggested that if you don't attend the inventory (and regular business meetings) your ability to criticize is lessened.

I am so proud of our group that I often am insufferable when describing it to others, but that is my nature. I never take it for granted that our group is as it is because of some divine intervention or because it happens to be on an upswing of popularity in the Toronto area; it's the way it is because we work hard to make it the greatest group in the world for us and for AA. We use the 36 Principles (Steps, Traditions & Concepts) as well as inventories like this assiduously; every tool in the AA toolbox as it were. Our group works because we show up. You can do the same. Have a group inventory if you haven't had one in a while. And ask your sponsees to attend. Give them this piece if they don't know what an Inventory is. And for some of you, ask your sponsors, who may not know this aspect of AA or may have forgotten it. We need you. After all, you're all your group's got.

Group Inventory: A Privilege and a Duty

Bringing your group together on a regular basis for formal reflection and inventory taking helps your group—and AA as a whole



My group is just about to gather for its bi-annual group inventory, facilitated by our area chairperson.

As Panel 63 delegate for Area 83, having facilitated many inventories, I would like

to share some personal observations around AA inventories in general and our upcoming group inventory in particular. Our group conscience states that our group will complete the exercise of a formal group inventory in the fall of every even year.

On a macro level, the first point I would raise is that I have yet to run into any group in our area that schedules a regular group inventory, and there are nearly 1,000 registered groups. We are (so far as I know) unique in that respect. As well, I believe there is only one district in our area (out of 25) that have it as a part of their operating procedures and even our Area does not have it enshrined. Though our area has just completed an inventory, it was called willy-nilly with the last one being undertaken in 2009. The General Service Office completed a three-year inventory in 2015.

The other point I'd like to raise, which relates to the first and I believe to be of paramount importance, is that with very few exceptions, each inventory I've facilitated as a D.C.M., an area chair or alternate delegate was called to help a sick, ailing group or district because there was friction or trouble within that group or district. Something was not working right and an inventory was sought to see if corrections or adjustments could be made. In contrast, our group inventory is called when we are healthy, like a good yearly doctor's physical, not when we are sick, like a hospital emergency room visit. We are very proud of that fact and I truly believe it is one of the many reasons our Group is so consistently healthy.

On a micro level, there are a myriad of things to recommend an inventory but I will focus on just these few:

An inventory held outside of regular meeting times is a special event, not subject to the set-piece timing of a regular home-group meeting. It is a chance to mingle and talk to people over an extended period of time, to get to know them a little better. (Our group does a potluck lunch.)

It is an event that one can prepare for. Typically, our group follows the 13 Questions as laid out in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" (though any agreed format can be used). These questions are distributed to all members before the inventory takes place so members can prepare their thoughts as well as what they are going to say when it is their time to speak (if they decide to at all). It is not a free-for-all, but a finely choreographed effort to get at some of the "truths" of the health of the group. The "truths" we seek are mostly around our stock and trade, how we, as a group, are carrying out AA's primary purpose, but also concern how we are

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2019

Group	March	YTD	Group	March	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group		50.00	Happy Hour Reno		150.00
A Way Home		0.00	Incline Village Fellowship		50.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		0.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		45.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		58.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		0.00
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Lake		10.25
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Mammoth Lakes Group	50.00	50.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	McGill NV Freedom Group		25.00
Alano Sunshine Group	132.97	132.97	Minden Language of the Heart		0.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		150.00
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group	36.00	36.00
Amen Maintenance Meeting	150.00	150.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	90.88	167.06
Austin Group		39.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room	400.00	800.00
Back Room Group		29.43			
Back to Basics Saturday Night		123.50	NNIG Business Meeting	32.00	75.00
Bare Bones		0.00	Our Common Welfare		5.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	30.00	Out and Sober		20.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Page by Page		0.00
Blairsdan Greagle Group		0.00	Portola Group		200.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group		0.00
Buena Vista Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		0.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		12.80	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		0.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		0.00
Carson After Shifters		2.32	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	450.00
Carson Airport	20.00	59.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		750.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		250.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		0.00
Carson Brown Baggers		0.00	RTC Just for Today Women		0.00
Carson Dr. Bob's Nightngales		0.00	RTC Coffee with Bill	70.00	70.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		0.00
Carson Early Birds		339.42	RTC Big Book Study		0.00
Carson Happy Hour		0.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		0.00	RTC Mid Day Group		0.00
Carson Language of the Heart		60.00	RTC Grapevine/Big Book		50.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		0.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		100.00
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		0.00
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station		28.80	RTC New Awakenings Group		342.24
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude	56.02	56.02	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		100.00
Chester Fellowship		30.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Choices		0.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Colfax Blue Canyon Group		6.10			
Cornerstone Group		0.00	Serenity Sisters		0.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		0.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		200.00	Silver Springs Groups		50.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62	375.00	375.00	Sisters in Sobriety		0.00
Dayton Sunday Morning		0.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Disdrict 2		0.00			
District 12		0.00	South Shore Group		0.00
District 14	50.00	50.00	Southside Group	222.80	748.85
District 22	40.00	125.00	Stagecoach Friends of Bill		0.00
District 6		0.00	South Reno on Sunday		363.00
Driar's 4th Dimension		0.00	Step 1		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		0.00
Driar's Positive Step		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		0.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		0.00	Sunnyside Group		0.00
Driar's Support Hose	50.00	50.00	Susanville Thursday Night		25.00
End of the Road Group		0.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eye Opener	91.00	176.00	The Rock Group	86.00	166.00
Fallon Language of the Heart		0.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		1000.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		150.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol		0.00
Fernley Groups		200.00	Truckee Fellowship	100.00	100.00
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Verdi Bookies		0.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Virginia City Plug in the Jug		0.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		0.00
Greenville Group		0.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Ground Zero		0.00	Westwood Monday Night		0.00
Grupo Accion		10.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		40.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		0.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	10.00	30.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		100.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Beginnings		55.50
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	25.00	Women's New Harmony	100.00	100.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		20.00	Women Down and Dirty		0.00
RENVYPAA		0.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Twilight Zone		60.00			
			Total	2,232.67	9,322.26

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

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Northern Nevada Intergroup
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
March 2019

	Mar 19	Mar 18	Jan - Mar 19
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 - Income - General			
4500 - Faithful Fivers	80.00	255.00	285.00
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	15.00	15.00	22.00
4800 - Other Copy Reimbursements	184.25	103.50	471.15
4600 - Individual Contributions	120.07	73.00	608.65
4550 - Group Contributions	2,232.67	1,655.69	9,322.26
4200 - Birthday Contributions	38.00	71.00	134.00
4000 - Income - General - Other	12.00	0.00	103.78
Total 4000 - Income - General	2,681.99	2,173.19	10,946.84
4002 - Income - Event Revenues			
Event Revenues			
Gratitude Dinner			
4435 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Speaker Meeting			
4440 - Revenue	653.63	365.84	1,737.01
4445 - Expenses	-75.00	-75.00	-358.60
Total Speaker Meeting	578.63	290.84	1,378.41
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
4480 - Revenue	4,578.87	4,695.53	4,578.87
4485 - Expenses	-3,109.94	-2,615.00	-4,370.24
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	1,468.93	2,080.53	208.63
Total Event Revenues	2,047.56	2,371.37	587.04
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales			
4700 - Merchandise Sales	6,364.54	8,751.76	21,053.55
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales - Other	0.00	0.00	2.70
Total 4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	6,364.54	8,751.76	21,056.25
4900 - Interest Income	3.83	1.39	11.95
Total Income	11,097.92	13,297.71	32,602.08
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,511.37	4,961.81	11,668.61
Total COGS	3,511.37	4,961.81	11,668.61
Gross Profit	7,586.55	8,335.90	20,933.47
Expense			
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	1,517.50	1,315.00
5180 - CC Service Fees	196.37	165.68	736.04
5181 - Convention expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
5210 - Storage Unit	90.00	90.00	180.00
5220 - Shipping Charges	51.05	0.00	341.75
5230 - Alarm System	0.00	0.00	139.68
5235 - Committee Expenses	149.88	0.00	402.88
5240 - Compensation			
5240.1 - Wages - Director	4,920.00	2,883.42	10,980.00
5240.2 - Wages - Assistant	1,218.00	2,028.45	2,664.00
Total 5240 - Compensation	6,138.00	4,911.87	13,644.00
5250 - Computer expenses	40.90	24.95	113.30
5260 - Copier Lease	340.31	0.00	1,363.18
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	0.00	0.00	15.00
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	70.00	0.00
5290 - Office Supplies	154.18	229.58	279.17
5310 - Paper	0.00	130.51	125.22
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	467.94	730.07	1,042.16
5390 - Rental Expenses	176.74	117.87	546.56
Ordinary Income/Expense			
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Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions

Group Contributions 2019 YTD

Group	March	YTD Total
4th Dimension	38.25	190.58
Anonymous	53.47	53.47
Alamo Afternoon Serenity	124.00	124.00
Alamo Brown Baggers	52.00	52.00
Alamo Club Jay Walkers	114.28	311.62
Alamo Dawn Patrol	63.00	234.40
Alamo Sunday Morning Speaker		67.00
Alamo Sunshine Group	110.75	155.55
Back Room Group		48.25
Battle Mountain Group	30.00	76.00
Blandford Sisters Group		245.93
Caring and Sharing Stead	36.19	149.55
Carson After Shifters		695.16
Carson City Early Birds		100.00
Carson City Happy Hour		56.00
Carson City Sunday Fire Station		181.49
Carson Language of the Heart		600.00
Carson Men's No 85		62.30
Carson Sand Baggers		41.00
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		44.00
Corner Stone Group		126.00
Dixton Sunday Morning		250.00
Dixons Keep it Simple		61.41
End of the Road Group	126.00	126.00
Eye Opener	250.00	650.00
Farmly Groups	70.00	132.00
Fireside Group	61.41	61.41
Grayagle		
Ground Zero		265.50
Happy Hour		
Incline to be Sober		
Individual		
King Beach AA Golden Group	105.00	257.00
Knuckle Heads		117.00
Ladies of the Evening		54.00
Minden Gardnersville Group	308.22	634.58
Minden Saturday Night Fever		94.00
Minden Stephanie Way Group	58.25	172.69
Minden Wednesday Night Live		36.00
Mount Rose Recovery Group	35.26	119.22
Northern California Hill		
Out and Sober		
Portola Group		
Positive Step		
Pyramid Way Group		53.00
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	75.00
RTC ALDHA		
Salvation Army		
Sermons in Sobriety		66.65
Serenity on Sunday		
Sierraville Book Study		72.00
Slide Mountain Serenity		
South Reno on Sunday	54.00	240.00
Southside Group		
Staying Sober		
Step 1		
Sunnyside	111.27	327.30
Support Here		
The Rock Group		
Truckee Bookies		
Truckee River Men's	216.00	115.00
Verdi Bookies	50.00	58.46
Verdi Greene Pastures		
Virginia City Plug in the Jug		
Wednesday Night Live		

Group Contributions 2019 YTD

Group	March	YTD Total
Women's Just For Today		85.00
Women's New Beginnings	72.80	303.44
Women's New Harmony		
Women's Night Out		
Women on Wednesday		
Women's 24 Hours A Day		
Young At Heart		
March Income/YTD	2132.95	7566.32
February 2019 Balance Forward	3563.25	
Account Balance	5696.20	
February YTD Distributed	623.00	
Ending Balance	5073.15	

Distributed Literature 2019 YTD

Facilities	March	YTD Total
PAID & COLLECTIONS		
Carson City Jail		1136.00
Carson City Warm Springs		
NIICC Carson Prison		
Douglas County Jail		
Church Hill County Jail		
Lander County Jail		
High Desert State Prison		1422.25
Humboldt County Jail		
Jan Evans Detention Center	528.00	528.00
California Correction Center (Susanville)		
Lakes Crossing		
LoveLock Prison		
NI Transitional Housing		
Warm Springs Prison		
Stewart Corrections Camp		1088.70
Washoe County - Parr		
Washoe Courts - 58277		
Florence McClure Women's Prison	17.65	17.65
Wells Conservation Camp		
TREATMENT & HOSPITALS		
Brittelle - Residential	53.40	53.40
Carson Behavioral Health		
Stewart Corrections Center		553.00
Carson Tahoe Detox		
Crossroads - Main Campus		
Crossroads - River House		
Employment Center Women		
Gospel Mission		
New Frontiers - Fallon		
NI Adult Mental Health Services	16.00	440.00
Renown Behavioral Health		
Ridge House		
Saint Vincent's		
Salvation Army		
Step 1 - Men		
Step 2 - Women		240.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		
VA Hospital		
WTH		
BRIDGING THE GAP SUPPLIES		
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA		20.00
Office Supplies		82.50
Total	80.00	5,331.50
Corrections Chair - Charlotte C. (775) 888-0741		
Treatment Chair - Ryan S. (775) 948-8154		
H&I Treasurer - Dru G. (775) 815-9924		
Bridging The Gap Chair - Cindy M. (775)835-2990		

NNIG ENDING CASH BALANCES

March 31, 2019

	Balance	Goal Reserve	Difference
Administrative Funds:			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	-
General Checking	21,289.63	9,000.00	12,289.63
Administrative Balance	21,589.63	9,300.00	12,289.63
Interest Bearing Accounts (Prudent Reserve)			
Savings	25,845.10	26,000.00	(154.90)
CD 1	5,032.69	5,000.00	32.69
CD 2	5,152.43	5,000.00	152.43
36,030.22	36,000.00	30.22	
Hold for Capital Expenditures			30.22
Other Checking Balances:			
Events Balance ***	4,000.00		
Total Cash on Hand (A)	61,619.85		
12 months operating expenses (2017)			108,000.00
Monthly Average			9,000.00
4 months prudent reserve (Rounded UP)			>>>> \$ 36,000.00

*** Events Funds
General Events Reserve 4,000.00
Corned Beef & Cribbage
Founders Day Picnic
Halloween Event
Gratitude Dinner
New Year's Party
4,000.00

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The Twelve Steps Revisited/Step 4

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

JUST to show how easy it is to take somebody else's inventory, here's a little story. Some time ago I visited my old group, noticed a rift between a wealthy retired clique and some working stiffs, and suggested it was time to take group inventory. There quickly descends on my head the wrath of an old-timer, eighteen years dry. His neck red and cheeks mottled, he demanded to know how I could have the effrontery to criticize this group.

It was easy for me to see that he could have corrected me without the flare-up. Having disposed of the group's and the old-timer's shortcomings, I thought of doing a little Step-Four job on my own. Before long, the flaws of the others seemed puny by comparison.

Step Four is, in this one man's view, the hardest, trickiest, most dangerous and most perplexing of all the Steps. It is the threshold to self-knowledge; without crossing it one can never enter the castle of serenity. Yet one can stumble on it and fall into the moat of despair. Many "cafeteria-style" AAs, who advocate helping yourself to such Steps as you have an appetite for, fight shy of it. The Big Book, however, considers it so important that it gives Step Four more pages (seven) than are allotted to any other Step.

When I first came into AA fourteen years ago it was Step Four, more than anything else, that called a halt to my constant complaining and blaming my woes on others. It set me to scrubbing up my own behavior. Seven years later, I saw Step Four as the pivot on which we are turned from being a problem to society toward being a help with society's problems. Writing "The Twelve Steps and the Older Member" in these pages seven years ago, I discovered through Step Four that "We are not the only sick people in the world! There are others, and they need our help! With this realization we end our spiritual retreat and begin our advance."

Now the question arises, have the last seven years taught me anything further about Step Four? I think they have, and would list these things: The Need of a New Self-Image; the Meaning of the Word "Moral"; the Source of Fear; the Road Block: Self-Reliance; the Trap: Self-Accusation; the Importance of Writing It Down.

The founders of AA attached great importance to writing our inventory down on paper. We can't stay sober unless we do something about the behavior that so antagonized people. To do this we must examine ourselves the bad parts as well as the good. The human mind tends to exclude attention to anything bad about itself. Paper, however, ignores mental whimsy. Once it's written down it stays--a helpful reminder and a goad to complete an unfinished job.

So, practicing a little of what I'm preaching, I'll write down a little of my current inventory. Bear in mind that the title of this series is "The Twelve Steps Revisited." It's something for the older guy and gal, mainly, and has to do with some of the problems of getting on in AA, and in years.

When I take inventory these days, the most persistent of the useless items found is an outdated self-image. As a young man I was a flat-bellied, lean-jawed, wavy-haired egotist, more or less constantly, and more or less successfully, on the make. I married late in my twenties, after years of thinking of myself as a handsome rogue. I am appalled at the persistence of self-images formed when we were young. Today I am no longer handsome and trying hard not to be a rogue. My paunch cannot be concealed, a bag of wrinkled skin resembling a turkey's wattle is forming under my chin, my hair is almost white, and attractive young women always call me "Sir." Yet, in spite of myself, the old habit of wanting to

play juvenile heroes persists; there are times when, compulsively, I think of myself as an up-and-coming young man.

Years of inventory-taking have taught me that an unrealistic self-image is a prime source of fear and resentment. When we live in a sand castle made of fantasy, or of memories of yesteryear, waves of truth are always threatening to wash it away. The impending loss of our stronghold makes us fearful. Resentfully, we defend it against the rising tide of reason. However, the minute I adjust my self-image to what I really am--a middle-aged alcoholic, grateful for his recovery and aware of his limited importance--fear and resentment begin to dissolve. When my notions about myself are in line with the truth about myself, I am relatively at peace.

I think that understanding this has helped me to be a little more patient with other people. The old-timer who got sore when I suggested a group inventory is a case in point. Rich, distinguished-looking and retired, he had become a little smug in his AA cocoon. He thought of the group as a band of angels living in perfect harmony, with himself presiding benignly as chief angel. Scared when his illusion was threatened, he resentfully denied that dissension existed. My guess is that he'll simmer down when he begins to see himself and the group as we really are--a group of former drunks still short of sainthood. As for myself, I'm beginning to see that I could have proposed the group inventory more tactfully.

In the past seven years I have come to a new idea about the meaning of "moral." I used to be afraid of that word. It had an accusing quality that made me cringe. I now see that it has to do with my own notion of my reason for being on earth. If I'm doing what I think I'm for, I'm moral. If not, I'm immoral.

People, I have found, can have all sorts of ideas about what they're for, therefore all sorts of moralities. To the hedonistic philosopher, the highest morality is to have a good time. As I have worked it out, with AA's help, a Higher Power is busy at something called evolution, which is mainly helping creatures, including myself, to improve. I conceive my purpose in life to be co-operating in this work. So, when I take a "moral" inventory, I judge my actions on a basis of whether they help or hinder someone in this journey toward becoming something better.

When I was small, I was severely scolded or beaten up when I did something wrong. In taking some of my early inventories I tended to raise hob with myself when I discovered obvious character defects. This, I eventually learned, was the self-castigation that leads to despair, not the self-examination that leads to improvement. I now believe that the greatest defects are intolerance and unforgiveness. We have to leave the door open for good-humored acceptance of our shortcomings, once we've discovered them, as a preliminary to getting rid of them. Self-scolding only makes us miserable.

There is good reason for us to be self-forgiving. Some of our worst character defects were not of our own making, but were taught by social custom from our birth. All the slogans that make for self-centeredness--Paddle Your Own Canoe; God Helps Those Who Help Themselves; Stand On Your Own Two Feet; Get Ahead; The Early Bird Gets the Worm; Devil Take the Hindmost; Freedom of Choice--were hammered into us from childhood and taught as high virtues. Little wonder that we turn out to be inconsiderate of others. Little wonder that we have trouble changing, once we decide to try to be a little more friendly, a little more human. I have come to think that I have relatively little freedom of choice and action, and very little power of my own. What matters in Step Four, I believe, is how we use what little power we have.

Seen in this way, there is nothing about Step Four to be afraid of. That being the case, we can make an inventory that is really fearless, as well as really searching. And we ought to write it down..

--J.E., Guilford, Connecticut
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NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Business Meeting Minutes April 2, 2019 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Meeting opened at 6:35 by Paul M., Chairman. Opened with the Serenity Prayer. NNIG Preamble was read by Dan. Cathy read the Twelve Traditions. Introductions were made. No announcements. 3 birthdays were celebrated. Minutes from February were passed with no corrections. March minutes were not available yet. Treasurer's Report given by Kathy. Treasurer's report was motioned, 2nd and passed. Central Office Report given by Ronda We had 101 Volunteer hours. Calls for AA help-5, Calls for Alanon/Alateen-2, Meeting information-50, Retail/merchandise-18, Other 12 Step programs-1, Events-26, Business/Central office-88, Visitors-322. We had a volunteer/employee meeting this month. The sobriety in the meeting was over 150 years, just amazing. Most volunteer positions are filled but we are always looking for volunteers, please call the office. Activities Chair, Tina G. Corned Beef and Cribbage was a great success. Founders day picnic and NNIG 45th anniversary will be celebrated the same Day, June 8, 2019 at Richards Way Park in Sparks. Barbara and I researched a lot of Parks in Reno and settled on Richards Way Park in Sparks where the picnic used to be held. Gratitude dinner reported by Sharon. Gratitude dinner will be held at the Atlantis this year. We are looking at selling 600 tickets but the facility will hold 800. Tickets are \$47.00 and will go on sale at the Central Office on June 15th. Answering Service Chair Mark Z. reported they are fully staffed with 6 alternates. Bracer Chair Emily reported the Bracer isn't complete due to a lack of timely receipt of required information and awaiting renewal of AA Grapevine Subscription. CPC Chair Ben M. reported Recently I contacted Kristen Alexander, Operations Manager for Medical Education at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine to re-establish a rapport with A.A. I offered A.A.'s assistance escorting students to meetings, answering any other questions, and literature available for them. This was all done by voicemail including my phone number. I did speak to Sara Lee, Program Attorney of National Judicial College at U.N.R. Monday, May 20, 2019 - Thursday, May 23, 2019 an IMPAIRED DRIVING CASE ESSENTIALS course will take place at the judicial college. One facet of this course is traffic judges listening to A.A. member's testimonies of their experiences with D.U.I.'s and negotiating the court system. Sara Lee has requested a panel of A.A. members to occupy a 50 minute slot of testimony and discussion. Sara stated she would like to explore details for the event after April 16th. PI Chair Tom reported: This month we are going to Damonte Ranch high school on the 15th and 16th And to Hug High on the 19th. In May we will be going to Reed High and McQueen High. Also we have offered to deliver the introduction to AA pamphlets to the courts. Correctional Facilities Pat Brennan reporting on behalf of your NNIG Corrections Chair Charlotte C. who is on vacation. The first, and probably the most important thing I can report to you tonight is that an A.A. member need not have had the experience of being incarcerated themselves in order do Corrections Service work. In fact, the opposite is most often true; we need volunteers who have "clean finger prints, no incarceration history, in order to obtain clearance to carry our message into correctional facilities. Volunteers receive all the training they need to take meetings into these facilities, and we always go in pairs. Our newest and most pressing opportunity is with the State of Nevada facility in downtown Reno - Northern Nevada Transitional Housing, (NNTH). This is a minimum security men's facility that is asking us to bring an A.A. meeting into their facility. We are seeking volunteers to make a once per month commitment to take a meeting into this facility on Sundays from 10AM - 11AM. We have flyers on the table detailing this opportunity and I have also have some volunteer applications with me tonight. Applications can also be obtained at the Central Office. The second pressing opportunity is with our GSO coordinated Corrections Correspondence Program. An email from the GSO came out this week announcing a call for additional male volunteers for CCS. There are currently 200 inmates on a waiting list for outside correspondent volunteers. The only requirement for this service is the willingness to write, on average, one letter a month to an inmate in a distant part of the country and share your recovery experience, strength, and hope. I have an information flyer and applications for Corrections Correspondence Service on the table. Men and women are encouraged to apply. Those of us who participated in the orientation training for Parr Blvd are awaiting word from officials there on our final clearance to take additional men's and women's meetings into this facility. To volunteer or for more information on Corrections service, please call Pat B. at 707-483-7181 or Ashley B. at 775-379-3297 Treatment Facilities Ryan Shuff Contact Information: 775-848-8154 REPORT: Set up email address for treatment chair for others to distribute, post online, put on business cards, etc. The treatment chair email is nvtreatmentchair@gmail.com We received a call that West Hills needed a someone to take a meeting into their facility on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of each month at 5:30 pm. I was able to fill the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday slots (Christine, Mark and Kevin respectively). We were contacted by Kristen Stemmer with Vitality Unlimited, Targeted Case Manager, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (680 W. Nye Ln # 202, Carson City, NV. 89701, Phone: 775.461.0754 ext.108 Fax: 775.461.0512) requesting information and meetings at their new facility. I have been in contact with her present. Bridging the Gap-Cyndy Bridging the Gap is doing really well. Several new people volunteered to become presenters this past month and will begin presenting in April at the treatment centers that Bridging the Gap goes into. They are very excited to being able to do this important 12th Step work. By presenting the Bridging the Gap program or through sharing their experience in Alcoholics Anonymous with the men and women in these treatment facilities, our fellow AA's are carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who are still suffering and perhaps, by being the "first Big Book" some of these people ever see, opening the doors to recovery for someone who signs up for a Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact as a result of hearing the presentation. If you would like to become part of this essential 12th Step work, or have a sponsee who needs a commitment and has a year of sobriety, please consider becoming a Bridging the Gap presenter, speaker or Temporary Contact. You can contact me @ faithgrows95@gmail.com H & I Treasurer Dru reported she will be stepping down for personal reasons. If anyone is interested she will be happy to take them under her wing and show them how this position works. She also read a letter from an inmate thanking the groups for literature they are able to receive. Full treasurers report can be found in the Bracer. Speaker Committee Chair-Brian A., was not in attendance, however, the next speaker meeting will be held April 13th, hosted by District 2. Speaker will be Webb F. from Reno. May 11th Speaker will be Rachel B. from Los Angeles hosted by the Southside Group. June 8th meeting is our Long Timers meeting, hosted by RENVYPAA. Sunshine Committee- Hi I'm Stacy your Sunshine Committee Chair. We visited two members for a total of six visits. One of them was moved to Carson City three weeks ago and I have been going down there at least once a week. I could use someone from there to step up and help out so that she could get more than one visit a week. Also I would like to remind everyone that this is not a 12 step service, that is a different committee and it is always best if I can talk to the person that I am going to set up a visit for to arrange a good time for them and my committee. When people are in the hospital I do need their last name, it is very hard to find someone when you just know their first name. Thanks, Stacy Web Site Chair-Ollie resigned after 8 years to the day as our Web Master. He received a standing ovation for his continued service. Ollie burned a CD with all the different Web Sites over the last 8 years. Marshall, as the Co-Chair will take over the position as Web Master. Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison-Pat S. The well-attended March NAGSC meeting held in Reno was our annual Roundtable meeting to discuss agenda topics selected by our Delegate, Rhonda, to carry back to our home groups for further discussion prior to the next Assembly. Rhonda was present as were four past delegates. The six topics for which she asked for discussion were: • Possible 5th edition of the Big Book • Adding "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the blue card • Policy action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference • Language addressing anonymity and safety in the "Understanding Anonymity" pamphlet. • Possible update to the pamphlet "AA for the Older Alcoholic" Proposed reorganization of the General Service Board. NAGSC meetings are held quarterly on the first Saturday of that month. The locations vary and are hosted by a different district every time. DCM's and Committee Chairs meet at noon.

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES cont'd

A general meeting is held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The next Area 42 Assembly will be held this coming weekend, April 5-6-7 in Tonopah and it's primary purpose is to provide input for our Delegate before she goes to her first General Service Conference in New York May 19-25. Central Office and I are planning to participate in a service workshop in Winnemucca April 20.

RENVYPAA LIAISON Barbara M. reported RENVYPAA is alive and well. They are interacting with all the YPAA committees in Northern Nevada and Northern California. RENVYPAA has also been invited to participate in a service panel put on in Winnemucca, District 10B. TITYPAA-no report Intergroup Liaison-Chris G. not present. Intergroup Liaison- Ron T. no report. Archives Committee-Cyndy M. BEFORE RENO HAD FRANK SINATRA (1951), WE HAD AA (1946)!! We all know that June 10, 1935 is considered the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous, as it is the date of Dr. Bob's last drink. However, just 11 very short years later, in June, 1946, Ward F. on a trip from San Francisco, held the first AA meeting in Reno. Within a year, Reno had several meetings going strong and one meeting in Sparks. By the time Frank Sinatra starting playing at the Riverside Hotel in 1951, Reno boasted at least 4 AA groups, one of which seems to be the original group that began in 1946, called Group #1. Given that the Traditions had not yet been written, the Archives Committee has been pleasantly surprised to find over 30 articles for each of the following years: 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949 from either the Reno Evening Gazette or the Nevada State Journal. One of the articles discussed Bill W. coming out to speak at a Reno meeting. After the 1950 Convention, with the adoption of the Traditions and the turning over of AA to the groups (via the General Service Conference) there was a dramatic decrease in the number of articles we are finding, although there still enough to give us an idea of how well established AA was in its early days here in the Reno/Sparks area. Additionally, we have found a plethora of articles from the 1960s that are from the Northern Nevada Intergroup, however, this is not NNIG as we know it, but rather a group operating in Reno under the name Northern Nevada Intergroup. We are researching when this group changed its name and to what its name to. More will be revealed! The Archives Committee is continuing to research the articles and creating a binder of all the articles we find through to present day. The binder will be available for viewing at the Central Office in the very near future. We have also created a display board of interesting news articles to display at events. We have also received Archive materials from World Services that we intend to display which include photos of Bill W. and Dr. Bob, the Jack Alexander Saturday Evening Post article and an article on the Washingtonian Movement. NNIG Secretary- Barbara requested all reports be sent to the NNIGsecretary2019@gmail.com. Secretary needs a hard copy of the report or an email. NNIG Vice Chair-Jamie, no report. NNIG Chair- Paul M. reported we are no longer looking for a new office as we have been unable to locate space at the amount of rent we are paying and the cost of moving is expensive. Old Business-None New Business-None Meeting closed at 7:40 with the Responsibility Pledge.

NNIG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Paul M., Chairman. Opened with the Serenity Prayer. Present: Paul M, Chair, Jamie F., Vice Chair, Kathy A., Treasurer, Barbara M., Secretary, Ronda H., Central Office Manager, Chris G., NNIG Liaison, Ron T., NNIG Liaison, Tina, Activities Chair, Pat B. visitor. A Quorum was verified. Kathy A. gave the treasurers report. Discussion regarding budget was not turned in from Corned Beef and Cribbage. Tina advised she received the budget from Mike, Chair of the event. Discussed the lease. Paul brought in a security camera that can be mounted easily and hooked up to Ronda's computer. Discussion ensued regarding the safety issues at this location. Paul called Marcus, Leasing Manager, and left a detailed message regarding the next 5 year lease. Pat B. was here to discuss a CPC issue. He and Ben M., CPC Chair met with Heather, Nursing Director for St. Mary's. They are requesting information packets and pamphlets be brought into the hospital. Cost will be around \$200.00. Steering Committee approved this, Ronda is ordering the holders for the pamphlets. Prudent reserve was approved by the Steering Committee last month and was announced at last month's business meeting. No vote needed as this is in our Operating Procedures. Chris G. brought up the Seniors in Sobriety Convention. Chris stated by putting in ACA it was in violation of Tradition 6. He made a motion to have NNIG withdraw support from this event. There was no 2nd. Motion failed. Meeting closed at 6:45.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

A. A. Service Position Open Now

ORIENTATION TO AA COORDINATOR

at
Bristlecone Family Resources
Reno, Nevada

What is the Coordinator for the Orientation to Alcoholics Anonymous? This A.A. service position is part of the Northern Nevada Treatment Committee. The man or woman in this position facilitates Orientation to A.A. presentations at Bristlecone. The Orientation program was established in 2017 and has a two year track record for delivering information about what A.A. is and is not to patients at Bristlecone. The primary duties are to communicate with and maintain the schedule of A.A. volunteer presenters, train new A.A. presenters, and also keep Bristlecone staff informed of how it is working. The program has experienced presenters to support the new Coordinator. Training is provided and the position has support from Northern Nevada Treatment Committee. The preferred commitment is two years.

What is Orientation to A.A.? Orientation to A.A. service consists of a series of four 1-hour presentations given by A.A. members once weekly to clients at Bristlecone treatment center. At each session, two members of A.A. present true and accurate information about the A.A. Program taken from Conference approved A.A. literature. The material is scripted. Experience shows the information about A.A. presented provides newcomers what they need to know and want to know about Alcoholics Anonymous. The Orientation team ideally consists of ten presenters with at least 2 years of sobriety and a good working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions. Presenters get up to speed by attending a commitment meeting and live presentation as an observer, and familiarize themselves with the scripted materials to be presented. Orientation to A.A. is also taken into Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services in Carson City.

Interested???. Please Contact:

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Are you interested in...

A.A. SERVICE AND 12TH STEP WORK AT TREATMENT FACILITIES IN CARSON CITY

Please join us at...

A PANEL PRESENTATION

Sunday, June 23, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Carson City Alano Club

1800 E. William St., US 50, unit #5

- Presentations on how Alcoholics Anonymous in District 6 and Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services are cooperating to help with recovery from alcoholism.
- After presentations there will be a Q. & A. session with snacks and lemonade.

**Volunteers are needed for A.A. service activities
in Carson City's treatment facilities.**

A.A. Contacts: Ed 775-315-8279 // Abbey 775-220-0420

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