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Bill W.



Dr. Bob

Notice to subscribers: In April 2011, the mailing list for the Bracer had not been updated in some time. Therefore, we decided to "grandfather" in those people who were on the list at that time. We just did not know who was current on their subscriptions. Here we are now a year later and it is time to renew those subscriptions. If you have been receiving the Bracer and have not renewed in the last year we ask that you renew now to continue your subscription without interruption. All subscriptions that came in after April of 2011 have been added and updated on the mailing list. Thank you for your continued support of the Bracer and your Northern Nevada Intergroup. Please contact Central Office to renew now.

## Keep It Simple

It is plain that a life which includes deep resentment leads only to futility and unhappiness. To the precise extent that we permit these, do we squander the hours that might have been worthwhile. But with the alcoholic, whose hope is the maintenance and growth of a spiritual experience, this business of resentment is infinitely grave. We found that it is fatal. For when harboring such feeling we shut ourselves off from the sunlight of the Spirit. The insanity of alcohol returns and we drink again. And with us, to drink is to die.

Though we did not like their symptoms and the way these disturbed us, they, like ourselves, were sick too. We asked God to help us show them the same tolerance, pity, and patience that we would cheerfully grant a sick friend. When a person offended we said to ourselves, "This is a sick man. How can I be helpful to him? God save me from being angry. Thy will be done"

"Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous" (4th edition, p 67)

# WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

## Bill's Friends By Spike C. Dolomite



Due to increasing products liability litigation, beer manufacturers have accepted the FDA's suggestion that the following warning labels be placed immediately on all beer containers:

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol is a major factor in dancing like an asshole.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell the same boring story over and over again until your friends want to SMASH YOUR HEAD IN.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to thay shings like thish.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at four in the morning.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may leave you wondering what the hell happened to your pants.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you think you can logically converse with other members of the opposite sex without spitting.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you think you have mystical Kung Fu powers.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to roll over in the morning and see something really scary (whose species and/or name you can't remember).

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol is the leading cause of inexplicable rug burns on the forehead.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter and more handsome than some really, really big guy named FRANZ.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe you are invisible.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause an influx in the time-space continuum, whereby small (and sometimes large) gaps of time may seem to literally disappear.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may actually CAUSE pregnancy.

A guy passes a bar and sees a sign in the window, "All you can drink \$10". He stops and asks the bartender, "You mean I can have as much alcohol as I want for only \$10?" The bartender replies, "Yes, Sir!" "Great," says the man, "then give me \$20 worth."

An alcoholic judge gets tired of his caseload and decides to take the afternoon off. After a few drinks, he gets on the train headed for home. While on the train, he notices that the train starts spinning and promptly throws up all over himself. Upon arriving at his home, his worried wife exclaims, "thank god you're alright. What happened to you?" The quick thinking judge explains that some drunk in court threw up all over him. She says "well o.k., why don't you hop in the shower and get cleaned up" While in the shower, the wife asks the judge, "you know that drunk who threw up on you, well, what did you do to him?" The Judge responds "Uh, I umm, gave him 30 days." Wife: "You should've given him 60 because he peed in your pants too!"

**Rule #62: Don't take yourself too damn seriously!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Northern Nevada Intergroup Speaker Meeting

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 7:00 pm

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

Date Revised for Spring Festival

Host Group – Young at Heart (Reno)

Speaker: Donnie B (South Lake Tahoe)

Grand Sierra Resort  
2500 East Second Street  
See Monitor for meeting room location  
“Northern Nevada Intergroup”

**RENO SPRING  
FESTIVAL**  
April 13, 14 & 15



HAPPY \*\* JOYOUS \*\* FREE

**JULY 12-15, 2012**

**CAMP RICHARDSON  
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**

**QUESTIONS: CALL CENTRAL OFFICE**

775-355-1151

Email: michael.carrasco72@yahoo.com

## Sought thru Prayer and Meditation...

11th Step Retreat

Friday-Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Open to all in recovery regardless of where you are in your step work  
Zephyr Point Conference Center on Lake Tahoe



Retreat includes...

Meetings, workshops, guided meditation, spiritual nourishment, fellowship, & fun  
\$100 registration fee includes 5 delicious meals, plentiful snacks & beverages

Friday & Saturday night lodging, choice of 2, 3, or 4 person rooms

Roommate requests will be honored on first come first serve basis

Registration closes on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, limited to 40 serenity seekers

There will be no refunds, you may find a substitute if needed

All additional information to be included in registration packet

Chair Rich J. 741-7165

Registration Chair Sharon G. 331-6774 or 453-3403



## NNIG Annual Founders Day Picnic

Where: Church Park: 98 Richards Way

When: June 9, 2012

Time: Gates Open - 10:00 - BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Pot Luck: Side dishes, Salads, Beans, Fruit, Desserts, soda.

Games: Volleyball, Basketball, Kids Outdoor Games, Ring Toss, Nurf Baseball...

No pets allowed in park.

Free Admission,  
Donation of \$5.00 is  
greatly appreciated.

Raffle Prizes  
needed. Please  
deliver to  
Central Office.

Volunteers Needed: Call  
Central Office 355-1151

## MORE EVENTS

April 19-22: 2012 International Men's Conference. Las Vegas. NV

May 17-20: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-State Roundup. Laughlin. NV

June 1-7: Friends of Bill W. Heritage Tour

June 22-24: June Lake Kampvention. June Lake, CA

July 27-29: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All-Europe Young People in AA Convention. Copenhagen

Sept. 28-30: Hawaiian Islands Conference of Young People in AA. Kauai, HI

Oct. 28-Nov. 4: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Gratitude Cruise

More information on all events available at Central Office

## NNIG MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING

Grand Sierra Resort 2500 East 2nd St.

Lower Level, Nevada Foyer

Second Saturday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

# MEETINGS AND MORE

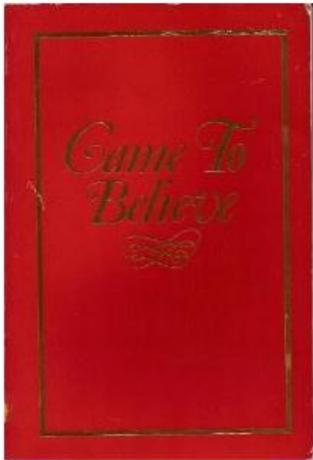
**New Meeting!**  
"A New Way Home"  
Tuesday and Friday @ 5:30 PM  
501 California Ave. Reno, NV

**New Meeting!**  
"24 Hours a Day"  
Wednesday @ 7:00 PM  
200 DeSpain Ave. Reno, NV  
Women's Meeting

**Happy Hour Has Moved!**  
Tuesday and Friday @ 5:30 PM  
1330 Foster Dr. Reno, NV  
"The Bridge" Church

**Vigorous Action Group**  
Fridays @ 7:30 PM  
4895 S. McCarran Blvd. Reno, NV  
Speaker/Discussion Meeting  
Coffee and Treats Provided!

**I need a meeting!**



Book of the Month \$5.00 at Central Office

**For Sale**  
Been to the Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) Central Office lately? 436 South Rock Blvd, Sparks. We have reorganized our office layout and processes. Restocked our inventory to reflect the 'got to have' A.A. and non A.A. Literature, chips, book-covers, items you want for your home-group and etc. For very special items we will order it for you. Calls in (775-355-1151) order it over the phone and we will ship it to you; we accept most major credit cards. We are here to support you and your group. We stock a greater variety of A.A. World Service products than any of the clubs in Northern Nevada and Eastern Sierra. If you haven't been here for a while, come in, have a cup of coffee, meet our Executive Director/Office Manager (Leslie) coupled with our very valuable volunteer staff and just look around. We remain open to suggestions regarding our quality improvement and support initiatives.

**More information and meeting schedules are available at Central Office**

# MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

The following are stories submitted by our members

## I Get Drunk, We Stay Sober

One AA's sour feelings about another AA have probably been the catalyst for starting more meetings than anything else. In fact, old-timers will tell you that all you really need to start a new meeting is a resentment and a coffee pot. The same thing applies to AA clubs. "There was a competitive thing between the Hill Street Club and the Driars Club. A lot of the old-timers who belonged to Reno Group #1 then didn't take kindly to the Driars Club" (Irene O.). The Hill Street Club was probably too "high brow" for some of the alcoholics coming into Reno AA in the early sixties.

Some of the people connected with that club were professional people. Herb S. owned a grocery store in Reno. "He used to bring a lot of stockbrokers and bankers to AA. Herb's favorite line was, 'When I read the paper I don't get all upset about the world news. I just check the sports page to see who won and the obituaries to see who lost'" (Jim D.). Herb was speaking about gratitude. Gratefulness for a life free of drink is another thing sober members of AA have in common. But Herb wasn't much of a loser. He died with 23 years of sobriety.

Cleo W., or Windy as most people called him, was also popular at the Hill Street Club. Windy became Mary D.'s best friend and took her to her first meetings in Reno. Mary showed me a picture of a man who looked a little like Will Rogers with a broken nose. Several people told me stories about this old time hobo who played a key role in the sobriety of so many AA's. Apparently he broke his nose and lost a leg in an accident while riding the rails. Windy lived behind Frank D.'s

house when he was still drinking. Later, Frank became his sponsor.

"Frank D. got Cleo to his first meeting under the pretext that he was going there just to make coffee. And Cleo [Windy] ended getting sober. Windy and Mary D. were at practically every meeting you went to in those days" (Bob Ho.). Windy and Irene O. was Mary D.'s sponsor: "Windy was the one who got me started in AA. He was a favorite of Irene's, too. She just loved him to death. I was with Windy when he died and I'm very grateful for that. He didn't want to die and he didn't want to be in that hospital. He had a big funeral. I think every AA in town was there. Windy was good with everybody. Every night I got off work at the Reno Bowl he'd be there. 'Come on, Mary, we're going to the club.'"

Windy also helped Mary's daughter when she started drinking too much: "I have a daughter in AA. She's been sober 14 years. She goes to the Driars Club. Windy got her started too. He's the one who got her going to meetings." Over and over in my conversations with old-timers, I saw how the process of one drunk helping another was passed from one generation of alcoholics to the next. Windy lived sober long enough to help first a mother, then years later he held his hand out to the woman's daughter.

Years ago, when Fred Y. saw a picture of Windy on the wall of the Driars Club next to Bill's and Dr. Bob's, he was shocked. There are no gurus in AA, but we are susceptible to a little hero worship now and then. Fred had sobered up in the mid west and "they didn't do things like that where I came from." When he mentioned this at a meeting, Mary D. told him, "Go

back to Kansas if you don't like the way we do things here in Reno." Like most people, alcoholics hate to be told what they should do. The founders made allowances for this with another AA ground rule: group autonomy. You can hang just about anything you want on the walls of your meeting place as long as you remember AA's primary purpose: "to help the alcoholic who still suffers." Fred and Mary, by the way, became fairly good friends.

The Hill Street Club appeared for the last time in the 1962 World Directory. According to Whitey, the Driars Club was conceived on the Fourth of July a few days before his fourteenth AA birthday in 1961: "It all started in Jerry H.'s backyard." It appears for the first time in the 1962 World Directory. Today, this club, at 345 South Wells, is thirty years old and has helped countless alcoholics. Jerry H., Lloyd J., and Andy S. were a few of the original board members at the Driars Club. "Jerry wanted a place for the regular low downers to come to. He ran a real good club there" (Maggie K.). Harry W. credits the club with saving his life: "I practically lived in the Driars my first two years. I opened the place and closed it every day for months." Bob Ho., who got sober on Jan. 6, 1966, also spent most of his time at the Driars Club when he first joined AA: "When I wasn't working or sleeping I was at the Driars Club. Maggie K. chaired one of the first meetings I went to at the Driars Club and I remember her quoting that 50% of the people who come into AA with an honest desire [to quit drinking] will make it. I jumped all over that. If she'd said two percent, I'd have said to hell with it and gone back out again."

The above story was written in 1991 by Skip M. and submitted by Mike C. It is the 6th in a 10 part series that will continue in the coming issues of the Bracer. Stay tuned for more.

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in the Phone Service?  
**ANSWER THE CALL**

PHONE SERVICE IS **MOBILE AND CONVENIENT**



**Why you should go...**

-  Information Packets
-  Fellowship and Comments
-  Updated Information Phone Numbers
-  Updated 12 Step Call List
-  Updated Schedules and Web Information

*ALSO SEEKING CO-CHAIR*

If you are interested, or are currently on the phone list join us

**APRIL 17, 2012 TUESDAY 5:30  
-CENTRAL OFFICE-**

## AA Answering Service Numbers

Reno, Sparks, Carson City and all of Northern Nevada: (775) 355-1151

Fallon: (775) 423-6009

Las Vegas and all of Southern Nevada: (702) 598-1888

Minden/Gardnerville Group meeting information only: (775) 265-4460

Mammoth Lake: (760) 934-3434

North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126

South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243

Winnemucca: (775) 625-3771

## Now! New Phone Support!

The Sunshine Committee now offers phone support. We visit sober alcoholics in hospitals, rehab, and homes. We will now set up a regular call schedule for those unable to attend meetings. Call Central Office for more information.

## Help Wanted

Step - Up to Service:  
Do Treatment With Us



Meeting: Treatment Committee  
Where: Triangle Club - Up Stairs  
Date: December 3, 2011  
Time: 1:30  
Point of Contact:  
Bruce A. 378-7946  
Renee 1-619-721-7549



**A.A. Books Wanted**  
*Needed for Newcomers in Treatment*

Please call for pick-up:  
Bruce - 378-7946  
Renee - 1-619-721-7549  
Craig - 219-7063  
Judy - 379-7136

OR:

Drop off at NNIG Central Office  
436 S. Rock Blvd  
Sparks, NV.

## Northern Nevada Intergroup Committee Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm  
Reno Triangle Club  
635 S. Wells Ave. Reno, NV 89502

## Monthly ANNYPAA Committee Meeting

Held the third Sunday of each month  
upstairs in the Triangle Club at 3:30 PM

## International Women's Conference Meetings

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY @  
North Nevada Literacy Council  
1400 Wedekind Rd Reno, NV 89512  
For more information contact:  
Elisa R [elisar2013iwc@hotmail.com](mailto:elisar2013iwc@hotmail.com)  
Trudy [49th.iwc@gmail.com](mailto:49th.iwc@gmail.com)

*For more info on our monthly committee meetings call Central Office at (775)355-1151*

# NNIG FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss February 2012

	Feb 12	Jan 12	Jan - Feb 12
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Birthday Contributions	0.00	33.00	33.00
Bracer Subscriptions	10.00	12.00	22.00
Event Revenues			
New Year's Eve Gala			
Revenue	-100.00	30.00	-70.00
Expenses	0.00	-128.54	-128.54
Total New Year's Eve Gala	-100.00	-98.54	-198.54
Speaker Meeting			
Speaker Meeting Revenue	588.16	637.02	1,225.18
Speaker Meeting Expenses	-161.00	-100.00	-261.00
Total Speaker Meeting	427.16	537.02	964.18
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
Expenses	0.00	-1,025.00	-1,025.00
Corned Beef & Cribbage - Other	990.00	0.00	990.00
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	990.00	-1,025.00	-35.00
Total Event Revenues	1,317.16	-586.52	730.64
Faithful Fivers	15.00	25.00	40.00
Group Contributions	3,285.74	4,023.60	7,309.34
Individual Contributions	508.00	38.20	546.20
Interest Income	0.34	1.84	2.18
Merchandise Sales	3,283.60	4,834.10	8,117.70
Other Uncategorized Income	11.00	3.15	14.15
Total Income	8,430.84	8,384.37	16,815.21
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold			
Physical inventory adjustment	-41.10	0.00	-41.10
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	1,854.06	3,074.82	4,928.88
Total Cost of Goods Sold	1,812.96	3,074.82	4,887.78
Total COGS	1,812.96	3,074.82	4,887.78
Gross Profit	6,617.88	5,309.55	11,927.43
Expense			
Payroll Processing Fee	66.30	40.55	106.85
Bank Fees and charges	0.00	3.00	3.00
Cash Over/Short	-4.10	0.00	-4.10
CC Service Fees	59.08	67.45	126.53
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	300.00	300.00
Storage Unit	53.00	0.00	53.00
Shipping Charges	8.04	4.95	12.99
Alarm System	110.16	0.00	110.16
Compensation & Benefits			
Insurance Compensation	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Compensation & Benefits - Other	2,346.12	2,506.12	4,852.24
Total Compensation & Benefits	3,846.12	2,506.12	6,352.24
Total Expense	6,207.37	4,579.60	10,786.97
Net Ordinary Income	410.51	729.95	1,140.46
Net Income	410.51	729.95	1,140.46

## Group Contributions

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>Group Contributions</b>					
Sales Receipt	2/1/2012	The Real Lunch Bunch	Group Contributions	40.00	40.00
Sales Receipt	2/3/2012	Caring & Sharing in Stead	Group Contributions	22.88	62.88
Sales Receipt	2/3/2012	Afternoon Delight Alano Club	Group Contributions	25.00	87.88
Sales Receipt	2/6/2012	Faithful Fivers	Group Contributions	10.00	97.88
Sales Receipt	2/6/2012	Truckee River Men's Stag	Group Contributions	200.00	297.88
Sales Receipt	2/7/2012	Hoppers/Serenity Group	Group Contributions	60.00	357.88
Sales Receipt	2/8/2012	Sun Night Step Study	Group Contributions	200.00	557.88
Sales Receipt	2/8/2012	NNIG Business Meeting	7th Tradition	31.00	588.88
Sales Receipt	2/8/2012	Dayton Sunday Morning	Group Contributions	116.18	705.06
Sales Receipt	2/9/2012	Almost Heaven Triangle Club	Group Contributions	54.00	759.06
Sales Receipt	2/9/2012	Sunnyside Group	Group Contributions	480.00	1,239.06
Sales Receipt	2/9/2012	Serenity on Sunday	Group Contributions	203.00	1,442.06
Sales Receipt	2/10/2012	Oldtimers/Newcomers Group	Group Contributions	18.77	1,460.83
Sales Receipt	2/10/2012	District 6	Group Contributions	250.00	1,710.83
Sales Receipt	2/14/2012	Mt Rose Recovery Room Group	Group Contributions	144.33	1,855.16
Sales Receipt	2/17/2012	NO BS Mens Stag	Group Contributions	200.00	2,055.16
Sales Receipt	2/17/2012	Traditions Group	Group Contributions	20.00	2,075.16
Sales Receipt	2/17/2012	Happy Hour/Reno 02010	Group Contributions	100.00	2,175.16
Sales Receipt	2/21/2012	Minden/Gardnerville Group	Group Contributions	40.00	2,215.16
Sales Receipt	2/21/2012	Dayton Wednesday Night	Group Contributions	100.00	2,315.16
Sales Receipt	2/21/2012	Southside Group	Group Contributions	100.00	2,415.16
Sales Receipt	2/21/2012	Southside Group	Group Contributions	295.70	2,710.86
Sales Receipt	2/22/2012	Silver Springs Groups	Group Contributions	35.00	2,745.86
Sales Receipt	2/22/2012	Saturday Night Fever	Group Contributions	20.29	2,766.15
Sales Receipt	2/23/2012	4th Dimension	Group Contributions	100.00	2,866.15
Sales Receipt	2/23/2012	Just For Today RTC	Group Contributions	57.65	2,923.80
Sales Receipt	2/23/2012	La Nueva Luz	Group Contributions	15.00	2,938.80
Sales Receipt	2/23/2012	Women's Step Study	Group Contributions	100.00	3,038.80
Sales Receipt	2/24/2012	Eye Opener	Group Contributions	71.00	3,109.80
Sales Receipt	2/28/2012	Intercounty Central Office of AA	Group Contributions	70.00	3,179.80
Sales Receipt	2/28/2012	Serenity on Sunday	Group Contributions	80.94	3,260.74
Sales Receipt	2/29/2012	The Rock Group	Group Contributions	10.00	3,270.74
Sales Receipt	2/29/2012	Grupo Acclon	Group Contributions	10.00	3,280.74
Sales Receipt	2/29/2012	A Way Home	Group Contributions	5.00	3,285.74
<b>Total Group Contributions</b>				<b>3,285.74</b>	<b>3,285.74</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3,285.74</b>	<b>3,285.74</b>

## Pink Can Contributions

### Financial Report for March 2012

Happy Hour	27.21
Aloha Group	101.10
Fallon Chapter of AA	50.00
Sunnyside Group #02017	70.00
SOS Jan 2012 Donation	21.92
Fernley Group's	167.00
Minden Gardnerville Group	48.10
Wednesday Night Live	55.00
SOS Feb. 2012 Donation	33.70
Almost Heaven	72.34
Women in Recovery Alono	49.05
Caring and Sharing in Stead	29.54
Women on Wednesday RTC	145.58
Truckee River Men's Stag	69.00
Ending Balance for Donations	918.64
Beginning Balance 3/1/2012	1,301.05
Total Balance	2,219.69
Expenses for 3/2012	1,541.85
Ending Balance	677.84

Expenses for March: Books and Pamphlets, Rent for storage.

Donations made to: Safe Harbor, Project Restart, West Care, Saint Vincent's, and Wadsworth Youth Wellness Center.

# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## NNIG Meeting Minutes April 2, 2012

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm with reading of the NNIG Preamble followed by introductions and 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions.

- Motion to approved minutes was made and unanimously passed.

### NNIG Chair - Van D.

- **Business Meeting Hours:** We attempt to hold our NNIG business meeting to one hour. This meeting is once a month and sometimes we can't complete everything during that time. Some Groups and Representatives come miles to get here and at least we can do is finish our business even if it takes more time. From now on please schedule your time accordingly. One and one half hour meetings may be more appropriate.
- **Alternates:** Elections are just 3 months away. If you plan to rotate out of your Intergroup position this June you should have an alternate in place by now. It is very important that we maintain consistency in our traditional rotational program.
- **NNIG Website:** Thanks to Ollie (Webmaster) we now have on our super website the NNIG Operating Procedures, Intergroup Representative and Group Secretary guidelines. They have all been completely revised. Section VIII 8.3 says every Intergroup representative should have a copy of the current Operating Procedures. If you don't have a computer, hard copies are available at Central Office.
- **Steering Committee Meetings:** The NNIG Steering Committee meets at Central Office at 5:30 the last Tuesday of each month. It consists of the Chairperson, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Central Office Executive Director and two Intergroup Representatives. Some think that this meeting is closed; *it is not*. Any Intergroup Representative can attend. We are responsible to oversee the operations of Central Office and Executive Director. We discuss Intergroup operations, events we sponsor and how we can improve the quality and service from Central Office to A.A. groups in our northern area. The two Intergroup Representatives are your liaison to this committee and should be used to present your views on any subject. Again, your views and suggestions are important to the Steering Committee and should you wish to attend this meeting please contact Leslie at Central Office as seating is limited.
- Section 11.4.1 of the NNIG Operating Procedures state "If the Central Office Manager is absent due to illness, vacation or office manager training, the Central Service Committee may appoint a temporary Office Manager in accordance with the qualifications as set forth in the Operating Procedures." This is long overdue and we have suffered hardships because of this gap which has greatly impaired consistent office operations. I have asked Leslie (Central Office Executive Director) to oversee the implementation for this part time employment opportunity.

### Paul E. - NNIG Vice Chair

I would like to talk about the length of our meeting. First this meeting is not set at an hour, although we as a steering committee we try to conduct all of the business and get all of you out of here in a timely matter. There are times when this takes more than an hour. We have all of the committee reports to go through and when we have discussions and votes. This all takes time, so there are times when this meeting could run over an hour or even take an hour and a half. The reason for the phone call regarding attending the Steering Committee is due to room at the Central Office so we know how many chairs, etc.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Paul E

**Treasurer - Dod P.** We are \$400 on the positive side this month. Our prudent reserve has not made its budgeted level but we are improving.

**Intergroup Representative - Sean N.** I attended the Fall Round-up committee meeting as a representative of Central Office. The event is really well organized and will be held at the Peppermill this year. There will be flyers for the Round - up available at the Spring Festival. Leslie is doing a great job at Central Office. Things are running smoothly and efficiently. Please stop by and say hello to Leslie and the staff of volunteers.

### Central Office Manager - Leslie

REPORT: March 2012

Calls for AA Help: 6  
Calls for Alanon /Alateen: 2  
Meeting Information: 126  
12 Step Programs: 8  
Business/AA Central Office: 202  
Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 343  
Volunteer Hours: 230.5 up from last month's 175.5 by: 55 hours

- Completed a Job description for a central office assistant, will be accepting applications until April 10, 2012. Wage is \$10.00 an hour and estimate 16 hours a week.
- April's book of the Month - Came to Believe, sales price \$5.00, usually priced at \$6.25
- 12 Step Call list is being update. Please sign up. Volunteers to staff the Spring Festival booth is complete. Credit card capability is not available at this location, cash and checks only. We are investigating and pricing a wireless/landline terminal for Debit/Credit Card capability for Central Office.

**Area 42 Liaison - Roger H.** The area assembly was held at Tonopah March 30-April 1.

Nine round table subjects were addressed and since the last NAGSC's meeting five new subjects were added. Our Area 42 delegate Byron needed a vote of confidence regarding these subjects. Most topics received the go-ahead. Byron will now take this information back to the General Assembly in New York. If you need more information regarding the topics and their status see your group GSR.

**Answering Service - Steve M.** All vacancies are currently filled. However, we are having a meeting for those interested in volunteering for the Answering Service. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Central Office. The rotation/commitment is 6 months. We are trying to keep the rotation fresh. If you have a telephone, you can be involved with the Answering Service. Basically, the Answering Service answers call when Central Office is closed; normally these are informational calls to find a meeting. Twelve step calls are different. HOW IT WORKS for 12 Step calls: The call for assistance comes in. If someone needs immediate help/attention then the answering service forwards the call to volunteers on the Twelve Step list.

**CPC -Joel B.** On Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> we are helping out at the Child Abuse Awareness event in Markleeville, CA. We will have an information table set up. Three UNR medical students gave their reports on March 15<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We participated in a conference call with NAGSC CPC committee on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We discussed AA presentations at nursing schools, hosting information tables at health fairs, hosting medical students at AA meetings and contacting / meeting drug court representatives.

**Corrections Treatment -- Bridging the Gap -** We have contacted facilities as to whether they want to have a meeting or start a meeting sponsored by an AA group. The group would bring a secretary, literature, and speakers if desired. We are hoping to hear back from all with a request for times and days needed. The next CT & BTG meeting is at 2:00 pm, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Central Office.

- Financials for March 2012
- Beginning Balance - 1301.05
- Donations - 918.64
- Total - 2219.69
- Expenses - 1721.85
- Ending Balance - 497.84

Expenses were for books & pamphlets. Donations were made to Safe Harbor, Project Restart, West Care, Saint Vincent's, and Wadsworth Youth Wellness Center.

**Sunshine Committee - AJ C.** We had 12 Sunshine Committee visits during the month of March. All were on-site visits. We currently have 70 members listed for the Sunshine Committee. Announcements are made for service requests at most meetings, and flyers are posted at AA meeting sites in Reno, Carson City, and Gardnerville.

We received a call regarding starting a sunshine committee in Roseville, CA among other areas as far flung as Scotland. The idea is growing. The response is very positive.

**Bracer - Ted** The Bracer will be published and mailed out on time. As always, your articles, stories, and such are welcome. Both the NNIG and the BTG financial reports will be published in the Bracer.

**Speaker Meeting - Pete L.** Thanks to Mark L. for taking the meeting while I was out of town. There were over 300 people in attendance and the Women's International Convention Committee did a great job. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition took in \$317.23, the raffle took in \$701.00, for a total of \$1018.23. The expenses were approximately \$210.00.

- The old-timers meeting in June needs a host and the July speaker meeting needs a host as well.
- In June, the Speaker Meeting Chair position will be rotating out and we will need a new Speaker Meeting Chair and Co-Chair.
- April speaker meeting is the 21<sup>st</sup> and the Young at Heart group is hosting the meeting. The speaker is Donnie. Raffle prizes are needed for the April Speaker Meeting. Contact Young at Heart, South Lake Tahoe group.

**Activities Chair - Dan M.** Corned Beef and Cribbage went well. The event did make some money and the feedback has been nothing but positive.

- The first committee meeting for the Founder's day picnic will be at Central Office, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. This event will be sponsored by Central Office and is free with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. If you don't have the money, come anyway. Please let your groups know we need help putting on this amazing event!!!
- Pete L. and Dan M. will be creating an Ad-Hoc committee for 12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls. We will be including members from the answering service to clarify the Hows, Whats, Whys, Whens, etc. of 12<sup>th</sup> step calls.

**Web master - Ollie K.** The operating procedures for Intergroup, group secretary, and Intergroup representatives are now on the front page of the NNIG website [www.NNIG.org](http://www.NNIG.org). Please send your flyers to the webmaster at NNIGwebmaster@gmail.com.

**ANNYPAA - Jordan F. Amber W.** August 3-5 is the ANNYPAA campout. April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, TITYPAA elections for ACYPAA Summit at Truckee Airport. The outreach trip to Fallon is leaving the Reno Triangle Club at 7pm Saturday April 7. The meeting in Fallon is at 8:30pm. Insanity Overthrown. Outreach for ICYPAA bid; volunteers are needed!

ICKYPAA - Award will be for 2013.

### Old Business

Answering service all wrapped up

Dan S. We are forming a committee regarding technical issues. The committee will be encompassing tech but also a lot of issues with regard to running Central Office (not for profits.) The meeting will be scheduled in May. Purpose of the Ad-Hoc committee is to identify ways to create efficiencies and continuity with regard to the running of Central Office.

### New Business

**Meeting closed at 7:58 with the Lords prayer**

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