

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



June 8th - 7:00 pm
Group: RENVYPAA
Longtimers Meeting

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

May, 2019

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GENERAL WARRANTIES OF THE NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

In all its proceedings, the Intergroup Association observes the spirit of AA Traditions, taking great care that the Intergroup Association never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus a reserve be its prudent financial principal; that none of the Intergroup Association members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decision be reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that no Intergroup Association action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Intergroup Association may act for the service of AA Groups in the Northern Nevada area and parts of Northern California, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Intergroup Association itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

(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

A Native American Legend

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared, and he sat and watched the butterfly as it struggled for several hours to force its body through the little hole. Then, it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared that it had gotten as far as it could.

The man decided to help the butterfly, so he snipped off the remaining bit of cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly. He expected, at any moment, the wings to expand and support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent its whole life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly. What the man, in kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required to get through the tiny opening was the creator's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings, so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved freedom.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If our creator had allowed us to go through life without struggles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been.

And--we would never fly.

Cindy C., Manchester, New Hampshire
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Elections for Steering Committee & NNIG Chairpersons
June 4th. See all positions available on Page 8!



AA's

Recovery Step Five:

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

Three

Unity Tradition Five:

"Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Legacies

Service Concept Five:

"Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."

Concept V: Right of Appeal

Throughout his writings on the Twelve Concepts our founder expresses an underlying principle on which the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous is based, that it always be democratic in spirit, thought and action. Maintaining a "Right of Appeal" is important to this. Appeal provides for a response when there is disagreement with any action, or when any procedure is thought to fall too far short of the democratic ideal Bill envisioned.

While at my first General Service Area Assembly I was surprised to find that taking a vote on a matter did not always bring an end to the discussion. After the vote was taken, the Chairperson kept the discussion open by asking whether anyone who had voted in the minority, the losing side, wanted to speak further. This was a purposeful and planned exercise of the right of appeal. It added assurance that all opinions were adequately heard, and had not been overrun by a hasty vote or an impatient majority. As I continued to attend Assemblies I witnessed several situations in which an expressed minority opinion changed the eventual outcome, different from the original majority vote, and led to a much better decision.

As Bill says it, "To increase the actual *spirit of democracy* by special deference to minority opinion is, we think, better than to follow blindly the rule which always insists on an unqualified dominance by a slight majority vote". Bill recognizes that a majority vote may not always lead to the best, fairest, most appropriate or right decision.

Applications of the right of appeal include the right to petition. This becomes important when any minority, or even a majority, feels that a decision was made by someone who may not have had the authority to make that decision, when a decision is made without adequate debate and discussion, or when the decision is felt to be wrong or not in the best interest of the whole of A.A. Bill says that in A.A.'s world services both appeal and petition have always been put to good use.

"Right of Appeal" includes the right of an A.A. employee or member to appeal and request a hearing regarding a personal grievance. One of the underlying principles of the right to appeal is that we respect everyone's experiences as well as what they have to say based on those experiences. Even if they might be wrong they have a right to be heard and, many times, they may have a better idea than what the majority thought best.

Some of the enemies of the spirit of democracy include impatience, apathy, self-seeking, uninformed or angry majorities, and the exercise of too much personal power. Bill says that A.A. has no room for any of these.

Bill reminds us in the text of Concept V that any alcoholic can be a member of A.A. the moment he says he is. He has a right to belong no matter what he thinks or believes. "Ours is indeed a large charter of minority privileges and liberties." The right of appeal is one method we have for assuring that these liberties and privileges are always respected and maintained as we work together in fellowship with one another.

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

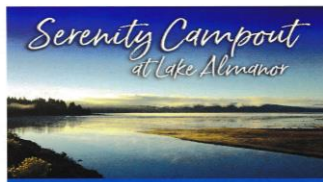
NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A. – (775) 846-1120
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ ~5pm with the speaker

SAVE THE DATE
FOUNDERS DAY &
NNIG'S 45TH
ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 8, 2019 FOOD, GAMES
RAFFLE
FELLOWSHIP
98 RICHARDS WAY
SPARKS NV



MORE AREA EVENTS

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

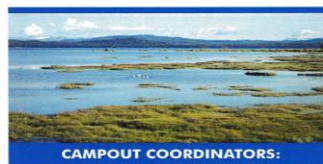


"There is a solution!"
Area 42—District 20
Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon

August 23rd-25th, 2019

Camp Conery Group Campground
Canyon Dam, CA 95923
(At Lake Almanor)

DISTRICT 20
P.O. Box 1033 * Chester, CA 96020



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SAVE THE DATE 44th Annual Fall Festival

October 4, 5, & 6
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

1 or 2 guests per night---\$89.00 -\$109.00 per night
Room rates subject to local tax & \$11.00 per day resort fee

Cut off date to book a room for this discount is
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

For discount : FALLFESTIVAL19

YOU MUST USE DISCOUNT CODE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
BEFORE SEPT 17TH

Dear NNIG Fellowship,

Calls for AA help - 10
 Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 1
 Meeting information- 64
 Retail/ merchandise- 7
 Other 12 step programs- 0
 Events - 10
 Business/Central office- 71
 Visitors - 230

Spring Festival was a success we sold around \$1600 in merchandise. Next the office will have a merchandise table at the Seniors in Sobriety Convention, May 19th & 20th. Barbara M. and I went to Winnemucca for a service workshop on the 13th. We got a lot of good feedback from the participants. One of the things is that they would like to be involved with intergroup. We discussed possibly having them on a conference call during the Business Meeting. Over all the most important thing was that we were there at the workshop. It showed that NNIG does care and that we are there for them. Our longtime volunteer Candy moved to Oregon, we wish her luck and thank her for her many years at Central office. There are some volunteers positions open at the office, Candy's spot, Monday 9-1 and Thursday 9-1 and Friday 2-5 and of course Saturdays!

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 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
 Dawn T. 28 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

Breakfast Club

7:00 AM Monday-
 Friday
 44 1/2 South Gay Street
 Susanville, CA

Progress Not Perfection

Tuesday 5:30 AM
 635 1095 E. Taylor Street
 Reno, NV

AA Way of Life

Wednesday 5:30
 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

Big Book Study
 Monday Noon
 Tuesday 6:00 AM
1276 Pit Road
Gardnerville, NV

Ground Zero
 Tuesday 7:00 AM
 Thursday 7:00 AM (mens)
 1700 Zolezzi Ln.
Reno, 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: _____

My big fat taped-up Big Book

She held on to a copy for dear life...then she realized it was written for her



After nearly two decades of drinking, my life was at its lowest point. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired and didn't want to live that way one more day. That's when I saw a public service announcement that directed me to our sister program. I was 31.

Although I was still drinking, the people there suggested that I read the Big Book to better understand my husband, who was an active alcoholic. I paid 25 cents a week to buy that first Big Book (below) on an installment plan. I tucked the book away in the headboard of our bed so my husband wouldn't see it. Eventually, he found the book. He was furious and tore it up in three pieces.

Livid that he would destroy this book in which my meager funds had been invested, I was determined not to let him get away with it. Every morning when he left for work, I took the book out of its new hiding place and taped the sections together, a page at a time. As I taped, I read.

When I reached the third chapter, "More About Alcoholism," I began to identify with the description of an alcoholic and recognized parts of myself within the pages. Members had told me to read the book to better understand my alcoholic husband, however the book was now describing me. Could I possibly be an alcoholic? That question was the first step on my journey into sobriety.

The taping continued one page at a time for weeks until the entire book was finished and was fanned out so wide that it couldn't be closed. I talked with my sponsor from our sister program about my dilemma, and she suggested that I talk with some AA women. This was the beginning of the end of my violent, 16-year alcoholic marriage, which had produced three children. My sobriety date, in 1972, was also the day I filed for divorce.

As instructed, I wrote my name and sobriety date inside the front cover and I was told that I never had to change that date. My last name has changed three times since then, but my sobriety date has never changed.

I read that book one sentence at a time every day at first. Then, as my mind grew less foggy, I read entire paragraphs and eventually two pages a day and more, going from cover to cover. As I read, something changed in me. I was now focusing on my sobriety instead of his drinking.

That first year as a single, sober, alcoholic mother was a rocky one, with me hanging on one day at a time—sometimes one minute at a time—to my sobriety. Many nights were spent holding my Big Book for comfort while I slept. I was willing to go to any length to stay sober, even though I still questioned whether I was really an alcoholic. It took four years of not drinking, reading the book and doing service, along with whatever else was suggested, for me to fully concede to my innermost self that I was an alcoholic.

The Big Book told me that we have "ceased fighting anything or anyone—even alcohol." It also advised that, "practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics."

I believe everything in the Big Book is there for a reason and it's important to read the entire book, not only the first 164 pages. There are many precious gems found in the stories in the back, such as the last pages of "Freedom from Bondage," which I call the two-week prayer, which saved my first husband's life. The wonderful words in this story were my guide when making amends to that man. Years later, when he died, I actually cried. I continued reading that big, fat, taped-up book and carrying it to meetings until the beginning of my second year, when this gorgeous Yugoslavian man briefly came into my life. He took one look at my oversized Big Book and convinced me to throw it away and use the new Second Edition he had bought for me. That man is no longer in my life, but that new Big Book he bought me still is.

Forty-six years later, that book he gave me is about as fat as my first one. Its yellowed pages are held together with tape, the edges are frayed and the cover with my name and only sobriety date has separated from the binding.

There are many multicolored, highlighted, underlined, circled and boxed areas throughout the book. The detached first few pages are tucked inside the zippered cover that holds this treasured publication with all the AA history and special notes garnered over the years that have been passed on to countless other alcoholics.

In the chapter "Working With Others" it says, "If he shows interest, lend him your copy of this book." Being still selfish and self-centered, there is no way my book is going to be loaned or given away. It means too much to me. I'll gladly buy someone a book if they need one.

Someone suggested having the book rebound, but that would mean having to put a new cover on it and that clearly would not work for me. I regret throwing the first book away, but at least it's still in my memory. Others have suggested getting rid of this second book and getting a new one, but I intend to keep working from it as long as there are still words on the pages.

Recently after I spoke at a meeting, a young lady asked me if she could take a picture of my Second Edition Big Book. She had never seen anything quite like it before. My current sponsor strongly recommended I use a pristine Fourth Edition with no notes when going through the Steps with her. She wanted me to start with a fresh, open, teachable mind, and I complied. But my practice of studying, not simply reading, two pages every day from my big, fat, taped-up Big Book remains to this day. This book is my sobriety and sponsoring tool that keeps getting sharpened as I continue learning more and passing it on to others

NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2019

Group	April	YTD	Group	April	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group		50.00	Happy Hour Reno	300.00	450.00
A Way Home		0.00	Incline Village Fellowship	100.00	150.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity	175.00	175.00	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	389.76	389.76	Ladies of the Evening		0.00
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	48.25	58.50
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		50.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	McGill NV Freedom Group		25.00
Alano Sunshine Group		132.97	Minden Language of the Heart	80.00	80.00
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
Amen Maintenance Meeting		150.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group		167.06
Austin Group		39.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room		800.00
Back Room Group		29.43			
Back to Basics Saturday Night	122.00	245.50	NNIG Business Meeting	26.00	101.00
Bare Bones		0.00	Our Common Welfare		5.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	40.00	Out and Sober		20.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Page by Page		0.00
Blairsden 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	21.90	34.70	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life	200.00	200.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		0.00
Carson After Shifters		2.32	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	500.00
Carson Airport		59.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		750.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		250.00
Carson Big Book Experience	45.00	45.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		0.00
Carson Brown Baggers	557.00	557.00	RTC Just for Today Women		0.00
Carson Dr. Bob's Nightngales		0.00	RTC Coffee with Bill		70.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		0.00
Carson Early Birds	172.02	511.44	RTC Big Book Study		0.00
Carson Happy Hour		0.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's	100.00	100.00	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 Stati	80.40	109.20	RTC New Awakenings Group	239.19	581.43
Carson Sunday Night Step Study	175.00	175.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		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	150.00	350.00	Silver Springs Groups		50.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		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	100.00	Southside Group	207.00	955.85
District 22	25.00	150.00	Stagecoach Friends of Bill		0.00
District 6	250.00	250.00	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	Susanville Thursday Night	50.00	75.00
End of the Road Group		0.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eye Operner		176.00	The Rock Group		166.00
Fallon Language of the Heart		0.00	Truckee River Men's Stag	100.00	1100.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		150.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol	200.00	200.00
Fernley Groups	200.00	400.00	Truckee Fellowship		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	235.00	235.00	Westwood Monday Night		0.00
Grupo Accion	30.00	40.00	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		30.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		100.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Beginnings	93.50	149.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	35.00	Women's New Harmony		100.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy	20.00	40.00	Women Down and Dirty		0.00
RENVYPAA		0.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Twillight Zone	30.00	90.00			
			Total	4,542.02	13,864.28

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss YTD Comparison April 2019			
	Apr 19	Apr 18	Jan - Apr 19
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 - Income - General			
4500 - Faithful Fivers	15.00	145.00	300.00
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	15.00	0.00	37.00
4800 - Other Copy Reimbursements	202.25	11.00	873.40
4600 - Individual Contributions	0.00	143.00	608.65
4550 - Group Contributions	4,542.02	3,533.99	13,864.28
4200 - Birthday Contributions	0.00	40.00	134.00
4000 - Income - General - Other	0.00	0.00	103.78
Total 4000 - Income - General	4,774.27	3,872.99	15,721.11
4002 - Income - Event Revenues			
Event Revenues			
New Year's Day Gala			
4415 - Expenses	0.00	-730.00	0.00
Total New Year's Day Gala	0.00	-730.00	0.00
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	745.00	300.00	2,482.01
4445 - Expenses	-287.60	-257.00	-828.20
Total Speaker Meeting	477.40	43.00	1,855.81
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
4480 - Revenue	500.00	0.00	5,078.87
4485 - Expenses	0.00	-118.30	-4,370.24
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	500.00	-118.30	708.63
Total Event Revenues	977.40	-805.30	1,564.44
Total 4002 - Income - Event Revenues	977.40	-805.30	1,564.44
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales			
4700 - Merchandise Sales	11,977.13	7,484.29	33,030.68
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales - Other	0.00	0.00	2.70
Total 4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	11,977.13	7,484.29	33,033.38
4900 - Interest Income	4.08	1.30	16.03
Total Income	17,732.88	10,533.28	50,334.96
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	5,984.59	4,242.23	17,653.20
Total COGS	5,984.59	4,242.23	17,653.20
Gross Profit	11,748.29	6,291.05	32,681.76
Expense			
5410 - Pink Can Literature- Expense	27.54	0.00	27.54
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	1,315.00
5180 - CC Service Fees	253.97	186.54	839.59
5181 - Convention expenses	198.89	0.00	198.89
5210 - Storage Unit	90.00	90.00	270.00
5220 - Shipping Charges	217.00	39.25	503.75
5230 - Alarm System	0.00	25.00	139.68
5235 - Committee Expenses	-27.54	0.00	375.34
5240 - Compensation			
5240.1 - Wages - Director	3,180.00	2,731.88	14,160.00
5240.2 - Wages - Assistant	786.00	639.00	3,450.00
5240 - Compensation - Other	0.00	230.00	0.00
Total 5240 - Compensation	3,966.00	3,600.88	17,610.00
5250 - Computer expenses	51.94	0.00	165.24
5250 - Copier Lease	741.03	850.46	2,104.21
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	0.00	0.00	15.00
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	120.44	0.00	120.44
5290 - Office Supplies	325.07	59.62	604.24
5310 - Paper	114.86	0.00	240.08
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	277.21	275.46	1,319.97
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	117.16	80.67	662.72
5330 - Postage	55.00	100.00	110.00
5340 - Rent	781.00	781.00	2,343.00
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	51.54	86.72
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	50.00
5370 - Telephone	809.10	1,257.41	3,030.11
5380 - Trash	32.08	30.06	157.90
5390 - Utilities	130.22	158.04	711.85
Total Expense	8,280.97	7,585.93	33,000.67
Net Ordinary Income	3,467.32	-1,294.88	-318.91
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
5400 - Physical inventory adjustment	0.00	0.00	-553.49
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	-553.49
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	553.49
Net Income	3,467.32	-1,294.88	234.58

PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions		
Group Contributions 2019 YTD		
Group	April YTD Total	April YTD Total
4th Dimension	78.42	268.97
Anonymous		53.47
Alano Afternoon Serenity		124.00
Alano Brown Baggers	78.00	130.00
Alano Club Jay Walkers	105.56	417.18
Alano Dawn Patrol	57.75	292.15
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		67.00
Alano Sunshine Group	69.00	227.55
Back Room Group		48.85
Battle Mountain Group	25.00	101.00
Blairden Sisters Group		209.97
Caring and Sharing Stead	60.42	209.97
Carson After Shifters		245.93
Carson City Happy Hour	345.47	1040.63
Carson City Sunday Fire station	54.32	110.32
Carson City Sunday Night Step Study	150.00	150.00
Carson Language of the Heart		181.49
Carson Men's No 85		600.00
Carson Sand Baggers		62.30
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		123.00
Corner Stone Group	79.00	
Dayton Sunday Morning		83.82
Driers Keep It Simple	83.82	83.82
End of the Road Group		126.00
Eye Opener		650.00
Femley Groups	63.00	132.63
Fireside Group		61.41
Grayeagle		48.00
Ground Zero	48.00	48.00
Happy Hour		265.50
Incline to be Sober		257.00
Individual		117.00
Kings Beach AA Golden Group		54.00
Knuckle Heads		274.37
Ladies of the Evening		908.95
Minden Gardenville Group	274.37	94.00
Minden Saturday Night Fever		94.00
Minden Stephanie Way Group	35.11	207.80
Minden Wednesday Night Live		36.00
Mount Rose Recovery Group		119.22
Northern California H&I		
Out and Sober		
Portola Group		
Positive Step		
Pyramid Way Group	32.24	85.24
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	100.00
RTC ALOHA		
Salvation Army		66.65
Seniors in Sobriety		
Serenity on Sunday		
Sierraville Book Study		
Slide Mountain Serenity		
South Reno on Sunday		
Southside Group	114.00	354.00
Staying Sober		
Step 1		
Sunshine Support Hose	73.75	401.05
The Rock Group		
Truckee Bookies		
Truckee River Men's	72.36	72.36
Vendi Bookies		115.00
Vendi Greener Pastures		58.66
Virginia City Plug in the Jug		
Wednesday Night Live		

Group Contributions 2019 YTD		
Group	April YTD Total	April YTD Total
Women's Just For Today		
Women's New Beginnings	39.85	343.29
Women's New Harmony		
Women's Night Out		
Women on Wednesday		
Women's 24 Hours A Day	41.00	41.00
Young At Heart		
April Income/YTD	2005.44	9509.39
March 2019 Balance Forward	3661.66	
Account Balance	5667.10	
April Lit Distributed	3870.14	
Ending Balance	1796.96	

Distributed Literature 2019 YTD		
Facilities	April YTD Total	April YTD Total
JAILS & CORRECTIONS		
Carson City Jail		1156.00
Carson City Warm Springs		
NNCC Carson Prison	47.35	47.35
Douglas County Jail		
Church Hill County Jail		
Lander County Jail		
High Desert State Prison	1620.35	3042.60
Humboldt County Jail		
Jan Evans Detention Center		
California Correction Center (Susanville)		528.00
Lakes Crossing		
Lovelock Prison		
AK Transitional Housing		
Warm Springs Prison		
Stewart Corrections Camp		1088.70
Washoe County - Parr		
Washoe Courts - 58277		
Florence McCloire Women's Prison		17.65
Wells Conservation Camp	1074.95	1074.95
TREATMENT & HOSPITALS		
Bristlecone - Residential	30.00	83.40
Carson Behavioral Health		353.00
Center for Hope		
Carson Tahoe Detox	120.00	120.00
Crossroads - Main Campus		
Crossroads - River House	66.00	66.00
Empowerment Center Women		
Gospel Mission		
New Frontiers - Fallon		
NN Adult Mental Health Services		440.00
Renown Behavioral Health	2.00	2.00
Ridge House		
Saint Vincent's		
Salvation Army		
Step 1 - Men		
Step 2 - Women		
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		240.00
VA Hospital		
NHTh		
West Hills	881.95	881.95
Bridging The Gap Supplies		20.00
AK GRAPVINE/LA VINA		
Office Supplies		27.54
		40.04
Total	3870.14	9,201.64
Corrections Chair - Charlotte C. (775) 848-0741		
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 April 30, 2019

	Balance	Goal Reserve	Difference
Administrative Funds:			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	-
General Checking	21,747.63	9,000.00	12,747.63
Administrative Balance	22,047.63 A	9,300.00	12,747.63
Interest Bearing Accounts (Prudent Reserve)			
Savings	25,846.16	26,000.00	(153.84)
CD 1	5,034.40	5,000.00	34.40
CD 2	5,153.74	5,000.00	153.74
	36,034.30 A	36,000.00	34.30
Hold for Capital Expenditures			34.30
Other Checking Balances:			
Events Balance ***	4,000.00 A		
Total Cash on Hand (A)	62,081.93		
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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Sponsor Relationships

Everybody needs somebody to work things out

ONE SPONSOR plus one group equals sobriety! That's what was suggested to me in my first week. However, I often saw some other newcomer claim four or five groups as home groups, pick a liberal, a moderate, and a conservative as sponsors, ask all three for advice, then do as he pleased. And he stayed sober! Which is the better way? As the Siamese monarch said in *The King and I*, "It's a puzzlement."

Rigid formulas for sobriety wear thin for me. They can get boring. I fell in love with Alcoholics Anonymous because our program is so malleable. The Steps, the Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts for world service all allow us complete autonomy as groups and freedom as individuals. The way one person works the program is not necessarily the way another does or, indeed, should.

Still--I pretty much had one sponsor and one group at a time. Hindsight indicates that this was good for me, though I know quite well that there are other ways.

In a small town, there may be only one group. In a large city, however, it is possible to walk to a half-dozen groups, and most of us do. I ended up belonging to one group and visiting several others. I really didn't have time for more than one home group. I did all the chores that needed doing. I held group offices. I spoke. I did Twelfth Step work. I helped to plan the group's anniversary meetings, and I attended meetings of our local general service committee and intergroup. I knew all the members of my group and most of their families. By the time I visited another group, all I wanted to do was relax and listen.

For me, the AA home group was an essential experience, part of my growing-up. I knew the other members were on my side and would miss me if I wasn't there. In that group, I learned how to behave with people as a sober man. It took time. We had problems and arguments and survived sober, to love one another more. Some people seem to sort of "do AA this year," the way they would take up needlepoint or tennis. AA for me is not a hobby or sport. It is, admittedly and unashamedly, the center of my life. I had to go out into that life from the bosom of a family. One family.

I can laugh and joke with a changing crowd, but I need a familiar few to hurt and cry with. I did a lot of hurting the first couple of years. The first sponsor I had picked me. He swooped down on me and said, "Stick around, kid. You're in the right place." He had me making coffee and driving the gang to a speaking commitment in Connecticut in my first month. Connecticut! I hadn't gotten out of Brooklyn in ten years. I bragged about it as if I'd been invited to the French Riviera. At that stage, I needed someone to think for me, and my first sponsor did.

A whole series of other wonderful AAs befriended me along the way. Some had even less sobriety than I had. That was okay by me. If the Higher Power gave me answers through a newer person, I accepted them.

In my AA travels, I picked up a confidant who was particularly loving and kind. He was a tall, gangling guy, always in casual clothes, with a twinkle in his eyes and twenty-two years on me. He was a grandfather, with a lot of common sense. I met his mother, sisters, and grandchildren. We went to beach parties and movies together and played golf.

Tom was the greatest teacher I ever had. Do you want to know one of his greatest teaching tools? He shared. It was that simple. Tom not only shared his family and life and joys, but privileged me by sharing his troubles as well. I saw firsthand how an adult could be man enough to say honestly, "Ouch! I'm hurting!" In the process, I learned how to confide, use the telephone, and relish the Fifth Step.

Tom knew as much about me as I knew about myself--or probably even more than I could bear to admit about myself at the time. He once pinned me to the wall by saying, "Ed, you have an absolute genius for talking around a problem. Some day, you'll get honest and call a spade a spade." Eventually, I did. He was a gentle man and allowed me to grow up in my own time. He was great with tender egos, patient beyond belief.

One day I went up to him and said, "Tom, I never asked anyone to be my sponsor. You're it--okay?" I felt foolish.

He beamed his best smile and said, "Uh, sure, Ed. We'll work it one day at a time. But tell me--what do you think it is we've been doing for the last eighteen months?"

Tom died suddenly one day. Sober. I knew his view of death, so I was not unnerved. To him, death was just another state of being. He had helped me overcome my gnawing fear that everything ended when we died. You see, he had not just backslapped me and sent me on my way--he had shared in the fullest sense of the word.

That kind of sharing usually is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. If you have it more than once, you are fortunate beyond belief. For a spell, I floated in the program without a sponsor. I had never really liked the word, anyway. Because of my ego, "sponsor" sounded ominous. I heard sober people use other words, like "coach," and didn't care much for them, either. But I also kept hearing speakers at meetings talk lovingly about their sponsors of twenty or twenty-five years ago.

Today, I have another close AA friend, a man who is in the same profession I am, has been sober a little longer, and has great balance in his way of life. I have filled him in on my past. I want someone who knows me near at hand. I want to be able to call any time and say, "Hey, Jerry, here's my problem." I'd rather not have to fill out a questionnaire first. I want Jerry to be able to give me advice based on what he knows about me--the whole story, not meaningless patches with meaningful gaps in between. Believe me, it took guts for me to fill Jerry in on "the great I," but it was good for me. It helped keep my ego in line. For me, this is an essential effort that must be made continually.

It is obvious that the word "sponsor" has a very special meaning (or meanings) to me. It changes as I change. My first sponsor helped me over the bumps. I needed a friend then very much. Later might have been too late. I am glad he didn't wait until I picked him. Then I needed a guide--Tom--who would let me find myself as painlessly as possible. Now I need someone--Jerry--to keep my Tenth Step inventory in order. I have always found the right person when I needed him most.

I have spoken to several people who think the patterns of sponsorship are changing in general. They claim that some new people are leery of commitment to a sponsor, just as some older members are leery of commitment to a newcomer. Fear of commitment can take exasperating turns. Here's what happened to a newcomer I know. His sponsor said he was busy, but would meet the newcomer any time he called. So the newcomer did call one day and was told to give more notice. On the next call, the newcomer asked to see the sponsor fourteen days later. The older man said that he followed the AA program and could not project that far in the future! Sounds silly, but it happened.

Some AAs get shy about sponsoring people in and out of hospitals, especially at large detoxification centers. One or two abrupt rejections from a patient leave them doubtful about doing this type of Twelfth Step work ever again. I think we must remember that we carry the message and not the drunk. When a person is hospitalized, it's a golden opportunity for us, and we should not stop trying. No matter how outside circumstances change, most AAs feel that the new person still needs a friend in the beginning and that the older member still needs the spiritual experience of watching a new person get sober and grow.

My own experience as a sponsor has varied, I held on to one guy too long. I never will make that mistake again. A wise man said a sponsor should, just, for a time, do things for a new person that he can't do for himself--and then turn him over to the conscience of the group. Sounds to me like a fine way to avoid any fears that either side may have of being possessive or being possessed.

And I've had the opposite experience--being asked to sponsor, then never seeing that newcomer again. I think some people ask me just because they think they should have an official sponsor, but rarely do they need me.

Still, there are people out there whom I have helped, I believe. I advised them to lean on AA, since that's what I lean on for independence and a fear-free life. These are my happiest sponsor relationships. There are many other AAs whom I share with. They don't call me sponsor, but they work out problems with me, and I do the same with them. I am not good as an authority figure who has all the answers. I am just fine as a sober drunk not too proud to admit I had a lousy night last night.

Now that I've reflected on sponsorship and its changing nature, I do not feel it is such a puzzlement after all. Each AA, as newcomer or as sponsor, must find the right method for himself or for herself. For this AA, the right formula remains: One sponsor plus one group equals sobriety.

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Business Meeting Minutes May 7, 2019 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Meeting was opened at 6:40 by Paul M., Chairman, with the Serenity Prayer. Preamble was read by Mark Z., Traditions read by Mark C. 7th Tradition baskets were passed during introductions. Birthdays last month: Tessa, 3 years, Ron T., 8 years, Marshall, 21 years and Tom B., 43 years. Congratulations to all that celebrated. Minutes from March: motion to approve, 2nd, passed. Minutes from April: motion to approve, 2nd, passed with 1 opposed as he has not had time to review the minutes. 2nd vote taken, minutes approved. Treasurers Report: Kathy A. Full report can be found in the Bracer. Motion to approve Treasure's report, 2nd. Passed. Central Office Report, Ronda Central office report from Ronda H. May 7, 2019 Volunteer hours- 112 hours Calls into Central Office: Calls for AA help – 10 Calls for Alanon/Alateen – 1 Meeting information- 64 Retail / merchandise- 7 Other 12 step programs- 0 Events – 10 Business/Central office- 71 Visitors – 230 Spring Festival was a success we sold around \$1600 in merchandise. Next the office will have a merchandise table at the Seniors in Sobriety Convention, May 19th & 20th. Barbara M. and I went to Winnemucca for a service workshop on the 13th. We got a lot of good feedback from the participants. One of the things is that they would like to be involved with intergroup. We discussed possibly having them on a conference call during the Business Meeting. Over all the most important thing was that we were there at the workshop. It showed that NNIG does care and that we are there for them. Our longtime volunteer Candy moved to Oregon, we wish her luck and thank her for her many years at Central office. There are some volunteers positions open at the office, Candy's spot, Monday 9-1 and Thursday 9-1 and Friday 2-5 and of course Saturdays! Central Service Committee Reports: Activities Chair, Tina: Tina reported we have the Founders Day Picnic/NNIG 45th Anniversary well under way. Next event after that is the Halloween Event. Still looking for a venue. Gratitude Dinner report from Sharon R. Flyers were passed out to take back to your home group. Tickets go on sale June 15th at Central Office. We moved to the Atlantis as they have more space for more tables. Answering Service: Mark Z. advised all is going well with Answering Service. All time slots are filled. Mark will be stepping down next month. Please let people know this position is open and he will help train the new Answering Service Chair-person on our system. Bracer Chair: Emily. Report read by Kris thanking the body for allowing her to be of service. She will also be stepping down next month and available to help the next Bracer Chair. Cooperation with the Professional Community, Ben M. Ben reported: Greetings from CPC, CPC participation on the A.A. panel for the Impaired Driving Case Essentials Program, hosted by the National Judicial College at University of Nevada will occur Tuesday, May 21st. I have submitted names of three participants to speak. Judicial College Program Attorney, Sara Lee, requested a fourth speaker to be determined by Friday, May 10th. All speakers are encouraged to share any experiences they have had with traffic, DUI, or, other courts related to their alcohol dependence. Questions from traffic court judges will be answered by speakers, time permitting. Public Information, Tom B. In April we went to Damonte Ranch High School and Hug High School. This month we went to Reed High School yesterday and will be going to McQueen High School on May 21. The only schools we have not been to this year are Wooster High School, Galena High School and North Valley High School. Corrections: Charlotte, Pat Brennan reporting on behalf of your NNIG Corrections Chair Charlotte C. who is on vacation. This past Saturday 3 recent applicants attended the training seminar for the State of Nevada Department of Corrections in Carson City. This training is required for all State of Nevada facilities in general and our newest opportunity Northern Nevada Transitional Housing in Reno in specific. We are still seeking volunteers for a new meeting we are organizing for the NNTH facility. There will be another State of Nevada training seminar in August so we are hoping to have additional volunteers submit application prior to then. Our goal is to have one A.A. meeting per week on Sundays from 10AM-11AM at this men's facility. The next step for those who attending the training is to clear a two-step T.B. test. 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. Treatment, Ryan S. No report sent to Secretary. Bridging The Gap, Cyndy M. Cyndy was not present, however, Colleen introduced herself as the Bridging The Gap Co-Chair. Welcome Colleen. H & I Treasurers Report, Dru G. Full report can be found in the Bracer, no report sent to the Secretary. Monthly Speaker Meeting, Brian A. This month's meeting has been moved to the El Dorado convention center. Brian requested suggestions on the "Long Timers" meeting in June. How can we handle all that have over 25 years of sobriety. Sunshine Committee, Stacy P. Hi I'm Stacy your Sunshine Committee Chair. This past month we did 10 visits for two members, between 5 volunteers. Two of these visits were very short as the person was very confused on what we were trying to do. They were in Saint Mary's Hospital and I was contacted through a social worker and was not able to talk to the member directly. These visits did not go so well and that is why it is so important for me to talk to the person wanting a visit and not someone else that thinks they need a visit. I would like to thank the 2 members from Carson City and the 1 from the Minden / Gardnerville area. That stepped up last month and helped me with the member in Carson City. This made it possible to do at least 2 visits a week, as I'm only able to go there once a week. There are flyers on the table please spread the word. Thanks, Stacy Web Master, Marshall. Marshall advised the Web Site is running well. The mobile app for meetings is up and running. Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison, Pat S. My name is Pat. I am an alcoholic and I am honored to serve as your liaison between Northern Nevada General Service and NNIG. Well, Spring has sprung and that means it's time for the annual General Service Conference in New York. It'll be held May 19 – 25 and Area 42 will be ably represented by our Panel 69 Delegate, Rhonda F. of Las Vegas. Among the many agenda items to be discussed will be whether to publish a 5th edition of our Big Book. On her return, Rhonda will be available to make her report, which you may hear at any of a number of events or you may want to contact her and see if she is available for your event. Area 42, which encompasses all of Nevada and parts of California along the eastern Sierra, holds two Assemblies each year. The next will our Fall Assembly, scheduled at the Tonopah Convention Center September 6 – 8. NAGSC meets quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled June 1st at the Presbyterian Church in Reno (1070 West Plumb Lane). The Spring Area 42 Newsletter has been published. I brought a few black-and-white copies. The newsletter is a confidential document for AA members only, so please be careful with whom you share it. You can download it at nevadaarea42.org, which also archives past newsletters and minutes. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. RENVYPAA Liaison, Barbara reported members from RENVYPAA attended the workshop in Winnemucca. Presented on what we do. Hosted the Young Peoples Meeting the Spring Festival. Unity Day is next Saturday at Rancho San Rafael Park. Intentions Sobriety Camp out is coming up in July. Will be held in Taylorsville, CA. There is a District speaker meeting in Incline Village this Saturday with representation from TITYPAA and RENVYPAA. TITYPAA Liaison, Lisa not present. Steering Committee Reports: Intergroup Rep's Report-Ron T., no report. Chris G., not present. Secretary's report, Barbara M. Please e-mail your reports to NNIGSecretary2018@gmail.com. Vice-Chair Report-Jami F. Proposal to By-laws and amendment to Operating Procedures. Please know these proposals the Steering Committee are asking you to take to your groups for consideration are by no means due to any dissatisfaction with the current Bracer Chair or any other Bracer Chair before her. We are very grateful to Emily for the marvelous job she has done while the Bracer Chair to date. We wanted to bring this before the upcoming elections. This change is being brought forth due to observations made regarding the Bracer and the difficulties posting both the minutes and financial in a timely manner as well as making these documents readily available to all as quickly as possible. Many individuals have found reading the minutes and financials in the Bracer to be an arduous task due to the very small type required to make these documents fit in the Bracer format. Also, the current Bracer is distributed to a very small e-mail subscriber list and even smaller mailing list. It is our belief that making the Bracer available on the website and posting the NNIG financials and meeting minutes as separate documents will reach a wider audience. The financials, minutes and Bracer will remain available in print at Central Office and for a nominal fee also be available by mail.

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The proposed amendment: Amendment to the By-Laws of Northern Nevada Intergroup Association Article XV-14.1.13 Change "The Bracer" Committee to "The Bracer Reporter" This will change the Operating Procedures 10.10 10.10 NEWSLETTER ("The Bracer"): 10.10.1 The CoCenOf will assist in distributing the monthly NNIG newsletter. 10.10.2 "The Bracer" shall report only matters of interest and importance to NNIG Members. 10.10.3 Two hard copies shall be kept on file and included in a file in the computer archives. 10.10.4 A copy of "The Bracer" shall be mailed electronically to each registered Group at no cost. Individuals may request an electronic copy by providing an e-mail address coupled with a minimal donation. Contact the CoCenOf for details. For hard copies, provide mailing address and the fee as designated by the Central Office. The CoCenOf removes those names from the mailing list upon receipt of returned Bracers from United States Post Office. Those removed from the mailing list will forfeit their subscription fees. 10.10.5 There is a minimal re-subscription fee for those persons who wish to obtain "The Bracer" after their initial copy was returned due to lack of a proper mailing address. 10.10.6 NNIG CoCenOf shall assist in preparing and publishing each month in "The Bracer" a calendar of special and major events being held in the NNIG area for the ensuing months. Al-Anon and Alateen activities may be included in the publication at the discretion of the CoCenOf. 10.10.7 Only those events of major importance shall be included, such as anniversaries, picnics, special speakers or other types of meetings or events. 10.10.8 All minutes from the NNIG Business Meetings are to be published in "The Bracer" and must be received in the Central Office within one week after the monthly Business Meeting. Other items to be published in "The Bracer" must be received by Central Office within one week after the Business Meeting. 10.10.9 The information in the "The Bracer" is the responsibility of the Bracer Committee. The material must pertain to A.A. 10.10.10 "The Bracer" contains Official information, such as NNIG Intergroup Representative Committee minutes, and NNIG financial reports 10.10.11 A Master File of all minutes shall be kept in the Central Office for use by the NNIG Chairperson or any authorized Representative. 14 10.10.12 "The Bracer" is available at a set fee as determined by the Steering Committee and Central Office, also recorded in the NNIG policy for a subscription fee to cover the expense of production and mailing. 10.10.13 "The Bracer" may publish information about the Grapevine, space permitting. 10.10.14 Copies of the "The Bracer" shall be mailed to the NAGSC Chairperson, and Liaison to NNIG, all without charge to the individuals. This will change 10.10.1 to: The CoCenOf will distribute the monthly NNIG newsletter. And 10.10.6 NNIG CoCenOf shall prepare and publish each month in "The Bracer" a calendar of special and major events being held in the NNIG area for the ensuing months. 10.10.8 All minutes from the NNIG Business Meetings are to be published in "The Bracer" and must be received in the Central Office within one week after the monthly Business Meeting. Other items to be published in "The Bracer" must be received by Central Office within one week after the Business Meeting. This will change to 10.10.8 All minutes from the NNIG Business Meetings will be posted on the Website and must be received by the Web Master within one week after the monthly Business Meeting. Add-10.10.8.1 Send the financial report to the Web Master within one week after the Business Meeting to post on the Website. Chairman's Report-Paul M. reported on the ongoing Lease issue. The lease will now be signed by Paul with a \$10 increase in rent per year. The amount the owner wants paid for the repair of the HVAC system will not be paid until the flooring in the bathroom is complete. New Business: BBQ Grill. Kathy A., presented to the body, the gas BBQ grill we would like to purchase. She explained to the body the cost of the grill and cover is approximately \$1500.00. There were a few questions from the body. All questions were answered to satisfaction. Brian A., moved to purchase the equipment, motion was seconded. Motion passes with substantial unanimity. I personally did not see any member disagree with this purchase

NNIG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Jami opened the meeting at 5:37 with the Serenity Prayer. Roll Call: Paul M. Chairperson, via phone; Jami F., Vice Chair; Barbara M., Secretary; Kathy A., Treasurer; Ron T., Intergroup Liaison; Ronda H., Central Office Coordinator; Treasurer's Report: Kathy A. reported our checking is currently at \$24,952.00. Motion to accept, 2nd and passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Office Lease: Ron wanted to know if we have a copy of the warranty on the new HVAC system. Paul advised, since we do not own the building the Owner/Leasing Agent would be the only ones to have that information. All steering committee approve the new lease. Paul will sign it and send it to the Owner/Leasing agent.

Founders Day: Barbara presented the full budget to the Steering Committee. Committee approved the \$1500.00 budget. Just because it was approved does not mean we will spend all the money.

NEW BUSINESS: BBQ Grill, Kathy brought in pictures and prices for the grill. With a cover, this is going to cost around \$1500.00. Kathy will present this at the membership meeting next week. We will be asking the body to utilize Concept 3, The Right of Decision. We do not have time to wait until the representatives take this back to their groups. Our next membership meeting is not until June 4th and the picnic is June 9th. June meeting is only for elections.

Out Reach: Ronda reported our trip to Winnemucca was very well received. The members in Winnemucca and Elko would like to part of NNIG. I will start by sending the minutes to them via e-mail. Barbara spoke to Bill H., manager of the Alano Club, they have a TV already set up for a Skype meeting. Questions came up regarding Anonymity if we did a meeting with Skype. Barbara will contact G.S.O. to find out if there is any problem with this issue. Ronda also reported we did well at Spring Festival. We sold approximately \$1600.00 in merchandise. The next Conference will be Seniors in Sobriety.

Bracer and Financials: Jami brought up having the financials in the Bracer. It is so small that you have to have a magnifying glass to read it. Suggested the financials be put on the Web Site and not in the Bracer. She also suggested we bring the Bracer in house as it is actually the Central Office Coordinators responsibility to make sure the Bracer is completed. We have 2 part time employees that could take on this task and get this done in a timely manner. This would take an amendment to our Bylaws. Barbara and Jami will work on writing up an amendment. Instead of a Bracer chair we could have a Bracer Reporter. Someone willing to out in our community and get people to submit their story instead of just copying stories from the Grapevine. That person could also report on "What's happening in our Area". Meeting closed at 6:35 with the Responsibility Pledge.

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