

# NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



Dec. 14, 2019  
Aloha Group, Reno  
Heather S., Reno, NV  
Doors open at 6:30  
Speaker at 7:00

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

## November, 2019

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

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Gratitude is not only the greatest  
of virtues, but the parent of  
all the others.

~Cicero



## NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

### Tradition Eleven

## Smarter phones

**Texting and posting can be tricky when it comes to anonymity. There are guidelines that can help**

**Tradition Eleven:** *Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.*

Anonymity, in my experience, is one of the most misunderstood aspects of our Fellowship. It was complicated for our cofounders, and technology makes it even more complicated today. Bill W. wrote Tradition Eleven and Dr. Bob clarified anonymity in *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* at a time when there were no computers and smartphones. What would they say about anonymity today? How anonymous should I be in this era of social media?

There is an answer to that. AA published some "Guidelines on the Traditions and the Internet." It's available on aa.org. There is a section in these guidelines on social networking sites. Briefly, the guidelines state that someone "using their full name and/or likeness such as a full-face photograph, would be contrary to the spirit of the Eleventh Tradition." It goes on to suggest that "it is in keeping with the Eleventh Tradition not to disclose AA membership on social networking sites, as well as any other website, blog, electronic bulletin board, etc., unless composed solely of AA members and password protected."

My belief is that Tradition Eleven (and specifically the part about "press, radio and films") meant "media." There are two reasons why the idea of "media" is important: 1) this kind of communication is recorded and can be played back or retrieved. And 2) it is transmitted to a lot of people, some of whom may not understand AA and our Traditions.

My approach is: If I can be personally identified as a member of AA on social media, it's a violation of Tradition Eleven. So for example, if I post something online that identifies me as an AA member, I consider that to be a violation of the Traditions. My social media posts are recorded; they are available for all time and are easily retrievable by anyone who really wants to find them. Things that I posted 10 years ago are still there. So I do not post anything about my membership in AA on any social media sites. Also, I need always to look at my ego and ask myself why I am posting whatever I'm posting.

But at the same time, I also need to ensure that I am not "too anonymous." I do my best to be available whenever "anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help." My name, telephone number and email address are well known to my home group members and in my local AA community. People can easily find me if they need.

-- Hal W., Berwyn, Pennsylvania

**A A's**

## **Recovery Step Eleven:**

*"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."*

**Three**

## **Unity Tradition Eleven:**

*"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."*

**Legacies**

## **Service Concept Eleven:**

*"The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."*

### **Concept XI - Good Committees, Corporate Directors, Staff and Consultants to Carry Out Day-to-Day Service Activity is a Matter of Serious Care and Concern**

The writings under Concept 11 discuss matters related to A.A. service personnel. Paraphrasing here, Bill says: While final responsibility for world services lies with the Trustees, the job of carrying out service activities will require competent leadership and harmonious working relationships among standing committee members, the directors of A.A.'s two corporations, as well as the executives, staff and employees. These matters call for serious care and concern about:

- Who they are; their quality and dedication; their personal qualifications.
- The manner of their induction into service.
- The systems of rotation of membership.
- The way in which the various service jobs are related to each other.
- Special rights and duties of executives, staffs and consultants.
- Having a proper basis for financial compensation for their work.

As in Concept 10, the writings of Concept 11 seem most useful as a reference source. Each detail stands on its own merit; there is no way to summarize. Bill applies the above-listed considerations to the five General Service Board committees existing at the time of his writing (early 1960s). These five committees have since been expanded to thirteen (See Chapter 9 of The A.A. Service Manual).

The early committees consisted of a *Nominating Committee* that aids the Trustees in filling personnel vacancies; *Finance and Budgetary Committee* whose primary purpose is to see that A.A. Headquarters operations are always solvent, in good times and bad; *Public Information Committee* that combines professional public relations methods with the A.A. principle of attraction rather than promotion; *Literature Committee* that revises and updates existing books and pamphlets as well as creating needed new ones; and *General Policy Committee* where any matter of great and significant policy importance can be carefully discussed and hashed out before coming to the Board for final resolution. Today the General Policy Committee has become a General Sharing Session that provides regular opportunity for open discussion of any matter of concern regarding A.A. as a whole.

The writing on Concept 11 concludes with discussion of four principles applicable to A.A. personnel:

- The Board makes policy, but the corporate executives need ample freedom and authority to manage service operations and activities.
- Paid workers are to be compensated commensurate with the value of similar services in the commercial world. They do not get paid less just because they work for A.A.
- Staff rotate among jobs. Among other things, this assures available knowledge and experience in case of emergency situations. It also reduces temptations to destructive competition.
- Full "participation" of paid workers is highly important. All must feel that they are a part of the team.

As usual, Bill concludes the discussion of Concept 11 with a spiritual reference, saying that the only guarantee against the depredations of clashing personalities in A.A. Headquarters is the application of Step 12, a sustained willingness to practice spiritual principles in all our affairs.

*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.*

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Deadline for submission is the last Friday of the month.



# 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



**December 14, 2019**  
Host Group- Aloha Group  
Speaker- Heather S. Reno, NV  
Location- Silver Baron 1-6

**January 11, 2020**  
Host Group- Pyramid Way Group  
Speaker- Charlie H. Las Vegas, NV  
Location- Eldorado Hotel Casino

**February 8, 2020**  
Host Group- Wednesday Beginners Group  
Speaker- Joyce Y. Reno, NV  
Location- Silver Baron 1-6

**March 14, 2020**  
Host Group- Fireside Men's Group  
Speaker- Dave S. Bermuda Dunes, CA  
Location- Silver Baron 1-6

NNIG Speaker Chair: Chad S. (916) 295-8486  
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151  
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ ~5pm with the speaker

**IT'S A NEW DAY - And A New Place!**

**2019 Gratitude Dinner**  
HUGE RAFFLE!!

**SUPER SECRET BIG PRIZE!!**

**Atlantis Hotel-Casino**

3800 S Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

Speaker Jay L., Sherman Oaks, CA

Alanon – Barbara M. – Reno

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

Seated Dinner \$47.00

WANT A TABLE? – **CALL TO PURCHASE!!** SGL TIX ONLY @ CENTRAL OFFICE

OUT OF TOWN? – **CALL TO PURCHASE!!**

Doors Open 4:30

Dinner Served 6:00

Speaker 7:30

Central Office 436 South Rock Blvd, Sparks, NV

775-355-1151

Raffle 8:30

Northern Nevada Intergroup

**NNIG PRESENTS**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**2019**

DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 6:30PM

**HIDDEN VALLEY**  
**COUNTRY CLUB**

3575 E HIDDEN VALLEY DR.

WALK THE RED CARPET @ 6:30 PM

BUFFET DINNER @ 7:30 PM

SPEAKER/ MIKE H. @ 9:30 PM

RAFFLE @ 10:45 PM

MUSIC & DANCING @ 11:00 PM

SPARKLING CIDER TOAST @ 11:59 PM

HOLLYWOOD ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED

DINNER TICKETS \$60

ONLY **216** AVAILABLE

## MORE AREA EVENTS

**Sierra Nevada Fall Roundup**

**DIY Holiday Craft Fundraiser**

**November 23, 2019**

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

ALANO CLUB

1640 Prater Way, Sparks

Create your own holiday wood sign, dozens of stencils to choose from!

Entertainment for all, children are welcome! Refreshments available.

All supplies to create your own holiday signs will be provided.

Choose your wood size, stain, stencil and more!

We will provide the instruction and fun!

Large: \$30

Medium: \$20

Small: \$10



*Alano Club*  
*Thanksgiving Dinner*  
*November 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*1pm - 4:30pm*  
*\$5 suggested Donation*  
*Pot Luck - bring a side dish or*  
*dessert*  
*Turkey and traditional*  
*sides will be provided*

**District-16**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Affair**  
**Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages**

Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

12:00 to 5:00 PM

Sparks Masonic Center

2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV.

Come all for food, fun and fellowship!  
**Please bring a salad or a dessert to share!!!**

**Service Panel Discussion: \*12:15 PM**  
**Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages**

**Santa: \*1:30 PM**

**Turkey Dinner with all the Extras: \*2:30 PM**

**Speaker: Julie C. (Virgin Islands) \*3:30 PM**

**Raffle: \*4:30 PM**

\*All times are approximate

**\$5.00 Suggested Contribution**

For raffle prize contributions, volunteer help, or information  
please call: Stacy P. (775) 830-9840



Dear NNIG Fellowship,

Central office report from Ronda H. October 1, 2019

I am happy to report that all the volunteer spots have been filled! It looks like we even have someone for Saturdays. This last month the office went through the 12 Step call list and sadly the list for all areas shrunk. I have put out flyers for you all to take back your home groups this is a vital need that has to be filled. I have an extended report in the November Bracer that cover some of the ICOAA seminar that I went to in September if anyone is interested.

Volunteer hours- 116

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help - 14
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 0
- Meeting information- 58
- Retail/ merchandise- 11
- Other 12 step programs- 3
- Events - 17
- New to AA - 8
- Business/Central office-119
- Visitors - 300

Ronda  
Central Office Manager

## The Birthday Club

**October 2019**

Sharon F. 35 Years  
Michael H. 24 Years  
Ron T. 8 Years

**September 2019**  
Danny S. 17 years  
Linda G. 27 years  
Phil S. 43 years

**July 2019**  
Paul M. 28 Years  
Linda G. 27 Years  
Joanne P. 7 years  
**JUNE 2019**  
Ann G. 15 Years  
**May 2019**  
William Mc K. 30 Years  
Donn T 29 Years



**November 2018**  
Leslie S. 21 Years  
Cheryl Z. 23 Years  
Mike Mc. 34 Years  
**February**

Joan H. 48 Years  
Joe R. 20 Years  
William M. 28 Years  
**March 2019**  
Kent L. 37 Years  
Rob L. 9 Years  
Kimmy D. 42 Years  
Joe R. 20 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

**SERENITY ON SUNDAYS**  
Sunday  
9:00 AM  
Sparks Nugget  
Sparks, NV

**OUR TWELFTH SUGGESTION GROUP**  
Thursday 12:00 PM  
314 N. Division  
Carson City, NV

**MAMMOTH LAKES GROUP**  
Sunday Morning Jelly  
Doughnut Group  
Sunday 9:00 AM  
HWY 203 & Minaret  
Mammoth Lakes, CA

**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

**ELKO GROUP**

Wednesday 12 PM  
680 River Street  
Elko, NV

**GRUPO LA NUEVA LUZ**  
1934 Prater Way  
Domingos de  
9:00 AM  
Sparks, NV



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

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

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

**N.N.I.G. H&I**  
 First Monday of each month, 5:30 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

**GRATITUDE DINNER MEETING**  
 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30  
 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

**NEW YEAR'S GALA**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT  
 5:30PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

## 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even numbered months-For  
 information email [district6@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district6@nevadaarea42.org)

**DISTRICT 8** First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months  
 Call [\(760\) 937-8407](tel:7609378407)

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

**DISTRICT 10B** Dark since 2017

**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** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month 6:30 PM @  
 Central Office

### 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  
 Susanville (530) 257-2880

**Volunteers are needed for Bridging the Gap service commitments. We have many opportunities available. Commitments are for one hour once a month. If you are interested, please email [nvbtqchair@gmail.com](mailto:nvbtqchair@gmail.com)**

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

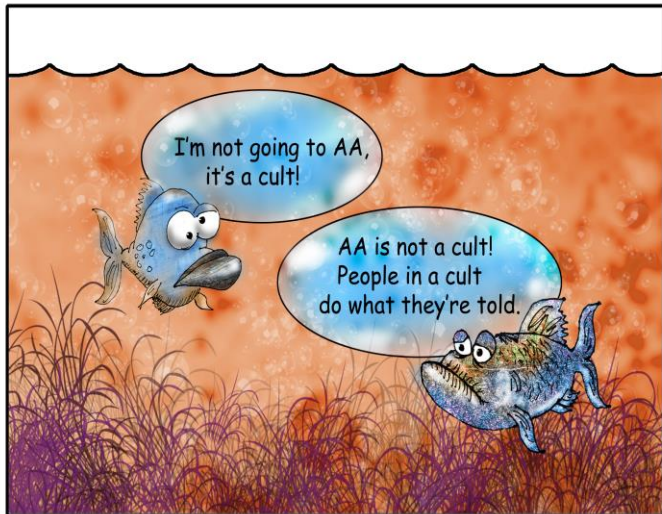


## 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CENTRAL OFFICE

Monday November 11, Veterans Day – Closed  
 Thursday November 21, Thanksgiving – Closed  
 Friday November 22, Family Day – Closed  
 Wednesday December 25 Christmas – Closed  
 Tuesday & Wednesday  
 December 30, 31 2019 Inventory – Closed

### Drink Like A Fish

by Rick M.

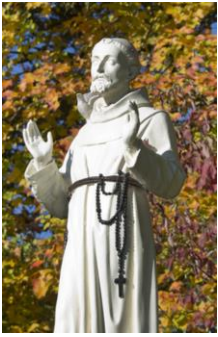


### DREAM ON

I was at my Tuesday men's stag meeting celebrating my AA birthday with my wife recently. While we were waiting for the cake to be brought out, I turned to her and said, "Honey, did you ever in your wildest dreams think you'd be standing here helping me celebrate 48 years of sobriety?" She turned to me and said, "Bruce, let me tell you something. You're not in my wildest dreams!"

BRUCE D., Manhattan Beach, CA Oct 2013

# Prayer of St. Francis



This article of Bill's was first printed in the Grapevine in the January 1958 issue. Many AAs have mentioned it since as a great help in their continuing search for serenity. We reprint it to signal the start of the Grapevine's Twentieth Anniversary year and as part of a plan to bring you some samples of the best of our past: a reprint--each month of the next twelve--of articles that were especially well liked. (See the Grapevine's Story on page 26.)--Ed. I THINK that many oldsters who have put our AA

"booze cure" to severe but successful tests still find they often lack emotional sobriety. Perhaps they will be the spearhead for the next major development in AA--the development of much more real maturity and balance (which is to say, humility) in our relations with ourselves, with our fellows, and with God. Those adolescent urges that so many of us have for top approval, perfect security and perfect romance--urges quite appropriate to age seventeen--prove to be an impossible way of life when we are at age forty-seven or fifty-seven. Since AA began, I've taken immense wallops in all these areas because of my failure to grow up, emotionally and spiritually. My God, how painful it is to keep demanding the impossible, and how very painful to discover finally, that all along we have had the cart before the horse! Then comes the final agony of seeing how awfully wrong we have been, but still finding ourselves unable to get off the emotional merry-go-round. How to translate a right mental conviction into a right emotional result, and so into easy, happy and good living--well, that's not only the neurotic's problem, it's the problem of life itself for all of us who have got to the point of real willingness to hew to right principles in all our affairs. Even then, as we hew away, peace and joy may still elude us. That's the place so many of us AA oldsters have come to. And it's a hell of a spot, literally. How shall our unconscious--from which so many of our fears, compulsions and phony aspirations still stream--be brought into line with what we actually believe, know and want! How to convince our dumb, raging and hidden "Mr. Hyde" becomes our main task. I've recently come to believe that this can be achieved. I believe so because I begin to see many benighted ones--folks like you and me--commencing to get results. Last autumn [several years back--ed.] depression, having no really rational cause at all, almost took me to the cleaners. I began to be scared that I was in for another long chronic spell. Considering the grief I've had with depressions, it wasn't a bright prospect. I kept asking myself, "Why can't the Twelve Steps work to release depression?" By the hour, I stared at the St. Francis Prayer. . . "It's better to comfort than to be comforted." Here was the formula, all right. But why didn't it work? Suddenly I realized what the matter was. My basic flaw had always been dependence--almost absolute dependence--on people or circumstances to supply me with prestige, security, and the like. Failing to get these things according to my perfectionist dreams and specifications, I had fought for them. And when defeat came, so did my depression. There wasn't a chance of making the outgoing love of St. Francis a workable and joyous way of life until these fatal and almost absolute dependencies were cut away. Because I had over the years undergone a little spiritual development, the absolute quality of these frightful dependencies had never before been so

starkly revealed. Reinforced by what Grace I could secure in prayer, I found I had to exert every ounce of will and action to cut off these faulty emotional dependencies upon people, upon AA, indeed, upon any set of circumstances whatsoever. Then only could I be free to love as Francis had. Emotional and instinctual satisfactions, I saw, were really the extra dividends of having love, offering love, and expressing a love appropriate to each relationship of life. Plainly, I could not avail myself of God's love until I was able to offer it back to Him by loving others as He would have me. And I couldn't possibly do that so long as I was victimized by false dependencies. For my dependency meant demand--a demand for the possession and control of the people and the conditions surrounding me. While those words "absolute dependency" may look like a gimmick, they were the ones that helped to trigger my release into my present degree of stability and quietness of mind, qualities which I am now trying to consolidate by offering love to others regardless of the return to me. This seems to be the primary healing circuit: an outgoing love of God's creation and His people, by means of which we avail ourselves of His love for us. It is most clear that the real current can't flow until our paralyzing dependencies are broken, and broken at depth. Only then can we possibly have a glimmer of what adult love really is. Spiritual calculus, you say? Not a bit of it. Watch any AA of six months working with a new Twelfth Step case. If the case says "To the devil with you," the Twelfth Stepper only smiles and turns to another case. He doesn't feel frustrated or rejected. If his next case responds, and in turn starts to give love and attention to other alcoholics, yet gives none back to him, the sponsor is happy about it anyway. He still doesn't feel rejected; instead he rejoices that his one-time prospect is sober and happy. And if his next following case turns out in later time to be his best friend (or romance) then the sponsor is most joyful. But he well knows that his happiness is a by-product--the extra dividend of giving without any demand for a return. The really stabilizing thing for him was having and offering love to that strange drunk on his doorstep. That was Francis at work, powerful and practical, minus dependency and minus demand. In the first six months of my own sobriety, I worked hard with many alcoholics. Not a one responded. Yet this work kept me sober. It wasn't a question of those alcoholics giving me anything. My stability came out of trying to give, not out of demanding that I receive. Thus I think it can work out with emotional sobriety. If we examine every disturbance we have, great or small, we will find at the root of it some unhealthy dependency and its consequent unhealthy demand. Let us, with God's help, continually surrender these hobbling demands. Then we can be set free to live and love; we may then be able to Twelfth Step ourselves and others into emotional sobriety. Of course, I haven't offered you a really new idea--only a gimmick that has started to unhook several of my own "hexes" at depth. Nowadays my brain no longer races compulsively in either elation, grandiosity or depression. I have been given a quiet place in bright sunshine. Prayer of St. Francis Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me know love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, let me bring light; And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much Seek to be consoled, as to console: To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; In pardoning, that we are pardoned; and It is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.-- Bill W. from the June 1964 magazine. First printed in January 1958.





# Faithful Fivers Needed!

**\$5.00 per month**  
**or \$60.00 per year**

## The Faithful Fiver Club

are A.A. members that want the hand of A.A. always to be there in Northern Area 42 Community with Central Office Services

**It's Easy to join!**  
Use a **Check or Credit Card** to pay monthly, or one time.  
Stop by the Central Office or use postal services.  
Phone Central Office for a one time Card Charge over the phone.  
This membership directly supports 12 step work in Northern area 42, Group Services and Central Office Operations.

Can we not wisely, gratefully and humbly reinvest a tiny fraction of this vast sum in those vital services that make AA tick? I think we can, and I think we shall. By our Twelve Steps we have recovered, by our Twelve Traditions we have unified and through our Third Legacy--Service--we shall carry the AA message down through all the corridors of time to come. Of this, I am happily confident.

-- Bill W. Grapevine 1951

## Tuesday Night Thumpers Presents: Friday Night A.A. Speaker Meeting

F.I.S.H. Building 921 Mitch Drive Gardnerville Ranchos  
2nd Friday of each month  
Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Speakers 7-8:30 PM

**October 11th, 2019**  
10 Minute Speaker: Brandi - Gardnerville, NV  
50 Minute Speaker: Don M. - Colville, CA

**November 8th, 2019**  
10 Minute Speaker: T.B.D. -  
50 Minute Speaker: Matt N. - Citrus Heights Ca

**December 13th, 2019**  
10 Minute Speaker: T.B.D.  
50 Minute Speaker: Karen L. - Wellington Nv

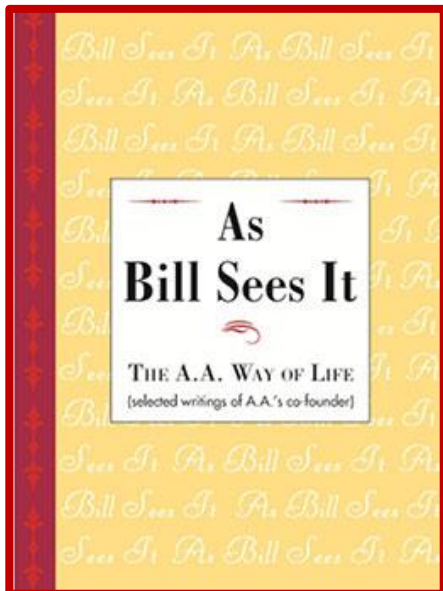
**January 10th, 2020**  
T.B.D.

Limited space available, please arrive early  
No children, please

Our Fifth tradition states: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers"

For more info, contact speaker chairman Bigg: (775)790-1695  
or BiggImpressions@Gmail.com

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
*Pick up your copy today*



**PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH**  
*Get the Answers you need to find a sponsor*



## CALLING ALL LONGTIMERS!!!

DO YOU HAVE 35 YEARS OF SOBRIETY?  
IF SO, THE ARCHIVES WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

EACH MONTH, THE ARCHIVES WOULD LIKE TO PUT A LONGTIMER'S STORY IN THE BRACER. BUT WE NEED YOUR STORIES!!!

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## NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2019

Group	October	YTD	Group	October	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group	50.00	150.00	Happy Hour Reno		855.00
A Way Home		0.00	Incline Village Fellowship		50.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		175.00	Incline to be Sober		100.00
Alano Brown Baggers		127.50	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		553.00
Alano Dawn Patrol	150.00	150.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		389.76	Ladies of the Evening		0.00
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	63.00	160.95
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		100.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	McGill NV Freedom Group		31.58
Alano Sunshine Group		132.97	Minden Language of the Heart		80.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		550.00
Alano Women in Recovery	3.66	7.76	Minden Stephanie Way Group	72.50	213.86
Amen Maintenance Meeting		250.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	120.29	830.37
Austin Group		90.00	Minden Wednesday Night Live	23.73	23.73
Back Room Group		42.04	Mt Rose Recovery Room		1604.93
Back to Basics Saturday Night		564.50	NNIG Business Meeting	29.00	273.77
Blairsdan Graeagle Sister in Recovery		60.00	Our Common Welfare		85.60
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	100.00	Out and Sober		60.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Page by Page		0.00
Blue Canyon Airport group		10.00	Portola Group		200.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group		347.45
Buena Vista Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		22.50
Caring & Sharing in Stead		63.54	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		10.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		200.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		15.00
Carson After Shifters		2.32	RTC Almost Heaven	200.00	950.00
Carson Airport		132.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		750.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		500.00
Carson Big Book Experience		45.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		90.00
Carson Brown Baggers		557.00	RTC Just for Today Women		173.00
Carson Dr. Bob's Nightngales		0.00	RTC Coffee with Bill		145.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Little Rascals	100.00	250.00
Carson Early Birds	484.18	1113.71	RTC Big Book Study		50.00
Carson Happy Hour	200.00	450.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		312.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		100.00	RTC Don't Trip Music Meeting		100.00
Carson Language of the Heart		60.00	RTC Grapevine/Big Book		50.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		73.85	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers	100.00	100.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		300.00
Carson Womens Night Out		50.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		0.00
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Stati	64.30	251.56	RTC New Awakenings Group	239.19	1028.58
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		175.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		56.02	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		150.00
Chester Fellowship		91.57	RTC Sober N Sane	50.00	100.00
Choices		150.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Colfax Blue Canyon Group		6.10	Sierraville Sunday Night		0.00
Cornerstone Group		93.00	Silver Springs Groups	100.00	325.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sisters of Sobriety		57.24
Dayton Fellowship Hall		750.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		375.00	Sierra City		62.10
Dayton Sunday Morning	173.30	748.98	South Shore Group		60.00
Disdrict 2	10.00	28.00	Southside Group	255.30	2288.70
District 12	200.00	200.00	Stagecoach Friends of Bill		0.00
District 14		543.50	South Reno on Sunday		585.48
District 22	51.00	461.00	Step 1	60.00	100.00
District 6		250.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's 4th Dimension		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		60.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		0.00	Sunnyside Group	460.00	1410.00
Driar's Positive Step		100.00	Susanville Thursday Night		75.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		0.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Driar's Support Hose		50.00	The Rock Group	152.50	406.50
Fallon Language of the Heart		250.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		1300.00
Eye Operner		351.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol		266.00
Fallon Sunlight of the Spirit	120.00	240.00	Truckee Fellowship		160.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		346.00	The Twilight Zone	50.00	230.00
Fernley Groups	200.00	600.00	Verdi Bookies		24.00
Fireside Group		350.00	Virginia City Plug in the Jug		0.00
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		100.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		0.00	Westwood Monday Night		0.00
Greenville Group		0.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		225.00
Ground Zero	119.99	434.87	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers	20.00	20.00
Grupo Accion	40.00	100.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		120.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		200.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		0.00	Women's New Beginnings		149.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	10.00	60.00	Women's New Harmony	100.00	200.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women Down and Dirty		87.00
Grupo Nueva Vida		75.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		70.00			
			Total	4,081.94	32,030.89



## 2019 ICOAA Seminar

The whole seminar was very educational and rewarding. After the first day I knew I was in for an overload of information. So, I have picked just a few things to focus on for this next year.

I passed on information that I learned in the "Protecting Anonymity – Mass Communications and Social Media" workshop to the Bracer crew. Things need to be in JPEG to be safe and have protected anonymity, too many BCC and some servers will switch to a paid server that can then use email addresses. No last names on flyers and try to avoid personal phone numbers. Anonymity is always being broken on social media. It was suggested to read Bills essay on anonymity. I have printed a few copies on the essay. If anyone would like a copy they are in the office.

"Safety in AA – Liability and Insurance" was another good topic. Phone calls and questions are asked about problem members or group problems at the office. I learned to do what GSO does when we call them to ask a question, use the literature. My sponsor always told me the answers to all my problems are in the Big Book, how true that is! At this writing we have already sent literature out to meetings that have questions on their group.


Something that I heard a few times in different workshops was outreach committees or unity committees. This sparked my interest because I hear it often, what is Central Office? What is Intergroup? What is the difference between Area and Intergroup? I heard a lot of areas have these committees that go to groups or meetings that do not participate in intergroup. The committees advise the groups or meetings know what intergroup is, ask if their information is correct and lets them know about service opportunities and events. The point of the outreach is unity in our fellowship. A DECLARATION OF UNITY: This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come. (1970 A.A. International Convention).

It was fascinating to meet other A.A.'s that are employed and involved with central office's all across the US and Canada. We share so many experiences, strengths and hopes with each other. Having the Grapevine editor, publisher, trustee, manager there with presentations was informative and they had gifts that I was able to raffle off at the NNIG business meeting. The Friday Night AAWS presentation w/Q&A went well over 2 and half hours and I stayed there the whole time completely hooked on the dialog going on all around me. I treated this seminar like I treated my first year of sobriety, staying quiet and listening to everything and everyone. In between workshops and presentations, I would talk with others about their local fellowships, got some business cards and met the local Mesa fellowship doing service work at the seminar. I sought out the managers from Sacramento and Las Vegas, our closest other central office and the other Central Office in area 42. One of the last workshops I attended was titled "3 Things your Office does best". Heard a lot of great things but it got me to thinking what does our office do best? We have a dedicated and giving volunteer staff. Each one of the volunteers brings a unique quality to the service position, we alcoholics are special (so we think). It just always seems to be the right person in the office when that phone call comes in or someone walks in the door. The office tries its best to be a place of information, understanding, tolerance and love. We have quarterly meetings that focus on operations of the office that not only includes the procedures of running the office but what we bring into the office as members of Alcoholics Anonymous. We as a fellowship have a primary purpose, to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety, I believe that we try every day to achieve this purpose.

The seminar was richly rewarding as your central office manager but also as an A.A. member. There were many things I learned that I will start to practice in the future in the office. I need to give a thank you to our previous director. She not only helped me in the beginning but many of the things I heard at the seminar were familiar because she had already had them in operation at the office. **Thank you Leslie S.** I look forward to putting the new information I got at the ICOAA seminar into practice this year and looking forward with excitement to the next seminar. Ronda H.

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