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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)

CENTRAL OFFICE

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Live and Let Live – Grow where you're planted!

Here are some things to consider if you have moved to a new sobriety area. Even though your new city does not "do" AA right, in your opinion, be still and listen to what you hear in the 'new to you' meetings. Look around and see if there are old-timers, folks over 30 years, that have been sober in this area for most or all of that time. Spend some time getting to know the people in the meetings before you attend their group business meeting to change the format of the meeting to match where you came from. Consider starting a new meeting similar to what you are used to instead of disrupting the flow of the meeting that may have existed longer than you are sober.

I say this from my own personal experience from moving to different sobriety stations. I got sober in Southern California, Huntington/Newport/Sunset/Laguna Beaches and the surrounding areas. In my opinion it was the greatest place ever to get sober. It was like a great big pep rally of sober people. They clapped after every share and the meetings were an hour and a half long. I suppose to allow time for all that clapping. At almost four years of sobriety I moved to the Monterey Peninsula. Boy did they do their meetings wrong! It was pretty uncomfortable until I complained to my Papa Sponsor and he told me to do what they do. So, I did! Even though they were doing it wrong, they were doing it and had members there with long term sobriety. If it was working for them, maybe it could work for me. It did!

At 11 years sobriety I moved to Gallatin, Tennessee. Boy did they do it wrong! Since I had previous experience in moving, I took my time finding meetings in Sumner, Wilson and Davidson Counties where I was comfortable. Only to learn that the folks in that area only went to meetings in their area and rarely left their city for meetings. That made me kind of crazy because I was taught in Southern California that we "go to any lengths" to stay sober and that meant going to different areas for meetings. Even though they didn't go to other meetings, I did and I met lots of fantastic people.

At 24 years I moved to Reno! Again, they didn't do it right, but they had a vibrant fellowship here! Lots of people with a similar amount of sobriety of myself. I learned the term "stay in the middle of the herd". What a great philosophy! The most annoying thing here was a lot of chanting during the readings in the meeting and would end the meeting with the Al Anon statement of "who you see here...". That drove me nuts, but inspired me to find meetings where they don't do that. So far, I have not been inspired to start a meeting with guidelines in the format to meet my pet projects.

In closing I would like to compare AA meetings to restaurants. If you don't like the food, don't go to that restaurant! If you can't find a restaurant you like, open your own business! Remember, no two meetings will ever be the same... Grow where you're planted!



Recovery Step Twelve:

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."



Unity Tradition Twelve:

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."



Service Concept Twelve: "General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the

General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or on incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."

Concept XII - Six Fundamental Warranties Underlie the A.A. Service Structure.

To fully understand the purpose in the writing of Concept 12, it is useful to ask why it was important to write the Concepts at all? A look at what was happening in A.A. at the time gives an answer.

Realizing that he and Dr. Bob would not be around to "head up" A.A. forever, Bill felt it important to turn A.A. ownership over to its groups and its members. This ownership would need to be self-directing, with full participation in the guidance of A.A.'s affairs. A top-down method of decision making would be avoided. Yet, there would be need for a structure that would provide a workable way to facilitate this participation. The 12 Concepts were written to outline the components of the service structure, to describe how they would work together, and to provide the desired group and member participation in A.A. operations.

Development of the 12 Concepts required a way of thinking different from what we are accustomed to in our everyday world. It required thinking in the language of service rather than in the language of governance; to create a structure whose purpose would be to serve rather than to govern.

Concept 12 was originally written as Article 12 of the Charter for the General Service Conference. The Conference structure was developed as a way in which the legal foundation of A.A., its existence as a corporation under New York law, could be integrated with the more participatory form of ownership. The substance of the Conference Charter is not a legal instrument, but exists only as an "...informal agreement which was made between the A.A. groups and their Trustees in 1955." Bill describes the Charter as an "elastic document", but only in part. The first eleven Concepts can be amended by the Conference at any time. A change in Concept 12, however, would require written approval of three-quarters of all directory-listed groups. Making this change was made purposefully difficult, though not impossible. Making both the Traditions and Concept 12 difficult to change was seen as necessary to assure A.A.'s survival and well-being into the future.

The substance of Concept 12 is a list of six declarations that Bill describes as having a"...a high and permanent importance to A.A.'s general welfare". Bill refers to these as the Six Warranties".

- 1. That the Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power.
- 2. That sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.
- That none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others.
- That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity.
- That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy.
- 6. That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any act of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and in spirit.

By protecting A.A.'s general welfare, the six warranties, along with all of the 12 Concepts and the Traditions ensure that A.A., will always be there to serve our members as we work together to support each other in our recovery from the disease of alcoholism. They are important for our survival collectively as a fellowship and for us individually as its members. 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. Revised May, 2017

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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

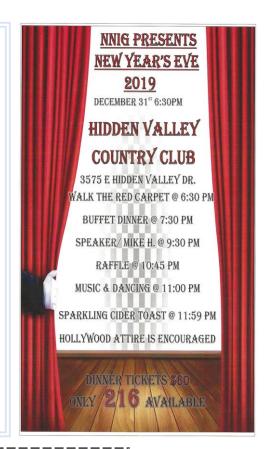
Host Group- Wednesday Beginners Group

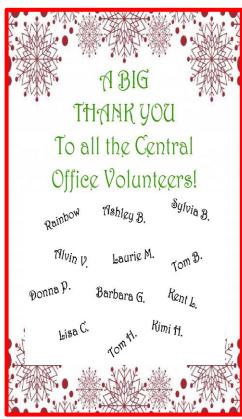
Speaker- Joyce Y. Reno, NV

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 speakei

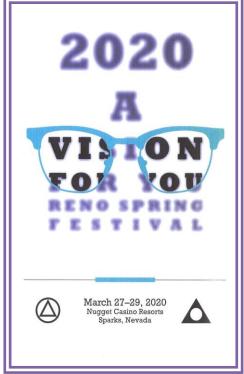




MORE AREA EVENTS







MEETINGS AND MORE

Dear NNIG Fellowship,

December 3, 2019

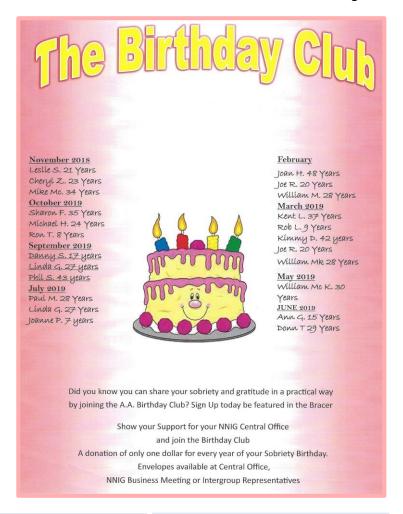
The office is running smoothly with all the volunteer spots filled. If you are looking for something special for someone in recovery this holiday come into the office, we have a lot of great gifts in the office- books, jewelry, chips, cups, t-shirts and for a limited time only the Grapevine calendars. The book of the month is Language of the Heart, this is a beautiful book of our co-founders grapevine writing.

Volunteer hours- 131

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help 9
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen 0
- Meeting information-39
- Retail / merchandise-11
- Other 12 step programs- 3
- Events 24
- New to AA 6
- Business/Central office-98
- Total Calls- 190
- Visitors 281

Ronda Central Office Manager



SUNSHINE GROUP

Monday

9:00 AM

Sparks, 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

EARLY BIRDS GROUD

Friday, 6:45 AM 412 West Musser Carson City, NV

SQUAD #1 GROUP
WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM
SPRING CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH

Bridgeport Cross Talk Group

Wednesday 6:30 PM 123 Emigrant St. Senior Center Bridgeport, CA

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407 GENTRY WAY
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TODOS LAS DIAS
DE 6:00 A 7:30 DM

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

NEW YEAR'S GALA

2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

District Meetings

- <u>DISTRICT-2</u> Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM-Reno Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd. Reno
- <u>DISTRICT</u> 4 First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue Reno
- <u>DISTRICT 6</u> 2nd Sunday of even numbered months-For information email district6@nevadaarea42.or
- DISTRICT 8 First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months
- 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 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 3rd Wed of each "Odd" month at 6:00 PM -265 Bear Street in Kings Beach CA
- <u>DISTRICT 16</u> Meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of the month Sparks Family Christian Church 510 Greenbrae Blvd 6:00PM-7:00PM
- DISTRICT 18 DARK DISTRICT
- <u>DISTRICT 20</u> Third Saturday of Jan, Mar, May, Aug & Oct 10:30 AM- Contact DCM @
 - district20@nevadaarea42.org for location
- <u>DISTRICT 22</u> 1st and 3rd 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 (760) 873-6700

Las Vegas Triangle Club (702) 435-0597

South Lake Tahoe (530) 541-1243

Susanville (775) 355-1151

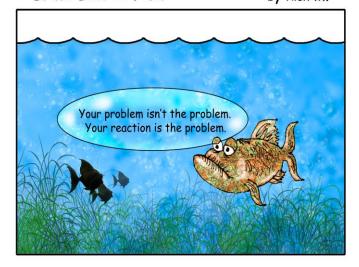


Volunteers are needed for Bridging the Gap service commitments. We have many opportunities available. Commitments are for one hour once a month. If you are interested, please email nvbtqchair@gmail.com

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

Drink Like A Fish

by Rick M.



NICE TRANSLATION

The man chairing the meeting called on a younger member to share.

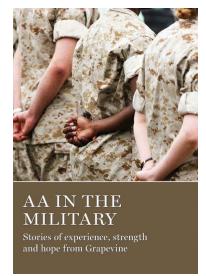
She said, "Oh, I've had a terrible day. I wasn't centered. I felt alienated. My child within was derived. I wasn't self-actualized at all!" An old-timer who was hard of hearing leaned over and whispered to a friend, "What did she say?"

The friend replied, "She says she's hungry, angry, lonely and tired."

Joe R., St. James, N.Y., March 2012

Tonopah Terry

Fresh out of rehab, a veteran surprisingly encounters 238 sober friends who give him a brand-new nickname



Tonopah Terry—that's what they called me. I never thought I'd get this nickname when I came to this Nevada town at only 35 days sober.

I had a lot of nicknames as a kid, like "Four-eyes" or "Poindexter" or any of the go-to bullying names applied to an above average boy like myself. But then there were the names I was called at home: black sheep, dummy, moron,

along with the worst: "You're never going to amount to anything but a drunk." Boy, did that one eventually fit. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

I left rehab early, 10 days before my time was up. I am a disabled veteran who struggles with PTSD, depression, bipolar disorder and emotional issues. I was tired of institutions. I was irritable and just didn't want to be in rehab any longer.

I got to my car, which the VA was holding for me, and I felt relieved but fearful at the same time. I only had 30 days sober for the umpteenth time. I called myself a chronic relapser, a retreader's retread—my own nicknames. What was I going to do now?

I headed home, uncertain. I really didn't want to go home. I was having trouble with some of my neighbors who were also alcoholics, and I had almost come to blows with them several times. So I took the longest roads home possible to prolong the time until I arrived. Two things happened. First, I ran down to my last little bit of money as I left Ely, Nevada. About 20 miles out of Tonopah, I was thinking out loud, God, I need a bank to get some money.

As I got to the intersection at the end of Highway 6 I could either go left to my home or go right, which seemed to head into the little quaint-looking town of Tonopah.

I turned right. I was pleased to find a bank in town and a bookstore next to it. I got my money and went into the bookstore. As I was ready to leave I thought, I better go to the restroom before I leave. On the way to

the restroom, I saw in one room the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions shades on the wall. After using the restroom, I went back out and spoke to the guy at the front. "Hey, are you a friend of Bill W.?" I asked. "Only for 30 years," he replied.

"Do you know where I can go to a meeting?" I asked.
"Not till tomorrow morning," he replied. "You mean I have to stay the night to go to a meeting?" I asked.
"Yes," he said, "but actually you're in luck as there's an AA convention at the Tonopah Convention Center."
"OK, I'll check it out," I said, but I really didn't want to go. I told myself all kinds of reasons not to go. I was just "rationalizing" myself out of it.

I went back out to my car, somehow trying to talk myself out of going. But my Higher Power must have been reading my mind. A guy who had been in the store and who, I later found out, had just gotten out of prison, came running out of the store. "Go to the meeting," he said. "Just go." I gave him a look and said OK, but I still wasn't convinced.

He gave me directions. I got in my car and drove to the street where the Convention Center was located. I didn't see many people outside. I turned right and drove past the Convention Center, then made another right and kept going. I had already made up my mind that I was not going to stop. It was misting out and I told myself that was a great reason to just go home. But I guess my Higher Power had other plans.

Just as I was leaving the area around the Center, a man flagged me down. I stopped and rolled the window down. He said, "My name is Phil. Can I help you?" I explained that I was fresh out of rehab, had 35 days sober and needed a meeting. Could he help me? "Well, this is not a meeting," he said. "But there are 238 sober people in here and you're more than welcome to come in and sit with us." So I parked my car, went in with him and sat with his district folks—for three days! I was afraid to leave and go home. One night I got a free dinner. At the countdown, I was the one with the least amount of days so they gave me a copy of the Big Book they had all signed. They gave me their phone numbers and a list of meetings in Mammoth, and I went and camped out for the next 60 days. I had 90 days before I went home!

I'll never forget Tonopah. I always tell people about how they reached their hands out to help me. I put my sobriety date on the front of that Big Book they gave me and highlighted it: 8/5/11.

I am still sober today, eight years later. We have area and district meetings twice a year. I've only missed two. They still call me Tonopah Terry, which is the nickname they gave me to keep coming back. I think I'll keep it. -- Terry R., Las Vegas, Nevada

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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

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

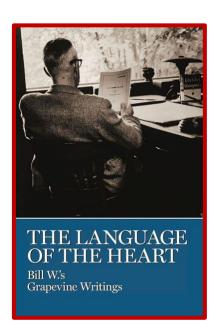
January 10th, 2020 T.B.D.

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 \$2 off any version



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AA milestone
with the media



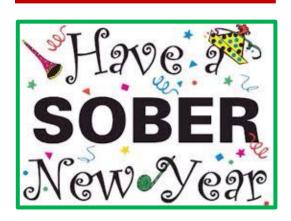
CALLING ALL LONGTIMERS!!!

DO YOU HAVE 35 YEARS OF SOBRIETY?
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NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2019

	ember	YTD	Group Nov	vember	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group		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	20.00	100.00
Alano Brown Baggers		127.50	Jamesville Moment to Moment	80.00	80.00 660.00
Alano Dawn Patrol Alano Jaywalkers		150.00 389.76	Kings Beach AA Golden Group Knuckleheads	107.00	0.00
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Evening	107.16	107.16
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	101110	160.95
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker	280.00	280.00	Mammoth Lakes Group	50.00	150.00
Alano Sunshine Group		132.97	McGill NV Freedom Group		31.58
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart		80.00
Alano Women in Recovery		7.76	Minden Saturday Night Fever		550.00
Amen Maintenance Meeting		250.00 90.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group Minden/Gardnerville Group	143.55	213.86 973.92
Austin Group Back Room Group	10.47	52.51	Minden Wednesday Night Live	143.55	23.73
Back to Basics Saturday Night	129.75	694.25	Mt Rose Recovery Room	441.10	2046.03
Blairsden Graeagle Sister in Recover		60.00	NNIG Business Meeting	29.49	303.26
Battle Mountain Fellowship	19.00	119.00	Our Common Welfare	31.00	116.60
Bishop Group		0.00	Out and Sober		60.00
Blue Canyon Airport group	10.00	20.00	Page by Page	400.00	0.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Portola Group	100.00	300.00 347.45
Buena Vista Group Caring & Sharing in Stead		0.00 63.54	Positive Acceptance Group Pyramid Way Discussion Group		22.50
Carling & Sharing in Stead		10.00	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		200.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson After Shifters		2.32	RTC Afternoon Delight		15.00
Carson Airport	50.00	182.00	RTC Almost Heaven		950.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		750.00
Carson Big Book Experience		45.00	RTC Aloha Group		500.00
Carson Brown Baggers		557.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped RTC Just for Today Women		90.00 173.00
Carson Dr. Bob's Nightngales Carson Drunk Squad		0.00 0.00	RTC Just for Today Women	70.00	215.00
Carson Early Birds		1113.71	RTC Little Rascals	70.00	250.00
Carson Happy Hour	50.00	500.00	RTC Big Book Study		50.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's	100.00	200.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		312.00
Carson Language of the Heart		60.00	RTC Don't Trip Music Meeting		100.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		73.85	RTC Grapevine/Big Book		50.00
Carson Sandbaggers		100.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		0.00 300.00
Carson Womens Night Out Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station		50.00 251.56	RTC Monday Night Men's RTC Beginners are Winners		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		175.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		1028.58
Carson Valley Gratitude		56.02	RTC Mid-Day Group	280.00	280.00
Chester Fellowship		91.57	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		150.00
Choices		150.00	RTC Sober N Sane		100.00
Colfax Blue Canyon Group		6.10	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		93.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		0.00 325.00
Crystal Bay Nooners Dayton Fellowship Hall		0.00 750.00	Silver Springs Groups Sisters of Sobriety		57.24
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		375.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Dayton Sunday Morning		748.98	Sierra City		62.10
Disdrict 2	7.00	35.00	South Shore Group		60.00
District 12		200.00	Southside Group	262.80	2551.50
District 14	50.00	593.50	Stagecoach Friends of Bill		0.00
District 22	51.00	512.00	South Reno on Sunday		585.48
District 6 Driar's 4th Dimension		250.00 0.00	Step 1 Sunnyside Big Book Study		100.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		0.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		60.00
Driar's Positive Step		100.00	Sunnyside Group		1410.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night		75.00
Driar's Support Hose		50.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Fallon Language of the Heart		250.00	The Rock Group	400.00	406.50
Eye Operner		351.00	Truckee River Men's Stag Truckee Dawn Patrol	400.00	1700.00 266.00
Fallon Sunlight of the Spirit Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		240.00 346.00	Truckee Fellowship		160.00
Fernley Groups		600.00	The Twilight Zone	30.00	260.00
Fireside Group		350.00	Verdi Bookies	00.00	24.00
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Virgina City Plug in the Jug	501.40	501.40
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		100.00
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Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take new-comers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



Worship in your own way.



Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."



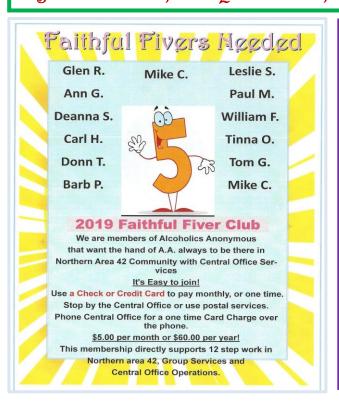
Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

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