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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

Who did I harm?

Well, step 4 gave me guidelines as to who and how, and why, and I began step 4 with specific individuals who I directly harmed as a consequence of my drinking. Then as I progressed in this program, I re-read step 8 and discovered it said: "all people we had harmed". That meant people I had harmed both during and prior to my drinking and drugging. Then, as I progressed further, and discovered that laws of physics apply to human emotion too, I realized that I had harmed many more than I believed at first. Consider the doorman who I shouted at for his insufferable incompetence. He took my rebuke to heart, took it home with him, yelled at his wife and kids, perhaps yelled at the train conductor. Consider the newsboy who broke my window, and who I gave a dressing down: Perhaps he dropped out of school, or just gave up on self-esteem. Everywhere I went, whatever I did or said, any action has an equivalent reaction. Suddenly my 8th step list got a lot longer. As it turned out, I had a high profile job for 12 years that caused me to interact with over 2,000,000 people. How many of them did I harm? How many did they harm after crossing my path? It became painfully obvious that I would never make amends to them all. I could make direct amends to those I directly harmed, but what about the nameless, faceless minions that were out there, and never knew they suffered because of me? You know what? The answer was already in the steps. This program is about becoming a better person, and improving one's life. It is about living life in an unselfish and compassionate way. It is about giving in order to receive. It is about taking more interest in our fellows. And by practicing these principles in all of my affairs, I think I turned out to be a better person than I once was. So all those minions, all the poor people that I tread upon, all the people that reciprocated my actions towards others, and those others, well, it is my sincere hope that you now need not worry about suffering because of me. And maybe, just maybe, my continued sobriety makes the world a wee bit better place for you to live. Sox

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Recovery Step Eight:

"Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

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Unity Tradition Eight:

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."



Service Concept Eight:

"The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities."

Concept VIII – The General Service Board Acts in Larger Matters of Policy and Finance, and Has Custodial Oversight of the A.A. Corporations.

Having introduced and discussed relationships between the General Service Conference and the General Service Board in Concepts Six and Seven, Bill goes on to discuss matters of practical operations of A.A.'s world services in Concept Eight. Here he introduces two other components of the A.A. world service structure, the corporations. Incorporated legally under the laws of the State of New York, the world service structure includes Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (AAWS) and The Grapevine, Inc. These corporate entities carry out day-to-day world service operations and activities.

AAWS is often referred to as the "publishing arm" of A.A., and is charged with developing, publishing and distributing our literature, books and pamphlets, as well as other operations of the Fellowship including communications with our members and groups. The Grapevine, Inc. produces, publishes and distributes the A.A. Grapevine, often referred to as "our meeting in print".

As Bill points out, the Board (Trustees) devotes itself to larger and critical matters of policy, finance, group relations, public relations and leadership. The Trustees are expected to skillfully manage, plan and execute. They must not be burdened with the endless questions and difficulties that arise daily, weekly and monthly in the routine conduct of world service affairs. The corporate entities were created in order to do this. Each of the corporations has its own charter, its own corporate directors, its own working capital, its own executive, its own employees, and its own office and equipment. The two corporations carry out their assigned functions, duties and responsibilities independently, but with Board oversight. The Board serves as a "holding company", charged only with custodial oversight of the two corporate entities. Board involvement is usually limited to such matters as mediating difficult situations and assuring that the separate corporations operate within their budget and within the general framework of A.A. and its headquarters policy. In modern parlance, it might be said that the Board oversees but does not "micro-manage". Bill says that this corporate structure is in line with modern business practice, and has demonstrated that it is superior to any other method of operation. Having many committees or departments of the Board trying to carry out the needed day-to-day work, for example, would be very cumbersome and ineffective.

Finally, in Concept Eight, Bill argues that two corporations (AAWS and The Grapevine) are necessary because of the differences in their purposes and activities. Placing all the needed activities under one corporation would create executive difficulties, require too many executive talents in one person, and over-concentrate executive authority. Bill's wisdom was proven once again when a recent proposal to combine the two corporations in order to save money and create efficiency did not receive Conference approval.

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
Zoom ONLY for August



August 15, 2020 (3rd Saturday)
Host Group- Happy Hour
Speaker- Pete L. Reno,NV
Location- Zoom ID# 861 1325 4481

September 12, 2020 Host Group- Just for today Speaker- Debbie D. Concord, CA Location- Silver Barron room 1-6

October 10, 2020
Host Group- Keep it simple
Speaker- Del B. San Diego, CA
Location- Silver Barron room 1-6

November 14, 2020

Host Group- Carson City Brown Baggers
Speaker- June G. Oxnard, CA
Location- Silver Barron room 1-6

December 12, 2020
Host Group- RENVYPAA
Speaker- Kristin S. Reno, NV
Location- Silver Barron room 1-6

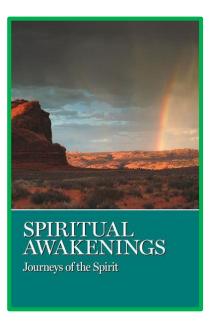
NNIG Speaker Chair: Chad S. (916) 295-8486 Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151 Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5pm

MORE AREA EVENTS

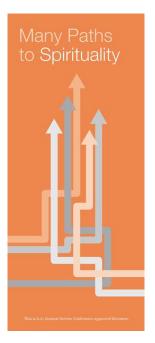
The Driars Club,
Triangle Club,
Alano Club and
Alano Club in Carson City
are open and available
for meetings.

For Live, in-person meetings, check with Central Office.
They are keeping a list of all meetings currently open.

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Alcoholics Anonymous, Covid-19 and our Seventh Tradition

Along with the rest of the world - continue to experience an unprecedented situation. Without question, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Fellowship, including our organized service structure, is facing enormous challenges, locally and globally. For many of us the most prominent example is that, for the first time in 85-year history our Fellowship, we are navigating the lack of face-to-face meetings. While we have found creative ways to allow for the vital interaction between one alcoholic and another, and welcoming newcomers daily, it is clear that the health crisis has other far-reaching consequences.

As we all adapt to the present reality of digital meetings, the question now is, "How do we responsibly practice self-support, Our Seventh Tradition?" As we can no longer pass a physical basket we are working to find ways to support the Fellowship at all levels, from our groups to intergroups and Central Offices, from our Districts and Areas to the General Service Office itself.

The reality is that even though the meetings, Twelfth Step services and operation has shifted to a virtual environment, expenses continue to accumulate during this crisis, which underscores the importance of proacting the Seventh Tradition.

The entire A.A. Fellowship has come together to provide ongoing support. Among them:

- Many home groups are still paying rent for a room and meetings are online and some platforms still have costs. Check with the group secretary or treasurer to see if your donations to the group are being distributed.
- Intergroups/Central Offices are still stocking literature and fielding Twelfth Step calls, redirecting A. A. members and those looking for recovery to online meetings. Send money to NNIG, 436 South Rock Blvd, Sparks, NV 89431.
- Area-level committees are working to keep channels open between the Fellowships and the delegates and board members that make up our General Service Conference, as well as to do public information, corrections and other services. Send money to Northern Area 42 (NAGSC), PO Box 2171, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 and Area 42 Treasury, PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170.
- 4. G.S.O. in New York is continuing to support all levels of service. Literature still needs to be published and distributed, calls need to be answered, online platforms still need to be updated and support operation sustained. Ask your group if they are sending money to General Service (GSO) General Fund, PO Box 459, New York, NY 10163.

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MEETINGS AND MORE

Central office report from Ronda H., August 4, 2020

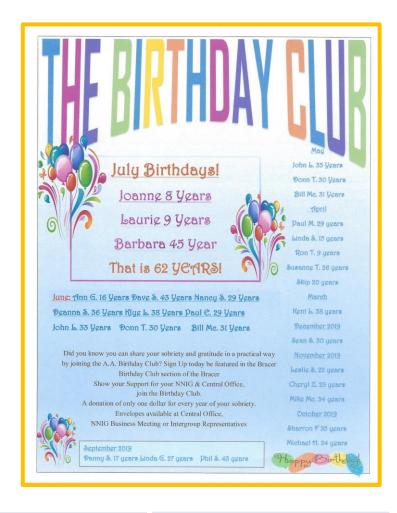
We are happy to announce that the office is back open on Saturdays for a trial period. We will see how the next month goes. Don't know what to get that person in recovery? The office now has GIFT CERTIFICATES!! And as always if there is something you want that we do not have we will try and get it. The book of the month is (Drum roll please) Grapevine's "Spiritual Awakenings" along with the pamphlet "Many Paths to Spirituality", the book is \$2 off!

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help 9
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen -5
- Meeting information- 97
- Retail / merchandise- 21
- Other 12 step programs- 3
- Events − 0
- Neω to AA 2
- Business/Central office- 72
- Total Calls-209
- Oisitors 189

Ronda Central Office Manager





When attending an indoor meeting please be aware of the Covid-19 restrictions from the Governor and the facility where the meeting is held about face masks. Some meeting places have a "Mask Required", if you cannot wear a mask go to a different meeting!

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 Whitaker Park 550 University Terrace Saturday 8:30am

Bring your own chair!

Happy Joyous
& Free
Wednesday
5:30pm
2054 Evergreen Dr.
Carson City

The Rock Group Wednesday Noon

The Rock Church 4950 Vista Sparks, NV

COMMONS BEACH
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
9:00 AM
400 N. LAKE BLVD
TAHOE CITY, CA

Bring your own chair & face mask!!!

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 2nd Saturday of the month

N.N.I.G. H&I

First Monday of each month, 5:30 PM Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks



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 (775) 355-1151



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

DISTRICT 6 2nd Sunday of even numbered months-For

information email district6@nevadaare

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

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

<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

CALLING ALL LONGTIMERS!!!

DO YOU HAVE 35 YEARS OF SOBRIETY?

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LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
EACH MONTH, THE ARCHIVES WOULD
LIKE TO PUT A LONGTIMER'S
STORY IN THE BRACER.

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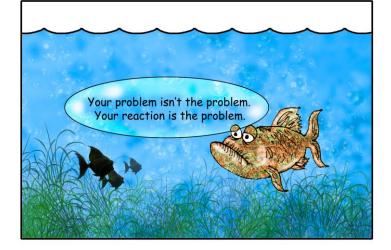
nnigarchives@GMAIL.COM

OR RONDA: 775-335-1151

Alcohol is not in my vodkabulary. However, I looked it up on whiskeypedia and learned if you drink too much of it, it's likely tequilya.

Drink Like A Fish

by Rick M.



NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2020

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2020							
Group	July	YTD	Group	July	YTD		
3rd Tradition Secular Group A Vision for You		50.00 103.00	Happy Hour Reno Incline Village Fellowship		142.50		
Alano Afternoon Serenity		103.00	Incline to be Sober				
Alano Brown Baggers			Jamesville Moment to Moment				
Alano Dawn Patrol		40.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		468.00		
Alano Jaywalkers		48.60	Ladies of the Evening		58.77		
			Ladies of the Lake		67.75		
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker			Mammoth Good Life Group		50.00		
Alano Sunshine Group			McGill NV Freedom Group	40.00	75.00		
Alano Women in Recovery	4.50	17.70	Minden Language of the Heart Minden Saturday Night Fever	19.00	59.00 300.00		
Amen Maintenance Meeting			Minden Stephanie Way Group	200.00	320.00		
Austin Group			Minden/Gardnerville Group	12.72	158.32		
Back Room Group Back to Basics Saturday Night		172,60	Minden Wednesday Night Live Mt Rose Recovery Room	35.00	1031.30		
Blairsden Graeagle Sister in Recover	v	172,00	NNIG Business Meeting	35.00	71.50		
Battle Mountain Fellowship	ž.	15.00	Our Common Welfare		84.15		
Plus Comment Aire and account			Out and Sober		37.00		
Blue Canyon Airport group			Our Group Big Book Portola Group		25.00		
			Positive Acceptance Group		157.20		
Caring & Sharing in Stead		198.76	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		15.00		
Carlin Crystal Light Group							
Carson AA Way of Life Carson After Shifters			RTC Afternoon Delight		40.00		
Carson Airport			RTC Almost Heaven		125.00		
			RTC Beginners are Winners	100.00	450.00		
Carson Big Book Experience Carson Brown Baggers		986.00	RTC How We Stoy Stopped		48.60		
Carson brown baggers		300.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped RTC Just for Today Women		80.00 135.00		
			RTC Coffee with Bill	75.00	75.00		
Carson Early Birds	213.76	951.64	RTC Little Rascals	50.00	100.00		
Carson Happy Hour Carson Jay-Walkers Men's	800.00	1150.00	RTC Big Book Study RTC Men's Trudgers				
Carson Language of the Heart			RTC Don't Trip Music Meeting				
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		78.41	RTC Grapevine/Big Book				
Carson Sandbaggers Carson Sisters in Sobriety		510.00	DTC Manday Night Manla		400.00		
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station		50.00 66.40	RTC Monday Night Men's		100.00		
Carson Sunday Night Step Study	300.00	300.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		330.04		
Carson Valley Gratitude		40	RTC Mid-Day Group		1000 C		
Chester Saturday Night Group Chester Fellowship		75.40 67.50	RTC Seniors in Sobriety RTC Sober N Sane		50.00		
Choices		100.00	RENVPAA		445.60		
Cornerstone Group			Sisters in Sobriety				
Dayton Fellowship Hall		200,00	Silver Springs Groups	400.47	40.00		
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		200.00	Sisters of Sobriety Sober Readers	122.17	122.17		
Dayton Sunday Morning		46.25	Sierra City				
District 2	293.10	332.10	South Shore Group		60.00		
District 12 District 14	100.00	400.00	Southside Group Serenity Sisters Big Book	25.00	1007.80 111.10		
District 22	28.00	349.00	South Reno on Sunday		178,77		
District 6			Step 1		50.00		
Deer Park Rebels	249.00	1790.75	Sugaryilla Fallannakia		400.00		
Driars 4th Dimension		175.00	Susanville Fellowship Susanville Wed Womens		100.00		
Driar's Positive Step	180.00	180.00	Sunnyside Group		564.59		
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Driar's Support Hose Fallon Grapevine Group	145.00	145.00	Tahoe City Fellowship The Rock Group		20.00 104.50		
Eye Operner	143.00	63.00	Truckee River Men's Stag	10.00	2266.00		
Fallon Sunlight of the Spirit	200.00	200.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol	160.00	160.00		
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch Fernley Groups			Truckee Fellowship		405.00		
Fireside Group		120.00	The Twilight Zone Verdi Bookies		105.00		
Galena Friday Night		308.00	Virgina City Plug in the Jug				
			Wed Night Beginners		(market barrens		
			Westwood AA Willing to go to any Lengths	156.00	75.00		
Ground Zero		392.50	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside	150.00	362.67 375.00		
Grupo Accion	40.00	60.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		30.00		
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza			Whitaker Park	63.00	92.00		
Grupo La Nueva Luz		40.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day Women's New Beginnings		108.81 184.00		
Grupo Latino		20.00	Women's New Harmony		150.00		
Grupo Nueva Vida		00.00	Women Down and Dirty				
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		20.00	Total	3,581.25	21,149.75		
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Groups that contributed in July!

Alano Women in Recovery, Carson Early Birds, Carson Happy Hour, Carson Sunday Night Step Study, District 2, District 14, District 22, Deer Park Rebels, Driars Positive Step Group, Fallon Grapevine Group, Fallon Sunlight of the Spirit, Grupo Accion, Minden Language of the Heart, Minden Stephanie Way Group,

Minden/Gardnerville Group, Mt Rose Recovery Room, RTC Beginners are Winners, RTC Coffee With Bill, RTC Little Rascals,

Sisters of Sobriety, Southside Group, Truckee River Men's Stag, Truckee Down Patrol, Willing to go to Any Lengths, Whitaker Park Meeting.

There was \$408.00 in contributions from Individuals in July

Thank you to all the groups and individuals that contributed to NNIG and Central Office

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