

Silver Legacy - Silver Baron Room 1-8 Room Space is limited, if you wish to attend, contact Chad S. 916-295-8486

### July, 2020

#### **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

Concept VII	2
Events	3
Book of the Month	3
Showcase Meetings and more	4
Service Opportunities	5
Group Contributions	6
Alphabet Soup	7

#### 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**

436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV 89431 Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM 24 Hour Answering Service: (775) 355-1151 Fax: (775) 355-1560 EMAIL: officemanager@nnig.org

Web Site/Meeting Schedule: nnig.org
The Bracer: nnigbracer@gmail.com



## NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

## "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

Step Seven of AA's Alcoholics Anonymous Twelve Step program of recovery is about getting rid of character defects and replacing them by practicing humility & spiritual principles. Working on the seventh step requires constant thoughtfulness and commitment to being honest, courageous and humble.

When working on steps <u>four</u> and <u>five</u> we discovered our assets and our shortcomings. With <u>Step 6</u> we became prepared to deal with these qualities so that in Step 7 we could be *ready to act*.

My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad.

I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do Your bidding.

Amen



## Recovery Step Seven:

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."



## Unity Tradition Seven:

"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Legacies

## Service Concept Seven:

"The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness."

#### Concept VII - The Relationship between the General Service Conference and the General Service Board is Important and Workable.

The General Service Conference, consisting primarily of its democratically elected Delegates, has principle responsibility for finance and for working out matters of general policy. There is also the General Service Board whose members are referred to as Trustees. The Trustees have primary responsibility for practical operations of our Fellowship and its world services as provided by the General Service Office located in New York City. Essentially, we have the Conference to maintain the democratic foundation of the Fellowship and its services and the Trustees to keep A.A. on solid ground legally as well as sound in its day-to-day business operations. The Conference meets once a year to consider its decisions, basing those decisions on input from all participating A.A. groups and members. The Trustees meet much more frequently to take care of on-going business matters

The General Service Conference itself has overlapping membership that includes both the elected Delegates and the Trustees of the General Service Board. The power of the Conference comes from three sources: the written Charter of the Conference, the fact that the elected Delegates are a large majority of the Conference, and what Bill describes as the "power of the purse". By this he means that the Conference and its Delegate majority as well as the A.A. groups and members themselves may always withhold financial resources if they disagree with decisions of the Trustees. The authority of the Board resides in the law and in the practical business practices and experiences of the persons selected as Board Trustees.

Bill points out in his discussion of Concept VII that having two sources of operational authority sets up a potential for conflict. As he says it, "This concept may appear to be contradictory; it may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object." Based on this, he goes on to describe his view of how he sees these two bodies working together to carry out each of their separate but overlapping service functions. The detail of this is quite important, but writing space here does not allow for discussion of the detail.

Bill continues to point out that A.A.'s experience over the years has shown that the balance of power between the Conference and the Trustees is, in his words, "thoroughly workable". The balance can be expected to be maintained indefinitely because the one is protected by tradition and the other by law. My personal experience in service shows that it is also protected by a certain "wisdom" among both the Delegates and Trustees, a wisdom that guides each to avoid overuse of its authority. There is clearly an implicit agreement among members of these potentially conflicting bodies about the important larger purposes they share, with both working for what is best for A.A. as a whole rather than to protect their own viewpoints and self-interests. Each operates in agreement to allow the other to have the power to carry out its responsibilities as servants to the A.A. Fellowship, to protect our Traditions, to facilitate our members in carrying the message of recovery from alcoholism, and to assure that the hand of A.A. will always be there for anyone who needs it.

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.

The Bracer is a monthly publication intended for members of Alcoholics Anonymous and their families only. It is about, by and for members of the fellowship. Opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of A.A. as a whole or NNIG. For article submissions or comments, email the Editor at nnightacer@gmail.com

## **NNIG & AREA EVENTS**

**EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA** INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

### **INTO ACTION! ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN JULY**

Congratulations to the incoming Officers and Committee Chairs. Thank you to the out-going Officers and Committee Chairs.

**POSITIONS** 

Name

Steering Committee CHAIRPERSON VICE-CHAIR SECRETARY

Mike B. Barbara M. Sharon L. OPEN

TREASURER 2-INTERGROUP REPS FOR STEERING COMMITTEE Don D.

NNIG Chairpersons

OPEN Activities Events - Chair Answering Service - Chair Kirk S.

Cooperation with the

Treatment - Chair

Professional Community - OPEN Monthly Speaker Meeting - Chad S. Public Information -Kris H. Sunshine Committee -OPEN Web Site - Chair Marshall H. Bridging the Gap - Chair Colleen S. Corrections - Chair OPEN

These open positions NEED you. None of these positions take up a lot of your time. Give back in the spirit of the Twelve

If you are interested in filling an open position, please contact Ronda at Central Office 775-355-1151

MORE AREA EVENTS

The Driars Club, Triangle

Club,

Alano Club and the Alano **Club in Carson City** are open and available for meetings.

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



July 11th, 2020 Host Group- Mt. Rose Recovery Room Speaker- Susie B. Roseville, CA Location- Silver Barron room 1-6

August 15th. 2020 Host Group- Happy Hour Speaker- Pete L. Reno, NV Location- Silver Barron room 1-6

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

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

November 14th, 2020 Host Group- Carson City Brown Baggers Speaker- June G. Los Angeles, CA 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

800× 07 THE MONTH Pick Up Your Copy 70day \$2.00 off



www.drwaynedyer.com

Forgiveness is the most

powerful thing you can do for

yourself on the spiritual path.

If you can't learn to forgive, you

can forget about getting to

higher levels of awareness.

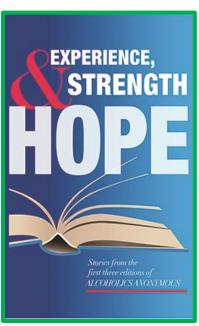
Affirm: I forgive everyone,

including myself.



EXPERIENCE.

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





### MEETINGS AND MORE

Central office report from Ronda H. June 2, 2020

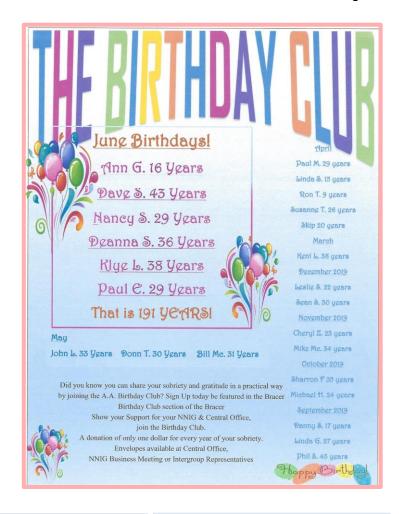
Thank you again to our wonderful fellowship for the generous contributions from groups and individuals. The book of the month is "Experience, Strength and Hope" and the pamphlet is "Is A.A. for you?" get \$2 off the book. Both of these items are great for new comers, the book is ALL the stories from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd editions and the pamphlet has the 12 questions. We are continuing to give a free book mark with any purchase. The merchandize has been a little light but if anyone needs anything and it is not in stock, we will order it for you so please come in or call and support your Central Office.

#### Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help 18
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen 1
- Meeting information- 157
- Retail | merchandise- 19
- Other 12 step programs- 2
- Events 1
- Neω to AA 3
- Business/Central office- 64
- Total Calls-215
- 0isitors 191

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 Stewart Park 400 Stewart St. (Wells & Stewart) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 pm Saturday @ Noon

Verdi Bookies Sunday 5:30pm Potluck

Bridge St. & 3<sup>rd</sup> Verdi Deer Park
1700 Prater Way
Rock & Prater
9:00 am and Noon
Everyday
Sparks, NV

Gardnerville/Minden Rancho Aspen Park Muir Street ( Muir & Lyell) Mon — Fri 6pm Saturday, 5pm Sunday, Noon Boot Leggers

#### N.N.I.G. STEERING COMMITTEE

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

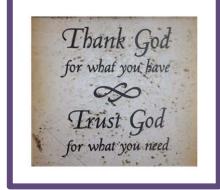
#### N.N.I.G. BUSINESS MEETING

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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> First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue Reno

<u>District 6</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even numbered months-For information email <u>district6@nevadaarea42</u>.

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

<u>District 12</u> 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

DISTRICT 22 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 6:30 PM @ Central Office

# 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!!! CONTACT CYNDY:

nnigarchives@GMAIL.COM

OR RONDA: 775-335-1151

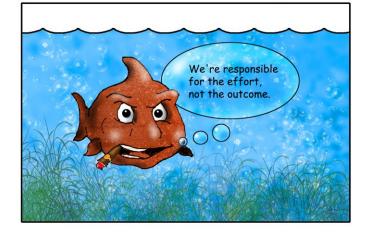


For the generous group contributions and to all the individuals for supporting Our NNIG Central Office during this trying time!



Drink Like A Fish

by Rick M.



**NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2020** 

1.1.2 A 1990 (1990 1990 1990 1990 1990 1990 199			oup Contributions 2020	•	
Group	June	YTD	Group	June	YID
3rd Tradition Secular Group A Vision for You		50.00 103.00	Happy Hour Reno Incline Village Fellowship		142.50
Alano Afternoon Serenity		100.00	Incline to be Sober		
Alano Brown Baggers			Jamesville Moment to Moment		
Alano Dawn Patrol Alano Javwalkers		48.60	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		468.00
Alano daywaikers		40.00	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 Minden Language of the Heart		75.00 40.00
Alano Women in Recovery	13.20	13.20	Minden Saturday Night Fever		300.00
Amen Maintenance Meeting			Minden Stephanie Way Group		120.00
Austin Group Back Room Group			Minden/Gardnerville Group Minden Wednesday Night Live		145.60
Back to Basics Saturday Night		172.60	Mt Rose Recovery Room	30.00	996.30
Blairsden Graeagle Sister in Recover	у		NNIG Business Meeting		72.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship		15.00	Our Common Welfare		84.15
Blue Canyon Airport group			Out and Sober Our Group Big Book		37.00 25.00
c			Portola Group		20.00
			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
Carson Big Book Experience			RTC Beginners are Winners RTC Aloha Group		350.00 48.60
Carson Brown Baggers		986.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		80.00
33			RTC Just for Today Women		135.00
Communication Division		707.00	RTC Coffee with Bill		50.00
Carson Early Birds Carson Happy Hour		737.88 300.00	RTC Little Rascals RTC Big Book Study		50.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		500.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		
Carson Language of the Heart			RTC Don't Trip Music Meeting		
Carson Men's NO BS Stag Carson Sandbaggers		78.41 510.00	RTC Grapevine/Big Book		
Carson Sandbaggers Carson Sisters in Sobriety		50.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		100.00
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station		66.40			
Carson Sunday Night Step Study			RTC New Awakenings Group		330.04
Carson Valley Gratitude Chester Saturday Night Group		142.90	RTC Mid-Day Group RTC Seniors in Sobriety		50.00
Choices		100.00	RTC Sober N Sane		30.00
			RENVPAA		445.60
Cornerstone Group			Sisters in Sobriety Silver Springs Groups		40.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall	200.00	200.00	Sisters of Sobriety		40.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62			Sober Readers		
Dayton Sunday Morning		46.25	Sierra City		CO 00
Disdrict 2 District 12		39.00	South Shore Group Southside Group	60.00	60.00 982.80
District 14	50.00	300.00	Serenity Sisters Big Book	00.00	111.10
District 22	109.00	321.00	South Reno on Sunday	60.43	178.77
District 6 Deer Park Rebels	438.75	1540.75	Step 1		50.00
Door I aik Keneis	730.73	1340.73	Susanville Fellowship		
Driars 4th Dimension		175.00	Susanville Wed Womens		
Driar's Positive Step			Sunnyside Group Susanville Thursday Night		564.59
Driar's Support Hose			Tahoe City Fellowship		20.00
Fallon Language of the Heart			The Rock Group		104.50
Eye Operner		63.00	Truckee River Men's Stag	500.00	2256.00
Fallon Sunlight of the Spirit Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch			Truckee Dawn Patrol Truckee Fellowship		
Fernley Groups			The Twilight Zone		105.00
Fireside Group		120.00	Verdi Bookies		
Galena Friday Night		308.00	Virgina City Plug in the Jug Wed Night Beginners		
			Westwood AA		75.00
		0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	Willing to go to any Lengths	206.67	206.67
Ground Zero Grupo Accion		392.50	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		375.00
Grupo Accion Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		20.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers Whitaker Park	29.00	30.00 29.00
			Women's 24 Hours A Day	_5.00	108.81
Grupo La Nueva Luz		40.00	Women's New Beginnings		184.00
Grupo Latino Grupo Nueva Vida		20.00	Women's New Harmony Women Down and Dirty		150.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		20.00	- January		
			Total	1,697.05	17,418.00

## NNIG, NAGSC — WHAT IS THIS ALPHABET SOUP?

By Pat S. (NNIG-NAGSC Liaison)

When I became Liaison for NNIG and NAGSC one question seemed to pop up on a regular basis: What's the difference between the two entities and why do we need both? I was not sure of the answer, so with some help<sup>1</sup> I have researched the topic and will share with you what I've learned.

While the manner in which General Service and Intergroups may vary from area to area, they compliment each other. Both share a common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers. In this article I describe the many and varied activities of Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) and Northern Area Service Committee (NAGSC). The functions and activities may be slightly different in other parts of the country.

A.A. co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob were staunch supporters of Intergroups, and, of course, guided the formation of General Service.

In 1949, Bill wrote, "The Intergroup associations are the best insurance we can have that our life lines to the hundreds of thousands yet to come will never break or tangle. Let us always be generous. Let us warmly support Intergroup."

Dr. Bob was an active participant in the Akron Central Committee. You can read more about that in "Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers."

The short answer to my question about the two entities is that Intergroup serves groups in the local community while General Service connects those groups to others in the area, region, nation and world.

For example: NNIG has a Central Office and store to provide services and A.A. goods to our members in Northern Nevada. General Service sends our Area 42 Delegate to New York every year to connect with AA as a whole. Because of the pandemic, that event was held online this year. Area 42, by the way, includes all of Nevada and parts of Eastern California along the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Rather than a duplication of services, various committees compliment each other. Often a committee of NNIG serves the Reno-Sparks Area,

while a committee with the same name at NAGSC (or Area 42 level) serves the more rural areas. Examples of that include Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Public Information (PI), and Corrections committees.

NNIG offers some services that are not available at the General Service level, ranging from a telephone answering service to the Sunshine Committee, which takes meetings to members who are ill or hospitalized.

NNIG meets once a month. Special events include the monthly speaker meeting, a New Year's Eve Gala, Cabbage and Cribbage, Founder's Day picnic (which was cancelled this year because of the Covid 19 pandemic), Halloween Party, and the Gratitude Dinner.

NAGSC meets four times as year. Members participate in various service functions, including the twice-a-year Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah. The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) is held each year at different locations within the Pacific Region, which includes the following Areas: Alaska, Arizona, Southern California, California Northern Interior, San Diego-Imperial, Mid-Southern, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada (Area 42), Oregon, Utah and Washington. Forums are held each year at a different location of the Pacific Region, including Alaska and Hawaii. This event is when the General Service Office (GSO) literally takes its entire office and staff to AA members, who otherwise might never be able to visit the New York Office.

Our International Convention is held in the United States or Canada every five years. This year for the first time in its history this event, which first convened in 1950, also fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic and was cancelled. It would have been in Detroit. But stay tuned: plans are in the works to offer us an online version!

A final thought — There are plenty of service opportunities in both NNIG and NAGSC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Thanks for research help from GSO literature, California Northern Central Area, and AA member and trusted servant Joyce Y. of Reno.

NNIG Intergroup Office 436 S. Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431 Return Service Requested

THE BRACER SUBSCRIPTION WOULD MAKE A FANTASTIC GIFT! THIS IS ALSO A GOOD TIME TO UPDATE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION! USE SUBSCRIPTION FORM BELOW!

### 2020 Faithful Fiver Club Joanne C.P. Jami F. Carly C. Gail F. Curtis O. Paul E. David L. Skip P. Darrell S. John I. Glen R. Kathy S. Ann G. Deanna S. Carl H. Donn T. Gary G. Barb P. Ron T. Leslie S. Paul M. William F. Tinna O. Tom G. Mike C. Cheryl Z. Rainbow Todd C. Alvin V. Ray T. We are members of Alcoholies Anonymous that want the hand of A.A. always to be there in Northern Area 42 Community with Central Office Services It's Casy to join! Use a Cheek or Credit Card to pay monthly, or one time. Casy ways to contribute—pay in person at the office (so we can see your pretty face) mail, online at nnig.org or phone Central Office for a one time Card Charge over the phone. \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year! This membership directly supports 12 step work in Northern area 42, Group Services and Central Office Operations.

#### NNIG BRACER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

/al	
Version	
n at this time but I would sti	Il like to receive the
State	Zip
,	val Version n at this time but I would sti  State

\$15 One Year - Paper Version

\$7 (Suggested) Yearly Donation – <u>Electronic Version</u>
Email us at Subscriptions <u>nnigbracer@gmail.com</u> to sign up for your
Electronic Version of the BRACER

The BRACER
NNIG Intergroup Office
436 S. Rock Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431
www.nnig.org