

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



July 9, 2022
Jeffrey N. Novato, CA
Fernley Kiss
Speaker at 7:00
Silver Legacy Silver Baron Rm 1-6

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

July, 2022

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

MONEY--IT'S NOT A DIRTY WORD

AT THE END of my first AA meeting, an announcement was made: "We have no dues or fees, but we do have expenses." And a basket was passed. In the basket were a lot of one-dollar bills, so I put one in also. Nothing was said about what kind of expenses a group had; there was no indication that you could put anything but a dollar bill in the basket.

Today, I know something about group expenses, because someone cared enough to take my hand and tell me to *get involved*. I have also found out that if a nickel is all I have, it is as important a contribution as a dollar; that it's okay to give more than one dollar; and that contributions of time are as necessary as money.

The discussion of money at a meeting need not be a no-no. Tradition Seven says, "Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Self-support begins with me, because I am a part of *us*--the group. We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks, chips, and AA literature. We support our central office, our area committee, and our General Service Office. If it were not for those entities, many new people would never discover the miracles of AA.

One motive for trying to carry the message to alcoholics is gratitude, and one tangible measure of gratitude is money. Let's have the courage to talk about money and the necessary part money plays in keeping AA alive and well. BY: R. S. | BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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A LITTLE MORE

One of my sponsors once said that since I was one of the lucky ones--I didn't lose a wife, family, or a house, and I was doing okay--I should put in the basket what I spent on booze. Well, if that were the case, our clubhouse would be adding a mighty fine addition to the building.

I read "A Buck in the Basket?" (Grapevine, February 2006) and I thought it really brought home that inflation has been ignored. Maybe people should up their donation to \$2--if just once in a while.

Here's something I learned from a friend in the Fellowship: I give exactly one dollar a day. If it's been three days since my last meeting, I give \$4. In addition, I always look for the opportunity to do a little more, like buy the newcomer a Big Book or support an AA activity.

I can't put a price on my sobriety, but the fact remains that in this world, rent, coffee, and materials all cost money. The fellow who wrote the Grapevine article said it all at the end: "I am responsible..." and I accept that responsibility with a glad heart. BY: BILLY K.

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Recovery Step Seven:

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

Three

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.

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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



**All meetings located in Silver Barron Room 1-6
Unless otherwise noted**

July 9, 2022
Host Group- Fernley Kiss
Speaker Jeffrey N. –Novato, CA.

August 13, 2022
Host Group- Minden/Garnerville Group
Speaker- Mike S. – Riverside, CA

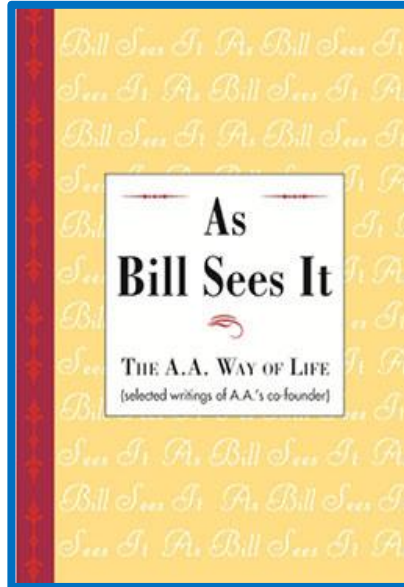
September 10, 2022
Host Group - Positive Acceptance Group
Speaker- Michelle Q.- Sparks, NV

October 8, 2022
Host Group – TBA
Speaker - Jim A. – Depoe, OR

Speaker Chair – Kevin B. (775) 470-4614
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Cafe Central inside the Silver Legacy @ 5pm

BOOK OF THE MONTH

\$2 OFF



PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH

\$0.40



OTHER AREA EVENTS

Ticket Sales begin
July 30th @ 9:00am

NNIG 

GRATITUDE DINNER
2022

Saturday
November 12th, 2022

ATLANTIS HOTEL CASINO - RENO NV

**UNITY:
CELEBRATING THE
FELLOWSHIP**

AA Speaker Paul W.
Los Angeles CA

\$59 TICKETS
SALE BEGINS
9 AM JULY 30TH
AT CENTRAL OFFICE
775-355-1151

Save the Date!!!

SERENITY IN THE SIERRAS XXXIII




IT'S THE JOURNEY
JULY 14-17, 2022

The campout committee would like to welcome everyone to Camp Richardson for another sober weekend of camping, meetings and fun for the family. Bring your tent and join us for a great weekend. RV camping available...contact Camp Richardson.

Hope to see you there!
Campout Committee

26th ANNIVERSARY OF LA VIÑA
IN THE PACIFIC REGION - HOSTED BY AREA 42
LAS VEGAS, NV- JULY 22, 23, & 24, 2022



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Hotel discount
deadline 6/22/2022

Central office report from Ronda H. May July 5, 2022

Volunteer hours- 103 hours

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help - 7
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 0
- Meeting information- 40
- Retail/merchandise- 15
- Other 12 step programs- 2
- Events - 5
- Business/Central office- 49
- Total calls - 118
- Visitors - 213, 3 dogs

1. Book of the month is *As Bill Sees it*, \$2 OFF, pamphlet is "Young People in A.A", \$0.40
2. Looking for 2 volunteers for central office
3. The website had 20,230 pageviews. 1m46s is the avg. session is new 58% is returning
4. Please let your Home Group know of the Bracer.
5. Slow, different kind of month

Ronda
Central Office Manager



Previous Birthdays **May 2022**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Donn T. 32 Years

April

Paul 31 Years

March

Kent L. 40 Years

Kim D. 45 Years

February

Skip 22 Years

December

Scan S. - 32 Years

Mystery Person!!

- 34 Years

November 2021

Rich A. - 35 Years

Shawn - 30 Years

October 2021

Sharon F. - 37 Years

Nancy A. - 36 Years

September 2021

Phil S. 45 Years

Mike 26 Years

August 2021

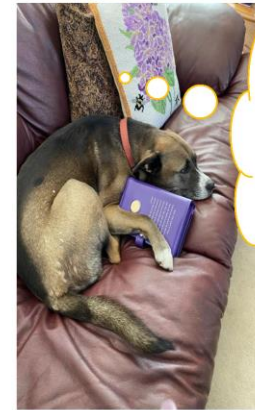
Linda G. 29 Years

Penny S. 19 Years

July 2021

Barbara M. 46 Years

Joanne P. 9 Years



Roxie - Reno

When you can't get to sleep, read the book!

Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the A.A. Birthday Club? Sign Up today and be featured in the Bracer Birthday Club section of the Bracer. Show your Support for your NNIG & Central Office, Join the Birthday Club. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety. Envelopes available at Central Office, NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

Early Birds
Monday-Saturday
6:45am
412 W William St #5
Carson City

Chester Fellowship
Wednesday
6:30 pm
386 Main Street
Chester CA

Please respect
all meeting
place mandates
about face
coverings.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
BEGINNERS GROUP
WEDNESDAY 7PM
7000 HWY 50
EAST DAYTON NV

JAY WALKERS GROUP
SUN=WEDNESDAY
5PM
THURSDAY=FRIDAY
5:30PM TO 6:40
PRATER WAY
SPARKS

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
White Pine County/Ely: (775) 296-0656 Jim C.

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



District Meetings

DISTRICT-2 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 Central Office
 Zoom # 91904741396 Password D2

DISTRICT 4 First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-
 Zoom ID: 876 7717 4234 PW: District4

DISTRICT 6 2nd Sunday of even numbered months-
 For information email district6@nevadaarea42.org

DISTRICT 8 First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months
 Call (760) 937-8407

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

DISTRICT 10B 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

DISTRICT 20 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

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



7TH STEP PRAYER

"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."
 (p. 76 BB)

Lakes Crossing Center Meetings

Lakes Crossing would like to start meetings back up at their facility. This is a psychiatric evaluation and treatment center, for incarcerated individuals.

Location: 500 Galletti Way, Sparks, NV 89431

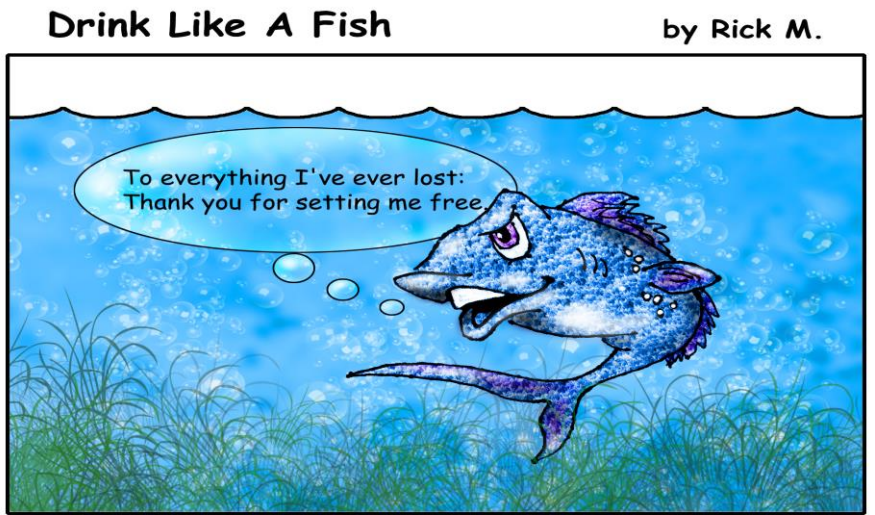
The Need:

- Provide two meetings both on Monday's at 6pm.
 - o One serves primarily women. The women's building could get by with every other week if volunteers are scarce. If another day is better for the women's building, we can do that too, any day but Wednesday works for them.
 - o One at the main building. Requested every week.

Requirements:

- All volunteers must be vaccinated against Covid.
- New volunteers to Lake's Crossing must undergo a quick background check which isn't to explore all legal entanglements, just current ones that are open.
- Orientation. This could be done at any of the TB Tests/readings. Please coordinate with Melissa Curley, facility coordinator. 775-688-0492
- The third step which is the most labor intensive is the 2 step TB test. This requires the person to come in to get test administered, then come back 3 days to get it read, then come back a week from the first administration, they have to come back again to get the other arm tested and then return again 3 day later.
 - o The facility is a 24 hr facility so nurses are available all day to read the tests at your convenience.

Contact:
 Joe H. NAGSC Corrections Chair, 415-203-4888
nagsccorrectionalfacilities@nevadaarea42.org



The Freedom to Change--Or Not

I used to wonder how long it would take to be rid of my character defects. I remember complaining to my sponsor about the pain and suffering they still caused after being sober several years and about the fact that some of them seemed to be as bad as ever. What would it take to be rid of these negative emotional ties to the past? Would I have to drink again and get a good case of the jitters, as described in the Big Book, or was I going to straighten out some day?

This weighed heavily on me, so I asked my sponsor what to do. He said, "I have good news and bad news." (Whenever he uses that phrase, I want to become invisible.) I asked him for the bad news first. He said, "The bad news is, the day we put you in the ground, providing you stay sober that long, you will be the same person you were the day you came here. The good news is you will enjoy that a lot less." He went on to explain that, like most people, alcoholics have the usual set of character defects, but we hone them to a razor's edge and use them to cut our lives to ribbons. Just because we get sober does not mean that these traits will disappear. On the contrary, they become more noticeable than ever, because when we shed light on our defects, they become easier to see and more difficult to practice.

It turns out that the reason I still revert to my old ways is because I still value them, much as I hate to admit it. As Step Six says, some of my character defects may be lifted as the desire to drink was; but as for the rest, I will have to be content with patient improvement.

When I took inventory and looked at the nature of my wrongs, I also learned that everything brings forth its own kind. For example, anger brings forth more anger; it never brings forth happiness. The same is true with love. It never brings forth hate; it can only bring forth affection. Seeing this was a real wake-up call, because when I now look around at what I have created, be it good or bad, I'm forced to take responsibility for it. When my life is full of happiness and joy, it means that happiness and joy are important to me, and anger and depression are valueless. Originally, I could not accept this simple truth because it was too easy, and I'd been taught that anything worthwhile is hard. I mean if it were that simple, then everyone could have it. But I eventually learned that this was the basic truth I had been seeking, and it has given me the ability to change my life.

The next question was, How could I bring about this change when all I've known is chaos? Experience has shown that when I combine one thought with another thought, I get a headache; but when I combine a thought with action, it always produces a result. The paradox that says I have to give it away to keep it is true enough; however, it is also true that I must give it away to get it. When I give love, then I am able to experience love, and the more I give, the more I have. The old tape that says I must receive love to have love is false. The truth is, I must give love so that I may truly experience it. God makes that possible.

I find it amazing how capable I am of overlooking the obvious. I mean, this is what the literature has been telling me all along. I guess my receiver was off the hook, or maybe I just had to hear the message on a different frequency. Whatever the case may be, I have gained much freedom from this simple truth. What's more, just as I have the freedom to use the God of my understanding or not, I have that same freedom to practice my character defects or not. God also makes that possible. So it would seem that I am a product of my actions more than my thoughts, and through action I possess the ability to cause change in my life. BY: LARRY H. | PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON

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Carried Away on the Rio Grande

A wonderful experience happened to me in a place called the Taos Junction Bridge in New Mexico. I spent a lot of time there last summer while I was also a student studying the history of New Mexico. I had been working with a new sponsor since arriving that winter and again was looking at my character defects when I discovered a tradition, practiced in different forms, by people not only from the native cultures, but from my own Judaic background. Once a year, people of the region come to the river to speak aloud their sins (character defects) and cast them into the Rio Grande. Using bread to represent my character defects, I stood in the center of the bridge facing south as the powerful waters of the Rio Grande flowed thirty feet below. Out loud I spoke about the ways I behaved when frightened, about my dishonesty, my selfishness, and my inconsideration of others. Asking God to take these character defects from me, I cast the bread upon the water and watched it being taken away by the current. It was then that I began to "know" in my heart that the Seventh Step could be spoken by me alone, but that once I had offered my shortcomings to God as I understood him, like the current carrying away the bread, what he chose to do with them was no longer my concern. Nor was it in my power to know how, when, or even if these things would be removed. I had to trust him, and then go on with the rest of the Steps.

I often share at meetings that if I didn't have character defects I wouldn't remember how much I needed God, and I believe what it says in "Keys to the Kingdom." It reminds me that "AA is not a plan for recovery that can be finished and done with. It is a way of life, and the challenge contained in its principles is great enough to keep any human being striving for as long as he lives. We do not, cannot, outgrow this plan." Alcoholics are alcoholics and God is God no matter where we live or discover him, but I've been brought to a beautiful place, where I have new experiences in coming to know the "loving God" to whom AA has introduced me. BY: ANONYMOUS | RANCHOS DE TAOS, NEW MEXICO

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Use a Check or Credit Card to pay monthly, or one time. Easy 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.

