

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



January 14, 2023
Patt O., Fullerton, CA
Happy Hour
Speaker at 7:00

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



December, 2022

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

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Tradition 12: Making Myself Anonymous

ONE AMONG MANY

Tradition Twelve seems like a Step to me. It's so spiritual in its focus on anonymity. Someone said it well: "What is shared in meetings is more important than who said it."

The hard part for me is to remember that I, too, am a personality. When I start thinking that what I share is really important, that people really need to hear me ... well, I've put my own personality before the very principles I am attempting to convey. I start to think of myself as being uniquely capable of transmitting the message of recovery from alcoholism. Suddenly, I am the person everyone needs to hear!

Sure. How boring. Yet, predictable. As a lifelong know-it-all, people-pleaser, caretaker, mind-reader, problem-fixer, and control freak, I am incredibly susceptible to believing my own propaganda. Of course, pretty soon someone lets me know that I am really very dispensable, and my input or advice isn't needed, thank you very much. When I go to meetings, I am reminded that I am one among many. This is truly a "we" program.

Other people's recovery doesn't depend solely on me. There are so many terrific people in the program who can help other alcoholics, including me.

BY: JULIE E. | MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

AA's

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."

Three

Unity Tradition Twelve:

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

Legacies

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 an 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.
3. That none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others.
4. That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity.
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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

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 nnigbracer@gmail.com. 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

December 10, 2022
Host group -District 2
Rosie T.- Seal Beach, CA.

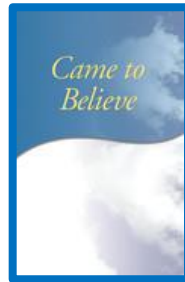
January 14, 2023
Host Group – Happy Hour
Patt O. – Fullerton CA

February 11, 2023
Host Group – RTC Aloha Group
Stephen H – Vancouver WA

March 11, 2023
Host Group – Central Office
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



DAMPHLET OF THE MONTH FREE



Answering Service is in
need of members
to answer the
phone after hours

- 4-hour shifts
- Training provided
- 1 year sobriety requirement

Please call Central Office
775-355-1151

When anyone, anywhere reaches out I
want the hand of A.A. to always be there...



OTHER AREA EVENTS

AA Area 42
Translation &
Interpretation
Committee



BILINGUAL SPANISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help translate Area 42 minutes, emails, guidelines,
etc.
Any proficiency level or none! Northern or Southern
Area

We meet online every 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm PST

We welcome all interested or just curious!

Questions?
Call the Las Vegas Central Office:
(702) 598-1888
and ask that someone from the translation
committee contact you



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2022
Pass It On
NNIG's New
Year's Eve Gala
December 31, 2022
3835 Lakeside Reno NV
5pm-10pm
\$45
Get tickets at
Central Office
Dinner, Dancing
Cider Toast, Speaker
Raffle
For Information 775-355-1151

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hello to hola

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El servicio nos mantiene sobrios
service keeps us sober

Central office report from Ronda H. December
 The book of the month is "Came to Believe" \$2 off.
 Pamphlet is "The "God" Word" \$0.45. All 4-hour
 shifts have been filled, still looking for alternates on the
 Answering Service. Check the website for all service
 commitments. Please check website for office
 closures. Website had 18,380 Views 79% from Mobile
 devices

Volunteer Hours: 100

Calls into Central Office: 184

- Calls for AA help - 8
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 3
- Meeting information - 47
- Retail/merchandise - 6
- Other 12 step programs - 5
- Events - 36
- New to AA - 8
- Business/Central office- 71

Visitors - 284, -Dogs-3

Ronda H.
 Central Office Manager



Previous Birthdays



November 2022

Sharron S. 38 Years

Rich A. 36 Years

October 2022

Nancy A. 37 Years

Dave S. 39 Years

September 2022

Kathy S. 14 Years

Mike H. 27 years

Phil S. 46 Years

August

Linda G. 30 Years

Danny S. 20 Years

July

Joanne P.

10 Years

June

Ann G. - 18 years

Ron T. - 11 years

May

Donn T. 32 Years

April

Paul 31 Years

March

Ken L. 40 Years

Kim D. 45 Years

February

Skip 22 Years

December

Sean S. - 32 Years

Mystery Person!!- 34

Years



I have
 been a
 good
 boy!

Gary

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 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

**CHESTER
 FELLOWSHIP
 TUESDAY 1:30 PM
 386 MAIN ST.
 CHESTER CA**

**Daily Reflections
 Monday - Saturday
 9 am
 221 Chipmuck Unit #4
 Kings Beach CA**

**Please respect
 all meeting
 place mandates
 about face
 coverings.**

**The Real lunch Bunch
 Monday- Friday
 Noon
 141 Industrial Way
 Fallon NV**

**Serenity Seekers
 Sunday- Saturday
 9 am
 506 W4th Street
 Winnemucca NV**

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 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



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

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

12th STEP PRAYER

Dear God: My spiritual awakening continues to unfold. The help I have received I shall pass on & give to others, Both in & out of the Fellowship. For this opportunity I am grateful. I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day on the road of spiritual progress. I pray for the inner strength & wisdom to practice the principles of this way of life in all I do & say. I need You, my friends, & the program every hour of every day. This is a better way to live.



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.

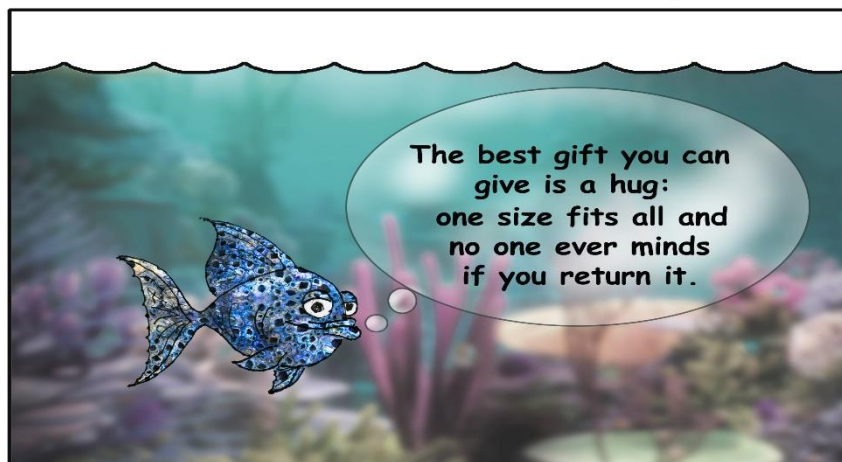
Contact:

Joe H. NAGSC Corrections Chair, 415-203-4888

nagsccorrectionalfacilities@nevadaarea42.org.

Drink Like A Fish

by Rick M.



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.

1



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

2



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.

3



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.

4



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.

5



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.

6



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

7



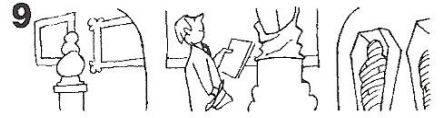
Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.

8



Worship in your own way.

9



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

10



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

11



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

12



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



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