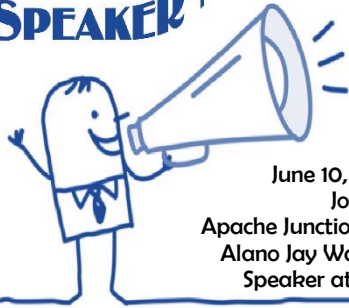


NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



June 10, 2023
John H.
Apache Junction, AZ
Alano Jay Walkers
Speaker at 7:00

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

June, 2023

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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

Tradition Six

BY: BILL W.

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose. (from the May 1948 Grapevine)

The sixth of our Twelve Points of AA Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the AA movement to money and property.

This Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property, and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an AA group must ever be on guard.

Tradition Six also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the AA name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the AA name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual AAs who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the AA movement to its sole aim, and ensure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that AA itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. Years of experience have proven these principles beyond doubt. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

Thank God, we AAs have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property, and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well-meaning donor present an AA group with a sizable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bankroll. This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not AA?"

AA's

**Recovery
Step Six:**

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

Three

**Unity
Tradition Six:**

"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problem of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Legacies

**Service
Concept Six:**

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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We have seen that the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" for A.A.'s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have. The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Service Office) and of AA Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.'s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.'s "bankers," overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.'s substantial Reserve Fund. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions.) Bill makes the point that although "our objective is always a spiritual one," nevertheless our world service is a "large business operation." "Indeed," he says, "our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy-holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a 'holding company.' And this holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two 'subsidiaries' (A.A.W.S and AA Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services. "This very real analogy makes it . . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the . . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous."

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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
Location- Silver Barron Room 1-6



Monthly Speaker Meeting
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Speaker at 7:00 PM



June 10, 2023

Speaker- John H. Apache Junction AZ
Host Group- Jaywalkers Group

July 8, 2023

Speaker- Don L. Bellingham WA
Host Group- KISS Group

August 12, 2023

Speaker- Tina A. Hollister CA
Host Group- Minden-Gardnerville Group

NNIG Speaker Chair: Kevin B. 775-470-4614
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Café Central @ ~5pm with the speaker

FOUNDERS' DAY 2023

Dr. Bob
Bill W.

SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2023, 11-3PM
BOWERS MANSION - WASHOE VALLEY

BURGERS & HOT DOGS WITH SIDE DISHES WILL BE SERVED

POTLUCK - PACKAGED CHIPS & DESSERTS

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- Your
- Own
- Chair

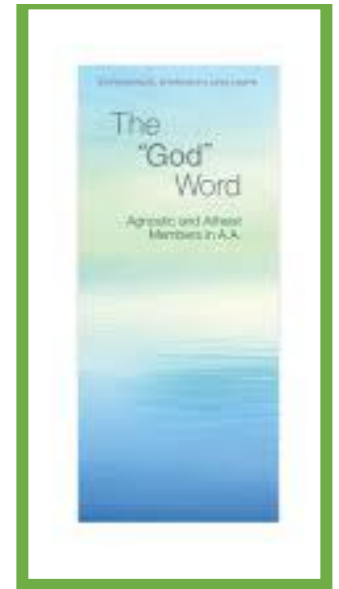
RAFFLE!! GAMES!! FELLOWSHIP!!

\$5 SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION

Sorry NO Pets per Washoe County

- Kids Games
- Bounce House
- Face Painting

PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH
\$.40



OTHER AREA EVENTS

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

AA Area 42 Translation & Interpretation Committee

hello to hola

BILINGUAL SPANISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
To help translate Area42 minutes, emails, guidelines, etc.
Any proficiency level or none! Northern or Southern Area

We meet online every 3rd Thursday at 530 pm PST

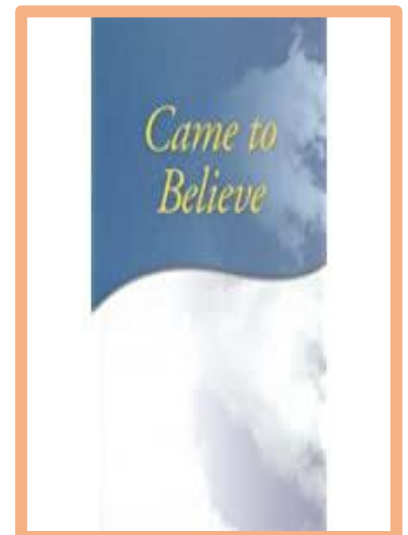
We welcome all interested or just curious!

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

El servicio nos mantiene sobrios
El service keeps us sober

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BOOK OF THE MONTH
\$2 Off



Central office report from Ronda H. May 2023

The book of the month is "Came to Believe" \$2 off. Pamphlet is "The "GOD" Word" \$0.40. Check the website for all service commitments. Please check website for office closures. Website had 18,442 Views 79% from Mobile devices. New visitors 47%. Sign up for The Blast, email of what's happening in our local AA. Email officemanager@nnig.org to be added to this once-a-month email. Looking forward to seeing you all Sunday June 11 for Founders Day! Volunteer Hours: 134 Hours Calls into Central Office: 147

- Calls for AA help - 7
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 2
- Meeting information - 39
- Retail / merchandise - 9
- Other 12 step programs - 5
- Events - 5
- New to AA - 3
- Business/Central office- 87
- Visitors - 277, -Dogs- 3

Ronda H.
Central Office Manager



MAY

Tom H. 21 Years

Donn T. 33 Years

Anonymous 38 Years

March 2023

Kent L. 41 Years

Kim D. 46 Years

December 2022

Sean S. - 32 Years

November 2022

Sharron S. 38 Years

Rieh H. 36 Years

October 2022

Nancy H. 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

Finn G. - 18 years

Ron T. - 11 years

Life is like a camel, you can make it do anything but back up.

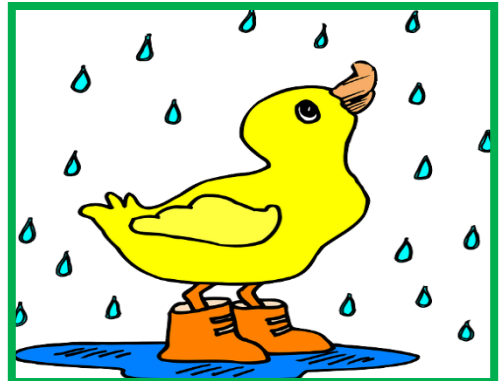


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Envelopes available at Central Office, NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

Round Mountain Meeting
SUN, TUES, FRI.
6:30pm
89 Hadley Cir.
Round Mountain, NV

Loyalton Clean Slate
Tuesday 7pm
601 Lewis Ave
Loyalton, CA



From the Vine
Sunday 8:30pm
345 S. Wells Ave
RENO NV.

1st 164
Pages
Friday 6pm
1276 Pitt Rd
Gardnerville
NV

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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

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 FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM!
 STOP IN FOR A CUP OF COFFEE
 AND FELLOWSHIP!

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

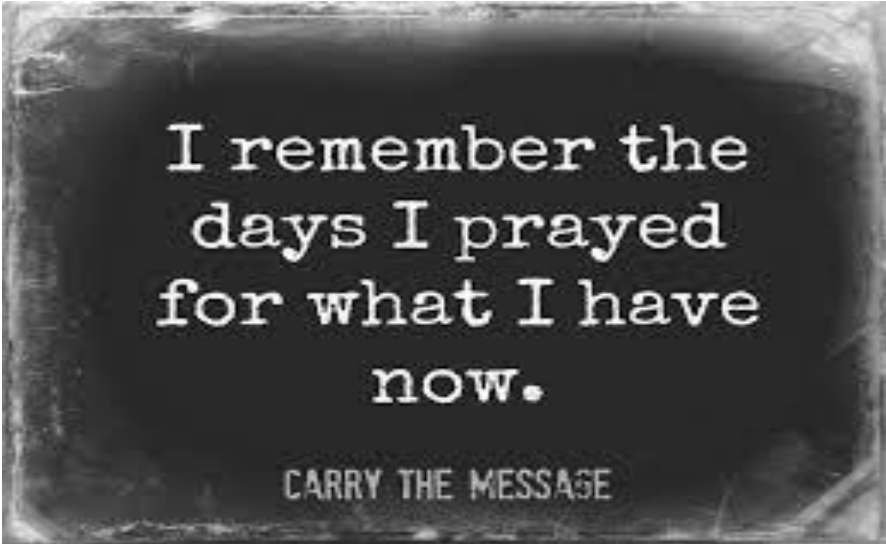
The central Office will be closed the following
 holidays for 2023

February 20- Presidents Day
 May 29 - Memorial Day
 July 4 - Independence Day
 September 4 - Labor Day
 October 27 - Nevada Day
 November 11 - Veterans Day
 November 23, 24 - Thanksgiving
 December 24, 25 - Christmas
 December 29, 30 - Inventory

6th STEP Prayer

God, I still cling to some things that
 I have admitted are objectionable.
 Help me to be willing to let them
 go.

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CORRECTIONS SERVICE
 COMMITMENT

Lake's Crossing Center

INFORMATION:
 Two meetings (with two chairs for each meeting)
 on Monday nights at 6:00 pm

REQUIRED:
 Background check for current cases
 - Two step TB test
 Orientation

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Thank you for your service!

Defects, What Defects?

Step Six doesn't make us into robots. It helps us get the willingness to change.

STEP SIX: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

I remember walking into an AA meeting at the Tri-County center almost two years ago. I told myself, I'm not like these people. I don't have a problem. I was scared and mentally and physically drained after having just been released from a detox. I quietly made my way into the meeting room.

What I now know to be the Twelve Steps were hanging near the chair where I sat. I read them and thought to myself that I had at least worked eight of the Steps already. I assumed that the others would not be that hard. I knew I could easily knock them out in a few days, if I tried hard. I thought there would be a few Steps I could avoid or disregard. I read Step Six: "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

What defects? I thought. I am perfect and could not possibly have any defects. Even if I did have flaws, to remove them all would make me boring and no fun to be around. I didn't realize that no one wanted to be around me anyway because my drinking had caused so much pain for others. My behavior caused my phone calls to go unanswered. Doors were never opened when I knocked. Life had become unbearable, not just for me, but for those I considered my friends. My defects had become my assets. Manipulation, lying and deception were just the top three picks on my long list of defects.

After completing my Fifth Step with my sponsor, I was instructed to make a list of my defects. I was told to arrange them in order from most used to those less frequently used. Until then, I hadn't realized that I had been using these defects against myself as well. I manipulated my thoughts to fit any circumstance in order to deceive my own brain. I lied to myself about what I thought was right.

I came to many realizations through working the Steps. For example, Step Six is not about making me into a robot. I don't have to do everything right. I just have to change my thinking and allow myself to ask my Higher Power to guide me

through the day. I want this Higher Power to allow me to make the right decisions.

The smallest of tasks, I now found, those which used to puzzle me, could be done with ease if I just asked. Step Six is not about making a blood sacrifice or announcing my defects over the mall intercom, but quietly and in a most sincere way, asking for help. I must be submissive in asking for change, rather than being a dominant, overbearing narcissist trying to control every thought and action.

When faced with obstacles that seem to baffle me, I ask for help, and those defects of character will soon be diminished—if I'm willing. Here's a prayer that helps me: "God, thank you for removing my fear and for showing me the truth about myself. Father, I need your help to become willing to let go of the things in me which continue to block me off from you. Please grant me your grace, Lord, and make me willing to have these objectionable characteristics, defects and shortcomings removed."

—Anonymous

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Tradition Six Continued from p. 1.

Of course, we of AA would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts, money is usually primary; it is their lifeblood. But money is *not* the lifeblood of AA. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain this easily enough; we don't need money. The core of our AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all AA needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars apiece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, *our* expenses!

Nowadays, the AA group answers its well-wishers saying: "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"

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