

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



July 8, 2023
Don L.
Bellingham, WA
Fernley KISS Group
Speaker at 7:00

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

July, 2023

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

The Rose

BY: ANNIE E. | OKLAHOMA

Step Seven - Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

In January, I celebrated my seventh birthday in Alcoholics Anonymous. As I look back over the year, I realize it was the very best year ever in my sobriety, for it was linked inextricably with the Seventh Step and the absolute necessity for me to keep on changing. As Dr. Silkworm states in the Big Book, unless the alcoholic can "experience an entire psychic change there is very little hope of his recovery." Frequently last year, I was confronted with the pain of change. One day last week, I found myself confronted with yet another painful defect.

At first, I did what I usually do at such times. I tried to rationalize the defect away, then tried to blame it on somebody else, and finally began to say to myself, "This I shall never give up." That's when I knew I was in real trouble. At about this time, I went to a meeting that was on exactly what I needed to hear--Step Seven. As I listened to my friends share their practical experience with this Step, I became increasingly aware that I didn't want to give up this particular defect because I was afraid--afraid of what might become of me, afraid of what God might change me into. What if I didn't like it? As I heard one of my friends refer to the "psychic change," my fear and defiance increased. But I began to listen more carefully.

When my turn came to talk, I found myself sharing with the group my first real understanding of the Seventh Step. It had occurred during my third year of sobriety. I had been figuring out Steps Six and Seven and working hard on them for over a year and had gotten absolutely nowhere. My sponsor, realizing that I was stuck, asked me to speak on these Steps at a Friday night meeting.

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A A's

**Recovery
Step Seven:**

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

Three

**Unity
Tradition Seven:**

*"Every A.A. group ought
to be self-supporting,
declining outside
contributions."*

Legacies

**Service
Concept Seven:**

Concept VII 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.

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This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and "balance of powers" between the Conference and the General Service Board. "This . . . may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object." On the one hand, "the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.'s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board. "Thus, the practical power of the Conference is, in the final analysis, superior to the legal power of the board. This superior power derives from the traditional influence of the Conference Charter itself; from the fact that the delegates chosen by the groups always constitute more than two-thirds of the Conference members"; and finally from the ability of the delegates to cut off financial support by the groups. "Theoretically, the Conference is an advisory body only; but practically speaking, it has all the ultimate power it may ever need." The Conference "recommends" — though its recommendations have the force of directives to the board. The board executes these recommendations. The board does have the legal authority to veto a Conference recommendation — but in actual practice, it never has done so. As Bill tactfully puts it, the trustees "simply refrain from using their legal right to say 'no' when it would be much wiser, all things considered, to say 'yes.' "If . . . the Conference will always bear in mind actual rights, duties, responsibilities and legal status of the General Service Board, and if the trustees . . . will constantly realize that the Conference is the real seat of ultimate service authority . . . neither will be seriously tempted to make a 'rubber stamp' out of the other . . . In this way, grave issues will always be resolved and harmonious cooperation will be the general rule."



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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 1-8



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



July 8, 2023
Speaker- Don L. Bellingham, WA
Host Group- KISS Group

August 12, 2023
Speaker- Lorraine M. Pleasantville, CA
Host Group- Minden-Gardnerville Group

September 9, 2023
Speaker- Karl M. Corvina, CA
Host Group-Positive Step Group

October 14, 2023
Speaker- Sheldon F. Las Vegas, NV
Host Group- A Vision for You

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

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 11, 2023 GRATITUDE DINNER

Tickets on sale \$65

July 8th 2023

9AM

@ Central Office

436 S. Rock Blvd

Sparks Nv 89431

775-355-1151

PAMPHLET OF
THE MONTH
\$.35



OTHER AREA EVENTS

BOOK OF
THE MONTH
\$2 Off

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

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Interpretation
Committee



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Any proficiency level or none! Northern or Southern Area

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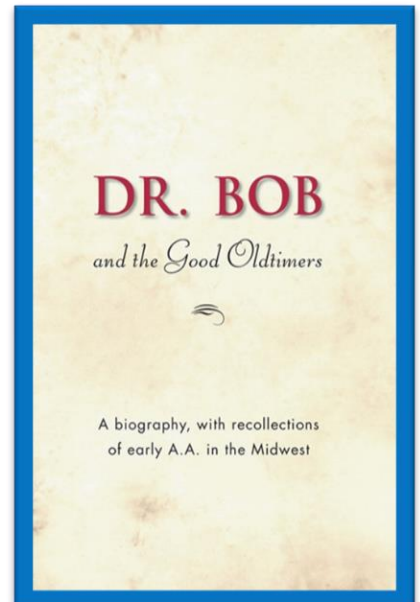
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DR. BOB

and the Good Oldtimers

A biography, with recollections
of early A.A. in the Midwest



Central office report from Ronda H. May 2023

The book of the month is "Dr Bob & the Good Oldtimers" \$2 off. Pamphlet is "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" \$0.35. 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: 156

- Calls for AA help - 3
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 0
- Meeting information - 33
- Retail / merchandise - 21
- Other 12 step programs - 3
- Events - 6
- New to AA - 4
- Business/Central office- 86
- Visitors - 279, -Dogs- 2

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

Sharon S. 38 Years
Rich 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
Dannny S. 20 Years

July
Joanne P.
10 Years

JUNE 2023

Ann G. 19 Years

Paul E. 32 years

Kyle 41 Years

"Aren't I the Cutest thing"



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 Seekers

Tuesday
6:00 AM

1276 Pit RD.
Gardnerville/
Minden, NV

South Shore

Group
7:00 AM

972B Tallac
South Lake, CA

Discussion

Noon
45

S. Weatherlow
Susanville CA

Back Room

Group
Tuesday

5:00 PM 120
Hydraulic St.
Lemmon Valley

ATTENTION!!!

NNIG is in need of an Answering Service Chair. If anyone is interested, please attend the next monthly NNIG Business Meeting. The next meeting is on July 11. At the Alano Club in Sparks at 6:30 pm. This Service is one of the MOST important in carrying the message to the still suffering Alcoholic.

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
 Call Central Office
 775-355-1511

CENTRAL OFFICE
 IS OPEN ON SATURDAY
 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

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 in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows."

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I remember the
 days I prayed
 for what I have
 now.

CARRY THE MESSAGE

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!

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2023

Group	June	YTD	Group	June	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group			Happy Hour Reno		918.33
4th Dimension- ON-LINE	57.51	169.54	International Cartel Men's Stag		390.76
A Way Home	632.40	815.75	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		137.66
Alano Brown Baggers		68.11	Ladies of The Evening		263.05
Alano Big Book Study		145.00	Ladies of the Lake	66.33	82.15
Alano Living Sober		120.00	McGill NV Freedom Group		85.00
Alano Jaywalkers		309.04	Mid-Day Group ON-LINE		107.46
Alano Open Heart Open Mind		155.00			
Alano Women in Recovery		32.75	Minden Language of the Heart		40.00
Amen Maintenance Meeting		300.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		210.00
Back Room Group		242.41	Minden Stephanie Way Group		117.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night		200.00	Minden Wednesday Night Live		97.36
Battle Mountain Fellowship			Minden/Gardnerville Group	36.69	201.02
			Mt Rose Candle Light		200.00
Beginners are Winners On-Line Group		818.80	Mt Rose Recovery Room	172.80	944.87
Buena Vista Group			NNIG Business Meeting	38.00	236.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		545.52	Old Time A.A. Group		
Carson Airport AA			Out and Sober		
Carson Big Book Experience		70.00	Portola Group		
Carson Brown Baggers			Positive Acceptance Group		810.85
Carson Early Birds		1805.67	Professionals Meeting		
Carson Happy Hour			Pyramid Way Discussion Group	40.00	100.00
Carson Happy, Joyous and Free	150.00	150.00	Recien ilegados		
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's			Resentments And A Coffee Pot		
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		60.00	RTC Almost Heaven	100.00	550.00
Carson Sandbaggers	200.00	1250.00	RTC Aloha Group		847.31
Carson Sisters in Sobriety			RTC Beginners are Winners		
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station			RTC Big Book Study		
Carson Valley Gratitude		500.00	RTC Don't Trip Music Meeting		
Carson Women's Night Out			RTC Good Morning Sobriety		
Chester Saturday Night Group		125.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		100.00
Choices			RTC Little Rascals	50.00	100.00
Cornerstone Group	200.00	350.00	RTC Men's Trudgers	195.30	390.06
Dayton Fellowship Hall	250.00	250.00	RTC Monday Night Mens	375.00	375.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		300.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		587.26
Dayton Red Rooster		500.00	RTC Recien Llegados		
Dayton Sunday Morning		200.00	RTC Women's Just for Today		95.55
Decompression Chamber/online	98.41	894.04	Serenity on Sundays	250.00	250.00
District 14	10.00	260.00	Silver Springs Groups		
District 2		35.00	Sisters of Sobriety SOS		168.02
District 22	35.00	229.00	Slide Mountain Candle light Gro	150.00	150.00
Double R at Noon		387.88	South Shore Group		
Driar's Oldtimer, Newcomers			Southside Group	190.58	825.66
Driar's Serenity Night Owls			Susanville Fellowship		98.00
Eye Opener		973.50	Step 1		
Fallon Fallen Women's AA Meeting			Sunnyside Group	440.00	1657.50
Fallon Grapevine Online		100.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		100.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch			The Next Chapter		100.00
Fireside Group	400.00	400.00			
Galena Friday Night			The Rock Group	123.00	243.00
Ground Zero		443.10	The Shop		300.00
Grupo Accion		60.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol	540.00	1040.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	10.00	70.00	Truckee Fellowship		151.25
Grupo Nueva Vida					
Grupo Latino Reno	30.00	50.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		596.00
Incline Village Fellowship		97.43	Verdi Greener Pastures		
Jamesville God Grant Me		30.00	Virginia City Plug in the Jug		
Jamesville Women's Monday Night			Wednesday Night Beginners Meeting		
End of the Road Group	40.00	140.00	Weekend Warriors		
Femley Groups	120.00	120.00	Westwood Monday Night		
			Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		
			Whole in the Soul		120.00
			Willing to go to any Lengths		
			Winnemucca Serenity Seekers	150.00	225.00
			Women's New Beginnings		417.00
			Women's New Harmony	175.00	175.00
			Young at Heart		100.00
			Total	5,326.02	28,475.66

THE ROSE CONTINUED

I spent the rest of that week in a state of semi-panic, realizing that I knew all the words but had been unable to practice the Steps due to my inordinate fear of change. Early Friday morning when I arrived at the high school where I taught, I was met at the back door by two boys who were in my eleventh grade class. They were both grinning from ear to ear with a great surprise they had planned. All of my students had been attending an arts festival that week and were enjoying the challenge of finding a "poem" to bring back to English class in order to earn extra credit. I had received all sorts of "poems"--from weeds and wild flowers to a sublime strawberry crepe, whipped cream and all! These two students were eager to walk me to class to show me their "poem" before everybody else arrived.

When we arrived in the classroom, I saw a huge yellow helium balloon on my desk. The boys had tied the string inside a small vase that sat on my desk, and the balloon floated there like a bright, happy exclamation mark. On the balloon they had written some sort of ridiculous poem which they knew would make me laugh. Then one of the students, Larry, pulled a long florist's pin from behind his back and held it out toward me. "Pop it, Mrs. E.," he said. I recoiled. I couldn't. I hate to pop balloons. It scares me, and I usually scream. "Pop it, Mrs. E." Larry was insistent. I continued to refuse, giving all sorts of great excuses and reasons. "Pop it, Mrs. E." I laughed, I teased, I cajoled. But one of Larry's greatest assets was his stubborn persistence, and I knew we would stand there forever or at least until I popped the balloon. Finally I took the pin, put one hand over an ear, closed my eyes, held my breath, and popped the balloon. I didn't scream. I opened my eyes. Concealed inside the now disintegrated balloon was a long-stemmed red rose. I have no idea how they put it inside the balloon. I felt my eyes fill with joy, and I hugged Larry.

At last I understood the Seventh Step. I am so full of hot air, I am afraid to let God pop my balloon of pride and fear. I am afraid of what I will find. But that day, God showed me--an American Beauty rose. That night as I

shared the story with a roomful of drunks, I looked at all of them and realized I was looking at God's garden of roses. Again I wept for joy. I realized that I, too, am part of his garden.

I have really learned only one thing since that day. I will not see my own rose. I must trust God for that as I continue to practice Steps Six and Seven. But my faith in this process of change increases as I look upon my fellow drunks and watch them blossom. I trust they are a reflection of what happens to me when I let go and let God.

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TRADITION 7

I Contribute

BY: CARRIE B. | BEND, ORE.

How many of us before coming into AA were always looking for a handout? It feels good to be part of something that's self-supporting.

One of the things I've been taught to do in AA is to honor the Seventh Tradition by using the word "contribute" rather than "donate." Donation implies charitable causes.

Our Seventh Tradition, like the rest of the Traditions, is spiritual in nature. Therefore, the spiritual principle of self-support, to me, means more than simply throwing a buck in the basket. It offers us another way to begin to contribute to our own sobriety.

How many of us before coming into the rooms were always looking for a handout? It feels good to be part of something that's really self-supporting. I'm glad AA isn't a charitable organization and does not accept donations. The "D" word implies giving to a charitable cause. My sobriety is not a charitable cause. It's my responsibility. I don't "donate" to my household bills either. I contribute. I "donate" to the animal shelter and to charities that help feed people in need.

I'm glad AA does not accept "donations." We are self-supporting. The word "contributions" is consistent with our AA Conference-approved literature and service material.

I am a part of my home group, so it's my responsibility to contribute into the Seventh Tradition basket. My group is part of the local AA community and AA as a whole, so we try our best to contribute our share to Intergroup, our district, our area and the General Service Office. Just some fun comments from a friendly Tradition geek. Food for thought.

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