

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



December 14
Rachelle
Host group – TBD
Speaker at 7:00

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

THE BRACER



South Reno, NV

November 2024

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Who Took My Wallet?

By: Lori T., Grand Prairie, Texas

I had noticed the new young couple when I walked into my AA meeting. She was very thin, poorly dressed and seemed jittery. He was also very thin but appeared much more relaxed than she did. I noticed neither of them answered the "silver chip" call, which is how we invite brand new members to our group. They said they had joined the night before. During the meeting she jumped up frequently and ran outside to talk on her phone. She did not share at all but he stated they were both trying to get sober and had problems with drugs as well.

After the meeting I made it a point to greet her and I was surprised when she told me she did not have alcohol or drug issues; she was just there to support her boyfriend. She did tell me that at one time she had used but did not anymore and had been clean for several years. She was agitated as I spoke to her, and her body language told me she was eager to get away from me. Suddenly, she jumped up and called to her boyfriend and said, "Let's go. Now!"

I waved her goodbye and encouraged them both to come back. Later, I stood talking to some other members and we commented among ourselves about their odd behavior, but then we reminded each other that newcomers frequently get jittery and uncomfortable. We learned that none of us had obtained a phone number from either of them and they had both refused ours.

I finished giving and getting my hugs and went back for my purse, which I had left sitting on a table near my chair. My wallet was gone! Immediately, other members remembered the young lady hovering around my purse, stating that she had dropped a cigarette and was looking for it. Members began emptying trashcans, moving furniture, and searching the restrooms—but no luck. My wallet had mysteriously vanished from my purse. I remembered that I had taken it out of my purse during the collection but had not put it back in my purse. Someone said, "They're still outside."

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Recovery Step Eleven :

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscience contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

Three

Unity Tradition Eleven:

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films .”

Legacies

Service Concept Eleven:

“The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.”

Concept X

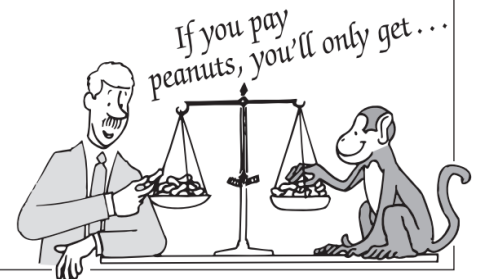
1. The status of executives

No active service can function well unless it has sustained and competent executive direction. This must always head up in *one person*, supported by such assistants as are needed. That person has to have ample freedom and authority to do the job, and should not be interfered with so long as the work is done well.



2. Paid workers, how compensated

Each paid executive, staff member or consultant should be recompensed in reasonable relation to the value of his or her similar services or abilities in the commercial world . . . Cheap help is apt to feel insecure and inefficient; it is very costly in the long run. This is neither good spirituality nor good business. Assuming service money is available, we should therefore compensate our workers well.



It's like
musical hats!

3. Rotation among paid staff workers

At A.A.'s General Service Office, most staff members' assignments are changed every two years. When engaged, each staff member is expected to possess the general ability to do, or to learn how to do, any job in the place — excepting for office management.

Remember our
worker in Concept IV.

4. Full "Participation" of paid workers is highly important

We have already discussed the necessity of giving key paid personnel a voting representation on our committees and corporate boards. They should enjoy a status suitable to their responsibility, just as our volunteers do.



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NNIG & AREA EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE



**NNIG 2024
Gratitude
Dinner**



**Saturday
November 9, 2024**

**Speaker: Todd J.
Idyllwild, CA**

Seated Dinner \$65

TICKETS	Doors Open	5pm
NNIG Central Office	Dinner	6pm
436 South Rock Blvd	Speaker	7pm
Sparks, NV		

Reno Ballroom
401 University Way, Reno, NV 89501



**2025
New Years Eve
Bash**

**Wednesday,
December 31 6 till
the party stops!**

255 VFW Historic Ln, Reno, NV

Mocktails & Appetizers **Raffle** **DJ Dancing**

Speaker - Don D.

\$20 per Ticket
Casual/Formal
NNIG Event





OTHER AREA EVENTS

District 2 Fall Workshop



Beyond the Meeting:
Relationships, Sponsorship, Rule 62, and more!


Saturday Nov. 16
11-2

First Congregational Church
627 Sunnyside Dr. Reno

Pizza and dessert will be served!



DISTRICT 20 & ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PRESENTS:



**SOBER
HOLIDAY
DANCE**

DEC 13TH **LIVE MUSIC BY:
7:00PM** **FORGERY
FREE DINNER**

THIS IS A FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT! BRING THE KIDS!
PLEASE BRING A DESSERT FOR OUR DESSERT AUCTION

Lassen County Fairgrounds - Jensen Hall - Susanville

Questions? Call Jay S. (530)231-7211 or Jodie G. (530)816-5592

New Venue
District 16's

37th Annual Christmas Affair
"Connecting with Love, Unity and Service"
Saturday December 21st 2024
12:00 to 5:00 PM

American Legion Darrell Dunkle Post 1
877 Ralston Street, Reno, NV.
Come for food, fun, and fellowship!
Please bring a dessert to share!!!

Service Panel Discussion: *12:15 PM
Connecting with Love, Unity and Service
(TBD)

Santa: *1:30 PM


Turkey Dinner with all the Extras: *2:00 PM

Speaker: *3:00 PM
(TBD)

Raffle: After Speaker
*All times are approximate

\$5.00 Suggested Contribution

For raffle prize contributions, volunteer help, or information please call: Stacy P. (775) 830-9840



Central office report from Ronda H. July 2024

The book of the month is “Our Great Responsibility” \$2 OFF Get yours while supplies last! Pamphlet is “Where Money & Spirituality Mix.” FREE. Sign up for The Blast, email of what’s happening in our local AA. Fellowship. Email officemanager@nnig.org to be added to this once-a-month email.

Volunteer Hours: 121.05

Calls into Central Office: 138

- Calls for AA help - 8
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 3
- Meeting information - 37
- Retail / merchandise - 12
- Other 12-step programs - 12
- Events – 18
- New to AA/ Talked with - 2
- Business/Central office- 46
- **Visitors – 275 -Dogs- 5**
- **Texts – 7 Phone calls on the Next Phone-3**

Ronda H.
Central Office Manager



Previous Birthdays

-  Previous Birthdays
- David 27 Years
 - Angelica B. 1 Years
 - Mike H. 29 years
 - Phil S. 48 Years
 - August
 - Dawn K. 15 Years
 - Linda G. 32 Years
 - Michael B. 35 Years
 - July
 - JoAnne P. 12 Years
 - Dennis J. 24 Years
 - June
 - Paul E. 33 years
 - Kyle L. 42 Years
 - May
 - Donn T. 34 Years
 - April
 - Ron T. 13 Years
 - March
 - Kim D. 47 Years
 - Kent L. 42 Years
 - February 2024
 - Jack W. 39 Years
 - December 2023
 - Sean S. 34 Years
 - Mark U. 10 Years
 - Cindy 35 Years
 - November 2023
 - Sean L. 32 Years
 - Rich H. 37 Years

October 2024

Sharron F. 40 Years
Dave S. 41 Years



“We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.” P.83 88

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

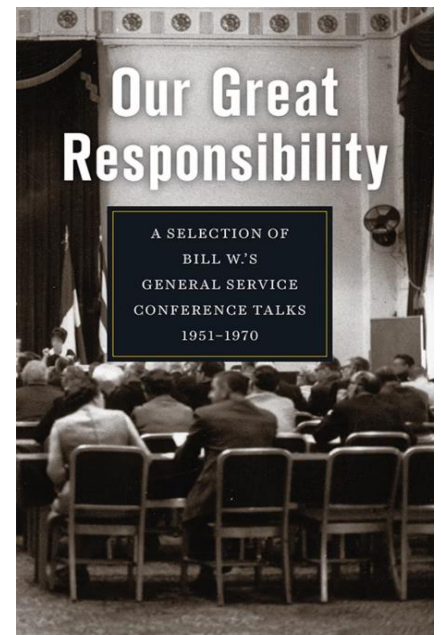
Five N Live
Saturday 5:15 PM
Alano Club
680 River St.
Elko, NV

After-Shifters
Alano Club
180 E William
St.#5
Carson City, NV

Our Great Responsibility
\$2 OFF

Brown
Baggers
Discussion
1036 N Main St.
Alturas, CA

SATURDAY NIGHT
FEVER
1631 ESERALDA
PL
GARDNERVILLE NV.



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 Thursday of each month, 6:30 Central Office

DISTRICT 4 First Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm

Triangle Club OR Zoom ID: 916 3107 1014
PW: bestdamnd4

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

AA Area 42 Translation & Interpretation Committee



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 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

Zoom ID:474 938 3601

Passcode: Rule62

El servicio nos mantiene sobrios
El service keeps us sober

We Are The
Sunshine Committee



Can You Help?

*There are cases where sober AAs are unable to
make it to meetings. They are in the hospital or
physical rehabilitation hospital or are home-
bound while they recuperate.*

*When you cannot attend meetings do you get
'squirrely' or on edge? Be a part of carrying the
message to those shut-ins by joining us as we
trudge the road of happy destiny on the*

Sunshine Committee!!

Sobriety requirement—1 year

We will work with your schedule

Call: Ann .—650-290-4335

Email: oschwenderlauf@gmail.com

Help is needed!

The A.A. 12-Step Call List has been
recently updated and the list was
drastically reduced.

This service is a vital part of A.A.
There are also shifts that need to be filled
on the answering service.

All areas in Northern Area 42 are needed.

775-355-1151

Please call the Central Office to be added to the list.

One year of sobriety is requested.



When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want
the hand of A.A. to always be there and for that I am
responsible.

Eleventh Step Prayer

*Higher Power, as I understand You,
I pray to keep open my connection with
You and to keep it clear from the confusion
of daily life. Through my prayers and
meditations, I ask especially for freedom
from self-will, rationalization, and wishful
thinking. I pray for the guidance of correct
thought and positive action. Your will,
Higher Power, not mine, be done.*

Eleventh Tradition – Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

THE Traditions are of the utmost importance for the survival of AA as a whole, but they were written in an era when methods of communication were fairly limited, consequently leaving some holes for the AAs of today to fill in. I remember when I first started thinking about anonymity, the Eleventh Tradition and the internet. Turning to the AA World Service pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity," I looked for answers. The pamphlet says that websites should be considered public media, and therefore we shouldn't use our full name or images on any public site. It goes on to say that ". . . the level of anonymity in emails, online meetings, and chat rooms would be a personal decision."

At first glance, this seems pretty clear: no full names or pictures on any publicly accessible website, but chat rooms, online meetings and emails are acceptable places to break our own anonymity, if we wish to. The pamphlet is trying to set up a distinction between "private" and "public" internet usage. Unfortunately, I believe it falls well short of comprehensively defining this distinction. One could easily say that breaking anonymity on a national news organization's site is forbidden, but a break in an email to a friend is acceptable. A personal blog that is publicly searchable would also fall into the "public" category. But what about social networking sites? These widely used sites have their own security protocols, some of which are fully customizable by the individual users. They have their own levels of public and private, further complicating the issue. For instance, I can set my personal page to be viewed by my "friends" (people I've approved to view my page) only, preventing anyone else from seeing the information listed. Can I break my anonymity on this level, where only my friends can see? Wouldn't this be merely the virtual equivalent of gathering all of my friends in a room and telling them I am in AA?

One popular networking site has "groups" where likeminded people can sign up and post messages on discussion boards. Many of them are twelve-step-related. There are multiple unmoderated groups titled "Alcoholics Anonymous," one with over 9,000 members. Any member can access this group and its member list, most of whom use their full names (a requirement for one social networking site). One could argue that this is a public anonymity break because it falls under the banner of Alcoholics Anonymous. But what about the "Friends of Bill W." group that has over 12,000 members? It is public (to members of the site), but specifically states that it is not affiliated with any organization.

I think that the solution here has more to do with Tradition Six than with Tradition Eleven. Calling a group "Alcoholics Anonymous" implies affiliation, despite disclaimers. If all of these internet groups were titled something like "Friends of Bill W." or "Alcoholics in Recovery," then we would be solving two problems at once: ending affiliation with AA and allowing members to not worry about breaking their anonymity at a public level by merely joining the group. Each individual would be responsible for maintaining his or her own anonymity in these groups in discussions, but they would no longer have to worry about their anonymity being broken just by joining the group.

At the time the Traditions were published, this conversation about anonymity would have been inconceivable. As our world changes and evolves, AA, too, must change and evolve. AA members must meet new challenges head-on, inside and outside of AA.

Dave's Suggestions

Dave S., the author of *Anonymity on the internet*, compiled some tips for anonymity-protected usage of social networking sites:

Don't join any group with Alcoholics Anonymous in its name, even if there is a disclaimer.

Don't disclose that you are an AA member if you choose to join a group for people in recovery. Talk in general terms about meetings, recovery and Steps.

Don't post a message on someone's wall regarding meetings, sobriety, or AA. Don't publish pictures from AA functions with your friends in them, unless you have their permission. Make sure that these pictures are viewable by your friends only.

Do If you choose to out yourself on your profile page, make sure the page is accessible only to your friends, not to the general public.

Do When creating an AA-related event on the site, make sure that it is private so that invitees don't have their anonymity broken when they decide to attend. Make the guest list of an AA-related event hidden.

I turned to one of the members and asked him to come with me to their car. He gathered some more members, stating "Lori needs us," and together we marched across the parking lot. We surrounded the car and asked them if they happened to see my wallet during the meeting. They denied having any knowledge of it. Finally, we just walked away. Someone suggested calling the police, but they had driven off. I said, "What if they were innocent and never come back because they feel we treated them badly?" One member replied, "If they were innocent, they had nothing to worry about."

Two members offered to stay with me if I wanted to wait for the police to arrive. Another one offered me cash in case it took a while for me to become solvent again. Another hugged me. They each expressed their sympathy and said they were sorry about what had happened. Tears were in my eyes as I left. I decided to go straight to the police station and report the theft, then go to the bank. I called my husband, cancelled my credit cards, and began the long process of replacing the stolen items.

By the time I finally got home, my heart was heavy. Why me? I had tried to be a good AA member, reaching out to newcomers with love to welcome them. I felt betrayed. For eight years I had sat in that room, feeling like it was my home.

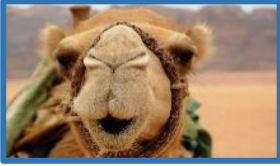
Members who heard what had happened called and texted me that night, and the next day I got a text that the young couple had come to the group the following afternoon. My once relaxed meeting place had suddenly become tense. People were becoming very much aware of the recent theft and were all talking about it.

The next day, I reviewed and reviewed again my actions from the night before. What had I done wrong? I had reached out to help someone in need. I had been so happy going into the meeting that night. That Sunday was our sobriety birthday celebration, and I would be celebrating eight years. How was I going to face my group and be "happy, joyous and free" with this shadow on my heart? When my husband came home he found me sitting in the dark and he was concerned. I told him I had been praying and searching for answers.

As I prayed some things became clear to me. In reality, I had lost nothing. I reported the credit cards so quickly that nothing was charged. My bank account was safe. Yes, I would need to get a new driver's license and a few other nuisance items but there was no actual cash in my wallet. The wallet itself cost about \$15. So why was I so depressed? This depression was leading me to resentment against that poor tortured young lady.

Remembering something my sponsor once told me, I decided to "be quiet and listen" as I meditated. Instead of whining about my minimal loss, I began to feel grateful for the support and love I had received from the members. I remembered everyone rushing to my aid that night and all the texts and messages that were offering me help and support. Then I was grateful that it was not me who had to steal to support an addiction. There had been a time I would have done anything for a drink, and stealing probably would have been the least of it. Finally, I recalled another thing my sponsor had taught me as she patiently took me through the Steps. She said that when we have a resentment, it's important to acknowledge our part of what had happened. When I reviewed the incident again, this time with my "pity blinders" off, I realized that I had left my wallet on my chair unattended. I was partly responsible for the theft and had to acknowledge that. Sure, I had the right to expect privacy, but I reminded myself of a saying I use sometimes with my sponsees when they ask me about their "rights." I tell them, "You have the right to remain sober."

I was able to pray that the young lady would be safe, and I prayed for her health, wealth and prosperity. The next time I went to a meeting I made a public statement about all the love I had been shown. By my birthday night, the depression and resentment were gone and I was once more happy, joyous and free as I shared with my beloved group yet another life lesson AA had taught me. Together our group learned to keep our valuables, and our serenity, secure.



RULE 62

Final words

A doctor, a teacher and a recovering alcoholic all die and go to an orientation in heaven, where they are asked, "When you are in your casket, what would you like to hear people saying about you as they pass by?"

The doctor answers, "I'd like to hear them say that I was a great doctor and a great family man."

The teacher says, "I'd like to hear them say I was a wonderful teacher who made a huge difference with our children of tomorrow."

The recovering alcoholic says, "I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

"If you think my problems are bad, wait until you see my solutions!"

God gave us brains to use

One morning, a wife woke up to loud noises in the kitchen. Oh no, she thought, Bill's been drinking again.

Upon entering the kitchen, she saw her husband swinging a flyswatter vigorously. "What are you doing?" she asked.

"Killing flies," he replied. "I've killed five so far. Three males and two females."

Puzzled, she asked, "How can you tell their gender?"

"Simple," he replied. "The three males were on a glass of beer and the two females were on the phone."



The new guy's been wearing that ever since he heard about "being rocketed to the 4th dimension".



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that want the hand of G.F. always to be there in
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