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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

My New Best friend

A recovery counselor learns to set healthy boundaries Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

I started working in mental health and recovery services before I got sober. Since I worked with people who had "worse problems" than I did, I never viewed my drinking as an issue. When I finally recognized how far down I had gotten, I came into AA. I wasn't entirely convinced that I belonged here or wanted the AA way of life, and I became a "two-Stepper." I had admitted I was powerless over alcohol (Step One) and immediately began helping others (Step Twelve). But I wasn't too concerned with the rest of the program. After nine months without a sponsor, I became just as miserable sober as I was drinking. I knew something had to change. When I began working the Steps with a sponsor, I was able to identify the character defects that had gotten me into a dry drunk and kept me there.

Then I was introduced to the Traditions. I typically avoided Twelve and Twelve meetings due to my opinion that they were boring and the fact that I didn't really know anything about them. (I was still working on my humility and didn't want to appear stupid in a meeting; after all, I worked in a recovery center!) I realized that I had violated a couple of the Traditions fairly regularly. First, I had no personal anonymity. I was still in the phase where I told anyone and everyone that I was in recovery and how awesome it was for me. My husband had to pull me aside when we were planning our wedding and tell me to stop saying I was in recovery, because it made the people at the reception hall uncomfortable. It made him uncomfortable too.

It was the Eighth Tradition that held the secret to my dry drunk. I had thought that I didn't need to do Twelfth-Step work because I worked in a recovery center and that was my Twelfth-Step work. With some guidance and more involvement in AA, I began to get better. Slowly, I learned how to separate my identities. At work, I stopped presenting myself as an "AA." In the meetings, I stopped identifying as an alcohol and drug counselor.

Just before my second year, my husband and I moved and I had to discover AA in a newer, smaller community. This time, I was a little wiser about not making my primary identity that of "counselor" and did my best to maintain my identity as "recovering alcoholic" when at meetings. My sponsor had started to allow me the privilege of sponsoring, and one of my first sponsees attempted to blur those lines again. When we would meet to do Step work, she would avoid talking about the Step. Instead, she would start talking to me in a more client/counselor style. As time went on, I started to feel like an on-call counselor and struggled with setting boundaries. With help from my sponsor, I was able to start being firm with my position of "Step work, not therapy." When that sponsee continued to try to engage me as her personal 24-hour therapy hotline, I would say, "How does this relate to your powerlessness?" This was not the response she was after. After a few weeks, she decided to find a different sponsor.

Today, I continue to find more and more ways to experience Twelfth-Step work without it bleeding over into my job identity. There are still times when I arrange to take a group of clients to an open anniversary meeting or when I run into a former client at a meeting. The two parts of my identity will never truly be separate. However, I know how to set boundaries with women I sponsor, and I don't identify my AA membership at work. And while I still sometimes talk like someone in the program, I choose not to break my anonymity. There are times when others break it for me, but that is their Tradition violation, not mine. In order to safeguard my recovery and my career, I have learned to put boundaries in place. The first is that I don't go to meetings or do service work in the community where I work. The second is that I don't discuss clients with other AA members. The third is only disclosing my recovery status to co-workers on a "need to know" basis. The fourth is not breaking my anonymity to clients. The fifth is remembering that I still have to be of service in every way I can, otherwise I'll get drunk. I'm not perfect, and sometimes I slip up, but I keep working at it. I have made Tradition Eight my new best friend.

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Recovery Step Eight:

"Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."



Unity Tradition Eight:

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."



Service Concept Eight:

"The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities."

Concept VIII

Having introduced and discussed relationships between the General Service Conference and the General Service Board in Concepts Six and Seven, Bill goes on to discuss matters of practical operations of A.A.'s world services in Concept Eight. Here he introduces two other components of the A.A. world service structure, the corporations. Incorporated legally under the laws of the State of New York, the world service structure includes Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (AAWS) and The Grapevine, Inc. These corporate entities carry out day-to-day world service operations and activities.

AAWS is often referred to as the "publishing arm" of A.A., and is charged with developing, publishing and distributing our literature, books and pamphlets, as well as other operations of the Fellowship including communications with our members and groups. The Grapevine, Inc., of course, produces, publishes and distributes the A.A. Grapevine, often referred to as "our meeting in print".

As Bill points out, the Board (Trustees) devotes itself to larger and critical matters of policy, finance, group relations, public relations and leadership. The Board is expected to skillfully manage, plan and execute. They must not be burdened with the endless questions and difficulties that arise daily, weekly and monthly in the routine conduct of world service affairs. The corporate entities were created in order to do this. Each of the corporations has its own charter, its own corporate directors, its own working capital, its own executive, its own employees, and its own office and equipment. The corporate entities carry out their assigned functions, duties and responsibilities independently, but with Board oversight. The Board serves as a "holding company", charged only with custodial oversight of the corporate entities. Board involvement is usually limited to such matters as mediating difficult situations and assuring that the separate corporations operate within their budget and within the general framework of A.A. and its headquarters policy. In modern parlance, it might be said that the Board oversees but does not "micro-manage".

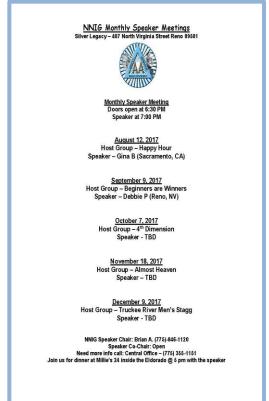
Bill says that this corporate structure is in line with modern business practice, and has demonstrated that it is superior to any other method of operation. Having many committees or departments of the Board trying to carry out the needed day-to-day work, for example, would be very cumbersome and ineffective.

Finally, in Concept Eight, Bill argues that two corporations (AAWS and The Grapevine) are necessary because of the differences in their purposes and activities. Placing all the needed activities under one corporation would create executive difficulties, require too many executive talents in one person, and over-concentrate executive authority. Bill's wisdom was proven once again when a recent attempt to combine the two corporations in order to save money and create efficiency did not receive Conference approval.

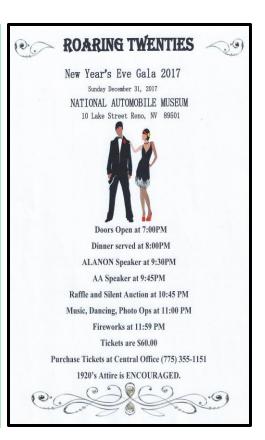
This is a 12 part series written by members of the 12 Concepts Study Group in Reno, Nevada. Efforts were made to use simple, everyday language. Each concept is written by an individual member of the group and is not necessarily the opinion of AA as a whole or NNIG. We hope this series will help our community to understand the Concepts and bring interest to those wanting to know more about them. Revised May, 2017

NNIG EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE







MORE AREA EVENTS - MORE ON PAGE 9





You and your family are



Dear Fellowship,

Recently the steering committee approved annual budgets for CPC \$673.25 / P9 \$463.40 and Bridging the Gap \$115.00 in office supplies. We will be adding features to the new phone system through Spectrum Business sometime August/September. NN9 Grecently qualified for no cost installation of fiber optics at Central Office. We are also adding S9P JRUNK which will allow caller 9D to past through the system to the volunteer on shift. The equipment and phone service already automatically forwards to each shift. With the convince of the web site and new phone technology missed calls will be a thing of the past and volunteers can work from anywhere. Joseph E. donated and installed a new switch box capable of handling the new internet speed and phone system.

Special thank you to the phone committee! Mark V, Mark Z, Ron J and Jimi Q they meet two Wednesday afternoons a month for the planning and execution of the phone system and answering service. The Chair Ron J. and Treasurer Dawn K, were present at the meeting with Spectrum Business and approved 2500.00 to be moved from savings, for the cost of the SYT JRVCK equipment and tech support we may need. The third computer at central office houses the answering service program and can be remotely activated by the answering service Chair and Co-Chair.

The monthly Central Office Volunteer meetings are held on the third Juesday of every month @ 1:00 PM at the Central Office. If you are interested in joining our team of proficient Central Office Volunteers please attend. We are seeking volunteers for Saturday and interested lead volunteers willing to learn the opening and closing procedures at Central Office. More volunteers are needed on Saturday shift, 10-2. Minimum 1 yr sobriety and a reference from Sponsor Preferable 2 yrs.

feslie 8. - Your Central Office Executive Director



Birthday Club

Karen S.-27 years

Paul M.—26 years
Sandra G.—22 years
Barbara M.—42 years
Jennifer P.—5 years
Dod—10 years
Ann G.—13 years

Dod—10 years
Ann G.—13 years
Kyle L.—35 years
MJ—34 years
William M.—28 years
Rich J.—18 years
Nancy R.—23 years
Sharon F.— 32 years
Kim D.—40 years
Rob L.—7 years

Lunnetta N.-7 years

Kent L.—35 years
Lorenda L.—7 years
Ron T.—6 years
Joan H.—46 years
Christy M.—21 years
Danny S.—14 years
Linda J.—24 years
Joanne P.—4 years
Deby C.—28 years
Phil S.—40 years
Mike H.—21 years
Michael S.—41 years
Phyllis M.—39 years
Cynthia F.—4 years

Diana T.—1 year Leslie S.—19 years Mike M.—32 years

Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the A.A. Birthday Club? Sign Up today be featured in the Birthday Club section of the Bracer

Show your Support for your NNIG Central Office and join the Birthday Club A donation of only one dollar for every year of your Sobriety Birthday Envelops available at Central Office,

NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

Music Meeting

6:30 p.m. Saturdays Reno Triangle Club

This open A.A. Meeting uses
MUSIC



BUT A WAY OF CREATIVE SHARING/

Drop The Rock

12:00 PM Tuesday
Church of Nazarene

328 N. West Street Yerington, NV

4th Dimension

10:00 PM Daily Driar's Club 345 S. Wells Ave. Reno, NV

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

Mammoth Lake: (760) 934-3434 North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126 South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243 Susanville, CA: (530) 257-2880

Back to the Forty's

Friday 5:30 PM Alano Club of Sparks 1640 Prater Way Sparks, NV

By the Book

Sunday 4:00 PM Hillyard Hall 2945 Ft. Churchill St. Silver Springs, NV

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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, 6:45 PM Alano Club, 1640 Prater Way, Sparks

N.N.I.G. MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING

7:00 PM Silver Legacy - Silver Baron A **N.N.I.G CPC/PI**

Second Sunday of each month, 2:00 – 3:30 PM Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

N.N.I.G. H&I
Last Thursday of each month, 5:15 PM
Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

EVENT PLANNING MEETINGS:

HALLOWEEN- 4TH SUNDAY, 5:00 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

GRATITUDE DINNER – 3RD

THURSDAY, 5:30PM, CENTRAL

OFFICE

NYE GALA, 1ST THURS OF THE MONTH, 5:30PM UPSTAIRS,

TRIANGLE CLUB

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

<u>DISTRICT-2</u> Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue, Reno

DISTRICT 4 First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno

Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue Reno

<u>DISTRICT 6</u> 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

<u>District 10B</u> Last Sunday Odd Numbered Months @ 10:00AM Rotating Group Locations – Call (775)403-0869

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 Mon 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 First Saturday of every month 1:30 PM- 50 South Weatherlow, Susanville

DISTRICT 22 Last Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM 433 Pyramid Way

The 24 hour answering service is looking for volunteers!

If you would like a service commitment in A.A. that you can do at home or on the go, call **Mark U.** (775) 815-8183.

Support our primary purpose by volunteering for a **4 hour shift** answering the hotline.

You do not have to live in the Reno/Sparks area all of Northern Area 42 included

A handbook will be provide with:

Answering service guidelines

Referral phone numbers – (for outside issues)

What A.A. does and doesn't do

12 step phone list include most districts

Using the web site for all event information is a breeze

Training available @ Central Office

Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG)
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
Public Information (PI)

Service Opportunities:

- Orientation to AA: Make "scripted" presentations at Bristlecone Treatment Center, Reno. Presentations are each Thursday at 7pm. We go in pairs. Sobriety recommendations are 2-3 years. Strong working knowledge of the 12 Traditions and CPC/PI/Treatment guidelines. Must be dependable.
- Washoe County School District: Make "scripted" presentations
 to high school students during health class beginning in the fall.
 Presentations will take place during the day. Volunteers will need
 to be finger printed by Washoe County School District. Sobriety
 recommendations are 3-5 years. Strong working knowledge of
 the 12 Traditions and CPC/PI guidelines. Dependability a must.
 Go in pairs.
- University of Nevada Medical School: Attend a class of 5 to 8 3rd year medical students. Provide pamphlets, a meeting directory, and give a short presentation on CPC. Classes take place about 1x per month and are usually held at 2pm. Sobriety recommendations are 3-5 years. Strong working knowledge of the 12 step program and CPC guidelines.
- <u>Public Service Announcements</u>: Contact local radio stations and television stations to see if they will air the AA public service announcements. Sobriety recommendations are 2-3 years. Strong working knowledge of the 12 Traditions.

Contact: CPC Chair: Cheryl E., 775-971-7554 PI Chair: Tom B., 775-848-5997 Orientation to AA Coordinator: Joyce Y., 775-722-3112

Submit this form or call Central Office to get on the list.

12 STEP Volunteer Application Form					
Name:					Date:
Sobriety Date:			<u> </u>		Gender: Male Female
Phone #		_	Location/City:		
Available:	Days:			Times:	

Unforgiven

Sweeping aside fear and resentments are vital in Step Eight



"I explained briefly about my addiction and the recovery process in the Steps, apologizing for my actions during the years he was married to my mother." Any alcoholic working the program can tell you that resentments and guilt can lead us right back to the drink. Learning to give ourselves over to God

and clear away the wreckage from our past is the solution. The problem, we learn, is not alcohol; it is us.

Over the years, I have completed a number of Fourth Step inventories and each time one name appeared repeatedly, causing flare-ups of anger and resentment, propelling me back to a time when I felt insecure and alone. Then I noticed a recurring pattern at the speaker meetings I was attending. Each AA member's story seemed to have the primary message of forgiveness.

One member spoke about making amends to her father who did awful things to her. Another exhibited the same forgiveness to a parent who did not treat her the way a parent should. Most recently, I listened to a man who made amends to his entire church, standing before them all and apologizing for his judgment and condemnation of their faith.

Every time I heard this message, my stepfather's face appeared and my heart felt heavy. For the first time in almost 20 years, I started feeling guilty for my actions, rather than anger at his actions toward me and my mother. In my heart, I felt the need to make this right.

I had no idea where he was, but figured the Internet was a good place to start looking. I searched for his name and his social network page appeared immediately. It was set to private but I could see from his posts that he was somewhat the same, still joking around, a

strong love of music, but he was also suffering from cancer.

Fear of rejection crept in, fear of being laughed at, fear of everything else my mind wanted to make up ... I could no longer put this off and, after talking to my husband and sponsor about it, I emailed him. I explained briefly about my addiction and the recovery process in the Steps, apologizing for my actions during the years he was married to my mother. I wished him and his family well. I did not, hard as it was, cross from my side of the street over to his and point out any of his actions. I also had no expectations about what would happen. I received a reply email from him an hour later and practically 20 years of wreckage fell away instantly. Not only did he appreciate me contacting him but he made an amends for his actions as a father and husband to my mother. He didn't make any excuses, other than simply not being prepared or experienced enough. We have since started rebuilding our friendship. My stepfather has three different types of cancer and type II diabetes. He is undergoing intensive radiation and chemotherapy treatment at Johns Hopkins. One of the types of cancer is eerily similar to the same cancer my mother suffered from. He has a teenage daughter, who is very similar to me when I was her age, a loving wife and step children. He also has a love for God, which I wasn't aware of. His life today is rich with family and friends. Today, I can be happy for him. I have experienced the promises of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and I have seen this amends process work in others the same way it worked for me. I couldn't really understand the joy others spoke of when they told stories of amends toward people who had harmed them. I used to think it was backwards. Amends to those who harmed us? Over time, though, I knew it to be necessary, good and godly.

The sunlight of the spirit is warm, bright and encompasses all the promises we work so hard for. Yet we rarely stand in it for long periods of time. We should ask ourselves why. Then we should take action.

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NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

Group	July	YTD	Group	July	YTD
12 X 12 on 12th Street		0.00	Happy Hour Reno		913.94
12 X 12 Sunday Night		0.00	Hawthorne Groups		0.00
4th July Annual Event	69.00	69.00	Incline to be Sober	40.00	40.00
A Way Home	176.50	493.03	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity Alano Brown Baggers		25.00 225.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group Knuckleheads		95.25 0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		100.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Lake		80.80
Alano Keep it Simple		134.50	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart		30.00
Alano Sunshine Group	00.00	100.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		75.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker Alano There is a Solution	20.00	20.00 0.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group Mt Rose Recovery Room	450.00	25.89 1355.00
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	NNIG Business Meeting	20.00	219.00
Alturas Hill Toppers		55.33	Our Common Welfare		0.00
Austin Group	36.00	78.00	Our Group Sunnyside		0.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night	150.00	500.00	Out and Sober		25.00
Back to Basics Sparks	40.00	0.00	Page by Page		166.19
Battle Mountain Fellowship Bishop Group	10.00	70.00 0.00	Portola Group Progress Not Perfection		600.00 0.00
Blairsden Greagle Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group	174.00	239.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Pyramid Lake Campout	174.00	0.00
Buena Vista Group		50.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group	120.00	280.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead	164.49	367.80	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		180.00	RTC Afternoon Delight	60.00	165.00
Carson After Shifters Carson Back to Basics		0.00 0.00	RTC Almost Heaven RTC Aloha Group		350.00 0.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners	600.00	1500.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped	555.55	63.00
Carson Brown Baggers		504.50	RTC Just for Today Women	208.29	208.29
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Little Rascals	50.00	100.00
Carson Early Birds		603.04	RTC Lost and Found		102.00
Carson Happy Hour Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		250.00 200.00	RTC Men's Trudgers RTC Mid Day Group		0.00 100.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		30.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		216.00
Carson Out to Lunch Bunch		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's	100.00	240.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		547.79
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		150.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study Carson Valley Gratitude		250.00 300.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety RTC Sober N Sane		50.00 0.00
Carson Women's Night Out		145.00	RTC Sobel N Saile RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Chester Fellowship	25.50	25.50	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Choices		0.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		150.00	Sierraville Sunday Night	40.00	40.00
Crystal Bay Nooners Dayton Fellowship Hall		0.00 250.00	Silver Springs Groups Sisters of Sobriety		75.00 96.98
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Dayton Sunday Morning	100.50	372.87	South Reno on Sunday	131.00	463.37
District 6		400.00	South Shore Group		50.00
Driar's 4th Dimension	21.00	291.21	Southside Group	297.27	2062.18
Driar's Club Into Action		0.00	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00 48.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch Driar's Serenity Night Owls		0.00 10.00	Sunday New Beginnings Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	Sunnyside Group	353.00	1209.60
Eleventh Step Retreat		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night		100.00
End Of The Road Group Topaz		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		62.94
Eye Opener	33.00	1469.00	Tahoe City Fellowship	00.00	0.00
Eye Opener Mid-day Group Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		0.00 438.90	The Rock Group Truckee Dawn Patrol	83.00	224.50 202.26
Fernley Groups		200.00	Truckee Fellowship		66.27
Finding Peace		50.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		1000.00
Fireside Group		200.00	Verdi Bookies	118.00	405.92
Galena Friday Night	90.00	90.00	Verdi Greener Pastures		0.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Wed Night Beginners Westwood AA		100.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live Golden Valley Back Room Group		62.00 0.00	Westwood Monday Night		11.13 16.48
Greenville Group		40.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		200.00
Ground Zero	159.00	367.00	Whole in the Soul		0.00
Grupo Accion		20.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		50.00	Winnemucca Single Purpose		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		70.00 10.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies Women's 24 Hours A Day	17.20	17.20 0.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	170.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day Women's New Beginnings	255.00	785.08
Grupo Latino	_0.00	0.00	Women's New Beginnings Women's New Harmony	60.00	105.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	70.00	Young at Heart	1.00	0.00
			Total _	4,261.75	24,835.74

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

11:58 AM 08/03/17

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss - MONTH TO DATE COMPARATIVE

	Jul 17	Jul 16	Jan - Jul 17
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Income - General			
4500 · Faithful Fivers	70.00	215.00	985.00
4300 · Bracer Subscriptions	0.00	7.00	109.00
4800 · Other Copy Reimbursements	31.75	126.70	208.60
4600 · Individual Contributions	37.10	14.90	312.05
4550 · Group Contributions	4,261.75	4,706.40	24,835.74
4200 · Birthday Contributions	338.00	102.00	915.00
Total 4000 · Income - General	4,738.60	5,172.00	27,365.39
4002 - Income - Event Revenues			
Event Revenues			
Gratitude Dinner			
4430 · Revenue	0.00	-4,294.00	0.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	0.00	-4,294.00	0.00
Speaker Meeting			
4440 · Revenue	278.00	0.00	2,334.30
4445 · Expenses	-75.00	-45.00	-691.40
Total Speaker Meeting	203.00	-45.00	1,642.90
Founders Day Picnic			
4470 · Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,413.00
4475 · Expenses	0.00	0.00	-823.92
Total Founders Day Picnic	0.00	0.00	589.08
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
4480 · Revenue	0.00	0.00	5,134.00
4485 · Expenses	0.00	0.00	-2,544.47
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	0.00	0.00	2,589.53
Total Event Revenues	203.00	-4,339.00	4,821.51
Total 4002 · Income - Event Revenues	203.00	-4,339.00	4,821.51
4003 - Event Revenues - Other			
4120 · Reno Spring Festival	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
4110 · SWACYPAA 3	0.00	756.61	0.00
Total 4003 - Event Revenues - Other	0.00	756.61	6,000.00
4004 · Income - Merchandise Sales			
4700 · Merchandise Sales	5,365.40	5,780.53	45,880.61
Total 4004 · Income - Merchandise Sales	5,365.40	5,780.53	45,880.61
4900 · Interest Income	0.00	0.93	7.11
Total Income	10,307.00	7,371.07	84,074.62
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	2,990.74	3,398.37	25,980.60
Total COGS	2,990.74	3,398.37	25,980.60
Gross Profit	7,316.26	3,972.70	58,094.02

Northern Nevada Intergroup 11:58 AM Profit & Loss - MONTH TO DATE COMPARATIVE
July 2017 08/03/17 Accrual

	Jul 17	Jul 16	Jan - Jul 17
Expense			
5100 · Bank Fees and charges	3.00	3.00	12.00
5120 · Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	1,060.00
5180 - CC Service Fees	537.36	210.39	1,604,71
5181 - Convention expenses	0.00	120.00	325.96
5210 - Storage Unit	80.00	80.00	560.00
5220 - Shipping Charges	52.25	30,10	303.99
5230 - Alarm System	0.00	0.00	286.63
5235 - Committee Expenses	42.02	0.00	1,676.46
5240 - Compensation	3,958.00	3,768.00	25,180.00
5241 - Dental/Vision Plan	0.00	141.72	0.00
5250 - Computer expenses	0.00	38.97	522.3
5260 - Copier Lease	369.01	268.05	2.315.25
5270 - Insurance Business/Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	1,086.00
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	0.00	0.00	329.0
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	76.00	120.00	374.6
5290 - Office Supplies	187.64	29.42	1,321.6
5310 · Paper	0.00	60.70	343.5
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	302.79	288.26	1,926.2
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	75.00	84.80	622.5
5330 - Postage	0.00	95.75	197.7
5340 - Rent	758.00	736.00	5.306.0
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	140.50	195.0
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	50.0
5370 - Telephone	472.01	356.64	9.259.2
5380 - Trash	28.40	27.86	199.2
5390 · Utilities	124.21	116.92	755.8
Total Expense	7,065.69	6,717.08	55,813.96
et Ordinary Income	250.57	-2,744.38	2,280.00
Income	250.57	-2.744.38	2,280.0



PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions

Group Contributions 2017 YTD July YTD Total 128.00 155.00 35.00 37.80 109.00

Alano Afternoon Serenity
Alano Brown Baggers
Alano Club Jay Walkers
Alano Bayen Patrol
Alano Lavan Patrol
Alano Hoppers Serenity
Alano Sunday Morring Speaker
Alano Sunshine Group
Alano Wording Speaker
Alano Sunshine Group
Caring and Sharing Stead
Carson After Shifters
Carson Bite Book Babes Carson After Shifters
Carson Big Book Babes
Carson Big Book Babes
Carson City Early Birds
Carson City Happy Hour
Carson Sunday Night Step Study
Carson Men's No BS
Carson Sisters in Sobriety
Corner Stone Group
Dayton Sunday Morning
Pairs Kean it Simple Dayton Sunday Morning
Driars Keep It Simple
End of the Road Group
Eye Opener
Femley Groups
Golden Valley Back Room
Ground Zero
Happy Hour
Incline to be Sober
Knuckle Heady
Minden Gwrdnerville Group
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Minden Roadside Group
Minden Sundary Night Ever 102.29 73.00 476.00 218.00 50.00 Minden Koadside Group Minden Saturday Night Fever Mount Rose Recovery Group Northern California H&I Pyramid Way Group Roadside Group Roadside Group RTC Almost Heaven RTC ALOHA Group Seniors in Sobriety Serenity on Sunday Sierra Ville Book Study Slide Mountain Serenity Support Hose South Reno on Sunday Southside Group South Reno on Sunda Southside Group Step 1 Sunnyside The Rock Group Truckee River Men's 97.00

Corrections Chair - Ryan S (775)-848-8154

Group Contributions 2017 YID			
Group	July \	TD Total	
Women's Just For Today		0.00	
Women's New Beginnings	34.00	196.59	
Women's New Harmony		91.11	
Women's Night Out		0.00	
Women on Wednesday		0.00	
Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00	
Young At Heart		138.24	
July Income/YTD	1447.96	13649.78	
June 2017 Balance Forward	2211.88		
Account Balance	3659.84		
July Lit Distributed	2048.50		
Fading Deleges	1511 31		

Facilities	June Y	TD Total
JAILS & CORRECTIONS		
Carson City Jail		2038.00
Carson City Warm Springs		1184.00
NNCC Carson Prision		240.00
Douglas County Jail		860.00
Elko/Carlin Corrections Camp		0.00
Humboldt County Jail	220.00	274.00
Jane Evens Detention Center		168.00
Lakes Crossing		104.00
Lovelock Prison	318.00	776.60
NN Transitional Housing		260.00
Stewart Corrections Camp		183.00
Washoe County - Parr		1410.00
Washoe Courts - SB277		20.00
TREATMENT & HOSPITALS		
Bristlecone - Residential	430.00	1020.00
Carson Behavioral Health	480.00	995.00
Carson Tahoe Detox		480.00
Crossroads - St Vincent's Residentia	80.50	244.50
Empowerment Center		0.00
Gospel Mission		0.00
New Frontiers - Fallon		0.00
NN Adult Mental Health Services		0.00
Renown Behaviorl Health		568.00
Ridge House		480.00
Saint Vincent's		0.00
Salvation Army		960.00
Step 1 - Men		0.00
Step 2 - Women	520.00	1363.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		0.00
VA Hospital		0.00
West Care		160.00
West Hills		32.50
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA		169.50
Office Supplies		31.44





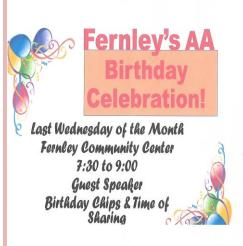
MORE AREA EVENTS













My Feud with Jim Farley

The case of the elusive adhesive. . .

I WANT to make amends right here and now to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, James Farley and the whole New Deal administration. The trouble started with the glue.

The glue on the United States postage stamps wouldn't stick. On the first of every month, with a double highball at my elbow, I'd sit down at my desk to pay my bills. I'd lick a lot of stamps. And each Christmas, with a double highball handy, I'd lick a lot more stamps. But the stamps wouldn't stick.

As time went on the glue got worse. I developed a resentment that grew into a burning rage at our Federal government. I, a good Republican, had voted for Roosevelt and now I was stuck with these stinking, non-sticking postage stamps. I placed the blame right where it belonged--at the top. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his politically appointed minion, James A. Farley, were producing stamps with glue that wouldn't stick.

I bought a pot of my own glue and for years I kept it handy in my desk, as easy to reach as my double highball. Every time I applied my own glue to those rotten stamps I sipped my highball and seethed with resentment.

Then I joined AA and experienced a dramatic awakening. The quality of the glue on the postage stamps, after AA, improved at once. I remained suspicious for a time, still kept the glue bottle handy. . .but each time I licked a stamp, it stuck!

I realize now that before AA a lot of things came un-stuck. Trains left without me. I left without brief cases. Pockets got empty. Trash cans got full of empties.

Typewriters plunked out the wrong letters. Keys wouldn't fit locks, glasses spilled and badly designed stairs kept tripping me.

Alcohol, not the Roosevelt Administration, was to blame for my long and bitter experience with non-sticking postage stamps.

As Step Eight tells us, I have made a list of all the persons I have harmed and I have become willing to make amends. Franklin D. Roosevelt and James Farley head the list. If I ever meet them, here or in the hereafter, I promise to make direct amends, as it says in Step Nine.

Of course, there are always those who demand a rational, scientific answer for everything that happens in AA. Well, I'm ready for them, too. Before AA, I never sat at my desk without a well-filled highball glass. Anything I ever did at my desk, from writing to licking stamps, was always punctuated by regular sips from the handy glass. My tongue always had just enough alcohol on it to dissolve the glue from every stamp I licked

NNIG Business Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2017 held at The Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Meeting was opened at 6:45pm by Ron T. NNIG Chairperson followed by the serenity prayer. Chris read the preamble and Mark L read twelve traditions. Introductions were made, announcements heard, and birthdays honored followed by the observance of the 7th tradition. A motion to approve the July minutes, as reported in the Bracer. Motion was made by Sean, seconded by Nancy. There was discussion regarding corrections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Steering Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Dawn K. New format to include a balance sheet. If there are questions regarding how to read please ask Dawn K. In the spirit of being transparent she wants to make it easy to read and understand. Feedback is welcome. Paul inquired about Credit Card service fees. In the month of July the bill was higher than before. Leslie counseled that the Gratitude dinner ticket sales cost fees for purchases made using credit cards, the reason the cost for cc services was so high is because there was \$14K of gratitude dinner tickets sales and most used credit card. Dawn added that she did not add in the \$2,500 that went to pay for the upgraded phones from the prudent reserve. This was taken from the prudent reserve as approved prior in Nov 2016. The \$6,000 amount was set aside for improvements to central office. In order to replenish this portion of the prudent reserve, central office is asking for the faithful fivers to step up donations to meet the \$2,500 that was spent for the phones. Please ask your members to contribute to the faithful fiver. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report- Sean first, Emily 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Central Office Report - Leslie S.

New mail box for district 2. Please make sure that the group contributions are sent to the correct mailbox.

Central Office Director: Leslie S - Date: August 1, 2017

Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 12 Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 3

Meeting Information: 72 *Retail/Merchandise: 5

Other 12 Step Programs: 1 A.A. Events Information: 18

Business/AA Central Office: 57 Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 168

Volunteer Office Hours: 114
Central Service Committee Reports

Activities Chair – Kris H., On August 5, 2017 1:00 PM at the St. Johns Presbyterian Church on 1070 W Plumb lane NAGSC will be having a meeting. The meeting will be hosted by District 2. At this meeting we will be doing a Fall Assembly mock conference for the GSR's and DCM's to become more acquainted and comfortable with the Agenda Items. The conference will be here next March. We are looking for topics from the Northern Area that could be possible Conference Agenda Topics so we can practice and explain what a fully informed group conscience might look like. The Area assembly is also coming up the weekend of Sept. 8-10 in the wonderful town of Tonopah Nevada. The town of Tonopah always has a little bit of something to offer in between the breaks of the assembly. The Minden Gardnerville group will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sept. 16, 2017. All are welcome. We have sold 22 tickets for the New Year's gala to date – only 198 to go! (We can add 40 additional if interest warrants it). Please be sure your groups know tickets are for sale! Be prepared to choose your dinner when you purchase you ticket. Tina A. from LA is the Speaker. Ronnie S. from Fallon is the Alanon Speaker. Andy is the DJ. Ami Van Zant of Van Zant Auctions is auctioning a grand prize LIVE for us. We need the grand prize! We are looking for Silent Auction & Raffle prizes. Positions available for the committee the 4th Sunday 5pm at central office for the Halloween Event. Aug 27th at 5pm. Meeting held first Thursday of the month. Next meeting this Thursday, 8.3.17 @ 5:30, upstairs in the triangle club. The decoration sub-committee needs additional help.

Answering Service – Mark U., Running pretty smoothly, positions available, volunteers answer phones when central office is closed. New system will ensure that missed calls can be called back.

Bracer - Emily, No report

Cooperation Professional Community - Cheryl E., Here are the ongoing activities that CPC has been involved with for the past month: University of Nevada Medical School, Reno: CPC and PI committee members meet with a doctor of psychiatry and 4-5 third year medical students on a scheduled, rotating basis. The doctor overseeing the coursework has changed. It is now Dr. Locey and/or Dr. Kirkpatrick. We provide the med students with some appropriate pamphlets and central office meeting schedules and a short presentation on CPC. The students get an assignment to attend a 12-step meeting and then they report back on their experience in about 6 weeks. We also attend the report backs. A new rotation of students began on July 7th. The student report backs will take place July 27th at 9am. We could use a few more folks to attend these meetings. Let Cheryl E. know if you are interested. Reno Valley Assisted Living Monthly AA Meeting: The Seniors In Sobriety group facilitates a monthly meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. About 3-5 residents have been attending. They really appreciate having an AA meeting to come to. The meeting took place on July 18th. There were 5 residents present. The residents would like to have a 2nd meeting, so there would be 2 meetings per month. The Seniors In Sobriety group will be discussing this to see if they can accommodate. If not, will need a few volunteers to lead the 2nd meeting. The Seniors In Sobriety group will be creating a contact list for the residents to use. This will help them support each other. The next meeting will be Aug 15th. If you are interested in these meetings, please let Cheryl know. Orientation to AA Presentations: The purpose of these presentations is to help folks new to AA and court ordered folks to understand AA meetings and the language of AA and how and why we do what we do. These are NOT AA meetings. They are a service to help folks learn about AA. Presentations are currently held at Bristlecone Treatment Center every Thursday at 7pm. The presentations are going well. We are short of volunteers. We need folks to make these presentations and help to coordinate the volunteers. We go in pairs. Please contact Cheryl E. or Joyce Y. if you are interested. Budget: On target to date. CPC and PI will continue to hold combined committee meetings at Central Office the 2nd Sunday of every other month from 2-3/3:30. Our next committee meeting will be Aug. 13th from 2-3:30 at Central Office. If you are interested in CPC or PI committee work or just want to know more about what we do, please attend. We welcome you and need you!

Public Information – Tom B., Working with the schools starting in NOV to take information into HS health classes about what AA, if you think you need help literature, leave information at the schools. There are about 3 or 4 classes that will need to be given. The presentation is scripted 30 minutes, no personal experiences just stick to the presentations. If anyone is interested in going into the classrooms please contact Tom B or Cheryl E.

Corrections – Ryan S., Anjuli K – for Ryan- positions available in various locations throughout the area including Lovelock and Winnemucca. There is time to get applications in to take meetings in. Saturday Aug 6th regional public training Center 8am-5pm; call 848-8154.

Treatment – Steve M., Steve is with treatment – crossroads needs a meeting with 4 men. More volunteers are needed to take meetings in to treatment facilities. Please volunteer. New Co=chair David I.

Bridging the Gap - Pat B., To meet the growth of the Bridging The Gap Committee, the new position of Contact Coordinator has been added to our structure. This position is responsible for aligning the Temporary Contact requests we receive from clients during BTG presentations with our Temporary Contact volunteers. The position has been filled by Steve V. in Reno. On July 21 I met with the management of CrossRoads for a BTG progress review. In addition to the Temporary Contact service BTG offers, the CrossRoads Director stressed the importance of correcting any misconceptions clients may have about A.A. during our presentations. One example is the misconception that potential members who are taking medications prescribed by a doctor are not welcome to become A.A. members. Different from regular A.A. meetings, in BTG presentations we attempt to correct any misconceptions by showing the A.A. movement "Hope" and by answering questions clients may have about A.A. On July 25, I appeared at the N.N.I.G. Steering Committee meeting in order to present a budget for the BTG Committee. No budget for the BTG Committee was included in the NNIG 2017 budget. A modest budget was approved. The Committee has a need for women Fellowship members who can make themselves available to make BTG presentations at Treatment Facilities, usually once per month. Some of our presentations are delivered to co-ed facilities and a team of men and women is desirable for these facilities. The presentations are one hour and are sometimes delivered during business hours. Complete training is provided. Continuous sobriety of two years and working knowledge of our Traditions are suggested requirements for Program Presenters. When treatment facility clients request a BTG Temporary Contact during one of our presentations, our committee members have the opportunity to help the newcomer start the process of feeling comfortable in A.A. by taking the newcomer to their first meeting once leaving treatment. BTG Committee 12th Step service is very rewarding. Watching the Fellowship grow up around us is very exciting indeed. Our Committee always has a need for Fellowship members who are willing to take a newcomer to their first A.A. meeting once they leave a treatment facility. Suggested sobriety for becoming a BTG Temporary Contact is one year. To volunteer or for more information on Bridging The Gap, please call Pat B. at 707-483-7181 or email at pat4sales@aol.com. Upcoming Events: BTG Presentations to the clients at CrossRoad's Men's and Women's Facilities, West Hills, Carson Behavioral Health Services, and Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno.

Pink Can Treasurers Report - Anjuli K., No Report

Speaker Meeting – Brian A., Speaker for Aug is Gina D. Speaker set for Sept. is Debbie P. Speaker Ben A. in Oct. Please make announcements for the next speaker meeting. Accepting suggestions for alternative place to host the meeting. Concerns about Silver Legacy are that some people do not like having to go to a casino and walk through smoke and be near bars. GSR is cost prohibitive, still trying to negotiate with them, need an alternative place to meet. 2nd or third Saturday. Call Brian at 775-846-1120 if you know of a place. **Sunshine Committee – Paul M.,** Had a few visits and is doing well on volunteers. If you know of anyone who needs a meeting and cannot

get to one please contact Paul M.

Web-Master – Ollie K., - No report.

Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison – Chris S., Aug meeting at St. Johns on Aug 5th. Area assembly in Tonopah

RENVYPAA Liaison – Cody, Aug 12 is the scavenger hunt starts at Wingfield Park and finishes at the speaker meeting at silver legacy. \$5 donation.

July 25, 2017 NNIG Steering Committee Minutes

Intergroup Rep's. Report - Joyce Y. / Tom M.

Pete L is on the agenda for the steering committee. Gratitude dinner questions and concerns and suggestions for next year's dinner: At the July 5th NNIG Joyce reported answers to the questions and concerns regarding the gratitude dinner tickets being unavailable 2 – 3 weeks after they were announced that the tickets would be sold. Since that report the following suggestions and recommendations have been discussed. (1)That no single person be allowed to buy 2 or more tables until individuals have the opportunity to purchase tickets. Such as the last 2 weeks of the month or the month prior to the event. (2)That the release of tickets available be extended over a longer period of time 10 tables in June, 10 in July and 10 in August etc. (3) That the opening date for the purchase of tickets be moved to later in the year due to other events and that the tickets sell out so rapidly, have them go on sale in September. (4) That the gratitude dinner have a treasurer on the committee and therefore be responsible for selling the tickets rather than central office. (5) What about NNIG members who reside outside of the Reno/Sparks area who would like to attend but cannot make the extra trip to purchase the tickets. (6) Make it possible to purchase and receive tickets online or by mail. (7) Develop some basic guidelines for the gratitude dinner. (8) Start another dinner following the original to be held in a less expensive place so that those people who cannot afford to go can, maybe have a potluck? Suggested name for this event is Fellowship Dinner. Chris – Buying tables – address one of the tables was purchased as a scholarship table to allow those who cannot afford to go to the dinner. Another table was purchased for Step one as well. Tom asked about a bigger venue. Contracted for three more years including this year.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Z., Please email me your reports at clzittle@gmail.com or hand them to me at the end of the meeting.

Vice-chair Report – Sean S., No report

Chairman's Report – Ron T.

<u>New Business-</u> Gratitude Dinner Tickets Sales – Ron. Leslie performed walk-throughs all of April with committee members. They opted not to move because of the space. If you are needing to sell or purchase a ticket please contact central office to be put on the waiting list.

Old Business - None. A Motion to Close the Meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

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