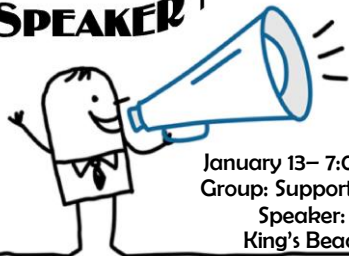


# NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



January 13– 7:00 pm  
Group: Support Hose  
Speaker: Jeff R.  
King's Beach, CA

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

## December, 2017

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## NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

### A Box of Pears

**All she could give her mother was a little fruit, until someone's share helped her give forgiveness**

A few days ago, I was at a speaker meeting in which a woman named Lisa told her story. I didn't expect to hear anything more than I usually hear, which is always helpful in some small way. I didn't expect to be moved more so than I am usually moved. Lisa is half-Japanese. She grew up on Long Island. She is probably 20 years my senior. There's nothing terribly similar about our lives, and nothing stands out to me now as the reason I was drawn to her immediately, but I was. Something about her face was familiar, kind. She started to tell her story, and I was captivated. I could identify, of course, with a lot of her childhood angst and discomfort, but it was more than that.

Before I got sober, I could never really hear anyone. Now I could truly listen to other people. So, I listened to Lisa. She told how at 17 years old she gave up a child for adoption. She described the feelings she had after she gave birth and the child was taken from her.

She said something like, "I felt that all the air had been taken out of me, away from me. I felt empty and alone. I was confused and afraid. I didn't know how to do anything, how to live."

I really heard her. I heard her, and I understood what she'd felt in those terrible moments. And I cried. I tried to dry my tears with one finger, instead smudging the mascara under my eyes. Lisa continued with her story. I raised my hand to share. I don't share very often, not because I don't have joy to share or sadness for which I need support, but because I really do love to listen to my fellows. But this time, I felt a powerful need to share.

I told Lisa and the group that she had given me a great gift: the gift of sympathy. I told her that when I was an active alcoholic, I never felt sympathy. I never felt anything. Alcohol had numbed me for so many years. I didn't even understand what other people meant when they said they felt sympathy or empathy. I knew how to behave as if I felt those same things, but I didn't really feel them. I had, for various powerful reasons, kept feelings at a distance.

I explained to Lisa, and to the group, that my biological mother, who had given me up for adoption at birth and whom I had never known, had tracked me down some years ago.

I had seven Bloody Marys before meeting her. She'd found me, and I was angry. She'd found me, and when we met, she asked me to forgive her, and I didn't say anything. I held on to my anger for a while, and then I let it fade into indifference. I let the relationship become one of occasional emails and the box of pears I sent her at Christmas.

Not once in the years since she found me—her name is Leslie—had I thought about what she had gone through when she gave me up. Not once did I try to put myself in her shoes. And then, I heard Lisa's story. I thanked her for that very precious gift, and I thanked the group and AA for giving me the ability to accept this gift.

I cried. A lot. That evening, I wrote to my biological mother. I told her the whole story. I told her of my anger when she tracked me down, and I told her of my gratitude for AA and for Lisa. This is some of what I said to her in that letter:

"The truth? Being adopted has affected me in many ways, both good and bad. But I'm not writing to you about that today. I'm writing to you to say thank you for making the difficult choice to put me up for adoption. I am so grateful for the life I have had as a result. Until yesterday, I knew it had to have been difficult, but I never fully grasped the pain and fear you must have felt. So, there's this part of me now that wants to say, 'Let's really get to know each other.' There's this part of me that wants a hug from you so much, and to hug you right back. But there's this other part of me that is afraid. I am afraid. But I suppose I hope we can make some small steps forward. Maybe we can just start to email more often and maybe talk sometimes on the phone."

I would never have written that letter had I not learned about listening to other people and feeling sympathy for their circumstances.

Stephanie R.

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AA's

## Recovery Step Twelve:

*"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."*

Three

## Unity Tradition Twelve:

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

Legacies

## Service Concept Twelve:

"General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."

## Concept XII - Six Fundamental Warranties Underlie the A.A. Service Structure.

To fully understand the purpose in the writing of Concept 12, it is useful to ask why it was important to write the Concepts at all? A look at what was happening in A.A. at the time gives an answer.

Realizing that he and Dr. Bob would not be around to "head up" A.A. forever, Bill felt it important to turn A.A. ownership over to its groups and its members. This ownership would need to be self-directing, with full participation in the guidance of A.A.'s affairs. A top-down method of decision making would be avoided. Yet, there would be need for a structure that would provide a workable way to facilitate this participation. The 12 Concepts were written to outline the components of the service structure, to describe how they would work together, and to provide the desired group and member participation in A.A. operations.

Development of the 12 Concepts required a way of thinking different from what we are accustomed to in our everyday world. It required thinking in the language of service rather than in the language of governance; to create a structure whose purpose would be to serve rather than to govern.

Concept 12 was originally written as Article 12 of the Charter for the General Service Conference. The Conference structure was developed as a way in which the legal foundation of A.A., its existence as a corporation under New York law, could be integrated with the more participatory form of ownership. The substance of the Conference Charter is not a legal instrument, but exists only as an "...informal agreement which was made between the A.A. groups and their Trustees in 1955." Bill describes the Charter as an "elastic document", but only in part. The first eleven Concepts can be amended by the Conference at any time. A change in Concept 12, however, would require written approval of three-quarters of all directory-listed groups. Making this change was made purposefully difficult, though not impossible. Making both the Traditions and Concept 12 difficult to change was seen as necessary to assure A.A.'s survival and well-being into the future.

The substance of Concept 12 is a list of six declarations that Bill describes as having a "...a high and permanent importance to A.A.'s general welfare". Bill refers to these as the Six Warranties".

1. That the Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power.
2. That sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.
3. That none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others.
4. That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity.
5. That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy.
6. That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any act of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and in spirit.

By protecting A.A.'s general welfare, the six warranties, along with all of the 12 Concepts and the Traditions ensure that A.A., will always be there to serve our members as we work together to support each other in our recovery from the disease of alcoholism. They are important for our survival collectively as a fellowship and for us individually as its members.

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

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***The Northern Nevada Bracer thanks the 12 Concepts Study Group in Reno, Nevada for its work to make the concepts more accessible and understandable to readers of The Bracer and other publications that have reprinted this valuable series.***

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Deadline for submission is the last Friday of the month.

# NNIG EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA  
INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

**NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings**  
Silver Legacy – 407 North Virginia Street Reno 89501



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

**December 9, 2017**  
Host Group – Truckee River Men's Stag  
Speaker – Alexis J. (Las Vegas)

**January 13, 2018**  
Host Group— Support Hose  
Speaker—Jeff R. (King's Beach CA)

**February 10, 2018**  
Host Group—Pyramid Way Discussion  
Speaker—

**March 10, 2018**  
Host Group—Midday Triangle Club  
Speaker—

**April 7, 2018**  
Host Group—  
Speaker—

**May 12, 2018**

Host Group—  
Speaker—

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A  
Speaker Co-Chair: Open  
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151  
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker

## ROARING TWENTIES

**New Year's Eve Gala 2017**

Sunday December 31, 2017

**NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM**  
10 Lake Street Reno, NV 89501



Doors Open 7:00PM (plenty of parking)

Dinner served 8:00PM

ALANON Speaker 9:30PM

A.A. Speaker: Tina A. (Los Angeles CA) 9:45PM

Raffle and Silent Auction 10:45 PM

Music, Dancing, Photo Ops at 11:00 PM

Downtown Reno Fireworks at 11:59 PM

**Tickets are \$60.00! Tickets Must Be Purchased by November 22, 2017**

At Central Office call for more information (775) 355-1151

1920's Attire is ENCOURAGED.



## MORE AREA EVENTS

**Stagecoach Friends of Bill W  
Potluck/Speaker Meeting**

Friday, January 5, 2018  
Potluck: 6 PM Speaker: 7 PM

**Speaker: Joe S. from Dayton**

Raffle and 50/50 Drawing

Stagecoach Community Center  
8204 Hwy 50 E. at Cheyenne Trail

For more information:  
Call Will L., 450-2357



ONE DAY  
at a time...

## Dear NNIG Fellowship,

There are volunteer positions available at Central Office Monday 1-5 and Thursday 1-5. Spectrum construction on the 25M and 80P Phone Service received the required Pole Permitting from both AT&T and Nevada Energy. They are now pending permits for NDOT for road/street crossings/traffic control. Projected Construction Completion date remains at 12/8.

NNIG Central Office will provide NAT&SC with A.A. World Service literature for the 2018 PRAASA (Pacific region alcoholics anonymous service assembly) we estimated \$4000.00 in up front books cost will be needed to order quantities to serve the assembly's registered members on March 2, 3 and 4th 2018 at the Sparks Nugget. Literature sales table hosted by Northern Area, Monica S.

### 2018 Improvements:

Light fixtures updated LFD (grant possible); 2 Filing Cabinets - office and back room;

Office Desk - old and taped together (it rips clothing); Window 10 technology updates (techsoup grant possible); New Office Computer; Events PA system; Wireless micro phone; Corded micro phone; Upgrade our storage unit. Rent increase this year to \$90 a month; Small upgrade to phone equipment

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be employed as the Central Office Executive Director these past 6 plus years. I officially give my notice of resignation as the Executive Director of Central Office this December 5, 2017 at the NNIG Monthly Business Meeting. January 2018 will be my last month around the office. I will complete the annual inventory with the Central Office Team and the Treasurer and any other year end projects as needed. I will assist the Steering Committee with the process of finding a replacement Director and will remain available for training and by phone as needed. I will not be leaving the area and I will certainly see you in the rooms of our fellowship often. Please be happy for me as I pursue other opportunities in my life.

**Leslie S. - Your Central Office Executive Director**



## The Birthday Club



Leslie S.—20 years  
Sharon F.—33 years  
Cheryl Z.—17 years  
Mike H.—22 years  
Cynthia F.—5 years  
Phil S.—41 years  
David D.—20 years  
Danny S.—15 years  
Deby C.—29 years  
Linda J.—25 years  
Joanne P.—5 years  
Paul M.—26 years  
Sandra G.—22 years  
Barbara M.—42 years  
Jennifer P.—5 years

Ann G.—13 years  
Kyle L.—35 years  
MJ—34 years  
William M.—28 years  
Rich J.—18 years  
Nancy R.—23 years  
Kim D.—40 years  
Rob L.—7 years  
Lunnetta N.—7 years  
Karen S.—27 years  
Lorenda L.—7 years  
Joan H.—46 years  
Christy M.—21 years  
Phyllis M.—39 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 Envelopes available at Central Office.  
NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

## Men's Stag

6:30 PM Tuesday

Truckee Community Arts Center  
10046 Church Street

**Truckee, CA**

## Inclined to be Sober

6:00 PM Wednesday

Village Ave. & Northwood  
Room #4

**Incline Village, NV**

## Lost and Found

Sunday 7:00 PM

Triangle Club  
635 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  
North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126  
South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243  
Susanville, CA: (530) 257-2880

## The Twilight Zone

7:00 PM Tuesday

South Reno  
United Methodist Church

200 De Spain  
**Reno, NV**

## As Bill Sees It

7:00 PM Monday

5360 Sun Valley Blvd  
for info call 673-6412

**Sun Valley, 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, 6:45 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:**  
**NYE GALA, 1<sup>ST</sup> THURS OF THE MONTH, 5:30PM UPSTAIRS, TRIANGLE CLUB**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
**TITYPAA, 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 PM**  
 8425 DOLLY VARDEN AVE,  
 KINGS BEACH, CA

## District Meetings

**DISTRICT-2** 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

**DISTRICT 6** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even numbered months-For information email [district6@nevadaarea42.org](mailto: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** 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** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### 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 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 provided 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



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

## 12 STEP Volunteer Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Location/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Available: \_\_\_\_\_ Days: \_\_\_\_\_ Times: \_\_\_\_\_

# When I was 15

## **An old-timer returns to the scene of a horrible night of drinking**

"I'm pregnant." I still ponder pre-drawn sudden wakefulness that always followed my binges of drinking and blackout craziness. Was its cause a physiological response to the overindulgence of alcohol or was it an emotional and spiritual response to the unseemly acts that took place during my drinking binges?

Whatever the answer, this is the statement that jolted me awake one August morning in 1973 when I was 15 years old. We had moved to Florida from upstate New York five short days prior. I was very distraught about the move from its inception, being forced to leave all that I loved--a grandma, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, the only school I'd ever known and a hometown full of my growing up--for what my parents thought was paradise.

The day before, my parents and I had set out to have a day at the beach. We ended up in Cocoa Beach, about a two-hour drive north from where we lived. I remember that there was ocean and sun and sand all the along the top portion of the beach, there were bars.

I had begun drinking in New York when I was 14, after being rejected from the cheerleading squad in my freshman year of high school. I had suspected all along that I was not good enough, not only for the cheer-leading squad, but for life in general and this event confirmed it. When I began drinking behind the school during the same basketball games that I had hoped to cheer for, I found the magic that alcohol held for me: release from the "not good enoughs." From that point on, alcohol was my higher power.

On the beach, I found myself alone after my parents went off to find their own good time. No cell phones existed to keep in touch and I was left to freely explore. I know today that only my Higher Power kept me alive that day. Over the years since this happened, vague and desperate memories have surfaced of the places alcohol took me that day: to a bar with strange men; into the ocean, drunk and swimming with someone I did not know; searching for my bathing suit top in the ocean waves; in a van having sex; and being involved in a car accident on the way home.

I'm pregnant, I thought the next morning. I knew it from deep within my soul. And so it was.

I was in a new state with not one friend in whom to confide. It was one year after the Supreme Court case of Roe vs. Wade had legalized abortion, but long before it was a widely accepted practice, especially in the deep south. In late September 1973, after an agonizing month of isolation with my secret, I told my parents, and terminated my pregnancy. Those of you who are familiar with the darkness of alcoholism will understand that the serious nature of this event might have looked like one of those "jumping-off points" that the Big Book speaks of, whereby we are faced with the seriousness of our alcoholism and its consequences and make a decision to change. In fact, this was only the beginning of my journey to hell and back. For 15 more years, I drank and damaged myself and others as only an untreated alcoholic can. However, by the grace of God, I married and conceived three children, all planned and deeply loved.

Through it all, I carried with me the shame, sadness and pain from that day at Cocoa Beach.

One morning in 1989 when I was 30, after a drinking binge. I was jolted awake in much the same way as I had been on that August morning in 1973. This time though, it was my Higher Power whom I listened to, and as I looked into the blue eyes of my 9-year-old daughter he gave me the words that I heard myself speak: "Mommy drinks too much and she needs to get help in AA."

"OK," she replied and smiled up at me with the assurance that only a 9-year-old can have when placed up against such a challenge.

I called the AA hotline and with-in half an hour, word spread along the AA airwaves in our little town and a woman called me, took me to my first meeting that evening, and became my sponsor. From the instant I made the call, I felt a great relief and a great power, and I felt like all would be well. I am sober because I was shown by my sponsor how to trust God, clean house, and help others through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have had the spiritual awakening described in Step Twelve and I carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer and practice the AA Principles in all of my affairs to the best of my ability one day at a time. If I don't, I return to my baseline of "restless, irritable and discontent," and we all know where that ultimately leads: to the first drink. And for me, to drink is to die. In February 2010, I celebrated my 21st year of sobriety.

My story could end here, but there is more. In February 2009, my husband (who has an AA recovery story of his own) and I traveled to Florida for a winter vacation. One night while driving back to our hotel from dinner, a sign caught my eye. It said, "Cocoa Beach--15 miles."

My husband knew of that fateful August day in 1973 and later as we sat on our hotel balcony overlooking the dark night ocean, I asked him if he had seen the sign. He had. "Could we go there?" I asked him, not really knowing why, but sensing an urgency to go.

"Of course," was his reply. "When do you want to go?" We went the very next day. Our plan was to try to find, using only my very vague memory, the area where I had been so many years before. Even though I had dealt with this misadventure in my Fourth Step many years ago, the proximity to the location stirred the remaining demons inside of me as we drove toward the beach. We parked and walked and sure enough we found the same ocean, sun, sand--and bars. We walked without plan or talk. We went inside one bar and asked about its history. Had it always been there? Under the same name? It wasn't quite right.

We walked back out into the sunshine and there, across the sand, I saw it. Actually, I felt it. We went inside this bar and it was the same one from my desperate memories. My husband stood and waited while I walked across the floor toward the bathroom. I let every ounce of my sobriety flood me and shield me and project me across the floor. As I used the bathroom, I imagined myself as that adolescent girl in her bikini in this bar with strangers, drinking underage and alcoholically, so many years before. My beautiful, loving husband was waiting for me and we went back into the sunshine onto the beach.

As sponsors, my husband and I complete the Twelve Steps with new people using the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous in the way that we were shown by our sponsors. After completing the Fifth Step, we burn the Fourth Step list to symbolize the end of the old alcoholic thinking and behaviors. It proves quite emotional for those who are ready to change. In the hotel the night before, I had written a letter to myself about the tragedy that had occurred on the beach so long ago. I now opened it and read it aloud while my husband held my hand. In it, I asked God to help me forgive that young girl and allow her to be free of the pain and sickness that held her captive. I let go of the lingering resentments toward my parents, whom I felt deserted me that day, and of the others whom I allowed to hurt me. And I thanked God for the life of sobriety that has been so freely given to me today if I but work for it. Together, my husband and I knelt and lit the paper afire. We watched it burn to ashes in silence, we recited the Third Step prayer and the Seventh Step Prayer. Then we walked hand in hand across the street to the AA meeting that was about the begin.

# NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

## NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

Group	November	YTD	Group	November	YTD
4th July Annual Event		69.00	Happy Hour Reno		1166.48
A Way Home		493.03	Hawthorne Groups		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		25.00	Incline to be Sober		40.00
Alano Brown Baggers		575.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		499.25
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Knuckleheads		80.00
Alano Keep it Simple		134.50	Ladies of the Evening		100.00
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Ladies of the Lake		129.20
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		20.00	Lemmon Valley Back Room		0.00
Alano Sunshine Group		100.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano There is a Solution	10.40	10.40	Minden Language of the Heart		110.00
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		75.00
Alturas Hill Toppers		55.33	Minden Stephanie Way Group		10.00
Austin Group		78.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	100.00	245.89
Back to Basics Saturday Night		746.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room		1710.00
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	NNIG Business Meeting	29.00	330.25
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	110.00	Our Common Welfare		10.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Out and Sober	20.00	45.00
Blairsdon Greagle Group		0.00	Page by Page		166.19
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Portola Group		900.00
Buena Vista Group	50.00	100.00	Positive Acceptance Group		239.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		529.85	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		360.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		360.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson After Shifters		257.68	RTC Afternoon Delight		165.00
Carson Back to Basics		140.00	RTC Almost Heaven		550.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		125.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		1500.00
Carson Brown Baggers		504.50	RTC How We Stay Stopped	100.00	163.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Just for Today Women		208.29
Carson Early Birds	411.20	1530.91	RTC Little Rascals	50.00	150.00
Carson Happy Hour		250.00	RTC Lost and Found		102.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		200.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		48.00	RTC Mid Day Group		190.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		216.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		150.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		340.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		250.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		547.79
Carson Valley Gratitude		300.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		20.00
Carson Women's Night Out	64.00	209.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety	50.00	100.00
Chester Fellowship	42.04	67.54	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Choices		0.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		90.00
Cornerstone Group		150.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		400.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		40.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		300.00	Silver Springs Groups	100.00	500.00
Dayton Sunday Morning		372.87	Sisters of Sobriety		158.03
District 6		400.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		50.00
District 12	100.00	100.00	South Reno on Sunday		663.37
District 14	500.00	500.00	South Shore Group		150.00
District 22	100.00	100.00	Southside Group	307.57	3319.84
Driar's 4th Dimension	92.00	483.21	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		38.50	Step 1		20.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		48.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		20.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Support Hose		50.00	Sunnyside Group		1209.60
Driar's Oldtimers/Newcomers		53.25	Susanville Thursday Night	25.00	125.00
End of the Road Group		111.00	Susanville Wed Womens		62.94
Eye Opener	18.00	2086.00	The Rock Group	72.00	296.50
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		645.90	Truckee Dawn Patrol		368.98
Fernley Groups		400.00	Truckee Fellowship		314.76
Finding Peace		50.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		2000.00
Fireside Group	300.00	500.00	Verdi Bookies	89.00	494.92
Galena Friday Night		90.00	Verdi Greener Pastures		0.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		100.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		62.00	Westwood AA		11.13
Greenville Group		80.00	Westwood Monday Night		36.99
Ground Zero	94.00	461.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		375.00
Grupo Accion	20.00	50.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		30.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		100.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		17.20
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		10.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	250.00	Women's New Beginnings		942.58
Grupo Latino	20.00	20.00	Women's New Harmony	60.00	165.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	120.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy	30.00	80.00			
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,894.21</b>	<b>37,580.65</b>

# PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

# PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Accrual Basis	Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss - Last Month Comparative & Year to Date November 2017		
	Nov 17	Nov 16	Jan - Nov 17
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 - Income - General	3,187.56	3,316.13	41,105.26
4002 - Income - Event Revenues	5,683.65	6,821.22	12,211.98
4003 - Event Revenues - Other	-2,000.00	0.00	4,300.00
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	6,731.24	6,661.59	73,659.09
4900 - Interest Income	1.30	0.92	13.96
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,603.75</b>	<b>16,799.86</b>	<b>131,290.29</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
6000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,663.03	3,893.82	41,324.81
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,663.03</b>	<b>3,893.82</b>	<b>41,324.81</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>9,940.72</b>	<b>12,906.04</b>	<b>89,965.48</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6100 - Bank Fees and charges	3.00	3.60	20.34
6120 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	1,060.00
6180 - CC Service Fees	198.11	141.71	1,903.93
6181 - Convention expenses	115.00	0.00	775.96
6210 - Storage Unit	80.00	80.00	880.00
6220 - Shipping Charges	13.60	170.90	470.14
6230 - Alarm System	133.77	127.86	454.17
6235 - Committee Expenses	0.00	102.95	1,869.01
6240 - Compensation	4,318.00	3,000.00	41,310.00
6241 - Dental/Vision Plan	77.02	0.00	385.10
6250 - Computer expenses	0.00	0.00	522.31
6260 - Copier Lease	327.77	278.07	3,738.34
6270 - Insurance Business/Workers C...	0.00	0.00	1,086.00
6280 - Membership, Dues & Publicatio...	0.00	10.99	373.00
6285 - Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	22.19	405.68
6290 - Office Supplies	331.62	77.84	2,403.65
6310 - Paper	97.38	40.00	587.03
6320 - Payroll Tax Expense	330.33	229.50	3,160.33
6325 - Payroll Processing Fee	74.94	71.00	939.27
6330 - Postage	98.00	0.00	344.75
6340 - Rent	758.00	736.00	8,338.00
6350 - Repairs & Maintenance	248.83	0.00	443.83
6360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	50.00
6370 - Telephone	473.53	356.64	11,151.82
6380 - Trash	28.98	27.95	314.32
6390 - Utilities	108.23	96.21	1,272.11
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,814.11</b>	<b>5,573.41</b>	<b>84,361.09</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>2,126.61</b>	<b>7,332.63</b>	<b>5,604.39</b>
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For Greater Detail on this Report - Contact Your Central Office or NNIG Treasurer

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### Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions

Group Contributions 2017 YTD		Group Contributions 2017 YTD	
Group	November YTD Total	Group	November YTD Total
4th Dimension	119.34	Women's Just For Today	40.00
A Way Home	129.00	Women's New Beginnings	292.98
AA Golden Group Kings Beach	111.64	Women's New Harmony	131.26
Alano Afternoon Serenity	170.55	Women's Night Out	0.00
Alano Brown Baggers	223.00	Women on Wednesday	0.00
Alano Club Jay Walkers	128.45	Women's 24 Hours A Day	0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol	50.50	Young At Heart	217.76
Alano Hoppers Serenity	0.00	<b>November Income/YTD</b>	<b>2055.11</b>
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker	155.00	October 2017 Balance Forward	1,290.98
Alano Sunshine Group	4,300.00	Account Balance	3,346.09
Alano Women in Recovery	54.00	November Lit Distributed	3179.15
Battle Mountain Group	117.00	Ending Balance	166.94
Caring and Sharing Stead	71.18		
Carson After Shifters	196.018		
Carson Big Book Babes	33.28		
Carson City Early Birds	1749.78		
Carson City Happy Hour	990.65		
Carson Sunday Night Step Study	125.00		
Carson Men's No BS	219.52		
Carson Sisters in Sobriety	99.00		
Corner Stone Group	239.00		
Dayton Sunday Morning	124.23		
Diars Keep it Simple	102.29		
End of the Road Group	73.00		
Eye Opener	801.00		
Femley Groups	307.00		
Golden Valley Back Room	115.45		
Ground Zero	21.81		
Happy Hour	114.00		
Incline to be Sober	28.57		
Kings Beach AA Golden Group	217.00		
Knuckle Heads	177.00		
Ladies of the Evening	211.00		
Minden Gardnerville Group	315.10		
Minden Wednesday Night Live	32.97		
Minden Roadside Group	133.62		
Minden Saturday Night Fever	162.00		
Mount Rose Recovery Group	183.00		
Northern California H&I	199.97		
Positive Step	45.70		
Pyramid Way Group	177.00		
RTC Almost Heaven	275.00		
RTC ALOHA	25.00		
Seniors in Sobriety	23.00		
Serenity Night Owens	36.00		
Sierraville Book Study	56.56		
Slide Mountain Serenity	38.00		
Support Hose	70.00		
South Reno on Sunday	198.66		
Southside Group	69.00		
Step 1	99.44		
Sunnyside	174.20		
The Rock Group	80.70		
Truckee River Men's	860.95		
Verdi Bookies	55.00		
Verdi Greener Pastures	69.00		

Distributed Literature 2017 YTD	
Facilities	November YTD Total
<b>JAILS &amp; CORRECTIONS</b>	
Carson City Jail	490.00
Carson City Warm Springs	1184.00
NNCC Carson Prison	590.00
Douglas County Jail	1120.00
Lander County Jail	382.00
Humboldt County Jail	274.00
Jane Evens Detention Center	84.00
Lakes Crossing	140.00
LoveLock Prison	776.60
NI Transitional Housing	412.65
Stewart Corrections Camp	183.00
Washoe Courts - Parr	760.00
Washoe Courts - SB277	20.00
<b>TREATMENT &amp; HOSPITALS</b>	
Brittetecon - Residential	46.25
Carson Behavioral Health	1175.00
Carson Tahoe Detox	840.00
Crossroads - Residential	68.50
Empowerment Center Women	120.00
Gospel Mission	0.00
New Frontiers - Fallon	48.00
NI Adult Mental Health Services	0.00
Renown Behavior Health	330.00
Ridge House	480.00
Saint Vincent's	0.00
Salvation Army	960.00
Step 1 - Vies	120.00
Step 2 - Women	406.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals	0.00
VA Hospital	0.00
West Care	210.00
West Hills	812.50
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA	194.40
Office Supplies	41.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>3179.15</b>

Corrections Chair - Ryan S (775) 848-8154  
Treatment Chair - Steve M (775) 954-6475  
Bridging The Gap Chair - Pat B (707) 483-7181  
Pink Can Treasurer - Anju K (707) 321-6400

### NNIG ENDING CASH BALANCES November 30, 2017

	Balance	Goal Reserve	Difference
<b>Administrative Funds:</b>			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	-
General Checking	7,339.25	7,500.00	(160.75)
Administrative Balance	<b>7,639.25</b>	7,800.00	(160.75)
<b>Interest Bearing Accounts (Prudent Reserve)</b>			
Savings	24,012.19	20,000.00	4,012.19
CD 1	5,023.46	5,000.00	23.46
CD 2	5,145.80	5,000.00	145.80
	<b>34,181.45</b>	30,000.00	4,181.45
Hold for Capital Expenditures			4,181.45
<b>Other Checking Balances:</b>			
Events Balance ***	10,590.00		
<b>Total Cash on Hand (A)</b>	<b>52,410.70</b>		
<b>12 months operating expenses (2015)</b>			90,000.00
Monthly Average			7,500.00
4 months prudent reserve (Rounded UP)			\$ 30,000.00
<b>*** Events Funds</b>			
General Events Reserve	4,000.00		
Gratitude Dinner			
New Year's Party	6,590.00		
Halloween Event			
	10,590.00		

**2017-18 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

Saturday December 23, 2017 - Closed  
 Monday December 25, 2017 Christmas Day - Closed  
 Friday December 29, 2017 Inventory - Closed  
 Saturday December 30, 2017 Month End - Closed  
 Monday January 1, 2018 - New Year's Day - Closed  
 Monday February 19, 2018 - Presidents' Day - Closed  
 Monday May 28, 2018 - Memorial Day - Closed  
 Wednesday July 4, 2018 - Independence Day - Closed  
 Monday September 3, 2018 - Labor Day - Closed  
 Thursday November 22, 2018 Thanksgiving - Closed  
 Friday November 23, 2018 Family Day - Closed  
 Saturday November 24, 2018 - Closed

**NNIG CENTRAL OFFICE  
OPEN ON SATURDAYS**

10:00AM - 2:00PM  
 NNIG A.A. CENTRAL OFFICE  
 436 SOUTH ROCK BLVD SPARKS, NV 89431



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 Where it goes here

BILL & LOIS WILSON  
 PO BOX 459  
 AKRON, OH 01935 5284  
 June 10, 1935  
 PAY TO THE ORDER OF **NNIG**  
**Twenty Five and No/100** \$ 25.00 DOLLARS  
 Group Contributions - Birthday Club  
 for Pink Can - Faithful Fivers - The Bracer  
**Bill Wilson**



# ***Twas the Night Before Christmas: An A.A. Christmas Poem***

December 23, 2013 by *Shelby*



Twas the night before Christmas and all through  
the halls;  
not an alkie was drinking or eating rumballs.  
The children were happy, their folks were serene,  
Asleep in their rooms dreaming Christmastime  
dreams.  
The sponsees were nestled all snug by their  
phones;  
Hoping their sponsors soon would be home.  
Papa in his bathrobe, and I in my gown;  
Were grateful to be home, not stumbling 'round  
town!  
When out in the driveway I saw some headlights;  
Who was coming to my house at this time of  
night?  
Away to the window I flew at great speed;  
I wanted to see what these people would need.  
The night it was late, didn't they know?  
I would go downstairs quickly, and tell them to  
go.  
When what to my wondering eyes should  
appear?  
But a lawn full of drunks, and not one with a beer!  
With hope in their hearts, anxious looks on each  
face;  
They were scoping the town, for their next  
meeting place.  
I opened the door, to let my friends in;  
The Christmas Eve meeting was about to begin!

On coffeepot, cups, and some sugar and cream,  
Old-timers, newcomers, and those in between.  
"In my home you are safe!" "Come on in!" hear  
my call  
Now sober drunks, sober drunks, sober drunks,  
all!  
As dry drunks before a meeting do cry,  
when they meet with the "obstacles selves" they  
deny;  
So into the kitchen, the alxies they flew,  
With a room full of feelings, some joyous, some  
blue.

And then in a moment, the meeting did start;  
A gratitude meeting, sober living...and heart!  
As we went 'round the room there were stories of  
woe,  
Descriptions of lives only alxies would know.  
Stories dressed all in booze, from beginning to  
end,  
that "drink" was a gut-wrenching, fair-weather  
friend.

A bundle of pain, each drunk slung on her back;  
The road was quite bumpy! The deck had been  
stacked!  
Relationships, crumbled, our finances, weary,  
Our souls were like vacuums, our eyes always  
teary.

Each drunk bared their soul, and shared through  
the hour;  
Of recovery held dear, and a new "Higher Power"  
The fellowship gave, new life to each face;  
All sober men and women, with dignity and  
grace.

A desire to stop drinking, is all that's required,  
A way out, a way up; new lives to inspire!  
It was time for the meeting to come to an end.  
Alcoholic brothers and sisters and friends.

The Serenity Prayer was then said as we held  
hands and prayed,  
Electricity, wonder and magic displayed.  
We did "clean up" and chattered and when  
saying good-bye  
Embraces, well wishes, and not a dry eye.  
I sprang to my bed, and thanked God for this  
night.

I snuggled under the covers; and all felt so right!  
But I heard them exclaim, as they all drove away,  
"Thank God for A. A. and each sober day!"

Source: <http://www.gather.com/viewArticle.action?articleId=281474977525731>

# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes December 5, 2017 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Open with Serenity Prayer - 6:34 PM - Read Preamble of NNIG By-Laws – Cheryl Z - Read Twelve Traditions – Robin Y

Approve November 2017 Minutes – Corrections – Submitted by Joyce

**Treasurer's Report – Dawn K.** Below is an account of your NNIG Cash Balances. Please take this information to your groups and announce this detail at your home group meeting. It is my hope that this will relieve any concerns pertaining to the Prudent Reserves calculation and average. As of November 30, 2017 IS MADE UP OF: TOTAL CASH ON HAND \$52,410.70; PRUDENT RESERVES \$30,000.00; GENERAL EVENTS RESERVES \$4,000.00; Events Not yet Held \$6,590.00 (New Year's Gala); CHECKING ACCOUNT \$7,339.25; PETTY CASH \$300.00; **Over Prudent Reserves \$ 4,181.45; \$4,000.00 = Spring Festival Contribution after 2,000.00 refund.** **DEFINITIONS OF Prudent Reserves:** Four months operating expenses as determined from the preceding twelve months. **General Events Reserves:** Based on historical records and minutes, \$4,000.00. **From the November 29, 2016 NNIG Steering Committee Meeting Minutes...** "New Business: Diane B presented our financial figures for October. We did not go in the hole this month. We do have the funds to repay our prudent reserve. Suggests we transfer 5,000 from Activities account to Prudent Reserve which will bring it up to our \$30K Goal for Prudent Reserve. Motion was made to transfer the funds by Diane B and seconded by Brian A and discussion was held. Events fund is usually kept at \$4K. Vote was taken to transfer with 5 approved, 1 opposed, and the motion carried." **Events Not Yet Held:** This account is a separate checking account to separate Events monies.

**Checking Account:** General Operating account with a minimum of 1 month operating expenses. **Petty Cash:** Limits set of Steering Committee. Shall not exceed \$300.00 in any month.

PRUDENT RESERVES CALCULATION:

Average Operating Expenses

7,669.19 x 4 = \$30,676.76 AS OF 11/30/2017

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 16	(Jan - NOV 17)
Total Expense	83,285.45	91,276.32	85,797.52	84,361.09
DIVIDED BY 12 (11) MONTHS FOR MONTHLY AVERAGE	6,940.45	7,606.36	7,149.79	7,669.19

\*Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report / Motion – Robin / 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cheryl / motion unanimously accepted.

**Central Office Report – Leslie S.**

**Calls into Central Office:**

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 19

Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 0

**Meeting Information: 64**

\*Retail/Merchandise: 14

Other 12 Step Programs: 0

A.A. Events Information: 15

Business/AA Central Office: 38

Calls for the Director: 39

**Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 189**

**Volunteer Office Hours: 109**

Volunteer positions available at Central Office Monday 1-5 and Thursday 1-5

Spectrum construction on the 25M and SIP Phone Service received the required Pole Permitting from both AT&T and Nevada Energy. They are now pending permits for NDOT for road/street crossings/traffic control. Projected Construction Completion date remains at 12/8. NNIG Central Office will provide NAGSC with A.A. World Service literature for the 2018 PRAASA (pacific region alcoholics anonymous service assembly) we estimated \$4000.00 in up front books cost will be needed to order quantities to serve the assembly's registered members on March 2, 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Sparks Nugget. Literature sales table hosted by Northern Area, Monica S. **2018 Improvements:** Light fixtures updated LED (grant possible), 2 Filing Cabinets - office and back room, Office Desk – old and taped together (it rips clothing), Window 10 technology updates (techoup grant possible) New Office Computer, Events PA system, Wireless micro phone, corded micro phone, Upgrade our storage unit. Rent increase this year to \$90 a month, Small upgrade to phone equipment. **Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be employed as the Central Office Executive Director these past 6 plus years. I officially give my notice of resignation as the Executive Director of Central Office this December 5, 2017 at the NNIG Monthly Business Meeting. January 2018 will be my last month around the office. I will complete the annual inventory with the Central Office Team and the Treasurer and any other year end projects as needed. I will assist the Steering Committee with the process of finding a replacement Director and will remain available for training and by phone as needed. I will not be leaving the area and I will certainly see you in the rooms of our fellowship often. Please be happy for me as I pursue other opportunities in my life. –Leslie S.**

**New Business** Secretary Robin Y – Unanimously voted into the NNIG Secretary position

**Page 9 By-laws - Human Resources / AD-HOC Committee** – An Ad hoc committee for Human Resources compliance consisting of Cheryl, Chair, Leslie, Sean S and Sherry, outside resource. Vice Chair Cheryl Z. – hiring outside HR consultant to establish an employee handbook for the Director. Rights and responsibilities, benefits and evaluations to ensure compliance with Federal and State law.

**An Ad hoc committee for screening applicants for new Executive Director** consisting of: Leslie, Chair, Dan S, Donn T, Sharon L, Cheryl Z and Ron T to oversee.

\*Now accepting Resumes for the Executive Director position at Central Office

**Old Business**

Proposal to change Intergroup Representative to the Steering Committee to Liaison – Paul E. Presentation on the word Intergroup Representative to the Steering Committee verses Liaison - proposal died

Proposal to establish process for making disbursements above prudent reserve - Vote tabled after treasurer report

**Central Service Committee Reports**

**Activities Chair – Kris H.** Activities Committee needs a new P.A. system for multiple events (to keep at Central Office) and is asking that if anyone has one or knows of a good, inexpensive P.A. system in the \$339 - \$449 range, with two microphones, please let Activates Committee know about it.

**Answering Service – Mark U.** Everything is going good the volunteers always needed.

**Bracer – Emily** Nothing to report at this time.

**Cooperation Professional Community – Cheryl E.**, received by Memo. Tom B. stood for update at the business meeting

- **University of Nevada Medical School, Reno:** CPC and PI committee members meet with doctors of psychiatry and 5-8 third year medical students on a scheduled, rotating basis. 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 3 weeks. A new student rotation began on Nov. 13th from 4-5pm. The report back took place on Nov. 27th from 1-2:30. The next date for the new rotation TBD. We could use a few more volunteers to attend these meetings. Let Cheryl E. know if interested.
- **Reno Valley Assisted Living Monthly AA Meeting:** Meetings are brought in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm. The Seniors In Sobriety group facilitated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Nov.21st. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday was facilitated by The Verdi Greener Pastures group on Nov. 28th. There were 5 residents present and they all shared. There were 3-4 AA volunteers at the meetings to help. If you are interested in attending these meetings, let me 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 and at Behavioral Health Services in Carson City every Wednesday. We need more volunteers to present at Bristlecone in Reno. If you are interested in presenting, let Joyce Y. or Cheryl E. know.
- **Budget:** On target overall.
- **CPC/PI Committee Meetings:** CPC and PI hold combined committee meetings at Central Office the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every other month from 2-3/3:30. Our next committee meeting will be held on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2-3:30. 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!

Joyce added: that she received a text from Cheryl E during Meeting and that a town in California was asking for a copy of our "Orientation to AA."

**Public Information – Tom B.** There's a school project for the high schools and AA, to bring in presentations to the schools regarding AA, AI Anon, etc. Seeking volunteers.

**Corrections – Ryan S.** I am still waiting to hear back from Chaplain Jeremiah for the timeline, next step, etc. for the men's meeting in Parr Blvd. The below is what I emailed and Chaplain Jeremiah's response:

I was hoping I could get an update for those that attended the training.

Each person has been reaching out to me on the next steps, time line, paperwork, etc.

We have our monthly NNIG meeting tomorrow evening (about 100 folks in attendance). It would be nice to bring back something to the table. Hope you had a blessed day!

**Chaplain Jeremiah (Parr Blvd) response:** WE are currently looking into it. I apologize that you have not heard anything. I will keep you up to date as more information becomes available.

Jeremiah

RENVYPAA has requested that the H&I and Corrections chair write a letter for their bid to get SWACYPA here to Reno, NV. I have been in contact with Amber S. from RENVYPAA for the details.

# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

**Treatment** - Anjuli stood for this committee, and she stated that there is a vacant position for Treatment Chair position. If you would like to be considered for this position, please show up to the H&I Committee Meeting at the end of the month (Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm at Central Office). 2 years sobriety requirement.

**Bridging the Gap – Pat B.** The Bridging The Gap Committee is pleased to announce that in the last month three new volunteers have joined the committee as BTG Program Presenters. These new committee members will be making the Bridging The Gap presentations monthly at one of the four treatment facilities in the greater Reno area. The NNIG Bridging The Gap Committee is currently making monthly or bi-monthly presentations to the clients at Bristlecone, (rotating Thursdays at 7PM), West Hills, (first Thursday at 2PM), Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno, (rotating Thursdays at 5:30PM), CrossRoads men's facility, (fourth Thursday at 9AM), CrossRoads women's facility, (fourth Wednesday at 5PM), and Carson Behavioral Health Services, (Tuesdays at 7PM). Our committee members travel in pairs to deliver presentations to clients that explain the Bridging The Gap message, show the A.A. DVD "Hope", and collect any BTG Temporary Contact Requests the treatment clients may have. The Committee has a need for both men and 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. We have a need for Temporary Contact volunteers in all zip codes throughout the Northern Nevada area. 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](mailto:pat4sales@aol.com). Upcoming Events: - BTG Presentations to the clients at Bristlecone, 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.** November balance was \$2,055.11, prior balance brought forward was \$1290.98 with total of: \$3346.09; November literature distribution was \$3179.15 / ending balance of \$166.94. Request for donation of Big Books, Living Sober Books, Twelve and Twelves, etc.... Please donate any extra books designated for the Pink Can Committee to Central Office.

**Monthly Speaker Meeting – Brian A.** Not in attendance.

**Sunshine Committee – Paul M.** Not in attendance.

**Web-Master – Ollie K.** The web hosting company has made some changes, which has created some problems. Ollie believes we can change web hosts with the same or less cost and is doing some research into doing that. The New Year's Flyer was the latest addition to the site. We also have added 5 new meetings and continue to grow. Please contact Ollie if there are updates that need to be made to the website.

**Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison – Chris S.** On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the NAGSC had a meeting at the Sparks Alano Club. At noon, the DCM got together with Standing Committee Chairs and discussed problems with possible solutions and successes. At 1 pm there was a General Meeting, discussing past meeting and then broke out into committees, and then they all read their reports. An announcement from NN Area 42: March 2 thru March 4, 2018 there is registration for PRAASA 2018: Location Reno, Nevada, and on March 24, there is the Spring Area Assembly in Tonopah. Also, Phil W. participated in the 727 Challenge, and as part of this contributions were recorded as: \$76,829.00 sent into the General Service Office.

**RENVYPAA Liaison – Cody G.** There are open positions on their committee, and the business meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month upstairs at the Triangle Club at 4 p.m. They are also bidding for WACYPPAA at this time.

**Intergroup Rep's. Report – Joyce Y. / Tom M.** 2 Reports submitted by Joyce: The topic at the November 7<sup>th</sup> NNIG Meeting is: What should be done when money in the NNIG Treasury exceeds the amount recommended by NNIG Bylaws/Procedures? One procedure is that a proposal first go to the NNIG Steering Committee before being presented to the entire NNIG body. Another point is that the money in the Treasury comes from AA members and AA groups, therefore the Intergroup Representatives would take it back to the groups for discussion and "group conscious decisions." The Seventh Tradition reminds us of how to handle excess money (should the situation occur). "Our trustees wrote a bright page of AA history. They declared for the principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expense plus a prudent reserve would henceforth, be the Foundation's financial policy." (Twelves Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 165). Also, for clearer understanding of NNIG finances, it would be helpful to have a simple, one page summary report with a list of operating costs, prudent reserve, and any other costs such as paying bills for fundraiser events on one side of the ledger and a list of actual funds in bank accounts, time accounts, savings accounts, and any other money – listed on the other side. This simple report could also be used by Intergroup Representatives in giving reports to their groups. Members who prefer more detailed information would have it in the 7-8 page report. Objection to NNIG Steering Committee Minutes / New Business: "Sean S. addressed the memo received from Joyce at the October Business Meeting at NNIG..." CORRECTION: There is no memo from Joyce to Sean S. Therefore, Sean S. did not receive nor address a memo from me. Sean S. apparently picked up the same report from me as everyone at the meeting received. My report (proposal) was on the table with all the other handouts for that meeting. New Business: "Cheryl asked if the "meeting" where the proposal came from was a home-group. Joyce said it was not; it was a small meeting by invited individuals to propose the memo." CORRECTION: Note: this correction should include which Cheryl asked the question since there is more than once Cheryl in the NNIG body. I did not say it was small meeting by invited individuals... // Corrected minutes should read: "Joyce said it was a meeting of former NNIG Board Members, former NNIG Treasurers, and former NNIG Intergroup Representatives/Liaison members for the purpose of having more accurate and full information. This information also included concerns from AA members and AA groups. These minutes are also confusing due to the constant interchange of the reference to memos and proposals. There is no memo.

**Secretary's Report – Robin Y.**

I just want to thank NNIG and the AA body for allowing me to be of service. I'm grateful for the opportunity.

**Vice-chair Report – Cheryl Z.**

Nothing to report.

**Chairman's Report – Ron T.**

other than my participation in new and old business, one more item. Any changes to the Bracer need to be submitted to the Bracer committee (Emily and Nancy) for consideration.

**\*Motion to Close the Meeting**

## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 28, 2017 held at Central Office

\*Serenity Prayer; Roll Call: Ron, Cheryl, Dawn, Robin, Joyce, Tom, Kris, Leslie / Verification of Quorum / Approve November Steering Committee Minutes with correction: last month's Minutes referred to a "memo," which is now corrected to "proposal."

**Treasurers Report – Dawn K.** – funds are similar this year to the same time last year; most recent accounting was presented and prudent reserve was discussed (currently approx. \$30,000).

**Old Business Agenda Items** – Discussion regarding the Intergroup Representative (Steering Committee) title, with talk of alternative titles of "liaison" or "at large." Motion made/passed to return to the body with suggestion to wait for bylaws committee to address these changes while maintaining a file of suggestions for alterations to bylaws, in the meantime.

**New Business Agenda** – a clarification on operating procedures was discussed by the group, regarding of wording of "proposal" versus "a question" or "a consideration." Joyce voiced concern that all reports always be included in the NNIG Minutes. Prudent Reserve was discussed, as well as monies above prudent reserve.

It was decided to ask Leslie for a list of items that need to be purchased for Central Office before sending money above the prudent reserve to other entities. Leslie is going to compile the list for us.

Joyce asked that the accounting could be more layperson friendly so that transparency and simplicity are key. Joyce, Dawn, and 3<sup>rd</sup> (yet to-be-named) person will have a private meeting to work on financial statement which reflects these values.

Cheryl proposed that Sherry Griffin be hired as the outside consultant to evaluate the hiring documents for Leslies' replacement and to hire her to build an employee handbook and evaluation. Leslie first, Dawn second and all voted to move forward with it.

An Ad-Hoc committee of Cheryl – Chair, Sean, Don O, Leslie and Sherry to assist in building all needed policy pertaining to the employees of central office as appropriate.

Another Ad-Hoc of Leslie, Cheryl, Dawn and Sherry be on the committee for hiring to replace Leslie as Executive director.

Meeting concluded.

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