

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



Feb 11th – 7:00 pm
Group: Not A Glum Lot
Speaker: Ralph B.
(Reno, NV)

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

February, 2017

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

Sooner or later, every A.A. comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, He is also a source of *positive direction*. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he had never known before. As each day passes, our A.A. reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God. Every A.A. group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though A.A. groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every A.A. group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produce group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into A.A. Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing A.A. Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the 1st Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in A.A., no coercive human authority. Because each A.A., of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we are finding we have little need for man-made rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the A.A. group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique. Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

Bill W.

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A A's

Recovery Step Two:

"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Three

Unity Tradition Two:

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscious. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Legacies

Service Concept Two:

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs."

Concept II - The A.A. Service Structure

Concept II describes the development and structure of A.A. world services. In its first twenty years, authority and responsibility for the conduct of A.A.'s affairs lay with its co-founders, Bill and Dr. Bob. At the 1955 20th Anniversary Convention in St. Louis, this was turned over to the A.A. groups worldwide. Seeing, however, that it was not practical to expect the thousands of groups and many thousands of members to directly manage and conduct these affairs, some method of group representation was needed. After some years of operating on a trial basis, A.A.'s General Service Conference was confirmed in order to do this. The Conference became official through adoption of its Charter at the 1955 convention.

On first reading the Concepts, I had no idea what a charter is. Eventually I found that it is a document that outlines the principal functions and purposes of an organization; or, in the case of A.A., our fellowship. As Bill states in his writing of Concept II, the Charter establishes The General Service Conference as "... the actual voice and the effective conscience of our whole society." The Conference votes on matters for us, but does so only after receiving and considering the views, ideas and opinions of local A.A. groups through our elected Conference Delegates. By this means, local groups are the essential owners of our fellowship.

The once-a-year Conference meeting is made up of 93 delegates from geographic areas of the U.S. and Canada. It also includes members of our General Service Board, the Directors of our two corporations Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. and the Grapevine, Inc., and staff of our General Service Office and Grapevine. Approximately 135 Conference members give their time and energy to represent us and serve as the A.A. group conscience.

Until his passing in 1971, Bill continued to serve in an advisory capacity particularly to the headquarters operation, now known as our General Service Office. The GSO is charged with carrying out A.A.'s day-to-day operations. When I think of the General Service Office I think of it as making 12th Step work possible on a world-wide level.

In his writing of Concept II, Bill's thinking led him to make a distinction between *ultimate* and *immediate* service authority. The 12 Concepts were written to help clarify this distinction as well as its practical implications. General Service Board members, referred to as our Trustees, include both alcoholic and non-alcoholic professionals. The Board, serving as A.A.'s legal foundation, is given a large share of active and immediate responsibility for world service affairs. But, "...the final say--the ultimate sanction in matters of large importance--has not been given to the Trustees alone." Rather, the General Services Charter gives this ultimate and broader responsibility and authority to the A.A. groups themselves.

How has this worked out? My experience leads me to think that the primary basis of its success over a period of almost 50 years is that we are all committed to working together for the common good of all of A.A., and to supporting each other in maintaining our own personal sobriety while carrying the A.A. message to others.

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.


The Bracer is a monthly publication intended for members of Alcoholics Anonymous and their families only. It is about, by and for members of the fellowship. Opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of A.A. as a whole or NNIG. For article submissions or comments, email the Editor at nigbracer@gmail.com

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

February 11, 2017
Host Group – Cornerstone
Speaker – Ralph B (Reno, NV)

March 25, 2017
Host Group – Not A Glum Lot
Speaker – T.J. M (Reno, NV)

April 15, 2017
Host Group – Steering Committee
Speaker – Shannon H (Covina, CA)

May 13, 2017
Host Group – South Side
Speaker – Lucy H (Sacramento, CA)

June 10, 2017
Host Group – RENVYPAA
Speaker – Long Timers

*****July 2017*****
Host Group – TBD
Speaker – Steve M (Sun Valley, NV)

NNIG Speaker Chair: Erika C (626) 257-8478
Speaker Co-Chair: Open
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151
*** Check back for actual date of meeting***

Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker

**NNIG Hosts the Annual
Corned Beef (or Lasagna) & Cribbage
Family Game Day**

When: Saturday, March 4, 2017
Where: California Building/Idlewild Park
Doors Open at 12:00 Noon

12:30 PM Let the Games Begin:
Cribbage Tournament, Poker Tournaments

RENVYPAA presents:
1-3PM Irish Mafia Does the Irish Mafia exist? Come find out....
1-2:30PM KidScape Improv Age Sys:????
Have fun using Improv skills to build Inner Strength,
Self-assurance and Confidence.

3:00 PM Corned Beef or Lasagna Dinner
Please Bring Pot Luck
First Names A-L: Veggies, Snacks & Dips
First Names M-Z: Desserts

**4:30 PM Awards
Speaker Meeting & Raffle**

Ticket available at Central Office - \$15.00 Adults
M-F 9am-5pm (775) 355-1151
Kids Menu \$4.00 at the door
(Hot Dogs, Velveta Mac & Cheese, Salad & Chocolate Cake)
Raffle Donations Requested
Please Call: Kathryn (818) 425-3956




2017 Faithful Fivers Needed



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Jennifer R
R.F. Carson City
Don B
Joanne P
Lunnetta N
Dod
Tom E
Barbara P
Ron T
Dan
Leslie S
Kimmy D
Diana B
Bran

Diane L
Barbara M
Jimmy P
Lynn S
Steven C
Ann G
Joe R
Deanna S
Carl H
Bruce A
Theresa D
Kimberly S
Barbara P
Cynthia F
John L
Glenn R

Faithful Fiver
We are members of Alcoholics Anonymous that help support our Central Office with separate contributions. These contributions help to serve the Northern Nevada Alcoholics Anonymous Community with Central Office Services and Intergroup Activities.

It's Easy to join!
Use your bill pay monthly, or one time. Stop by the Central Office or use postal services. Phone Central Office for a one time Card Charge over the phone.

We ask for \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year.
Whatever you can afford this membership directly supports 12 step work in Northern area 42, Group Services and Central Office Operations.
It's a great way to give back what was so freely given to us.

OTHER AREA EVENTS

*Northern Area 42
General Service Conference
Agenda Items Roundtables
2017*

SAVE THE DATE!
Come One; Come All

When: February 25th 2017 ~ 1 - 4 PM
Where: Sparks Christian Fellowship
510 Greenbrae Dr. Sparks, NV

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

Friday, March 3, 2017
Potluck: 6 PM Speaker: 7 PM

Speaker: Larry C. from Stagecoach

Raffle and 50/50 Drawing
Stagecoach Community Center
8204 Hwy 50 E. at Cheyenne Trail
For more information:
Call Will L.,
450-2357



Reno Spring Festival

Save the Date
March 17-19, 2017

It's The Journey

Visit our website @ www.renospringfestival.com



Dear Fellowship,

It's a new year! Please consider joining our Faithful Fiver's. We are members of Alcoholics Anonymous that help support our Central Office with a separate contribution. The Birthday Club is also a great way to support central office as individual members.

On January 12, 2017 we delivered our 2016 year end documents to our CPA at Pangborn & CO., LTD

2016 Taxes were filed on 1-27-17.

All state and federal compliance is undated and submitted as of 1/15/17.

Department of Taxation will be renewed in May 2017.

We are starting the process of updated the windows programs on all three computers to 2010, completed spring 2017. We will purchase these programs from Tech Soup at a much reduced price approximately \$15 a computer. Computer 3 was updated with faster processing and video capacity to handle the Bracer Newsletter and will also house the new phone system application total cost \$247.

The new phone system is installed at cost of \$6100, plus a monthly \$110 for one year of tech support. It's a great time to be involved in the service with the 24 hour answering service. \$3350 deposit was paid on 1-23-2017, amount due \$2746.93 to be paid this month. We look forward to less problems operating the NNIG 24 hour hotline.

Central Office Volunteer meetings are scheduled monthly. New Volunteer training is scheduled every Thursday at 1PM. People calling into the office inquiring about volunteer opportunities are requested to stop by on Thursday at 1PM for an opportunity to meet with us and have a tour of Central Office. Let's make it a great year!



Leslie S. - Your Central Office
Executive Director

The Birthday Club



Joan H.—46 years
Christy M.—21 years
Rainbow—18 years
Karen S.—26 years
Kent L.—34 years
Bill M.—27 years
Thomas L.—5 years
Jennifer P.—4 years
Diana B.—2 years
Susanne T.—22 years
MJ—33 years
Cynthia F.—4 years
Donn T.—26 years
Steven C.—12 years
Debbie M.—7 years
Nancy R.—22 years
Ted S.—41 years

Kyle L.—34 years
Dod—9 years
Ron T.—5 years
Danny S.—14 years
Sandra G.—21 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
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

Effective 2-12-17,
NEW MEETING LOCATION
for
SUNDAY NEW BEGINNINGS
at 255 Bell St. in Reno.
We meet at 4pm.

SIERRAVILLE, CA
Sunday 7:00 PM
Sierraville Book
Study Meeting

Sierraville Elementary School
[305 South Lincoln Street \(Hwy 89\)](#)

Carson City
Early Birds
6:45 AM
Mon - Sat
[412 West Musser Street](#)
Sunday
[1800 Highway 50 East #5](#)

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

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

7:00 PM
Coventry Cross
Episcopal Church
1631 Esmerelda Ave
Minden

POSITIVE ACCEPTANCE GROUP

Sunday, 9:00AM
Grapevine Meeting
1640 Prater Way, Sparks

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. H&I

Last Thursday of each month, 5:15 PM
Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

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** 2nd Sunday of even numbered months
For information email district6@nevadaarea42.org
- DISTRICT 8** First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months Call (760) 937-8407
- DISTRICT 10A** Third Sunday of every other month, 1:30 PM
680 River St. Elko, NV
- DISTRICT 10B** 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 Tues of each "Odd" month at 6:00 PM - Contact DCM
Next location is determined at each meeting
- 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

Central Office Volunteers Needed

We need you, Join the team!

Knowledge of:

- A.A. Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- Phone Answering Skills
- Telephone 12 Step Work
- Customer Service
- Comfortable with Computers
- Taking Phone Merchandise Orders
- Stocking Retail Area
- Handling Money and Counting Change
- Self-Motivated

Call Leslie, Central Office: 775-355-1151

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
- Susanville (530) 257-2880

**WELCOME
PAUL M.
OUR NEW
SUNSHINE
COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON**

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: _____

Chubby gods, skinny gods



A newcomer's journey with Step Two was a mighty voyage, but one thing for sure, she was willing

When I first got sober, I seemed to be always sitting at a Second-Step table. Everyone there had their God. They talked about him like he was a cherished friend. Or more like a

magical genie that granted them sobriety every day. They talked about "finding" him. Did they mean in a God catalog? They didn't say.

One day I sat there and thought, Maybe I'll just skip this Step. That night I went to bed and said to myself, What am I going to do about this "God thing"?

The next day I sat at yet another Second-Step table. Was everyone on the Second Step? This table had a few old-timers and they swore up and down that they kept relapsing until they found God. I cringed, wondering how a relapse was going to fit into my highly scheduled life.

When you're newly sober, there's no room in your schedule to use the bathroom some days. At the table, one person said the Second Step is the foundation of the rest of the Steps. Without a good foundation in a building, they said, it's sure to crumble. Without the Second Step, my house would disintegrate underneath me. I wasn't ready for that kind of wreckage. How would I find time to clean up?

Later that night I talked to my peers in the halfway house about their Gods. They all said they were not too worried about it. Soon after that, one of them relapsed and had to move out.

As I kept coming to the AA tables, I soon noticed who had a God and who didn't. Those without a God seemed to do OK but they would fight a lot and gossip. Others, I didn't see any more. Some would leave and come back with horror stories of going back out. I went home confused. I said to myself, What am I going to do about this "God thing"?

One day I was gifted a small amount of time to be by myself with nothing to do. Idle time is scary for a newly sober alcoholic. Thankfully, I had no money. So I went to the library where I saw a poster of a church in Italy. The church was ornately decorated. I knew there must have been a reason they put so much work into that building. Oh, that's right, God!

I looked up "religions" while I was at the library. I got out a stack of books, some of them with names I could not even pronounce. Gods of every size, shape and color.

Some Gods had the iconic, skinny look of someone who needed medical attention. One God was chubby. One had a belly I could rub for good luck. There were male Gods, female Gods, cat Gods and dog Gods. There were planet Gods too, but I was too fair-skinned to worship the sun. When I was a child, I thought King Neptune was the God of swimming.

Back at the Second-Step table again, someone said that God was everywhere. Could it be that simple? I seriously

doubted whether God was at the crack house or those sleazy after-hours clubs I used to frequent.

I scanned the tables at my next meeting. I saw a man who looked like Neptune from the library books. He had Vietnam and Jesus patches all over his vest. I thought he must have all the God answers. As he spoke, at first he made a lot of sense. Then he started to quote verses out of the Bible in a "hell and damnation" tone of voice. Some got up to refresh their coffees as he spoke. I got the impression from this guy that his God was working for him. This man had 30 years of sobriety. I also gathered from the others that this man's God wasn't their God. He wasn't mine, either. Scripture written in some Old-World language was not for me.

That night, as I lay awake in bed, I got the overwhelming urge to go out and get a drink. Not having any money, and being tired from my highly scheduled day, I white-knuckled my bed sheets and hoped the feeling would go away.

I woke up in the morning from a drinking dream that felt so real. As I washed my face, I realized I had not actually gone out to drink, I had only dreamed it. I knew I needed to get a God soon.

In group therapy at the house, we touched on the subject of God. One cranky older woman refused to seek a God. She said this was her 15th rehab. A young girl with dreadlocks and a ladybug backpack chose a unicorn for her Higher Power, which was how people referred to their Gods. It says in the Big Book that we can call him that, which makes God seem like a new concept but not as "new age" as having a unicorn as a Higher Power.

I went to an open meeting to listen to a woman who had been a waitress in Detroit's Playboy club in the 1950s. It was hard to imagine her as a young beautiful girl, let alone a Playboy bunny. She told many stories of what she had done and seen during her drinking days. A lot was edited out, she told us. She said that she had trouble with the whole "God thing" until the old-timers made it real simple. My interest was sparked. She spoke my language. They simply told her she was not God and no man was. God is a power greater than ourselves that can keep us sober.

I sort of understood all that. But I didn't understand where I could get acquainted with him. Was there a God meet-up? Would my God have a name? Would he be mad at me for all the stupid things I've done?

The former Playboy bunny said I should talk to God even if I didn't know him. Every day, she said, "Talk to him. Pour your heart out. He's the only one who really understands you. Eventually, you won't feel uncomfortable doing it. It will be second nature to reach out to God. In the beginning, we are all strangers. With time, friendship with God blossoms, as it does with every friendship."

That night in bed, I spoke uncomfortably to him about my day and our new relationship. I didn't know how this relationship would work but I had faith in what people told me.

Now I've been sober four years. I am not uncomfortable at all talking to my God. It's second nature. Through the years, I've had hardships and cravings but God has somehow helped me. I don't know how it works, but my faith in God is constant and communication with him is comforting.

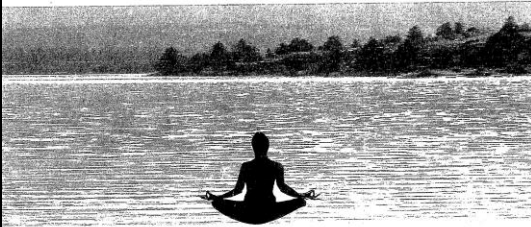
-- Michelle B., Hazel Park, Michigan
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NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

<u>Group</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
12 X 12 on 12th Street		0.00	Happy Hour Reno		0.00
12 X 12 Sunday Night		0.00	Hawthorne Groups		0.00
4th July Annual Event		0.00	Incline Village Fellowship		0.00
A Way Home		0.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		0.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		0.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Lake		0.00
Alano Positive Acceptance Group	65.00	65.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart	30.00	30.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		0.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	25.89	25.89
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room		0.00
Alturas Brown Baggers		0.00	NNIG Business Meeting	33.00	33.00
Austin Group	42.00	42.00	Our Common Welfare		0.00
Back to Basics Reno	100.00	100.00	Our Group Sunnyside		0.00
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	Out and Sober	25.00	25.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	10.00	Portola Group		0.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Progress not Perfection		0.00
Blairsdon Greagle Group		0.00	Pyramid Lake Campout		0.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		0.00
Buena Vista Group		0.00	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead	109.97	109.97	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC Afternoon Delight	25.00	25.00
Carson AA Way of Life		0.00	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	50.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		0.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners	900.00	900.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		0.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC Just for Today Women		0.00
Carson Brown Baggers		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		0.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Lost and Found		0.00
Carson Early Birds		0.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Happy Hour	250.00	250.00	RTC Mid Day Group		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		0.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine	180.00	180.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		0.00
Carson Out to Lunch Bunch		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		0.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		0.00	RTC Thursday Big Book Study		0.00
Carson Women's Night Out		0.00	RTC Upper Room Group		0.00
Chester Saturday Night		0.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Choices		0.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		0.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Silver Springs Groups	25.00	25.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		0.00	Sisters of Sobriety		0.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Dayton Sunday Morning	137.37	137.37	South Reno on Sunday		0.00
District 6		0.00	South Shore Group	25.00	25.00
Driar's 4th Dimension		0.00	Southside Group	356.81	356.81
Driar's BYOB		0.00	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Driar's Club Into Action		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunnyside Group	623.00	623.00
Driar's Positive Step Group		0.00	Susanville Fellowship		0.00
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eleventh Step Retreat		0.00	The Rock Group	51.00	51.00
End Of The Road Group Topaz		0.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol	52.44	52.44
Eye Opener	544.00	544.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		0.00
Eye Opener Mid-day Group		0.00	Verdi Bookies	57.92	57.92
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch	183.90	183.90	Verdi Greener Pastures		0.00
Fernley Groups		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		0.00
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		0.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		0.00	Whole in the Soul		0.00
Golden Valley Back Room Group		0.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Greenville Group	40.00	40.00	Winnemucca Single Purpose		0.00
Ground Zero		0.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo Accion		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		0.00	Women's New Beginnings	260.08	260.08
Grupo La Nueva Luz		0.00	Women's New Harmony		0.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	10.00			
			Total	4,212.38	4,212.38

OTHER AREA EVENTS

Sought through Prayer & Meditation
Eleventh Step Retreat
Friday-Sunday June 2nd, 3rd, & 4th 2017
Zephyr Point Conference Center Lake Tahoe



Meetings, workshops, guided meditation, spiritual nourishment, fellowship & fun
\$120 registration fee includes 5 amazingly delicious meals, plentiful snacks & beverages
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Registration closes May 6th, limited to 40 attendees
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Chair Charelle D 775 351-8224 Registration Chair Fifi L 775 846-4482

2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CENTRAL OFFICE

Monday February 20, 2017 – Presidents' Day – Closed
Monday May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day – Closed
Tuesday July 4, 2017 – Independence Day – Closed
Monday September 4, 2017 – Labor Day – Closed
Friday October 27, 2017 Nevada Day – Closed
Friday November 10, 2017 Veterans Day Observance – Closed
Thursday November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving – Closed
Friday November 24, 2017 Family Day – Closed
Monday December 25, 2017 Christmas Day – Closed
Friday December 29, 2017 Inventory – Closed
Monday January 1, 2018 – New Year's Day – Closed
Monday January 15, 2018 – Martin Luther King Day – Closed

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2017 held at The Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Meeting was opened at 6:49 pm by Ron T - NNIG Chairperson followed by the "Serenity Prayer", Donn T read the "Preamble of the NNIG By-Laws", and Peter read "The Twelve Traditions". Introductions were made, announcements heard, and birthdays honored followed by the observance of the 7th Tradition. A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting, as reported in *The Bracer*, was made by Jeff seconded by Paul M, there was no discussion requested, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Ron T – Mary Pat has stepped down due to other opportunities and for personal reasons. According to 16.3.4 of the Operating Procedures I am your new Chair. The proposed changes by the Knuckleheads will be printed in *The Bracer* this month. Please discuss with your group and we will vote on these proposed changes to the By-Laws and Operating Procedures at our next monthly meeting. Mark and Ray were instrumental in keeping the phone answering service up and running during our episode of trouble with Charter service. We do have new equipment in the office and the previous problems with Charter are now taken care of.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Diane B – We ended up in January in the negative, however most of this is for the new Central Office phone system. Otherwise we would have almost broken even. Many thanks to all the group contributions that have come in. There will be a reoccurring new fee for the answering service for the first year. We reviewed the 2017 budget. Joyce Y made a motion to approve the budget, it was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. A motion to approve the January Treasurer's report was made by Nancy A, seconded by Donn T, no discussion requested, motion carried unanimously. The financial statement may be viewed in its entirety elsewhere in our newsletter.

Central Office Executive Director's Report Leslie S – MONTHLY REPORT for January 2017

Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 22

Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 3

Meeting Information: 69

*Retail/Merchandise: 14

Other 12 Step Programs: 1

A.A. Events Information: 13

Business/AA Central Office: 71

Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 193

Volunteer Office Hours: 112

It's a new year! Please consider joining our Faithful Fiver's. We are members of Alcoholics Anonymous that help support our Central Office with a separate contribution. The Birthday Club is also a great way to support central office as individual members. On January 12, 2017 we delivered our 2016 year end documents to our CPA at Pangborn & CO., LTD. 2016 Taxes were filed on 1-27-17. All state and federal compliance is undated and submitted as of 1/15/17. Department of Taxation will be renewed in May 2017. We are starting the process of updated the windows programs on all three computers to 2010, completed spring 2017. We will purchase these programs from Tech Soup at a much reduced price approximately \$15 a computer. Computer 3 was updated with faster processing and video capacity to handle *The Bracer* Newsletter and will also house the new phone system application total cost \$247. The new phone system is installed at cost of \$6100, plus a monthly \$110 service arrangement for one year of tech support. It's a great time to be involved in the service with the 24 hour answering service. \$3350 deposit was paid on 1-23-2017. The amount due is \$2746.93 to be paid this month. We look forward to less problems operating the NNIG 24 hour hotline. Central Office Volunteer meetings are scheduled monthly. New Volunteer training is scheduled every Thursday at 1PM. People calling into the office inquiring about volunteer opportunities are requested to stop by on Thursday at 1PM for an opportunity to meet with us and have a tour of Central Office. Let's make it a great year!

CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities/Events Chair Bruce A – New Year's Eve 2018 – Committee meetings are already in place and the Event is in the works for this next New Year's event.

Corned Beef and Cribbage - The Corned Beef and Cribbage event will be held March 4th 2017. The Truckee River Men's Stag will be hosting the event at the California Building. Raffle baskets can be dropped off at Central Office before March 3, 2017. Please ask your groups for Raffle Basket Donations. Thank you RENVYPAA for bringing Irish Mafia to the event. Donn T. - Please pre-pay your tickets, they are \$15 at Central Office. If we sell out we can adjust our food order up to 4 days in advance. Will-call of tickets at the event is available, just call into Central Office to arrange payment.

Answering Service Mark U – We just went online last night with our new system, there is a meeting tomorrow for training. We are looking for more volunteers to split the night shift, as it is now an 8 hour commitment.

Ron T- the system is new phones for central office, our equipment for the answering service is now within this new equipment at the office. We have 24/7 tech support for this first year.

Bracer Chair Nancy A – Gosh I love my job. We are working on a compatible hard drive that stores *The Bracer*, as I am currently working on it at home and in the office concurrently. When looking for the Knuckleheads proposed changes look for it in the minutes. This is where you get your information to take to your groups. Please get flyers to Nancy by the last Friday of every month to get into *The Bracer*.

CPC - Cooperation With the Professional Community Chair Cheryl E – Here are the activities that CPC and PI have been involved with for the past month: **University of Nevada Medical School, Reno:** Joyce Y. (NNIG PI chair) and Cheryl E. (NNIG CPC chair), along with other CPC committee members meet with Dr. DeKay and 4-5 third year medical students on a scheduled, rotating basis. We provide the students with some appropriate pamphlets and central office meeting schedules and a short presentation on CPC. The students get an assignment from Dr. DeKay 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 student rotation began on Jan. 13th at 2pm. The report backs took place on Jan. 27th at 2pm. If interested in attending, please contact Cheryl or Joyce. **Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno:** We are working with counselors at the Washoe County School District to create a presentation on alcoholism and AA geared for high school students during a health class. Joyce, Tom, and Cheryl met on Jan. 24th to edit the presentation. Once we are ready to present to students, we will need folks to give the presentations. Presenters will need to be fingerprinted by school district “trained” to facilitate to provide consistency and adherence to CPC/PI guidelines. Please contact Joyce or Cheryl if you have an interest in this project. **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. There are 6 standalone presentations. These are NOT AA meetings. They are a service to help folks learn about AA. Presenters need to be “trained” to facilitate to provide consistency and adherence to CPC/PI guidelines. Presentations are held at Bristlecone Treatment Center every Thursday at 7pm. They are going very well. We need folks to present and to assist presenter. We go in pairs. Please contact Joyce or Cheryl if you are interested. On Jan. 17th, Joyce and Cheryl met with Jennifer, a mental health counselor, at the State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services to discover and discuss their needs regarding AA. This meeting was requested by Jennifer. We explained the different AA committee services and what we do and don’t do. The ball is in her court now to get back with us.

Misc - Leslie forwarded a request from the activities director at Reno Valley Retirement to meet and discuss the possibility of bringing in an AA meeting once per month. We will be meeting on the 21st or 23rd. The Chaplain at Renown Hospital has contacted Joyce about how to bring an AA meeting into Renown while adhering to Renown’s policies. We will work with Treatment and schedule a meeting with the Chaplain to discuss the details of their needs and determine if and how we can be of service. **Budget:** To date, Central Office has issued \$103.30 (purchased in October 2016) in literature to the committee. No NNIG funds expensed in January 2017. **CPC Committee Meetings:** We hold our committee meetings at Central Office the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2-3/3:30. The committee meeting scheduled for Jan. 8th was cancelled due to bad weather and flooding/closure of roads. Our next committee meeting will be February 12th. If you are interested in CPC or PI committee work, please attend. We welcome you and need you! Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be of service. Cheryl E. NNIG CPC Chair, cbnsnoop808@gmail.com and Joyce Y. NNIG PI Chair j_yourdon@yahoo.com.

Joyce Y - Gave several examples of how the CPC and PI committees are working in conjunction with BTG as well as H&I.

Corrections Michelle M – (Anjuli K covered for her). Spring Festival we will be there, come see how you can be of service.

Treatment Chair Sean K – Everything is good, no report. Last Thursday of every month is our committee meeting at Central Office 5:15pm.

Bridging the Gap Chair Pat B – The Bridging The Gap Management presentation was delivered to Renown Behavioral Health Reno on January 12th. The staff there requested that BTG presentations to their clients begin immediately. So monthly presentations are now taking place there on Thursday evenings. We have our initial appointment to present BTG to the staff at Carson Behavioral Health on February 15th. Pending a positive outcome, we will be in need of Fellowship members in Carson to make BTG presentations to the clients at Carson Behavioral Health. Members of the District 6 General Service Committee and Andy from the Happy Hour Group in Carson have already been helpful in this area. Monthly presentations at both the men’s and women’s facilities at CrossRoads continue. The Women’s presentation takes place Wednesday nights from 5-6PM and the men’s presentation takes place Thursday mornings from 9-10AM. We are still awaiting word from West Hills in Reno as to when they want BTG presentations to their clients to begin. There is an ongoing need of volunteers to make one hour BTG presentations at treatment facilities, sometimes during business hours. This is a two person, scripted presentation that includes the DVD movie “Hope”, a 10 minute guest speaker share, and time for client questions. The BTG Presenter position carries a suggested sobriety requirement of 2 years and a working knowledge of our Traditions. Complete training is provided by the BTG Committee. We have a flyer here today that serves as a sample Bridging The Gap announcement for meetings and we have volunteer sign-up cards. We also have the Guidelines for those who volunteer to be BTG Temporary Contacts. To volunteer or for more information on BTG, please call Pat B. at 707-483-7181 or email at pat4sales@aol.com.

Ron T – I want to personally commend you Pat for doing such a tremendous job with this Committee.

Pink Can Treasurer Anjuli K – We are getting a lot of books out to H&I’s. If your home group wants a Pink Can, please come and talk to me. The financial report was presented. See the full financial report elsewhere in our newsletter.

Speaker Meeting Chair Erika C – This Saturday is our next meeting. Great thanks to Laura for your help. An upcoming vote will be held regarding a new venue, possibly The Salvation Army or Destiny Christian Center. All but three months are booked for speakers already for 2017 at our current location The Silver Legacy. Most feedback has been a no to The Salvation Army location; we continue to look at other venues.

Ron T – Destiny Christian Church is on the back burner as they are not finished and it may not be a good match. We are looking for other venues, please bring us any ideas you have for venues. Ron T said Niel Road and Salvation Army were pulled off the table due to location issues with several groups. Destiny Church has no A/C and there is a brewery next door.

Sunshine Committee Chair – (Paul M has been appointed Chair by Ron T). Paul - it is like coming home; I am pleased and honored to be a part of the service opportunity again. Kevin is assisting the committee as well. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Web-Master Ollie K – It has been business as usual. It was suggested that Carson City be combined with the Reno/Sparks area on the website. There would then be 3 web pages, NV, CA and Spanish Speaking pages.

Please let know Ollie know of any meeting changes or events. Webmaster email address is nnigwebmaster@gmail.com – please send flyers here, along with what is happening at the event.

Area 42 NAGSC Liaison Chris S – The NAGSC January event is now done and hopefully some of you were able to attend. It was a good turnout which brought in 80+ people. The question I have for the intergroup reps is this. Does your home group have a G.S.R.? If not how will your groups know of the upcoming changes in AA. The upcoming agenda items are usually presented to the group through the GSR after going to the round tables in February. Are you aware of whom your DCM (District Committee Member) is? Do you know where the District meeting happens and what time it starts? My job as your NAGSC Intergroup Liaison is to carry the message of both service entities to one another. The district meetings can be a large source of information to all. The District can put you in touch with committee chairs such as Accessibilities (is your meeting accessible to all), Grapevine, and Corrections (what about correspondence with members inside the walls) and much more. Central Office now has the information on Area officers, DCM’s and Committee chairs or you can ask me and I will send you the info. The A.A. Board discussed a communication from Robert Wilcox, chair of the trustees International Committee on the subject of a “Self-support strategy for the World Service Meeting,” which will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. It was recommended that the service material document on Safety presented by G.S.O. staff be approved and sent for legal review, with final editing provided by Publishing. The recommendation was approved. It was also recommended that Publishing develop, with input from staff, a Safety card, and that it be brought back to the Board to review. **International licensing and translation:** The following Big Book translations and/or print runs are in process: Croatia, Iceland, Israel, Kenya, Mongolia, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, and Ukraine, among others. The Middle Eastern Regional Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous (MERCIAA) is reviewing submissions of completed Arabic translations of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and Living Sober. “Nameless Sobers” Iran A.A. has been licensed to translate Came to Believe and As Bill Sees It into Farsi. A Turkish translation of Daily Reflections has been submitted for review by Turkey G.S.B. French-speaking literature committees of Belgium, France, and Switzerland have requested joint licensing, similar to what is currently in place with German-speaking Europe. For the print out of Safety in AA go to, AA.org—literature -- Service Material from the G.S.O. find Safety in AA **Upcoming events are:** Pre-Conference Agenda Roundtables February 25, 2017 1:00 – 4:00 Sparks Christian Fellowship, 510 Greenbrae Dr., Sparks, NV. PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) March 3-5, 2017 McClellan Conference Center, 5411 Luce Ave, McClellan Park, Sacramento, CA 95652. Area 42 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly March 24-26, 2017 Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougner Ave., Tonopah, NV. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. NAGSC Intergroup Liaison Chris S.

Area 42 Chair – Julie C was present – I am privileged to serve as your area 42 Chair.

RENVYPAA Jackson J – (Presented by Regina) RENVYPAA meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday monthly upstairs at the Triangle at 5 pm. We welcome newcomers, longtimers, and those in between to help us be of service. In-Tents Sobriety Campout to be held June 23-25th in Taylorsville CA, pre-register today! The next campout meeting is Feb 10th 5:30pm at Round Table on West 4th St. Our next event is Ready to Play April 29th 4:30-9pm at Reno Buddhist Center, a game night where we drop knowledge as we compete against other teams on Big Book Trivia. Speaker Panel at 5pm, \$10 suggested donation. We have been meeting with the Corned Beef & Cribbage business meeting. We have 3 meetings left. We meet at Central Office on Thursday's at 5:30pm February 16, 23, and March 2. We have open positions and volunteer opportunities to put this event on. At Corned Beef & Cribbage Irish Mafia hosted by Brian A will be from 1-3pm and KidScape Improv a credited program will be from 1-2:30. We are engaged in service and have many outreach opportunities. We have a private/secret event FaceBook page. If you want an invite, see Jackson Intergroup Liaison or Regina P Co-chair. Thank you for letting us be of service.

Vice-Chairperson Donn T – My qualifications – I am really impressed by the turnout here tonight. I and Paul M did not know that the meeting was here and not at the Triangle Club. I have served within NNIG in many positions, as well as within AA previously for many years. This is a 3 month commitment from me, at least.

Ron T – Donn has been vice-chair twice before.

Secretary Cynthia F – We only have 3 more meetings this election cycle. If you are not planning on volunteering for next year please prepare your committee findings so the next people do not have to reinvent the wheel. If you know of someone interested in your post, they can start mentoring now so we will have a seamless transition. Our committees do great work and I don't want us to lose anything that you have brought to AA by your efforts and knowledge.

Intergroup Representative Liaisons Dana E – If you have any comments, concerns, questions or kudos please see me and I can get these to the Steering Committee. **Intergroup Representative Liaisons Brian A** – no report.

New Business – Ron T – We need to confirm Donn T. as Vice Chair. Nancy A made a motion to confirm Donn T as Vice-chair, seconded, there were no abstentions and the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to confirm Paul M as Sunshine Chair by Nancy A, seconded, and the motion carried with unanimous approval.

Donn T. – Please take your enthusiasm to serve back to your home groups; we are looking at changes to the by-laws. It affects everyone within these walls, as well as without. A motion to close the meeting was made by Bruce A at 7:49 pm, seconded by many, and unanimously carried. We closed with The Responsibility Statement. Respectfully submitted, - Cynthia F NNIG Secretary.

January 31, 2016 NNIG Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Ron T opened the meeting at 5:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer. We do have a quorum present therefore formal business may be conducted. The minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept was made by Diane B seconded by Brian, and the motion carried unanimously. **Present:** Ron T – Chairperson, Donn T – Vice-chairperson, Diane B – Treasurer, Cynthia F – Secretary, Bruce A – Events Chair (non-voting member); Intergroup Representatives – Dana E and Brian A, and Leslie S Executive Director of Central Office. **New Business:** Diane B presented our preliminary financial figures for January. Our proposed Budget for 2017 has been prepared by Leslie for review. Next Tuesday we will be asking the body for their approval. For January our expenses include a partial payment for our new phone hardware. Each of the steering committee members also assists other Chairs, there is a list available. Ron T. – I support the Answering Service as my commitment. Quotes were gathered from AT&T and Pacific States to use a different service. The Steering Committee voted to move forward with the Pacific States bid via email in between our regularly scheduled meetings. We now own our own equipment, for a onetime expense of approximately \$6K. We do still need to pay Charter for an incoming phone line. Our Central Office needs good equipment to operate correctly. Our Answering Service Volunteers have been taking 12 hours shifts. Donn T – I am excited to be a part of NNIG again. Corned Beef & Cribbage – Donn T – both speakers are set, AA and Al-Anon. March 4th is the date this year. We have a budget that we can review and approve now. We have a minimum order of 200 dinners. Brian A made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Leslie. Leslie – I met with the CPA for 2016 taxes and we have filed with the IRS. We are updating to Windows 2010 in the spring. Computer #3 has been upgraded to further support the RAM and video needs of **The Bracer**. Brian – We are still working on group outreach. New budget was given for Volunteer Admission to Spring Festival and expenses for sales of our merchandise. Motion to approve made by Brian A, seconded by Cynthia, one opposition by Diane B, carried by majority. **New Business:** Knuckleheads – James wanted to move forward with their suggestion of modifications to the By-Laws and the Operating Procedures, 4 changes total. As we understand the procedure, suggestions are presented to the Steering Committee. They are asking for the change request to be submitted for publication in **The Bracer** as step 2, as presented by their group. Ron T asked if the Knuckleheads would entertain any changes to the wording. James indicated they would be willing to change at the body level in the future, but stick to the wording as it has already been passed out to the groups as is. Ron T stated he has the authority to appoint an ad-hoc committee to review the by-laws and operating procedures in its entirety. They would prefer the entire letter be published in **The Bracer**, but understand space constraints and understand if only the proposed changes be listed. Discussion was had regarding where in the by-laws and operating procedures the procedures for change are discussed. Donn T asked questions regarding their statement in their letter of no longer supporting NNIG events. They stated they still hold a group conscience to not support financially any future events of NNIG. Donn T motions that these proposed changes be published in ***The Bracer** as written, one abstention, motion was approved. **Old Business:** The next Steering Committee Meeting is February 28th. The meeting then was moved to be closed by Bruce A, seconded by all and carried unanimously at 6.53 pm. The meeting was closed with the responsibility statement. Respectfully submitted - Cynthia F NNIG Secretary.

***As submitted by the Knuckleheads Group:** In addition, we are formally submitting the following changes to the NNIG By-Laws and NNG Operating Procedures before the NNIG Steering Committee and NNIG body of Representatives: A. Change the NNIG By-Laws Article VI Paragraph 6.2.3 The paragraph currently reads: "**Special Functions** as approved by the Intergroup Representatives." We propose the paragraph be changed to: "**Excess profit from Fellowship Events** as approved by the Intergroup Representatives." This change is intended to reduce confusion as to the primary purpose of events organized by NNIG. Letter to NNIG Regarding New Year's Eve Event November 20, 2016 3 B. Change the NNIG Operating Procedures Section IX Paragraph 9.1.4 The paragraph currently reads: "**Special Functions** as approved by the Intergroup Representatives." We propose the paragraph be changed to: "**Excess profit from Fellowship Events** as approved by the Intergroup Representatives." This change is intended to reduce confusion as to the primary purpose of events organized by NNIG. C. Change the NNIG Operating Procedures Section XII Paragraph 12.8.5 The paragraph currently reads: "Activities Chairperson (Annual Picnic, Annual Gratitude Dinner, **other fund raisers, etc**) shall render an accounting to the ExDirCO, who shall provide a receipt for any funds received from those Committee Chairpersons." We propose the paragraph be changed to: "Activities Chairperson (Annual Picnic, Annual Gratitude Dinner, **other Fellowship Events, etc**) shall render an accounting to the ExDirCO, who shall provide a receipt for any funds received from those Committee Chairpersons." This change is intended to reduce confusion as to the primary purpose of events organized by NNIG, and clarify the role of the Activities Chairperson. D. Change the Operating Procedures Section XVII Paragraph 17.23.3 The paragraph currently reads: "Shall be responsible for organizing the five NNIG activities. The Chairperson will form a committee for the New Year's Gala, Cabbage & Cribbage, Annual Picnic, Halloween Event and Dance, Gratitude Dinner **and also help with these activities**. We propose the paragraph be changed to: "Shall be responsible for organizing the five NNIG Fellowship Events. The Chairperson will form a committee for the New Year's Gala, Cabbage & Cribbage, Annual Picnic, Halloween Event and Dance, and Gratitude Dinner. **The ACC should help with these activities in the capacity of planning, organization, promotion, conduct, and supporting the Primary Purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.**" This change is intended to attach to a specific position the responsibility of guiding the events toward a focus more centered on the Primary Purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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