

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



July 8th – 7:00 pm
Group: Hole in the Ground
Speaker: Sam
(Sacramento, CA)

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

July, 2017

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

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Tradition Seven

At a meeting I frequently attended in my old home town, I heard a member share from his heart that whenever he neglected to be humble he was nearly always given an opportunity to be humiliated. This was profound truth that I was soon to learn firsthand.

I was beginning my third year of sobriety when I quit my group to join one closer to home. I no longer had to hide from the world. After all I was a proud member of AA, even on my home turf. My new group was one of the older groups in the area, hosting a great many years of sobriety within its membership. That was to be my saving grace.

I settled in nicely, doing anything I could to help out, whether it was washing ashtrays, greeting newcomers, or providing a ride for those in need. Much to my surprise I saw many familiar faces, people I'd known from my years of drinking, and there was a certain comfort in these reunions.

The group was nearing its forty-third anniversary and I was asked to arrange for a speaker and a buffet for the special event. Well, I was in my element. Now I could exercise my creative and organizational talents in my AA group. I took on the responsibility as though I were trying to land the executive position at a large firm, and I began to plan a delightful menu to please the most discerning palette. To my dismay when I shared my plans at the next business meeting, they were addressed with laughter.

I learned that the group was only the trustee of the Seventh Tradition contributions. The funds were not ours to squander; in fact, they belonged to all who contributed. It was agreed that I would solicit donations of food from the group and that no group funds were to be spent. There was a second valuable lesson given to me by this experience. I did not have to do everything myself. Other members were always eager to help.

The group's anniversary came and everyone had something to offer. In the past it was the norm for me to work myself to a frenzy and then resent those who had not helped (but had I asked for help?). Learning about my character flaws has always mystified me. They show up at the most unexpected times and in the most peculiar ways. Many of them seem to stem from my ego, whether I suffer from overconfidence or fall short by my own standards.

I often think of the times when I whined because my group didn't hand out medallions or lamented the attitude of some members who felt that purchasing six or eight cakes in a month was an unnecessary expense. And when I'm sent to represent my group at an out-of-town function, I must keep in mind that the funds entrusted ought to be spent prudently.

Today I find myself explaining to the newcomer the difference between supporting AA and supporting an outside enterprise. This year while attending an area service assembly, I quietly celebrated my anniversary by sending a birthday plan envelope to the General Service Office with one dollar for each year of my sobriety enclosed. The group I now call home celebrates birthdays with one cake at the end of each month. Spirituality and money do mix--but I had to develop an open mind and let go of my old ideas.

--Theresa S., Nanaimo, British Columbia
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A A's

Recovery

Step Seven:

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

Three

Unity

Tradition Seven:

"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Legacies

Service **Concept Seven:**

"The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness."

Concept VII

Concept Six has told us that there are two bodies responsible for the maintenance of A.A. world services. Concept Seven expands on the relationship between these two bodies.

The General Service Conference, consisting primarily of its democratically elected Delegates, has principle responsibility for finance and for working out matters of general policy. There is also the General Service Board, whose members are referred to as Trustees. The Trustees have primary responsibility for practical operations of our Fellowship and its world services as provided by the General Service Office located in New York City.

Essentially we have the Conference to maintain the democratic foundation of the Fellowship and its services and the Board to keep A.A. on solid ground legally as well as sound in its day-to-day business operations. The Conference meets once a year to consider its decisions, basing those decisions on input from all participating A.A. groups and members. The Board meets much more frequently to take care of on-going business matters.

The General Service Conference itself has overlapping membership that includes both the elected Delegates and the Trustees of the General Service Board. The power of the Conference comes from three sources: the written Charter of the Conference, the fact that the elected Delegates are a large majority of the Conference, and what Bill describes as the "power of the purse". By this he means that the Conference and its Delegate majority, as well as the A.A. groups and members themselves, can always withhold financial resources if they disagree with the Board and its Trustee members. The authority of the Board resides in the law and in the practical business practices and experiences of the persons selected as Board Trustees.

Bill points out in his discussion of Concept Seven that having two sources of operational authority sets up a potential for conflict. As he says it, "This concept may appear to be contradictory; it may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object." Based on this, he goes on to describe his view of how he sees these two bodies working together to carry out each of their separate but overlapping service functions. Writing space here does not allow for discussion of this detail.

Bill continues to point out that A.A.'s experience over the years has shown that the balance of power between the Conference and the Trustees is, in his words, "thoroughly workable". As he states it, the balance can be expected to be maintained indefinitely over time because the one is protected by tradition and the other by law. My personal experience in service shows that it is also protected by a certain "wisdom" among both the Delegates and Trustees, a wisdom that guides each to avoid overuse of its authority. There is clearly an implicit agreement among members of these potentially conflicting bodies about the important larger purposes they share. Both are working for what is best for A.A. as a whole rather than to protect their own viewpoints and self-interests. The overall experience has been that each operates in agreement to allow the other to have the power to carry out its responsibilities as servants to the A.A. Fellowship, to protect our Traditions, to facilitate our members in carrying the message of recovery from alcoholism, and to assure that the hand of A.A. will always be there for anyone who needs it.

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

NNIG EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

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

July 8, 2017
Host Group - Hole in the Ground
Speaker - Sam (Sacramento, CA)

August 12, 2017
Host Group - Happy Hour
Speaker - TBD

September 9, 2017
Host Group - Beginners are Winners
Speaker - Debbie P (Reno, NV)

October 7, 2017
Host Group - 4th Dimension
Speaker - TBD

November 18, 2017
Host Group - Almost Heaven
Speaker - TBD

December 9, 2017
Host Group - Truckee River Men's Stag
Speaker - TBD

NNIG Speaker Chair: Open
Speaker Co-Chair: Open

Need more info call: Central Office - (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Miller's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 6 pm with the speaker



Northern Nevada Intergroup

2017 Gratitude Dinner



WE WILL BE AMAZED

Eldorado Hotel Casino Convention Center

345 North Virginia Street, Reno NV 89501

Speaker

David D. (Millersville Maryland)

Saturday, November 4th, 2017

Doors Open	4:30
Dinner Served	6:00
Speaker	7:30
Raffle	8:30

Seated Dinner \$38

Tickets are available only at Central Office

436 South Rock Blvd, Sparks NV 89431

775-355-1151



ROARING TWENTIES

New Year's Eve Gala 2017

Sunday December 31, 2017

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

10 Lake Street Reno, NV 89501



Doors Open at 7:00PM

Dinner served at 8:00PM

ALANON Speaker at 9:30PM

AA Speaker at 9:45PM

Raffle and Silent Auction at 10:45 PM

Music, Dancing, Photo Ops at 11:00 PM

Fireworks at 11:59 PM

Tickets are \$60.00

Purchase Tickets at Central Office (775) 355-1151

1920's Attire is ENCOURAGED.



OTHER AREA EVENTS - MORE ON PAGE 9

JULY

Stagecoach Friends of Bill W
Potluck/Speaker Meeting

Friday, July 7, 2017

Potluck: 6 PM Speaker: 7 PM

Speaker: Drew from Gardnerville

Raffle and 50/50 Drawing

Stagecoach Community Center

8204 Hwy 50 E. at Cheyenne Trail

For more information:

Call Will L., 450-2357



Camp Richardson
"Eagle's Nest"
South Lake Tahoe, CA
July 20-23, 2017

Smoky Valley & Austin
Groups

30th Annual Kingston Canyon AA Campout
July 21st-July 22nd-July 23rd

Kingston Canyon is located 6 miles west off of Nevada 376 just past the village of Kingston. We have the group campsite in the Nat'l Forest with pit toilets, potable water, fire rings. Cost is free. This is high desert camping with cool nights and warm days. There is a lake and stream for fishing and swimming. Trails for 4 wheeling and hiking. Bring the family.

Friday night AA campfire meeting
Saturday night AA birthday campfire meeting

For More Information Contact
Chip.....775-377-2910
Frank.....775-964-1477

Dear Fellowship,

*A big apology to the Carson Happy Hour Group, I posted your pink can contributions to your group contributions. That mistake is corrected in the June financials. I appreciate the groups who check the financial postings and call me when things are incorrect. *Central Office Saturday's 10A-M to 2P-M. 1) May 6, 2017 = \$57.04 = 4 people; 2) May 13, 2017 = NB Customers, NB Sales; 3) May 20, 2017 = \$71.00 = 2 people; 4) May 27, 2017 = \$115.50 = 3 people; 5) June 3, 2017 = \$100.50 = 2 people 6) June 10, 2017 = No Customers, No Sales; 7) June 17, 2017 = \$88.00 3 people / Gratitude Dinner \$646.00 = 17 seats; 8) June 24, 2017 = \$97.00 / Gratitude Dinner = \$380.00 = 10 seats; 9) July 1, 2017 = \$98.95 / Gratitude Dinner = \$380.00 = 10 seats. The monthly Central Office Volunteer meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month @ 1:00 P-M at the Central Office. If you are interested in joining our team of proficient Central Office Volunteers please stop by and meet us. We are seeking volunteers for Saturday and interested lead volunteers willing to learn the opening and closing procedures at Central Office.*

Leslie B. - Your Central Office Executive Director



The Birthday Club



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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Jennifer P.—5 years | Paul M.—25 years |
| Dod—10 years | Ron T.—6 years |
| Ann G.—13 years | Joan H.—46 years |
| Kyle L.—35 years | Christy M.—21 years |
| MJ —34 years | Danny S.—14 years |
| William M.—28 years | Sandra G.—21 years |
| Rich J.—18 years | Linda J.—24 years |
| Nancy R.—23 years | Joanne P.—4 years |
| Sharon F.—32 years | Deby C.—28 years |
| Kim D.—40 years | Phil S.—40 years |
| Rob L.—7 years | Mike H.—21 years |
| Karen S.—27 years | Michael S.—41 years |
| Kent L.—35 years | Phyllis M.—39 years |
| Lorenda L.—7 years | Cynthia F.—4 years |
| Lunnetta N.—7 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 Envelopes available at Central Office.
NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

Sunday Morning Speaker Group

Sunday 11:00 AM
Alano Club of Sparks Nevada
1640 Prater Way
Sparks

Dawn Patrol

7:00 AM Daily
Truckee Community Arts Center
10046 Church Street
Truckee, CA

Keep it Simple

Friday 8:30 PM
Driar's Club
345 S. Wells Ave.
Reno

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

A Way Home

Tuesday & Friday 5:30PM
501 California Ave.
Reno

Big Book Babes

Tuesday 7:00 PM
1800 Highway 50 East #5
Carson City

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

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

7th Step Prayer

My Creator, I am now
 willing that you should
 have all of me, good and
 bad. I pray that you now
 remove from me every
 single defect of character
 which stands in the way
 of my usefulness to you
 and my fellows. Grant me
 strength, as I go out from
 here, to do your bidding.
 Amen

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

EVENT PLANNING MEETINGS:

HALLOWEEN- SATURDAY JULY 23RD, 5:30 PM, CENTRAL
 OFFICE

GRATITUDE DINNER – 3RD THURSDAY, 5:30PM,
 CENTRAL OFFICE

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

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: _____

Dances With Defects

Step 7 - Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.



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When I was drinking, my life was about getting things: getting the next drink, getting rich and famous, getting a girlfriend, getting really drunk. This continued when I became sober. I wanted to get through the Steps fast, so I could get those Promises or maybe just get back to drinking. So when I read those two paragraphs in the Big Book

on Steps Six and Seven, I thought, "Hey, I can knock this off in one night. I'll throw out everything I don't need and God the garbageman will take it away so I never have to think about it again." I mouthed the prayer, "We have now completed Step Seven," and thought, "Okay, what do I get for getting through that?"

I didn't get much, because most of the stuff I threw out just sat on the curb and stunk things up. Wasn't God supposed to take care of this for me, so I could be the envy of all my friends and the defect-free man of the year? The first thing I learned was, it wasn't about my personal quest for perfection, it was about making me better fit to serve. And I better not count on a one-time garbage pickup changing everything. As Step Ten says, "We continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them." So this action of asking God for help with my defects needs to continue indefinitely. The "Twelve and Twelve" sums up my reaction to that: "Character building through suffering might be all right for saints, but it certainly didn't appeal to us."

I finally accepted I'd be doing Six and Seven for a while. A friend of mine calls Six the most alcoholic of all the Steps, and it certainly was, the way I read it, which was "Were absolutely, unconditionally, entirely ready to have no one less than God himself personally remove every last shred of anything that causes me pain." And, of course, falling short of that perfection is a great excuse to drink. But then I saw the word *humbly* in Step Seven; it was a new word for me. I asked around, and one meaning I heard was "rightsized." In other words, I wasn't the most defective guy on the planet, nor the least, but somewhere in the middle.

So I was responsible for approaching God with a right-sized appraisal of my defects. I got lots of help from insightful sponsors. And since people had often said to me, "You need professional help," I went to a therapist as well. Just as I had surrendered my drinking problem to the process of AA recovery, I needed to surrender my character to this process of self-inquiry. Then I could approach God humbly, and he'd take care of the rest. There was one sticking point for me: That's not what a couple of old-timers I respected said. They distilled Step Six down to "Don't do what you want to do," and Step Seven down to "Do what you don't want to do." This action orientation has been good for me in sobriety. Rather than think myself into right actions, I can act myself into right thinking. Rather than be dashed on the rocks by my frequent emotional squalls, I can anchor myself in simple actions and sit tight through the storms, confident that it will pass. My thoughts are often warped, my emotions sick, but if my actions remain within reason, I may save myself an amends. And, one day at a time, I can focus on not practicing a particular defect, especially if I keep myself busy doing things I don't want to do--like service.

It works--it really does. But being an alcoholic, I had to find a way to screw it up. And I did, with a nasty, punitive attitude toward myself, a rigid perfectionism that made me crave a drink rather than continue in this puritan lifestyle. That's certainly not the spirit of the prayer that says God wants all of me, good and bad.

Someone helped me by saying when a defect appeared, I should think of it as a part of myself and ask for acceptance. Rather than trying to squash it, which just drives it underground, I should welcome it to the party, even greet it with good humor. I could play Name That Tune. There's "Pour Me," a classic country song; "The Ingratitude Blues"; and then there's that rock ballad, "If You'd Only Let Me Fix You." Instead of getting so uptight, I could dance with my defects. Might as well, they're always gonna be there.

A story retold by Anthony de Mello in *One Minute Wisdom*, helps me:

"One of the disconcerting--and delightful--teachings of the master was: God is closer to sinners than saints. This is how he explained it: God in heaven holds each person by a string. When you sin, you cut the string. Then God ties it up again, making a knot--and thereby bringing you a little closer to him. Again and again, your sins cut the string--and with each further knot God keeps drawing you closer and closer." My sister, who was fighting cancer, taught me about acceptance when she stopped fighting it. Instead, she tried "talking" to her cancer, since it is part of her, and seeing what it could teach her. She's become grateful, to a degree, for having cancer because of what it's taught her. She practices acceptance, but not resignation, and has been in remission for several years now.

Emerson said, "There is a crack in everything God has made." When I begin to gently accept my cracks, my weaknesses, I can accept them in you as well. And AA was founded upon the strength of shared weakness.

Recently, I went through a period where I had very little patience with my children, people at work, and my wife. I tried my best to blame all of them, but finally admitted maybe I was the problem. That admission opened the door, and in came awareness, which is so very annoying when it's not accompanied by surrender. Turn to God for help? Often it just doesn't occur to me. I'm always having those V-8 moments, hitting myself in the head thinking, "I could've had a Higher Power!" Finally I got uncomfortable enough to actually pray about it.

My prayers are often answered instantly, in the sense that just the intention of praying helps me. It's like being sick and not wanting to call the doctor. The moment I finally make a doctor's appointment, I start feeling better, to the point where, when I finally see the doctor, I'm embarrassed by how good I feel.

In this case, by praying, my ears were suddenly opened, and I heard someone suggest perhaps I was getting impatient with others because I didn't feel I had enough time for myself. I decided I would wake up earlier and take a little time for me. Of course, waking up earlier requires discipline, and my first instinct is to get the whip out. After weeks of struggling, someone suggested I might be able to wake up earlier if I went to bed earlier--it had never occurred to me. So I did what I didn't want to do, passed up a little television, and went to bed earlier. That time for myself in the morning has made a huge difference. I'm much more patient and tolerant.

So I do get benefits from this process, but not exactly when I'd like, in the way I expect, or for reasons I fully comprehend. But when I humbly ask, God (often through all of you) does for me what I cannot do for myself.

-- Jeff W., Maplewood, New Jersey

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

Group	June	YTD	Group	June	YTD
12 X 12 on 12th Street		0.00	Happy Hour Reno		913.94
12 X 12 Sunday Night		0.00	Hawthorne Groups		0.00
4th July Annual Event		0.00	Incline Village Fellowship		0.00
A Way Home		316.53	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		25.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		95.25
Alano Brown Baggers		225.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		100.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Lake		80.80
Alano Keep it Simple		134.50	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart		30.00
Alano Sunshine Group		100.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever	75.00	75.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group		25.89
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room		905.00
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	NNIG Business Meeting	30.00	199.00
Alturas Hill Toppers		55.33	Our Common Welfare		0.00
Austin Group		42.00	Our Group Sunnyside		0.00
Back to Basics Reno		350.00	Out and Sober		25.00
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	Page by Page	166.19	166.19
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	60.00	Portola Group	300.00	600.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Progress Not Perfection		0.00
Blairsden Greagle Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group		65.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Pyramid Lake Campout		0.00
Buena Vista Group		50.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		160.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		203.31	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		180.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		105.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC Almost Heaven	100.00	350.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		0.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		900.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		63.00
Carson Brown Baggers		504.50	RTC Just for Today Women		0.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		50.00
Carson Early Birds		603.04	RTC Lost and Found		102.00
Carson Happy Hour		250.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's	100.00	200.00	RTC Mid Day Group		100.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		30.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		216.00
Carson Out to Lunch Bunch		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		140.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group	264.21	547.79
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		150.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study	250.00	250.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety	50.00	50.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		300.00	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Carson Women's Night Out	145.00	145.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Chester Saturday Night		0.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Choices		0.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		150.00	Silver Springs Groups		75.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sisters of Sobriety		96.98
Dayton Fellowship Hall		250.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	South Reno on Sunday		332.37
Dayton Sunday Morning		272.37	South Shore Group		50.00
District 6		400.00	Southside Group	353.50	1764.91
Driar's 4th Dimension	113.50	270.21	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Driar's Club Into Action		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		48.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		10.00	Sunnyside Group		856.60
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	Susanville Fellowship		0.00
Eleventh Step Retreat		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night		100.00
End Of The Road Group Topaz		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		62.94
Eye Opener	25.00	1436.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eye Opener Mid-day Group		0.00	The Rock Group		141.50
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		438.90	Truckee Dawn Patrol		202.26
Fernley Groups		200.00	Truckee Fellowship		66.27
Finding Peace		50.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		1000.00
Fireside Group		200.00	Verdi Bookies	92.00	287.92
Galena Friday Night		0.00	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	11.13
Golden Valley Back Room Group		0.00	Westwood Monday Night		16.48
Greenville Group		40.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		200.00
Ground Zero		208.00	Whole in the Soul		0.00
Grupo Accion	20.00	20.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy	10.00	50.00	Winnemucca Single Purpose		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		70.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza	10.00	10.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	150.00	Women's New Beginnings		530.08
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Harmony		45.00
Grupo Nueva Vida		60.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Total	2,145.53	20,573.99			

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Northern Nevada Intergroup
Profit & Loss**
June 2017

	Jun 17	Jan - Jun 17
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 - Income - General		
4200 - Faithful Friends	180.00	815.00
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	0.00	106.00
4800 - Other Copy Reimbursements	2.50	178.85
4800 - Individual Contributions	41.46	274.95
4880 - Group Contributions	2,145.53	20,573.99
4200 - Birthday Contributions	89.00	577.00
Total 4000 - Income - General	2,488.48	22,926.79
4020 - Income - Event Revenues		
Event Revenues		
Speaker Meeting		
4440 - Revenue	411.90	2,056.30
4440 - Expenses	-75.00	-816.40
Total Speaker Meeting	336.80	1,439.80
Founders Day Picnic		
4470 - Revenue	1,413.00	1,413.00
4470 - Expenses	-820.92	-820.92
Total Founders Day Picnic	586.08	586.08
Corned Beef & Cribbage		
4480 - Revenue	0.00	5,134.00
4480 - Expenses	0.00	-2,844.47
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	0.00	2,289.53
Total Event Revenues	925.88	4,818.51
4020 - Income - Event Revenues	925.88	4,818.51
4020 - Event Revenues - Other		
4120 - Reno Spring Festival	0.00	6,000.00
4020 - Event Revenues - Other	0.00	6,000.00
4040 - Income - Merchandise Sales		
4700 - Merchandise Sales	5,334.05	40,515.21
Total 4040 - Income - Merchandise Sales	5,334.05	40,515.21
4800 - Interest Income	0.30	7.11
Total Income	8,729.41	73,787.82
Cost of Goods Sold		
6000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,006.89	22,993.28
Total COGS	3,006.89	22,993.28

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**Northern Nevada Intergroup
Profit & Loss**
June 2017

	Jun 17	Jan - Jun 17
Expense		
6100 - Bank Fees and charges	3.00	8.00
6120 - Professional Fees	0.00	1,000.00
6180 - CC Service Fees	139.48	1,087.36
6191 - Convention expenses	0.00	326.56
6210 - Storage Unit	80.00	480.00
6220 - Shipping Charges	24.88	251.74
6230 - Alarm System	0.00	286.63
6230 - Committee Expenses	1,138.85	1,834.44
6240 - Compensation	4,102.00	21,222.00
6250 - Computer expenses	0.00	491.36
6280 - Copier Leases	327.77	1,848.24
6270 - Insurance Business/Workers Comp	110.00	1,086.00
6280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	0.00	329.00
6280 - Mileage Reimbursement	110.00	288.68
6280 - Office Supplies	120.89	1,133.89
6210 - Paper	0.00	249.76
6230 - Payroll Tax Expense	313.78	1,623.45
6230 - Payroll Processing Fee	75.00	547.50
6230 - Postage	89.00	397.75
6340 - Rent	758.00	4,548.00
6350 - Repairs & Maintenance	126.00	186.00
6280 - Taxes & License	0.00	50.00
6270 - Telephone	498.75	8,787.21
6280 - Trash	28.52	170.87
6280 - Utilities	110.71	831.89
Total Expense	8,020.28	48,583.51
Net Ordinary Income	-2,291.74	2,190.85
Net Income	-2,291.74	2,190.85

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions

Group Contributions 2017 YTD			Group Contributions 2017 YTD		
Group	June	YTD Total	Group	June	YTD Total
4th Dimension	199.35	551.39	Women's Just For Today		0.00
A Way Home		94.00	Women's New Beginnings		162.59
AA Golden Group Kings Beach	111.64	111.64	Women's New Harmony		91.11
Alano Afternoon Serenity		170.55	Women's Night Out		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		128.00	Women on Wednesday		0.00
Alano Club Jay Walkers		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		119.82	Young At Heart		138.24
Alano Hoppers Serenity		0.00			
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	June Income/YTD	2985.52	12201.32
Alano Sunshine Group		174.19	May 2017 Balance Forward		1223.36
Alano Women in Recovery		50.61	Account Balance		3628.23
Austin Group		0.00	June Lit Distributed		1997.00
Caring and Sharing Stead	42.68	160.96	Ending Balance	84.00	1631.21
Carson After Shifters	295.11	1670.05			
Carson Big Book Babes		33.28			
Carson City Early Birds		539.03			
Carson City Happy Hour	580.65	580.65			
Carson Sunday Night Step Study	125.00	125.00			
Carson Men's No BS		120.51			
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		75.00			
Corner Stone Group		93.00			
Dayton Sunday Morning		58.00			
Driars Keep it Simple		102.29			
End of the Road Group		73.00			
Eye Opener	148.00	476.00			
Farmly Groups		168.00			
Golden Valley Back Room		88.00			
Ground Zero		33.00			
Happy Hour	20.00	225.95			
Incline to be Sober	28.57	28.57			
Knuckle Heads		65.00			
Ladies of the Evening		147.00			
Minden Gardenville Group	412.18	2053.83			
Minden Wednesday Night Live	18.64	348.35			
Minden Roadside Group		133.62			
Minden Saturday Night Fever	162.00	162.00			
Mount Rose Recovery Group	60.00	140.00			
Northern California H&I		199.97			
Pyramid Way Group		108.00			
Roadside Group		0.00			
RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	175.00			
RTC ALDHA Group		0.00			
Seniors in Sobriety	81.00	81.00			
Serenity on Sunday		0.00			
Sierra Villa Book Study		34.56			
Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00			
Support House	36.00	70.00			
South Reno on Sunday	31.70	97.30			
Southside Group	96.00	678.00			
Step 1		41.00			
Sunside	64.00	493.00			
The Rock Group		48.03			
Truckee River Men's	339.00	451.30			
Verdi Bookies		165.00			
Verdi Greener Pastures		55.92			
Virginia City Plug in the Jug		0.00			

Distributed Literature 2017 YTD		
Facilities	June	YTD Total
BILLS & CORRECTIONS		
Carson City Jail		2038.00
Carson City Warm Springs		1184.00
HNCC Carson Prison		240.00
Douglas County Jail	468.00	860.00
Elko/Carlin Corrections Camp		0.00
Harlong Prison		54.00
Jane Evans Detention Center		168.00
Lakes Crossing		104.00
Lovelock Prison		458.60
NN Transitional Housing		260.00
Stewart Corrections Camp		183.00
Washoe County - Parr	380.00	1410.00
Washoe Courts - SB277		20.00
TREATMENT & HOSPITALS		
Bristlecone - Residential	140.00	590.00
Carson Behavioral Health		515.00
Carson Tahoe Detox		120.00
Crossroads - St Vincent's Residential	69.00	164.00
Empowerment Center		0.00
Gospel Mission		0.00
New Frontiers - Fallon		0.00
NN Adult Mental Health Services		0.00
Renown Behavioral Health	340.00	568.00
Ridge House		480.00
Saint Vincent's		0.00
Salvation Army	480.00	960.00
Step 1 - Men		0.00
Step 2 - Women		843.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		0.00
VA Hospital		0.00
West Care		160.00
West Hill		31.50
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA		169.50
Office Supplies		31.44
Total	1997.00	11,973.04

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

**2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
CENTRAL OFFICE**

Monday September 4, 2017 - Labor Day - 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 February 19, 2018 - Presidents' Day - Closed
Monday May 28, 2018 - Memorial Day - Closed
Wednesday July 4, 2018 - Independence Day - 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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\$ 25.00

Twenty Five and No/100 DOLLARS

THE BRACER - BTG - CPC
FOR CORRECTIONS - AREA 42

Bill Wilson

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* For contributions, make your checks payable to NNIG and write who the contribution is for in the memo line.

OTHER AREA EVENTS

2017 District 14 Jamboree

**Potluck Picnic,
AA & Al-Anon Open Speaker Meeting
& 75/25 Money Raffle**

WHEN: Sunday, August 6
11:30 AM to 3:00 PM (Speakers Begin at 1PM)

WHERE: Truckee Regional Park
10500 Brockway Road, Truckee
Next to the Truckee River, at the [Lower Picnic Area](#)

BRING:

- The WHOLE Family! *Including babies and babies for 4-legged kids.
- Chairs or blankets to sit on
- Something to BBQ
- A potluck dish to share

BY FIRST NAME:
A - G: Desserts
H - Q: Appetizer
P - Z: Salads

**Join us for this annual opportunity to
bring us all together!**

For more information about this event, to ask about raffle tickets, or to find out how you can be of service at the meeting, please contact:
Robin R. @ (530) 519-4144 or robinrannon92@gmail.com

\$7.27 on 7/27 NEVADA AREA 42 CHALLENGE July 27th 2017

In 2016 GSO provided services to 1,362,402 A.A. members at a cost of \$9,906,588. That's \$7.27 per A.A. member for the whole year! If every member contributed \$7.27 one time, it would support all of the services GSO provides to all groups, for one year!

Here's how the challenge works:

Groups pass a Special Basket or Can in addition to the regular 7th Tradition. Each member contributes \$7.27 (or round it up to \$8 to help those who can't). Individual members can send money or contribute online any time. Remember this is in addition to what you put in the basket to support your group.

\$7.27 on 7/27 -- easy to remember!

On July 27th each group collects the contents of the can or basket and writes a check (or money order) the address below for the amount contributed. Cut on dotted line and be sure to enclose this form with your payment to get credit for your contribution.


**Send your share.
Meet the Challenge!**

General Service Office
PO Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163-0459


GROUP NAME/NUMBER
MEMBER NAME
ADDRESS

Amount \$ _____ 2017 Contribution for \$7.27 on 7/27 CHALLENGE


DAYTON FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY SPEAKER MEETING & ANNUAL BBQ
SUNDAY JULY 30, 2017 10:30AM
DAYTON STATE PARK



Bring a Side Dish
And a Chair



Lots of Fun!



Speaker: Terry N. From Carson City Meeting is from 10:30-12:00
BBQ and Fellowship to Follow

You and your family are



CAPTIONED INVITED
TO ATTEND OUR

17th Annual FERNLEY KISS PICNIC

Sunday August. 13th, 2017
11 am to 4 pm
At the "In Town Park" Fernley, NV

Contact Mike H. @ 575-9317 for info.
"Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert"
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sodas & Water
Will be provided

There will be a 50/50 raffle and prizes for
the games we play

Photo by Mike H.

Pyramid Way Group Campout

Frenchman Lake, CA: Cottonwood Group Campsite
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH (2PM) — SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH (2PM)

Camping Cost: divided amongst participants
PLEASE, NO PETS PER GROUP CONSCIENCE

Friday 7:00 pm: Meeting
Saturday 10:00 am: Group Inventory
Saturday 5:30 pm: BBQ/Potluck
*Meat will be provided with cost divided amongst participants present.
Saturday 7:00 pm: Speaker Meeting

COME FOR SATURDAY, OR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND!

Directions: 395 N to Hallelelujah Junction, 70 W 5 miles to Chilcoot, 284 N 8 miles to Frenchman Lake, stay left (do not cross dam) 2.5 miles to Cottonwood Campsite.

For Saturday potluck, bring a dish based on your birthday month:

JAN—APR	MAY—SEP	OCT—DEC
salad	dessert	side dish

Information: call Stacy (775) 737-8950

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Room rates subject to a 13% local tax & 23.00 per day resort fee...

Email All Questions to: laketahoeffallfestival@yahoo.com
Chairman for 2017
Don M. 775-471-5196 or Co-Chair
Angela Black 775-376-0448

[Room Discount](#)
[Cut off Date is September 1st, 2017](#)

SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE
40TH ANNUAL

Sierra Nevada Fall Round Up

PEPPERMILL RESORT & CASINO

OCTOBER 20TH to 22ND
2017



Be Where Your Feet Are

Web Exclusive: Dark Groups

A member discusses the phenomenon of groups who don't participate in area service

I am disturbed with the current trend in our area of calling groups that choose not to participate in area service 'dark' groups. Besides the implied racism, the term suggests of an attitude of superiority. Imagine that, a drunk that thinks he's better than another drunk.

Throughout AA history, there have been meetings and groups. As described in the pamphlet, The AA Group, "...some AA members hold AA meetings that differ from the common understanding of a group. These members simply gather at a time and place for a meeting ... The main difference between meetings and groups is that AA groups generally continue to exist outside the prescribed meeting hours ..."

Many of these so called dark meetings are indeed a beacon of light for those who attend. It is there they find recovery from the ravishes of alcoholism. Our local stag groups are often singled out for their lack of participation in area service, but there is solid recovery in those groups and at least a dozen men I wouldn't hesitate to recommend for sponsorship.

While volunteering at the local intergroup, I was approached by a man remorseful of his ongoing violence towards his spouse and I knew instantly where to send him. I saw him a few years later and although I didn't recognize him, he remembered me and thanked me for sending him to the stag group relating that he was now sober and that the aforementioned issue had also been resolved.

As long as alcoholics continue to find recovery from alcoholism in these meetings, than the meetins are serving a very useful service and should continue to do so. If that's what they do well, than that's what they should do. Do I believe the area could benefit by their participation, yes, but it's not for me to say how to run their meeting anymore than telling an individual how to work their program.

Even older than the distinction between meetings and groups is the adage that 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. This is true both inside and outside AA. Most people just don't like business meetings, controversy, politics or being disrupted from their normal routine. The other 20 percent seem to thrive on it. The 20 percenters don't get enough recognition for what they do, but that doesn't give them the right to criticize others for not being like them.

The longer I stay sober, the more I understand what Bill meant when he wrote, "... the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of AA's Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all."

-- Anonymous

Eugene, Oregon

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NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2017 held at The Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Meeting was opened at 6:45 pm by Ron T - NNIG Chairperson followed by the "Serenity Prayer", Tom B read the "Preamble of the NNIG By-Laws", and Sean S 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 June meeting, as reported in *The Bracer*, was made by Paul M seconded by Jen P, there was no discussion requested, and the motion was unanimously approved.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Dawn K – Group contributions were down just a bit from last month. Overall everything looks good with our financials. I anticipate some modifications to the report layout forthcoming. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Joyce Y, seconded by Tom B, and it carried unanimously.

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

Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 11	Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 2
Meeting Information: 68	*Retail/Merchandise: 14
Other 12 Step Programs: 2	A.A. Events Information: 28
Business/AA Central Office: 64	Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 189
Volunteer Office Hours: 134	

A big apology to the Carson Happy Hour Group, I posted your pink can contributions to your group contributions. That mistake is corrected in the June financials. I appreciate the groups who check the financial postings and call me when things are incorrect. *Central Office Saturday's 10AM to 2PM. 1) May 6, 2017 = \$57.04 = 4 people; 2) May 13, 2017 = NO Customers, NO Sales; 3) May 20, 2017 = \$71.00 = 2 people; 4) May 27, 2017 = \$115.50 = 3 people; 5) June 3, 2017 = \$100.50 = 2 people 6) June 10, 2017 = No Customers, No Sales; 7) June 17, 2017 = \$88.00 3 people / Gratitude Dinner \$646.00 = 17 seats; 8) June 24, 2017 = \$97.00 / Gratitude Dinner = \$380.00 = 10 seats; 9) July 1, 2017 = \$98.95 / Gratitude Dinner = \$380.00 = 10 seats. The monthly Central Office Volunteer meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month @ 1:00 PM at the Central Office. If you are interested in joining our team of proficient Central Office Volunteers please stop by and meet us. We are seeking volunteers for Saturday and interested lead volunteers willing to learn the opening and closing procedures at Central Office.

CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities/Events Chair Kris H – As of today we have 1 ticket for general seating left for the Gratitude Dinner at Central Office, and we are expected to completely sell out tomorrow.

Halloween – Sunday July 23rd will be the first committee meeting held at 5:30pm at Central Office. Also August 27th at 5pm, September 24th at 5PM and every week in October.

New Year's Eve Gala – Jen P Committee Chair – The National Automobile Museum is the venue. We will have tickets available shortly, they are being printed. We are looking for raffle prizes. Tickets will be \$60, 220 will be available.

Answering Service Mark U – We are working smoothly. Mark Z is my co-chair and he is very helpful. We could use some more volunteers; call me at 775-815-8183 to volunteer.

Bracer Chair Emily S – Please get flyers to Emily by the last Friday of every month to get into *The Bracer*.

CPC - Cooperation With the Professional Community Chair Cheryl E – and Public Information (PI) Chair Tom B – Here are the ongoing activities that CPC and PI have been involved with for the past month: **University of Nevada Medical School, Reno:** CPC and PI committee members meet with Dr. Chen 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 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 student report back took place on June 13th. A new rotation of students will be July 7th at 2pm. We could use a few more folks to attend these meetings. They usually take place at 2pm on a M, T, or F. Let Cheryl E. know if you are interested. **Orientation to AA Presentations:** The purpose of these presentations is to help folks new to AA and court ordered folks to understand AA meetings and the language of AA and how and why we do what we do. These are NOT AA meetings. They are a service to help folks learn about AA. Presentations are currently held at Bristlecone Treatment Center every Thursday at 7pm. The presentations are going well and are very well received. The committee has worked hard to reduce the presentation from 6 to 4 sessions. This will help each client hear all presentations during their treatment stay. BTG will give their presentation the Thursday after the 4th session. The committee is also working with Behavioral Health Services in Carson City to start the presentations there. Have a contact for the VA also. The committee will have a coordinator for each facility. We need volunteers to make these presentations. We go in pairs. Please contact Cheryl E. or Joyce Y. if you are interested. **Reno Valley Assisted Living Monthly AA Meeting:** The Seniors In Sobriety group facilitates a monthly meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. About 3-5 residents have been attending. They really appreciate having an AA meeting to come to. The next meeting will be July 18th. **Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno:** We are working with counselors at the Washoe County School District on a presentation on alcoholism and AA geared for high school students during a health class. Tom B. (NNIG PI chair), Skip, Joyce, and Cheryl have been reworking the presentation to put it into a Power Point format, as suggested by the school district. We met on June 8th to review it. We will meet again on the 21st or 26th. We expect to begin the presentations in the schools in the fall. We will need AA members to volunteer to give this presentation. The presentations will be during the day. Presenters will need to be fingerprinted by school district, and "trained" to facilitate to provide consistency and adherence to CPC/PI guidelines. Please contact Tom B. or Cheryl E. if you have an interest in presenting at the schools. **Public Service Announcements:** We currently have public service announcements for radio and TV. We need a volunteer or volunteers who will contact radio and television stations to ask them to air these. Please contact Tom B. if interested in helping with these PSAs. **Budget:** Created a proposed budget for the next 12 months for NNIG CPC and NNIG PI. Cheryl E. attended the June 27th NNIG Steering Committee meeting to submit the budget for both CPC and PI. The budget was approved. We thank you! **CPC/PI Committee Meetings:** We hold our committee meetings at Central Office the 2nd Sunday of the month from 2-3/3:30. We held a committee meeting on June 11th. We reviewed the proposed budget for the coming year; project coordinator/lead concept; and Joyce Y. gave a presentation on Leadership and the Minority Opinion, covering Concept 5, Concept 9, and Tradition 2. Our next committee meeting will be Aug. 13th from 2-3:30 at Central Office. If you are interested in CPC or PI committee work or just want to know more about what we do, please attend. We welcome you and need you! Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be of service.

Corrections Ryan S – He will be here next month and has been speaking with Ron T. He has hit the ground running tonight.

Treatment Chair Steve M – Thursday of every month is our committee meeting at Central Office 5:15pm.

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT.

Bridging the Gap Chair Pat B – I am pleased to report that our first BTG presentation to the clients at the Bristlecone Treatment Facility is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 6th. As has been reported, our CPC Committee has been making a series of A.A. orientation presentations at Bristlecone on Thursday nights. The Bridging The Gap client presentation will be presented in the same time slot at the conclusion of every A.A. orientation series and will be presented by BTG Committee members. Regular BTG presentations continue to be made to the clients at West Hills, Renown Behavioral Health Services, CrossRoads and Carson Behavioral Health Services. Presentations are made on an as requested basis at West Care and the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services. The Committee has a need for women Fellowship members who can make themselves available to make BTG presentations at Treatment Facilities, usually once per month. Some of our presentations are delivered to co-ed facilities and a team of men and women is desirable for these facilities. The presentations are one hour and are sometimes delivered during business hours. Complete training is provided. Continuous sobriety of two years and working knowledge of our Traditions are suggested requirements for Program Presenters. When treatment facility clients request a BTG Temporary Contact during one of our presentations, our committee members have the opportunity to help the newcomer start the process of feeling comfortable in A.A. by taking the newcomer to their first meeting once leaving treatment. BTG Committee 12th Step service is very rewarding. Watching the Fellowship grow up around us is very exciting indeed. Our Committee always has a need for Fellowship members who are willing to take a newcomer to their first A.A. meeting once they leave a treatment facility. Suggested sobriety for becoming a BTG Temporary Contact is one year. To volunteer or for more information on Bridging The Gap, please call Pat B. at 707-483-7181 or email at pat4sales@aol.com. Upcoming Events: - BTG Presentations to the clients at CrossRoad's Men's and Women's Facilities, West Hills, Carson Behavioral Health Services, and Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno.

Pink Can Treasurer Anjuli K – See the full financial report elsewhere in our newsletter.

Speaker Meeting Chair Brian A – **OUR NEXT SPEAKER MEETING IS July 8th.** Our speaker is Sam (Sacramento) and our host group is Hole in the Ground. Doors Open at 6:30, meeting at 7:00pm at the Silver Legacy. For the next 3 months we are holding it consistently the second Saturday of the month. My goal is to bring more people from out of town to mix in with our local speakers. We are not moving venues in 2017 as we are booked at the Silver Legacy for the rest of this year.

Sunshine Committee Chair Paul M – We had very low traffic this past month. Two calls from long term care facilities, neither of which was the person requesting the Sunshine meeting. Requests for meetings do need to come from the person in need of the meeting and not the facility. Kevin our co-chair has done a great job with our volunteer list.

Web-Master Ollie K – I am enthusiastic about serving in this capacity for another year. Please let us 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 – 47/27 contributions are still happening. There is a drive to fully support the General Service office and it is happening now. Last year if every member would send in \$7.13 ONCE the General Service office would be fully self-supported by its members. This year it is \$7.27. My home group is passing a separate can for the contributions. So if you can please do. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** Saturday August 5, 2017 – **NAGSC Meeting;** 12:00 pm DCM / Standing Chairs Meeting; 1:00 pm General Meeting place and time to be announced. On September 8-10, 2017 – **Fall Assembly** - Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougner Ave., Tonopah, NV 89049. **PRAASA** - March 2 thru March 4, 2018 Location Reno, Nevada.

RENVYPAA – RENVYPAA meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month upstairs at the triangle at 5. Come get involved!

Chairperson Ron T – Introduced Cheryl Z, Ron has appointed her as Secretary to fill the open position from the last election cycle. A motion was made by Sean S to accept the appointment, seconded by Paul M and the motion carried unanimously. Welcome Cheryl Z! Speaking to the group representatives - You guys are doing a fantastic job, keep it up!

Vice-Chairperson Sean S – We have another meeting needing the room so we will move along quickly.

Secretary Cynthia F – Please remember to turn in or email me your reports so they can be clearly and accurately included in the minutes as well as **The Bracer**.

Intergroup Representative Liaisons Joyce Y – She quoted from the Operating Procedures as to what the liaison is to do. They are a voting members of both the Steering Committee and this NNIG meeting. I have been asked a question regarding how quickly the Gratitude Dinner tickets seem to be selling out. Discussion was held. Event Committee members are allowed to purchase tickets in advance. Also steering committee members purchased early, as well as regular AA members, in total over 100 tickets were sold in advance of the announced going on sale date. Second question was raised as to why the speaker meetings are having the host group select the speaker instead of the Speaker Chair. Brian A is available to discuss this. Leslie mentioned that all committee chairs are welcome to come attend the Steering Committee meetings; they are open meetings however seating is limited. Held the last Tuesday of each month at 5:30 at Central Office.

Intergroup Representative Liaisons Tom M – We had a question from a speaker meeting host group regarding how to host the speaker Meeting which was addressed at the Steering Committee meeting. District 2 liaison has been asked to attend our meetings in the future.

Old Business – none **New Business** – none. A motion to close the meeting was made by Sean S at 7:50 seconded by Kevin, and unanimously carried. We closed with The Responsibility Statement. Respectfully submitted, - Cynthia F NNIG Outgoing Secretary.

June 27, 2017 NNIG Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Ron Taylor 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. **Present:** Ron Taylor – Chairperson, Sean S – Vice-chairperson, Dawn K – Treasurer, Cynthia Fulwider – Secretary, Intergroup Representatives – Joyce Y and Tom M, Events Chair Kris H and Leslie S Executive Director of Central Office. Guests present were Cheryl E and Cheryl Z.

Discussion was held regarding future modifications to the Bylaws and Operating Procedures. Dawn K suggested that we all back up and read the previous discussions regarding the history of mentioned suggested changes from the previous minutes. Cynthia F mentioned that The Chair can appoint an ad hoc committee to review these documents and make recommendations to the Body. Kris H – The Halloween event is now contracted with the Evelyn Mount Community Center again this year for our venue space. The Committee meetings will be Sundays at Central Office and our Chair is Sonny M. Gratitude Dinner - 3 tables and 2 seats are left as of tonight. This committee is doing an awesome job and is on it! Discussion was held regarding the number of tickets sold, the question was asked as to how many were sold and when. Leslie will supply the data. New Year's Eve Gala – Tickets will be going on sale in September. On the 29th a meeting was held at the Auto Museum with Jen to review the venue and discuss seating and placement arrangements. This event is catered by Silver Peak. We will be selling tickets at the Fall Round Up for this event. Leslie S – Look for her report at the Business Meeting. Tom M – Discussion was held regarding the Speaker Meeting speakers being booked in advance, especially for November and December. Cheryl E – Update on Tom B PI Chair; he is recovering from an accident. CPC and PI budgets were presented, discussion was held, and a motion to approve the budgets was made by Leslie S, seconded Sean S, and it carried unanimously. Sean S made a motion to write the checks tonight, Seconded by Leslie S, and carried unanimously. Cynthia suggested that we invite our NNIG Committee Chairs to our Steering Committee meetings and to make sure they know it is an open meeting. The meeting then was moved to be closed by Leslie S, seconded by Sean S and carried unanimously at 6:58 pm. The meeting was closed with the responsibility statement. Respectfully submitted - Cynthia F NNIG Outgoing Secretary.

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