

# NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



Mar 25th – 7:00 pm  
Group: Not A Glum Lot  
Speaker: T.J.M.  
(Reno, NV)

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

## March, 2017

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## NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

### THE BEST IS YET TO COME

**With a sponsor's kick and a few Steps,  
his marriage got a lot better**

When I was about 20 years sober I was whining to my sponsor about my wife criticizing me. "I have been listening to this for a long time," he said. "Either accept the woman as she is or divorce her." While I was stunned for the moment, my sponsor had kicked me to a higher spiritual level in my marriage. I took his advice and did my best to give her unconditional love, as I would a fellow AA member. This effort continued for the rest of our marriage, till her death. The second half of my marriage was the best. And living the marriage vows "in sickness and in health, till death do us part" ranks next to my sobriety as what I am most happy about in my life. I also learned that when I'm criticized by my wife—or anyone—to listen for the truth. And when I hear the truth about myself, I can use this awareness as a platform for change and growth. It's the Serenity Prayer in action. The truth about me most often surfaces through repeated inventory work in the Fourth Step. Life events and my reactions will cluster around pride, money or sex relations. Some call this peeling the layers off the onion. I call this inventory work, and sharing it with my AA brothers a few times a year keeps me current in staying as close to the moral high road as possible. In addition, new amends that are needed will also surface.

Truth is heard from my brothers and sisters in the AA program, my boss, my family and friends—as well as the clerk at the grocery store. It's my job in recovery to stay alert to hear the feedback. Using these facts to grow spiritually helps me stay sober and reach my potential as an adult human being.

There is a great saying that the truth will set you free but it will humiliate you first. My experience agrees with this. After more than four decades of sobriety, I find that I can hear the truth very well. The hard part is acceptance and putting the information to work through change. I am a work in progress, or what I call slowly recovering. That means putting forth the effort to be the best I can be by cooperating with the truth rather than fighting it. The result has been to grow closer to those I love, and most of all, my Higher Power. AA's Steps have truly changed my life.

-- Bernard K., Grove City, Ohio  
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**A A's**

### **Recovery Step Three:**

*"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."*

**Three**

### **Unity Tradition Three:**

*"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."*

**Legacies**

### **Service Concept Three:**

*"To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.-the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision."*

## **Concept III - The Right of Decision**

The right of decision means that our A.A. trusted servants are to decide how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each problem or situation as it arises. The Concept states that we have this right of decision at each level of service. That is to say that when we are elected to a service job, we are given the responsibility to both represent the body that elects us while also making our decisions based on what we think is best for A.A. as a whole.

Here are two situations calling for the representative to exercise this right of decision.

First: When presented with an agenda of topics the representative decides which of the topics to bring to the group or committee they represent. We select the topics, sometimes out of a long list, that we think would be most pertinent to our group.

Second: After taking our group's conscience, we then carry this to the next service level where we act as our group's representative. Talking and listening to others outside our own group who have additional knowledge and information is always important. When a matter comes to a vote at this next level, it is important to consider both our group's viewpoint and to be open to voting independently of it. By listening carefully at all levels we are able to make a more fully informed decision. Additionally, after voting we may be presented with still another opinion that changes how we will vote. We need always be ready to change a vote if there is good reason to do so.

If we vote differently from the conscience of the group we represent, it is important also that we return to our group to explain to them why we did so.

I offer an example of right of decision from my own experience. At the time that I was representing my home group at a service meeting as their representative. I was asked to take a matter to my group, which I did. When I returned to the next service meeting more information was presented. It changed my view on the topic and my vote was different from what my group had decided. At the next business meeting of my home group I explained why I voted as I did. Some members of my group agreed with my action and others didn't. As a trusted servant we must always make a fully informed decision based on what is best for A.A. as a whole. As Concept III states, this is what makes us trusted servants rather than just group messengers.

*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.*

# 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

### Annual Founders Day Picnic Idlewild Park Reno Terrace Picnic Area

June 10, 2017 11AM to 3PM  
Family Fun and Fellowship

Raffle Prizes need not be present to win



Please Bring Pot Luck Items to Share!

First Names: A-M Side Dishes

First Names: N-Z Desserts

**\$5.00 Contribution Suggested**

Hosted by Northern Nevada Intergroup Events Committee  
**Long Timers Speaker Meeting 7:00PM**  
**Silver Legacy Silver Baron Room 1-6**

### 2017 Faithful Fivers Needed

Paul M  
William M  
Patty M  
Barbara P  
Dod  
Lunnetta N  
Joanne P  
Kimmy D  
Barbara M  
Diana B  
Diane L  
Kimberly S  
John L



Woman's New Beginnings Group

Steven C  
Ann G  
Joe R  
Carl H  
Therese D  
Jimmy P  
Lynn S  
Leslie S  
Don B  
Deanna S  
Sean L  
Bruce A  
Cynthia F

#### 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

Reno Spring Festival

Save the Date  
March 17-19, 2017

It's The Journey

Visit our website @ [www.renospringfestival.com](http://www.renospringfestival.com)

Stagecoach Friends of Bill W  
Potluck/Speaker Meeting

Friday, April 7, 2017  
Potluck: 6 PM Speaker: 7 PM

Speaker: Lori W. 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

Sought through Prayer & Meditation

Eleventh Step Retreat

Friday-Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Friday & Saturday night lodging, choice of 2, 3, or 4 person rooms

Registration closes May 6<sup>th</sup>, limited to 40 attendees

No refunds, you will need to find a substitute for your registration

In order to keep our costs low, we ask all participants to help cook & clean

Open to all in recovery

Chair Charelle D 775 351-8224 Registration Chair Fifi L 775 846-4482

## Dear Fellowship,

In October of 2016 the Ad Hoc committee consisting of 5 Steering Committee members conducted a review of the operating procedures as it pertains to my employment. On January 12, 2017, the findings were discussed with me. Number 6 as stated below is an area the committee requested my immediate attention and primary focus on. If this outcome is successful, it is the committee's belief we would not need a part time person employed at the Central Office.

6. ExDirCO to develop a working and measurable plan to increase participation, responsibilities and retention of volunteers and report monthly to Steering Committee for volunteers. For example, there are several duties charged to the ExDirCO that can be delegated. Pink Can fund count, Training of Volunteer staff by "lead volunteer" as previously suggested, AA Speaker list. Plan to be submitted for approval no later than 10 working days after requested. Copied from the: Ad Hoc Committee Report - Review NNIG central office and evaluate current Executive Directors ExDirCO job 11/09/17

I am asking all NNIG Reps' to assist me with this outreach requirement. Please carry these messages to your groups.

### Announcement to our Groups Please:

We need Central Office Volunteers willing to spend up two weeks training daily or three days a week for a month studying and training the office procedures. The duties include opening, closing and the day to day operations of the office. This will also require the ability to be at the office long periods of time. At the end of training (to be determined) keys will be issued to lead volunteers who can support the training and recruitment of other volunteers and cover PTO and/or Comp time for the ExDirCO.

**\*New Volunteer training every Thursday at 1PM with lead volunteer Lunnetta and Leslie.**

### Announcement to our Groups Please:

We are building a local A.A. Speaker list that will be available at Central Office for distribution. Sign-up sheets are at Central Office. Remember this will be used for fellowship distribution only. However be reminded your contact information will be distributed to Speaker Meeting Chair's and Secretaries.

Please invite me to your Home Group Business meeting. I will be happy to attend and answer any questions concerning the central office. Thank you for supporting your local Intergroup and Central Office.

Leslie S. - Your Central Office

Executive Director



# The Birthday Club



Paul M.—25 years  
Joan H.—46 years  
Christy M.—21 years  
Rainbow—18 years  
Karen S.—26 years  
Kent L.—35 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 year  
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

## Wednesday Beginners Group 6:30 PM

Saint John's Presbyterian Church  
1070 West Plumb Lane, Reno  
Formerly located at Rainbow & Court

## Brown Baggers Noon Mon – Fri 1640 Prater Way, Sparks

## South Reno on Sunday

10101 Double R Blvd.  
Located at Renown South  
Meadows, uses Visitor Entrance  
Meeting is in the Fireside  
Conference Room (2nd floor)

## 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

## VERDI BOOKIES SUNDAY 5:30 PM VFW HALL, 3<sup>RD</sup> ST AND BRIDGE ST., VERDI

## Cornerstone Group

7:00PM  
Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon  
6:30PM Tues  
580 West 5<sup>th</sup> St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Reno

**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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even numbered months  
For information email [district6@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district6@nevadaarea42.org)
- DISTRICT 8** First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months Call (760) 937-8407
- DISTRICT 10A** Third Sunday of every other month, 1:30 PM  
680 River St. Elko, NV
- DISTRICT 10B** Last Sunday Odd Numbered Months @ 10:00AM  
Rotating Group Locations – Call (775)403-0869
- DISTRICT 11** Only holds meetings 4 time a year, call DCM
- DISTRICT 12** 2nd Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM  
457 Esmeralda Street Wolf Center, Fallon NV
- DISTRICT 14** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## A Motley Crew

### Tradition 3 - The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking

ONE OF THE fears that dogged me at the beginning was that I would not meet the requirements for membership. Every night at a meeting, the definition of Alcoholics Anonymous was read, and I heard "the only requirement." But my sense of uniqueness told me that the requirements for me would be different and more difficult. I concluded that they would be sprung on me at some critical moment. Either I would pass with flying colors and be instantly upgraded, or I would have to pay somebody off in order to hang on to my AA membership.

From my vantage point of twenty sober years later, it seems a pretty bizarre attitude. At the time, it made very good sense.

Like many of us AAs, I was not a joiner. I reveled in my role of lone wolf. I was anti-church, -politics, -marriage, -Rotary, and -PTA, and I was a lonely, isolated person. Why was I so anti-everything? One reason was fear of rejection. But I was at the end of my rope. Did I dare risk rejection by a society that I knew intuitively was the last outpost, my last chance at life?

Thanks be, my fear of expulsion was gradually dispelled as people went right on telling me to keep coming back. They also told me that they had found it a good idea to join a group, so I gave my name to the secretary. It was one thing to be a member of the group, but I was sure that it would be a very, very long time before I could become a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As I think back to my early days, I am so grateful to those AAs who surrounded me with caring and with the comfort of their fellowship. I am so grateful for the way they led me into AA unity--for the things they said and the things they did *not* say. For example, they did not ask me whether I was an alcoholic (nor did they *tell* me that I was); they did not ask me when my alcoholic drinking began; they did not tell me to quit drinking when I came to meetings drunk; and they did not ask me about any of my other problems (Lord knows, I had plenty of them, and they were mostly undisguised).

There were things about my life that, once known, I was sure would exclude me from membership. For most of my life, I had been a petty thief, a chronic liar, and a cheat. I certainly was not about to admit those things to AA members, but something told me that they already knew. I did not question their amazing insight. It seemed quite in order. And they did not use the character defects they sensed to keep me at a distance, either. They always brought me up to the front of the meeting room and sat me down in their midst. By their actions, they not only welcomed me into their membership but continued to draw me into AA unity.

Another crucial thing about those early days was that the members of the group did not require me to talk about alcohol. Indeed, they encouraged me to listen. And what things they had to say! I had never heard such talk. I was used to covering up my trouble with alcohol; they revealed theirs. I was used to lying about how much I drank and how often and where; they were open and honest about it. I was used to shame and remorse and guilt because of my drinking; they showed me, through their candor, that they were free of such burdens. How very attractive they made AA membership!

After the early days and once we have joined Alcoholics Anonymous and gotten some sobriety under our belt, does the Third Tradition have any further meaning?

In a piece that Bill W. did for the Grapevine back in the 1950's, he spoke of membership in terms of participation.

Since there are no application blanks and no formal declarations, AA membership boils down to whether or not we want to participate in the adventure of recovery.

Perhaps this Tradition's most important use is to remind those of us who are here that we have not always been here. Just

as the bewildered and shaking newcomer is making his (or her) start today, the Tradition nudges me to remember my own beginnings. The chances are good, then, that I will be willing to do for him what others were willing and eager to do for me.

I have heard the Third Tradition cited as proof that a relapsing member had no desire to quit in the first place. Who can say who has a desire to stop drinking and who has not? Since I am not a mind reader (in spite of the way I act sometimes), I don't know.

My first time around in AA, I had a desire to stop drinking. I also had a desire *not* to stop. My foremost desire was to save my job. I had a melange of desires: I wanted a wardrobe, an apartment, and someone to love me; I wanted fame, professional acceptance, and lots of money. No sobriety came out of that mishmash. I got drunk again.

Along the way, I conveniently forgot that part of my record and became quite sure I could tell who had a desire to stop drinking and who did not. It seemed obvious that any AA member who got drunk after all everybody had done for him (or her) did not have a real desire. Further, when he came back from his drunk, how could anybody ever believe him again?

One of the fringe benefits of membership and sobriety in AA is the gift of time. In our enjoyment of this gift, we learn about the nature of alcoholism and how we can arrest it; we learn about Alcoholics Anonymous and how it can help us to lead happy, productive lives.

This Tradition reminds me that I did not have to buy my way in--either with money or with any type of favor. "There are no dues or fees for AA membership." So reads our Preamble.

Can that statement be taken literally? It sure can.

There are other words and some half-truths that bear thinking about. One such half-truth goes like this: "AA does not need me; I need AA." In my view, that is one of the most unfortunate things we AAs have to say to one another. The intent, I guess, is ego deflation. But don't we have the Twelve Steps for that?

AA doesn't need me? But where would AA be without me, without you, without all of us? It needed me most especially when I was a newcomer. If it failed to attract me into its membership then, it would have been one member less strong. I was frightened the first time I heard that saying. It left the impression that at some point in my recovery, I just might be denied membership.

For years, I remained so wrapped up in layers of self that I could not appreciate the privileges accompanying AA membership--for instance, my right to attend meetings, to hold office, and to get to know people (and to let people get to know me). Also, it took a while to recognize the responsibilities that go with AA membership. One such responsibility is to help in the support of my home group, my local intergroup, and the AA General Service Office. Financial support? Yes, bills do have to be paid. And another kind of support: volunteer work, which is the foundation of our services.

One of my deepest insights into the meaning of membership came just a few years ago. For the first time, I realized that AA had given me the right to be me. I realized, too, that in accepting that right, I was also accepting the responsibility of furthering AA's primary purpose.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a motley collection of people and paradoxes. In order to get in, we must first have been thrown out, either of society or of our own private order of things. To stay in this Fellowship of outcasts, we must admit to the one thing we never wanted to admit to, and then that least attractive defect becomes our most attractive quality. Fascinating, isn't it?

W. H., Manhattan, New York  
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## NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

Group	February	YTD	Group	February	YTD
12 X 12 on 12th Street		0.00	Happy Hour Reno	308.75	308.75
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	25.00	25.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group	95.25	95.25
Alano Brown Baggers	225.00	225.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	50.43	50.43
Alano Positive Acceptance Group		65.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart		30.00
Alano Sunshine Group	100.00	100.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		0.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group		25.89
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room	450.00	450.00
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	NNIG Business Meeting	46.00	79.00
Alturas Brown Baggers		0.00	Our Common Welfare		0.00
Austin Group		42.00	Our Group Sunnyside		0.00
Back to Basics Reno		100.00	Out and Sober		25.00
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	Portola Group		0.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	20.00	Progress not Perfection		0.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Pyramid Lake Campout		0.00
Blairsdan Greagle Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		0.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Buena Vista Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		109.97	RTC Afternoon Delight		25.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	100.00
Carson AA Way of Life	180.00	180.00	RTC Aloha Group		0.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		900.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		0.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Just for Today Women		0.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		0.00
Carson Brown Baggers		0.00	RTC Lost and Found		0.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Early Birds	179.71	179.71	RTC Mid Day Group		0.00
Carson Happy Hour		250.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		180.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's	100.00	100.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		0.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group	283.58	283.58
Carson Out to Lunch Bunch		0.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		0.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		0.00	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00	RTC Thursday Big Book Study		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		0.00	RTC Upper Room Group		0.00
Carson Women's Night Out		0.00	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		0.00	Silver Springs Groups		25.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sisters of Sobriety		0.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		0.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	South Reno on Sunday	332.37	332.37
Dayton Sunday Morning		137.37	South Shore Group		25.00
District 6		0.00	Southside Group		356.81
Driar's 4th Dimension	16.50	16.50	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Driar's BYOB		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings	14.00	14.00
Driar's Club Into Action		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunnyside Group		623.00
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
End Of The Road Group Topaz		0.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol	149.82	202.26
Eye Opener	56.00	600.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		0.00
Eye Opener Mid-day Group		0.00	Verdi Bookies		57.92
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		183.90	Verdi Greener Pastures		0.00
Fernley Groups		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		0.00
Finding Peace	50.00	50.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Fireside Group	200.00	200.00	Westwood Monday Night	16.48	16.48
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside	200.00	200.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Whole in the Soul		0.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		0.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Golden Valley Back Room Group		0.00	Winnemucca Single Purpose		0.00
Greenville Group		40.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Ground Zero		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo Accion		0.00	Women's New Beginnings		260.08
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		0.00	Women's New Harmony		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	20.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Grupo Latino		0.00			
Grupo Nueva Vida	20.00	30.00			
			<b>Total</b>	<b>3,178.89</b>	<b>7,391.27</b>

# PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

## Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss February 2017

	Feb 17	Jan - Feb 17
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4000 - Income - General	215.00	445.00
4500 - Faithful Flyers	20.00	35.00
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	6.25	21.85
4800 - Other Copy Reimbursements	11.50	113.50
4600 - Individual Contributions	3,178.89	7,391.27
4550 - Group Contributions	25.00	106.00
4200 - Birthday Contributions		
<b>Total 4000 - Income - General</b>	<b>3,556.64</b>	<b>8,112.62</b>
<b>4002 - Income - Event Revenues</b>		
<b>Event Revenues</b>		
Speaker Meeting	389.75	1,022.65
4440 - Revenue	-75.00	-150.00
4445 - Expenses		
<b>Total Speaker Meeting</b>	<b>314.75</b>	<b>872.65</b>
<b>Total Event Revenues</b>	<b>314.75</b>	<b>872.65</b>
<b>Total 4002 - Income - Event Revenues</b>	<b>314.75</b>	<b>872.65</b>
<b>4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales</b>		
4700 - Merchandise Sales	6,121.25	12,112.29
<b>Total 4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>6,121.25</b>	<b>12,112.29</b>
<b>4900 - Interest Income</b>	1.07	2.22
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,993.71</b>	<b>21,099.78</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,278.95	6,656.07
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,278.95</b>	<b>6,656.07</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>6,714.76</b>	<b>14,443.71</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	1,060.00
5180 - CC Service Fees	128.24	334.62
5181 - Convention expenses	110.00	110.00
5210 - Storage Unit	80.00	160.00
5220 - Shipping Charges	95.65	133.61
5230 - Alarm System	127.86	127.86
5235 - Committee Expenses	88.97	249.93
5240 - Compensation	3,250.00	6,500.00
5250 - Computer expenses	0.00	426.40
5260 - Copier Lease	278.07	684.86
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	18.00	386.00
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	11.34	34.56
5290 - Office Supplies	0.00	92.21
5310 - Paper	0.00	80.00
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	248.62	497.24
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	71.00	255.50
5340 - Rent	758.00	1,516.00
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	50.00
5370 - Telephone	3,213.57	6,920.21
5380 - Trash	28.58	56.62
5390 - Utilities	102.31	212.22
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,772.21</b>	<b>19,887.74</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-2,057.45</b>	<b>-5,444.03</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,057.45</b>	<b>-5,444.03</b>

# PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions		Group Contributions 2017 YTD	
Group	February YTD	Total	
4th Dimension	78.23	199.99	
A Way Home		0.00	
AA Golden Group Kings Beach		0.00	
Alano Afternoon Serenity	97.00	97.00	
Alano Brown Baggers	64.00	64.00	
Alano Club Jay Walkers		0.00	
Alano Dawn Patrol		55.00	
Alano Hoppers Serenity		0.00	
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	
Alano Sunshine Group	55.84	55.84	
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	
Austin Group		0.00	
Caring and Sharing Stead	25.92	25.92	
Carson After Shifters		0.00	
Carson Big Book Babes		33.28	
Carson City Early Birds	539.03	539.03	
Carson City Happy Hour		0.00	
Carson City Sunday Step Study		0.00	
Carson Men's No BS		0.00	
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		0.00	
Corner Stone Group		0.00	
Dayton Sunday Morning		0.00	
Drivers Keep It Simple	22.00	102.29	
End of the Road Group		0.00	
Eye Opener		0.00	
Fernley Groups		123.00	
Golden Valley Back Room		74.00	
Ground Zero		0.00	
Happy Hour		0.00	
Ladies of the Evening		74.00	
Knuckle Heads		0.00	
Minden Gardnerville Group	321.52	321.52	
Minden Wednesday Night Live		299.66	
Minden Roadside Group	18.00	107.00	
Minden Saturday Night Fever		0.00	
Mount Rose Recovery Group		0.00	
NNIG Business Meeting		0.00	
Pyramid Way Group		0.00	
Roadside Group		0.00	
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	50.00	
RTC ALOHA Group		0.00	
Seniors in Sobriety		0.00	
Serenity on Sunday		0.00	
Sierra Ville Book Study		92.21	
Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00	
Support Hope		0.00	
Southside Group		0.00	
Step 1 - Men		0.00	
Sunnyside	134.00	235.00	
The Rock Group		0.00	
Truckee River Men's		112.30	
Verdi Bookies		85.00	
Verdi Greener Pastures	35.22	35.22	
Virginia City Plug in the Jug		0.00	

  

Group Contributions 2017 YTD		Group Contributions 2017 YTD	
Group	February YTD	Total	
Women's Just For Today		0.00	
Women's New Beginnings		0.00	
Women's New Harmony	57.25	57.25	
Women's Night Out		0.00	
Women on Wednesday		0.00	
Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00	
Young At Heart		0.00	
<b>February Income/YTD</b>	<b>1473.01</b>	<b>2746.30</b>	
<b>January 2017 Balance Forward</b>	<b>1296.69</b>	<b>1296.69</b>	
<b>Account Balance</b>	<b>2769.70</b>	<b>2769.70</b>	
<b>February Lit Distributed</b>	<b>1286.50</b>	<b>1286.50</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1483.20</b>	<b>1483.20</b>	

  

Distributed Literature 2016 YTD	
Facilities	February YTD Total
<b>JAILS &amp; CORRECTIONS</b>	
Carson City Jail	0.00
Carson City Warm Springs	1184.00
NNCC Carson Prison	240.00
Douglas County Jail	392.00
Elko/Carlin Corrections Camp	0.00
Herlong Prison	54.00
Jane Evans Detention Center	0.00
Lakes Crossing	0.00
NN Transitional Housing	260.00
Stewart Corrections Camp	0.00
Washoe County - Parr	0.00
Washoe Courts - SB277	0.00
Willow Springs	0.00
<b>TREATMENT &amp; HOSPITALS</b>	
Bristlecone - Residential	0.00
Behavioral Health Services	0.00
Carson Behavioral Health	0.00
Crossroads - St Vincent's Residential	48.50
Eddy House	0.00
Empowerment Center	0.00
Gospel Mission	0.00
New Frontiers - Fallon	0.00
NN Adult Mental Health Services	0.00
Ridge House	480.00
Safe Embrace Women Shelter	0.00
Saint Vincent's	0.00
Salvation Army	480.00
Step 1 - Men	0.00
Step 2 - Women	0.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals	0.00
VA Hospital	0.00
West Care	0.00
West Hills	0.00
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA	108.00
Office Supplies	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1286.50 3,246.50</b>

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 Treatment Chair - Sean K (775) 781-3710  
 Bridging The Gap Chair - Pat B (707) 483-7181  
 Pink Can Treasurer - Anjuli K (707) 321-6400

### 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CENTRAL OFFICE

Monday May 29, 2017 - Memorial Day - Closed  
 Tuesday July 4, 2017 - Independence Day - Closed  
 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 20, 2017 - Presidents' Day - Closed

## OTHER AREA EVENTS

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Serenity in the Sierra's will be July 20-23rd

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# Oh Lord!

## When it comes to saying the Lord's Prayer, one member offers his own helpful interpretation

There was a time when I was not too keen on saying the Lord's Prayer at the close of our meetings. Today, with nearly 29 years of sobriety, I can look around and see some people fervently praying, while some are silent, and others substitute their own words to the prayer, such as Creator for Father or ego for evil. With all these differences, I've come to realize it's a beautiful event we get to experience together.

It's stated in various ways throughout our literature that AA is not a religious organization. Still, we regularly use an obviously religious prayer at many meetings. It's worked for so many years because AA doesn't tell us we have to interpret the Lord's Prayer on religious grounds. If you happen to understand the Lord's Prayer as a function of your religion—that's wonderful. If you wish to interpret the Lord's Prayer to suit your own beliefs and feelings, even from a non-religious perspective, this is absolutely acceptable too. Since we can choose a Higher Power of our own understanding, we can therefore interpret prayers at meetings and the language in the Big Book to match our personal spiritual needs.

I have finally realized that the most important aspect for me is to focus upon the prayer's message, not its source. It really has a good message for us all. The following is how I hear the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father: My Higher Power, using one of many different names.

Who art in heaven: A Power outside of myself.

Hallowed be thy name: A trust and reverence for my Higher Power.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven: All about my practicing and embracing the Third Step, an insurance policy for staying sober.

Give us this day our daily bread: Thank you for my sobriety today, please nourish my body, mind and soul.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: A reminder of the relationships and dynamics of Steps Five, Six, Seven and Eight, all wrapped up together.

And lead us not into temptation: A reminder of Step One and Step Three, "Take away my difficulties ..."

But deliver us from evil: I can't find recovery without your help, please keep me sober today.

For thine is the kingdom: There are no mistakes in this world.

And the power, and the glory: A power greater than myself.

For ever and ever: One day at a time.

Amen: Simply means "So be it".

A roomful of sober people, a few not so sober, holding hands, suffering from a common disease, seeking recovery, praying or not praying the Lord's Prayer as they see fit—I can't help but soak in the Fellowship's abounding positive energy.

-- Bill K., Santa Rosa, CA

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## NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

### March 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", Brian read the "Preamble of the NNIG By-Laws", and Anjuli K read "The Twelve Traditions". Introductions were made, announcements heard, and birthdays honored followed by the observance of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. A motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting, as reported in *The Bracer*, was made by Gary seconded by Joyce Y, there was no discussion requested, and the motion was unanimously approved. Ron T announced that he had appointed Steve M interim Treatment Chair.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report Diane B** - In February we paid off the new phone system in full, \$2747 was the total system cost, plus Charter regular phone line service and a \$100 per month support plan. The financial statement may be viewed in its entirety elsewhere in our newsletter. Diane announced that she will not be running for a second term next year. Please let Leslie or Ron know if you have a financial background and would like to run for Treasurer in June.

#### Central Office Executive Director's Report Leslie S - MONTHLY REPORT for February 2017

##### Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 6

Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 0

Meeting Information: 69

\*Retail/Merchandise: 11

Other 12 Step Programs: 5

A.A. Events Information: 21

Business/AA Central Office: 50

**Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 193**

**Volunteer Office Hours: 110**

In October of 2016 the Ad Hoc committee consisting of 5 Steering Committee members conducted a review of the operating procedures as it pertains to my employment. On January 12, 2017, the findings were discussed with me. Number 6 as stated below is an area the committee requested my immediate attention and primary focus on. If this outcome is successful, it is the Ad Hoc committee's belief we would not need a part time person employed at the Central Office. Number 6 - ExDirCO to develop a working and measurable plan to increase participation, responsibilities and retention of volunteers and report monthly to the Steering Committee for volunteers. For example, there are several duties charged to the ExDirCO that can be delegated. Pink Can fund count, Training of Volunteer staff by "lead volunteer" as previously suggested, AA Speaker Meeting list. Plan to be submitted for approval no later than 10 working days after requested. **Copied from the: Ad Hoc Committee Report - Review NNIG central office and evaluate current Executive Directors ExDirCO job 1/09/17.** I am asking all NNIG Reps' to assist me with this outreach requirement. Please carry these messages to your groups. **Announcement to our Groups Please:** We need Central Office Volunteers willing to spend two weeks training daily, or three days a week for a month, studying and training the office procedures. The duties include opening, closing and the day to day operations of the office. This will also require the ability to be at the office long periods of time. At the end of training (to be determined) keys will issued to lead volunteers who can support the training and recruitment of other volunteers and cover PTO and/or Comp time for the ExDirCO. **New Volunteer training every Thursday at 1 PM with lead volunteer Lunneta N. and Leslie S.**

##### Announcement to our Groups Please:

We are building a local A.A. Speaker list that will be available at Central Office for distribution. Please use this attached sign-up sheet and return to Central Office. Remember it will used for fellowship distribution only. However be reminded your contact information will be distributed to Speaker Meeting Chair's and Secretaries. **Please invite me to your Home Group Business meeting. I will be happy to attend and answer any questions concerning the Central Office. Thank you for supporting your local Intergroup and Central Office.**

#### CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Activities/Events Chair Bruce A - New Year's Eve 2018** - Please see presentation notes by Jennifer P under new business.

**Corned Beef and Cribbage - Donn T** - The Corned Beef and Cribbage event was held March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. A good time was had by all. We served over 200 meals. The proceeds are approximately \$2400 this year coming into Central Office.

**Answering Service Mark U** – We just went online last month with our new system. Things seem to be working fairly well. We are looking for more volunteers. Ron T said Mark has done an excellent job learning the phone system, and Leslie has as well.

**Bracer Chair Nancy A** – 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** – Before any review of activities, we would like to review why we have some of the projects we do. Some of you may ask when you hear our reports, "What does that project have to do with CPC?", "Why is PI involved in that?" Here is how we get some of them: We receive requests through Central Office to contact professional folks that have called Central Office looking for help from AA. Our Central Office manager does a great job fielding these requests and coordinating them with the appropriate committee. Sometimes it isn't clear which committee they would belong in. Since the first step is to work with the professional, CPC/PI will get the request to contact them. We set up a meeting to determine what their needs are, explain what AA does and doesn't do, and then coordinate with the appropriate committee chairs to meet this need. Sometimes we know in advance that other committee chairs would be good to have at the initial meeting with the professional and we invite them to attend. Then the committee chairs cooperate with each other and determine the best place for that request/project to reside. Sometimes the professionals come directly to us through other contacts, and we proceed as stated above. Sometimes projects are developed by committee chairs to meet a need they see. Many times, committee chairs work together on these projects. The projects can cross over several committees. When this takes place, where does the project reside? CPC/PI has taken responsibility to facilitate some these projects. In the beginning, we care more about the need being met, then the committee it is being met by. We involve other committee chairs when it appears clear that it fits in their committee. So, when we give our reports, please do not hesitate to ask questions about the projects. If any committee chairs or committee members feel the projects we are working on are better suited to have needs met by their committee, please do not hesitate to let us know. We will be happy to share!

Therefore, here are the ongoing activities that CPC and PI have been involved with for the past month: **University of Nevada Medical School, Reno:** This is clearly CPC work. 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. 17th at 2pm. The report backs took place on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. If interested in attending, please contact Cheryl or Joyce. **Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno:** This is clearly PI. 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 Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> to edit the presentation. Tom will be contacting the school district to schedule a mock presentation with them. 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:** This looks more like Treatment, but CPC/PI was asked to facilitate it by the committee working on it. This project began with the BTG chair, the Corrections chair, CPC chair, and PI chair. The project developed into 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 well. We need folks to present and to assist presenter. We go in pairs. Please contact Joyce or Cheryl if you are interested. **Miscellaneous: 1)** We heard back from Jennifer, a mental health counselor, at the State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services regarding their needs and how AA might help. She was interested in BTG. We got her in contact with Pat B., NNIG BTG chair, and we know he has followed up with her. **2)** Joyce and Cheryl met with Olivia Halstrum, activities coordinator, at Reno Valley Retirement, an assisted living facility, on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. They have 120 rooms and have 118 residents. They would like to have an AA meeting held monthly in their facility. They have residents with drinking problems, residents that have "retired" from drinking, and residents that have been to, or are members, of AA. They have a room that would be great for a meeting. Some areas have committees called Cooperation with the Elder Community, which this would fall nicely under. Since we do not have this committee currently, CPC/PI will facilitate their need. Joyce and Cheryl will be attending the Seniors In Sobriety group business meeting on Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> to see if any of their members would like to help develop a meeting format and help take in monthly AA meetings. **3)** Joyce, Sean, and Cheryl met with two chaplains at Renown Hospital on Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The chaplains work with many folks who come into the hospital with alcohol issues. They wanted to find out how AA might help these folks. After a great discussion, there were several areas where AA may be of service. If patient is in room, AA could do a 12 step call. This would involve Central Office and Answering Service. When patients are being released, AA could help with BTG. The chaplains really liked this idea as that is a crucial time for them. We have talked with Pat B. about this. If hospital could work out their policies, the Treatment committee could bring in a meeting. They like this idea, but agreed it would be best to start with the first two. They will discuss with their staff about having CPC/PI give a presentation to staff members regarding what AA is, what we do, what we don't do, and how we may be of service. **4)** Joyce and Cheryl attended the NNIG Steering Committee meeting on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> to address communication, procedure, and budget concerns. **Budget:** To date, Central Office has issued \$152.30 in literature to the committee. \$49.00 NNIG funds were expended in February 2017. **CPC Committee Meetings:** We hold our committee meetings at Central Office the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 2-3/3:30. There were two folks at the Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Our next committee meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing the frequency of committee meetings, agenda content, and possibility of putting on workshops. 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, [cbnoop808@gmail.com](mailto:cbnoop808@gmail.com) and Joyce Y. NNIG PI Chair, [j\\_yourdon@yahoo.com](mailto:j_yourdon@yahoo.com)

**Public Information (PI) Chair Joyce Y** – I was fortunate last week to attend an interesting and favorable Steering Committee Meeting that went on for 3 hours. My report is on how we get things done. Nothing that we think, hope, or accomplish is never as important as how we treat each other within AA, as well as those outside our program. Some of us have served with NAGS, NNIG, and Districts, local at Central office, as well as in general services. There are no china walls between these entities, we have striven to build bridges, and do no harm. In service, as in recovery, we have a means to repair if necessary. Last month Mary Pat left 50 copies on the table of her resignation letter which I picked up. I felt it was too passionate and not good for the newcomers. I am turning the letter over to the Steering Committee. Ron's explanation of her resignation was not reflective of the contents of the letter. I am going to continue to attend Steering Committee meetings so I can explain information along first hand. I look forward to learning more.

**Corrections Michelle M** – I would like to thank Anjuli K and Leslie for covering for me lately. Central Office received a letter that Warm Springs has a group of 18 men in a group wanting literature. This is what the Pink Can is all about. Lovelock is also getting some books. Positions are open for volunteers.

**Treatment Chair Steve M** – I am the new Chair thank you for allowing me to be of service. Please call me if you know of any place that needs a meeting. 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 the staff at Carson Behavioral Health on February 15th. We had a wonderful reception to the BTG concept. This Treatment facility has requested that we begin making presentations to their clients as soon as possible. The Fellowship members in Carson City have assembled a BTG team to manage the BTG program in Carson City. On February 17th I met with the NV Dept of Health and Human Services and presented BTG. I am awaiting a response as to when this facility can schedule client presentations. I will be meeting with the Director of the WestCare detox facility on March 9th to present BTG. Monthly presentations at both the men's and women's facilities at CrossRoads continue as well as at Renown Behavioral Health. The NNIG Corrections, Treatment, and BTG Chairs will be delivering a panel presentation during the Reno Spring Festival on Saturday March 18th at 2PM. We will be presenting "where we go, what we do, and how you can be of service". 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 ten minute guest speaker share, and time for client questions. The BTG Presenter position carries a suggested sobriety requirement of 2 years and working knowledge of our Traditions. Complete training is provided by the BTG Committee. We have a flyer here today that serves as a sample BTG 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 Bridging The Gap, please email Pat B. at [pat4sales@aol.com](mailto:pat4sales@aol.com). Upcoming Events: H&I Panel Presentation Reno Spring Festival, Saturday March 18th at 2PM. Monthly BTG Presentations CrossRoad's Men's and Women's Facilities. Monthly presentations are being held at Renown Behavioral Health. We need volunteers.

**Pink Can Treasurer Anjuli K** – 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** – Our next meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> The host group is Not A Glum Lot and TJ M of Reno is our speaker. Most of 2017 months are already booked at the Silver Legacy. Thank you to Laura for helping out. Ron T gave an update on new venues. We are still looking; two venues we checked out are already booked on Saturdays. We want to pay our own way and I will be speaking with the Silver Legacy to make sure we stay within our traditions. Salvation Army did not want us, Destiny Christian has a distillery next door and there is no A/C, so that one is off the table.

**Sunshine Committee Chair Paul M** – I hit the ground running this month. The territory has been split with our co-chair Kevin M. This is a very well organized committee and I have been provided a ton of information by previous chairs and Central Office. The contact list has been updated. We have 4 new volunteers and provided a meeting to a home bound woman. We need a volunteer for excel spreadsheet updating of the contact sheet. We need more people to announce at their groups that Sunshine meetings are available.

**Web-Master Ollie K** – I have some volunteers willing to help. Please let us know of any meeting changes or events. Webmaster email address is [nigwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:nigwebmaster@gmail.com) – please send flyers here, along with what is happening at the event.

**Area 42 NAGSC Liaison Chris S** – Since we last met in Feb. it has been really busy in General Service. An AA member in General Service calls it March madness. On Feb. 25 NAGSC had the Pre-conference Agenda Roundtables. Of the 90+ topics on the list this year the Area 42 Delegate Phil W. picked 5 to be discussed at the Pre-Conference assembly. The following topics were discussed: 1. Corrections: B. Discuss carrying the message to the incarcerated Native American/First Nations/Inuit People. 2. Grapevine: G. Discuss ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and LaVina when they don't have a GVR or RLV. 3. Literature: J. Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety. 4. Public Information: B.1. Review the trustees' PI Committee report on the PI Comprehensive Media Plan. B.3. Discuss suggestion to update the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity. 5. Treatment and Accessibilities: B. Discuss the accessibility of the AA message for Armed Services Veterans.

A lot of good discussion happened and a list of bullet points were made for the GSR's to take back to their groups for further discussion. The GSR's will bring to the Area Assembly at the end of March their groups thoughts to be shared with the Area 42 Delegate who will in turn go to the Conference in New York and carry back the message of what happened there. I also attended PRAASA this past weekend in Sacramento CA. PRAASA is the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly and its job is to develop a greater unity among members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region, to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA The event started at noon on Friday and ended on noon Sunday. The last of the roundtables ended at 1030pm on Fri. and 1130pm on Sat. so it was a long and full weekend of AA service information. I attended the Central office/intergroup workshop on Friday night where we talked about phone services; self-support, anonymity and I attended the Young people's work shop on Sat night where we talked in length about one of the AA agenda items which was: Consider a request to add an "YPAA subcommittee" to the Service Structure. Most of the discussion that we had at these workshop/roundtables was sharing ideas and what can we do to better carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. One footnote is we had over 2000 passionate AA members in attendance. It was a very long weekend and with minimal sleep we plowed our way back home over the Sierras. The good news is that next year PRAASA will take place in the wonderful town of Sparks NV March 2-4 at the Nugget Hotel and I hope to see all of you there. Upcoming events: Area 42 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly March 24, 25, 26, 2017 Tonopah NV

**RENVYPAA Jackson J** – RENVYPAA meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday monthly upstairs at the Triangle Club 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! Our next event is Ready to Play April 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30-9pm at Reno Buddhist Center 820 Plumas St., 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 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.

**Chairperson Ron T** – Adding onto the topic of going to the Steering Committee meeting, anyone is welcome to attend. We have limited time left and some backlogged agenda items to work through so please get on the agenda if you need to before the end of this cycle. Any group suggestions for an inventory are welcome, especially from those that have done group inventories in the past. We were not perfect, but we do learn from our mistakes, and intend not to repeat them. Mary Pat's presentation will be held over to next month. Steering Committee meets last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at Central Office.

**Vice-Chairperson Donn T** – This is my first full month, it has been a whirl wind. We worked on standardizing the Central Office Ex Dir compensation. Your intergroup reps can provide you more information. In the past we had a suggestion box at Central Office and it is now going back up. Please leave your contact information on your suggestions, or mail them attn suggestion box. Please use your Intergroup reps. The NNIG Chair will initially read these suggestions. We the Steering Committee are your servants. NNIG reps are always welcome to observe Steering Committee meetings, get with your rep if you have something for the agenda. If someone sits in on a steering committee meeting there will be an input time built into the agenda for any guests.

**Secretary Cynthia F** – Please use a personal email when communicating with other AA members for your NNIG committee interaction. Work emails are not to be considered private, so please respect the anonymity of your fellow alcoholics in your service work.

**Intergroup Representative Liaisons Dana E** – This body's conduit to the Steering Committee is my function. I will help you get on the agenda for the Steering Committee, or take your request to them. 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** – This is the best Intergroup meeting I have been too, we are making good progress and helping with communication that might have been broken down in the past. Please talk to me about anything you are thinking. Joyce Y commented that Brian suggested that there be a Group Inventory, either for the Steering Committee and/or the full body.

**Old Business** – Item: the proposed changes by the Knuckleheads group that was printed in *The Bracer* last month regarding proposed changes to the By-Laws and Operating Procedures. Discussion: Items A and B language "excess profit" means anything over the cost. One group suggested that it is an outside issue to their group as it is a Central Office issue. Joyce Y read a letter addressing the KnuckleHead's letter to the Steering Committee, speaking for herself only. Donn T also spoke as himself, not as VC. Discussion was held. The Knuckleheads gave us all a learning opportunity; they really dug into the Operating Procedures. Vote tally: in favor of the proposed changes- 3, opposed -24. Minority opinion from Ollie K: It was shameful that we did not have a NYE gala due to a screw up on dates the year before. He felt there was nowhere to go, and suggests that it is scaled back to a party and not a gala in order to make it a less expensive party. He feels there should have been more information presented to the body. Cody Knucklehead's representative – and Brian – Cody is a damn good intergroup and he should not take any flack for the group's consciousness. Many thanks to Cody for your efforts.

#### **New Business –**

**New Year's Eve Gala budget** – Jennifer P presented the event concept along with a proposed budget. Discussion was held. A motion to approve the preliminary budget was made by Bruce A., seconded by many. A standing vote of the full body tally: for - 36, Opposed - 0, two abstentions due to non attendance. More discussion was held. Brian A asked if anyone else past the initial 50 Speaker Meeting attendees can get in for free. Details are still being worked out Donn T – This venue is on the river and is a secure facility to step out and enjoy the fireworks. RTC traditionally has free transportation on New Year's Eve. A motion to close the meeting was made by Michelle M at 8:52 pm, seconded by many, and unanimously carried. We closed with The Responsibility Statement. Respectfully submitted, - Cynthia F NNIG

## **February 28, 2017 NNIG Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ron T opened the meeting at 5:31 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 Dana E seconded by Leslie S, 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. Guests present were Joyce Y and Cheryl E.

**New Business:** Diane B - Preliminary P&L for Feb, because the ending month bank account info is not available yet. \$2033 in the hole, with the phone system paid in full now. We are doing well; we would have been in the black if this expense had not come up. We have sold 150 tickets for Corned Beef and Cribbage so far. Donn T – Atlantis is lowering the price of food to \$600-\$800 for 200 meals. We can sell tickets at the door. Corned Beef & Cribbage–March 4<sup>th</sup> is the date this year. Leslie – Lots of training going on. End of the month finances are being put together as the month is closing soon.

Cynthia – Work emails are being used for NNIG and committee correspondence, will mention this to the body.

**Guest Comments:** Cheryl E - She would have liked to have seen more time between the 2017 budget being presented to the body and a vote for approval. She also is questioning how pink can funds are to be used for treatment center use. Answer from Steering Committee: The H&I Committee Treasurer gives literature to the meeting secretaries for distribution at their meetings at treatment and correctional facilities. Also their committee has been approached by a retirement center to hold an AA meeting there and wanted to mention this to find the appropriate way for this to happen. Joyce Y – Made the statement that a mechanism could be in place to inform Committee Chairs when events take place in between meetings that are significant, citing a Steering Committee resignation. The PI/CPC committee will take on any phone call that needs addressed that falls in between other committees as they want to not have china walls. **Old Business:** New Year's Eve Gala – Dana – looks likes the Chair has a good handle and direction on the event. Cynthia – wanted to be clear that after 50 people show up for the speaker meeting, will we agree to cover the \$8 admission fee so that the speaker meeting is free to attend. All AA meetings should be free to attend. Donn T asked if there is a fire code issue that the museum has a max capacity. Ron asked if we have tentative approval of the submitted budget. We can approve by email at a later date after we know more info. PTO for Executive Director – Discussion was held. Next month on our agenda we are adding expanded store hours as a topic. Part-time employee – How are we going to cover ExDir PTO, with volunteers, part-time employee, or what? Is the volunteer program going to be able to cover everything that Central Office needs in the absence of the ExDir. If we are opening for merchandise sales on a Saturday then those hours need to be covered as well. Questions regarding volunteers vs. part-time employee status was discussed and research items are being followed up on by Donn T. Diane B felt we should be able to handle all needs with volunteers and feels we should not have pt employees. The next Steering Committee Meeting is March 28th. The meeting then was moved to be closed by Bruce A, seconded by Diane B and carried unanimously at 8.52 pm. The meeting was closed with the responsibility statement. Respectfully submitted - Cynthia F NNIG Secretary.

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