

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



May 6th – 7:00 pm
Group: TBA
Speaker: Lucy H.
(Sacramento, CA)

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

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Up in Smoke

Step five: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

On a quiet back road in Louisiana, he lit a flame that celebrated a brand new man.

I've never really understood the difference between regular honesty and rigorous honesty, but I'm pretty sure it has something to do with the degree of disclosure. I recently completed my Fourth and Fifth Steps with my new sponsor, a man I've come to trust enough to reveal my deepest darkest secrets to. Larry is a real "nuts and bolts" kind of AA old-timer, who demands that his sponsees do things his way. One of the first things he said to me was, "Pat, you've been trying to do things your way for quite a while now, and what has it gotten you? Why don't you try doing things my way just this once and see what happens?"

I couldn't argue with his reasoning at all, because I'd been in and out of AA for 40 years, and I was still trying to achieve "long term sobriety." My main problem was that I'd never had a sponsor I trusted completely and so I'd never done a fearless and thorough Fourth and Fifth Step. The challenge of baring my soul completely to God and another human being and revealing the exact nature of my wrongs was going to take the kind of rigorous honesty that I'd never had the courage to attempt before.

I think God put Larry in my life for a reason because I knew that I could trust him and that he wouldn't be shocked or judgmental about any aspect of my past. Once I had committed myself to being rigorously honest, I was surprised at how fast and easy the work actually was. When we did my Fifth Step, I had the distinct feeling that God was right there in the room with us. I also felt a wonderful sense of love and forgiveness.

The next morning when I awoke, I felt there was something missing. It suddenly dawned on me that all the stress and anxiety and guilt I had been living with for so long was gone.

I rent a townhouse on the edge of town, and out back is a paved road about half a mile long that doesn't go anywhere. Someone had planned to develop the property a long time ago, but for some reason they never did. It's where I go to exercise and pray and listen to music with headphones. It's perfect for that because there is never any traffic or distractions— just the beautiful flora and fauna of Southern Louisiana. The morning after my Fifth Step I gathered up the paperwork of my Fourth Step, my first ever attempt at complete and rigorous honesty. I took it out to the end of the road that leads to nowhere, crinkled it up and set it on fire. As I watched the smoke rising from the mudhole that contained the putrid essence of my past life, I felt the presence of God smiling down on me from the beautiful blue Louisiana sky. I knew without a doubt that God was filling that void inside me with love and forgiveness and the strength and desire to help others. Then I turned around and walked back down that road toward home, a new man.

-- Patrick K., Baton Rouge, Louisiana
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**Elections for Steering Committee & NNIG Chairpersons
June 6th. See all positions available on Page 8!**



A A's

Recovery Step Five:

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

Three

Unity Tradition Five:

"Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Legacies

Service Concept Five:

"Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."

Concept V: Right of Appeal

Throughout his writings on the Twelve Concepts our founder expresses an underlying principle on which the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous is based, that it always be democratic in spirit, thought and action. Maintaining a "Right of Appeal" is important to this. Appeal provides for a response when there is disagreement with any action, or when any procedure is thought to fall too far short of the democratic ideal Bill envisioned.

While at my first General Service Area Assembly I was surprised to find that taking a vote on a matter did not always bring an end to the discussion. After the vote was taken, the Chairperson kept the discussion open by asking whether anyone who had voted in the minority, the losing side, wanted to speak further. This was a purposeful and planned exercise of the right of appeal. It added assurance that all opinions were adequately heard, and had not been overrun by a hasty vote or an impatient majority. As I continued to attend Assemblies I witnessed several situations in which an expressed minority opinion changed the eventual outcome, different from the original majority vote, and led to a much better decision.

As Bill says it, "To increase the actual *spirit of democracy* by special deference to minority opinion is, we think, better than to follow blindly the rule which always insists on an unqualified dominance by a slight majority vote". Bill recognizes that a majority vote may not always lead to the best, fairest, most appropriate or right decision.

Applications of the right of appeal include the right to petition. This becomes important when any minority, or even a majority, feels that a decision was made by someone who may not have had the authority to make that decision, when a decision is made without adequate debate and discussion, or when the decision is felt to be wrong or not in the best interest of the whole of A.A. Bill says that in A.A.'s world services both appeal and petition have always been put to good use.

"Right of Appeal" includes the right of an A.A. employee or member to appeal and request a hearing regarding a personal grievance. One of the underlying principles of the right to appeal is that we respect everyone's experiences as well as what they have to say based on those experiences. Even if they might be wrong they have a right to be heard and, many times, they may have a better idea than what the majority thought best.

Some of the enemies of the spirit of democracy include impatience, apathy, self-seeking, uninformed or angry majorities, and the exercise of too much personal power. Bill says that A.A. has no room for any of these.


Bill reminds us in the text of Concept V that any alcoholic can be a member of A.A. the moment he says he is. He has a right to belong no matter what he thinks or believes. "Ours is indeed a large charter of minority privileges and liberties." The right of appeal is one method we have for assuring that these liberties and privileges are always respected and maintained as we work together in fellowship with one another.

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

May 6, 2017
Host Group – TBA
Speaker – Lucy H (Sacramento, CA)

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

July 8, 2017
Host Group – Hole in the Ground
Speaker – Steve M (Sun Valley, NV)

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

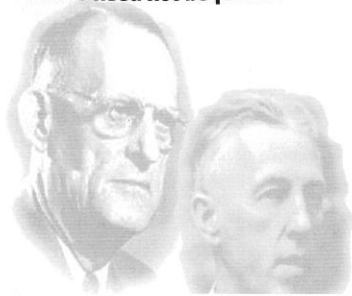
November 18, 2017
Host Group – Almost Heaven
Speaker – **Almost Heaven will provide speaker

December 9, 2017
Host Group – Truckee River Men's Stag
Speaker - **Truckee River Men's Stag will provide speaker

NNIG Speaker Chair: Erika C (626) 257-8478
Speaker Co-Chair: Open
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker

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

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

OTHER AREA EVENTS – MORE ON PAGE 9



NNIG CENTRAL OFFICE
OPEN ON SATURDAY
STARTING MAY 6, 2017

SATURDAY MAY 6, 2017
10:00AM – 2:00PM

NNIG CENTRAL OFFICE
436 SOUTH ROCK BLVD SPARKS, NV 89431



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NNIG.ORG

Announcing a Workshop

AA's 12 Concepts for World Service

Saturday, May 20th – 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM
With a Potluck Lunch

The Workshop will consist of a short presentation on the historical founding of the Concepts with additional presentations on each of the Concepts.

There will be time for discussion, questions and answers.

**First Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall,
627 Sunnyside Drive, Reno**

Please bring a favorite food to share for lunch.

**District 14
Speaker Meeting**
and dessert potluck!

WHEN: Saturday, May 20
7:00 PM

WHERE: Tahoe Biltmore – Crystal Bay, NV
On Highway 28 between Incline Village and Kings Beach

Open Speaker Meeting and Dessert Potluck

(Speaker name will be announced closer to the date)

**For more information about this event,
or to ask how you can be of service at the meeting,
please contact us at:**

District14ASpeakerMeeting5@outlook.com

Dear Fellowship,

My thoughts on this year's June 6, 2017 NNIG elections of Officers and Committee Chairs.

A.A. Traditions is the knowledge of and practice of the traditions in all our affairs.

Concept IX good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. But weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best structures. Furnishing our service structure with able willing workers has to be continuous. (Pg. 34 the A.A. Service Manual)

Service is the act of helping or doing work for someone = favor, kindness, helping hand, assistance.

Volunteer is person who freely offers to take part in committee meetings and undertake a task.

Oversight is watchful and responsible care.

Leadership molds individuals into a team.

Qualified is having the necessary skill, experience, or knowledge to do a particular job or activity.

Teachable is able and willing to learn.

HOW is Honesty, Openness and Willingness.

The newly elected officers of NNIG will need to spend some time at the central office. A watchful eye and time spent at the office will be an opportunity to get to know our office team and the operations. Fresh eyes give us new ideas, constructive growing opportunities and gives the Steering Committee confidence in addressing the fellowship concerns at any given time.

I love you guys and am forever grateful for the Northern Nevada fellowship of A.A.

Leslie S. - Your Central Office Executive Director



The Birthday Club



Kim D.—40 years
Rob L.—7 years
Karen S.—27 years
Kent L.—35 years
Lorenda L.—7 years
Lunnetta N.—7 years
Paul M.—25 years
Joan H.—46 years
Christy M.—21 years
Rainbow—18 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
Nancy R.—22 years
Ted S.—41 years
Kyle L.—34 years
Dod—9 years
Ron T.—5 years
Danny S.—14 years
Sandra G.—21 years

Linda J.—24 years
Joanne P.—4 years
Deby C.—28 years
Phil S.—40 years
Mike H.—21 years
Michael S.—41 years
Phyllis M.—39 years
Diana T.—1 year
Leslie S.—19 years
Mike M.—32 years



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

Show your Support for your NNIG Central Office and join the Birthday Club
A donation of only one dollar for every year of your Sobriety Birthday Envelops available at Central Office.
NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

**Women's
New
Harmony**
6:30 PM Thursday
627 Sunnyside Dr., Reno

**After
Shifters**
5:30 PM Daily
1800 Highway 50 East #5
Carson City

**Real Lunch
Bunch**
Friday, 8PM
141 Industrial Way
Fallon

**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

**Kingsbury
Group**
Noon Daily
160 Pine Ridge Dr.
Kingsbury

**Sagebrush
Group**
7:00PM
Friday
10th Street Bethel Baptist Kitchen
Hawthorne

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-No meeting in May
 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

So Many Ways To Phone Home!

Lets Get Connected
 Please Help Us Help You!

If you bring a meeting into hospitals or institutions; call one of us and let us know!

Steve M. (775) 954-6475
 Ashleigh S. (928) 583-8490

NNIG Central Office; Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm
 (775) 355-1151

June 3rd Idlewild Park 1:00 pm
We are having a potluck for H&I
and are forming committees

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:

FOUNDERS DAY – EVERY WED NIGHT, 5:30 CENTRAL OFFICE. CALL SEAN AT 775-338-3085 FOR MORE INFO OR RAFFLE DONATIONS

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: _____

Are We a Debating Society?

Why do we need a "forum for debate" in Alcoholics Anonymous? Has AA really become a debating society? There was once another group of alcoholics who had much success at helping drunks recover. Many of you know about the Washingtonians. Back in the 1840s they helped hundreds of thousands achieve sobriety. They, too, had one primary purpose--to help the alcoholic who was still suffering. Their program worked. Then they decided to introduce some secondary purposes into their movement. The membership couldn't agree on what these secondary purposes should be. Some thought this, some thought that. Their fellowship started arguing with itself. Unity was gone and pretty soon so was the Washingtonian movement.

If we don't learn from history are we doomed to repeat it? Some say yes. In our book, *As Bill Sees It*, Bill said, "Though many of us had to struggle for sobriety, never yet has this Fellowship had to struggle for lost unity. Consequently, we sometimes take this one great gift for granted. We forget that should we lose our unity, the millions of alcoholics who still 'do not know' might never get their chance." From the 1840s to the 1930s millions of alcoholics didn't have a chance because of the failed unity of the Washingtonians.

The articles in the Grapevine under the heading "Is AA Changing?" suggest to me that we have a serious unity problem within our Fellowship--member debating against member, in print, in our "meeting in print." Where has all this confusion come from? Have our Traditions, our very name become obsolete? Our early members, through trial and error and a lot of pain, laid down a set of spiritual principles called the Twelve Traditions so the future generations of AAs would not have to go through the same difficult process of finding out what was best for the Fellowship.

Let's look at our name. It isn't that complicated. Alcoholics Anonymous. It states what we are. Our Preamble is very clear on our purpose, on what we do and what we do not do. And the Traditions--how well they cover what AA is and what AA is not, how we relate within the Fellowship and how we relate to the outside world. We can also refer to *AA Comes of Age*, which explains in depth the history of our three legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. Do we need to reinvent the wheel?

Can our Fellowship survive a major unity break? Would we be able to regroup and get our unity back or would we go the way of the Washingtonians? I do not believe that any one member sets out to destroy AA. Most Tradition breaks occur because members want to improve AA, make it better, more up to date, to keep it moving along in this changing world. But it is our ignorance of what AA really is that is tearing our unity apart.

What are the main unity problems that we are hearing throughout our Fellowship today? Some are "How do we introduce ourselves?" and "What do we talk about at meetings?" No one is trying to hurt AA by introducing themselves as an "alcoholic and addict." Many of these people are just doing what we tell them to do--get honest--and then we turn around and say don't say this and don't say that! Just introduce yourself as *this* and don't talk about *that*!

In the beginning of sobriety the emphasis is on "I." I have to say thus and so because I have to remind myself of who and what I am. I can say what I want because I'm important and I have to help me. How do we get beyond the "I" into the "we"? It happens when we start getting into the Traditions and find that "we" are just a small part of a larger picture, that our personal recovery depends upon AA as a whole. The Traditions lead us out of our self-centered "I" program into the whole of AA. We are shown that we must conform and why. They show us what is at stake. We see this is *not* a selfish program, in the sense of selfishness and self-centeredness. The "I" does have a part in insuring that AA is still around for the generations to come. For that, I am responsible.

Tradition Five seems to be getting the most workout lately. This Tradition states that "each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." But what is our message today? Many meetings have turned into an extension of aftercare programs. We discuss anything under the sun, from "getting in touch with our feelings" to how abused we were as children, from co-dependence to poly-addictions. What is the AA message that we have to offer the alcoholic?

Dr. Bob said it so well in his farewell message, when he emphasized "the simplicity of our program." Dr. Bob said, "Let's not louse it up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual AA work." We share our recovery, through the working of the Twelve Steps with the newly sober alcoholic. What happens to our singleness of purpose when we introduce ourselves with all our other addictions tacked on? We open the door to talk about the other addictions. If one alcoholic walks through our doors only to leave because he or she cannot identify with the members sitting around talking about *all* addictions, then we have failed. We are no longer AA and we need to close shop.

We keep hearing that a drug is a drug, that alcohol is mentioned only in the First Step, that we are really talking about feelings, that all addicts have the same feelings. Yet the very beginning of recovery for each of us is one drunk talking to another. This is the whole foundation of our program. Without that moment of identification, there is no recovery.

Through learning about the Traditions, we go beyond our own wants and needs and learn to fit into the whole of AA. A whole other spiritual world begins to unfold. The reasons for giving up one's self become clear when we start the journey toward the self-sacrifice and humility that is the spiritual foundation of our entire recovery. Then we can start becoming of maximum service to God and to our fellow man and anything is possible--even unity!

-- Jude T., Waxahachie, Texas
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Could I Get Sober In AA Today?

One shaky, guilt-ridden morning after, I promised myself that if I were to get drunk just one more time I would "enter" Alcoholics Anonymous. It had been suggested to me some years earlier that I try AA, but I never really considered it until that morning. A couple of days later I was drunk again.

It was then, I believe, that my Higher Power came into play. I remembered my promise and asked my wife to call AA. A few days later a meeting book came in the mail. I found a men's Step meeting about a half hour's drive away, and went. One week later I took what I hope was my last drink.

That was about eleven years ago, when I was in my early forties, and I have been going to AA ever since.

I firmly believe that the men at that men's Step meeting saved my life. All of us have since moved on to other meetings or other parts of the country. Some have died. But what struck me at that first meeting and so many subsequent ones was that here were people who had felt the same sense of helplessness and hopelessness about drinking that I did. But they had managed to stop, by practicing the principles of AA. If those men, who were so much like me and with whom I could identify so easily, could get sober, then there was hope that I, too, could. And, following their example, I did.

That, as I said, was some eleven years ago. Much has changed about AA since then, at least in the area where I live. Most meetings now are increasingly populated with young people who identify themselves as addicts and secondly, if at all, as alcoholics. More often than not, their stories of addiction end in their late teens or early twenties, when my story of drinking only began. They tell of their lives with marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and other drugs about which I know nothing. Their antagonists frequently are their parents. My parents are long dead, and I was married, had children and had been living on my own for a quarter century when I sobered up. Nearly all these young people have been through rehabilitation centers. My only experience with a rehab was to serve at one as a volunteer.

I am sure that many of them experienced some of the same feelings that I did when I drank, but like so many of the rest of us they prefer to tell horror stories and talk about their encounters with the law than to recall how they "felt" about their addiction.

In short, I don't identify with these young people. I wish them well. I hope they get and keep straight. But I cannot help but wonder if I were to come into AA now and encounter so much talk about narcotics by people too young to have shared my generation's life experiences, could I get sober in AA today? I don't think I could, although I'm sure--or at least I hope--that many people my age still do. I can only speak for myself.

I am sure that many readers will not like what I have said and they will take reassurance in the belief that the fault, if any exists, is my own. Perhaps. But AA is a selfish program, as we all know, and my primary concern is for my sobriety. And I don't mind saying that I'm scared. I want to stay sober and I need AA for that.

I recently did something I never did before in my years in AA. I walked out in the middle of a speakers' meeting after listening for 45 minutes to a young person describe his bout with narcotics. As I left I realized that another man about my age had also just left. A minute later, another man walked into the parking lot, and another was a few steps behind him. I chatted with one of them, a man with slightly more time in AA than me, and his lament was mine: I can't take any more of this talk about narcotics.

Is the solution to form an alcoholics branch of Alcoholics Anonymous?
W. M., Madison, New Jersey
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NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

Group	April	YTD	Group	April	YTD
12 X 12 on 12th Street		0.00	Happy Hour Reno	605.19	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		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	30.37	80.80
Alano Keep it Simple		134.50	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Positive Acceptance Group		65.00	Minden Language of the Heart		30.00
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		0.00
Alano Sunshine Group		100.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group		25.89
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room		450.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	NNIG Business Meeting	26.00	135.00
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	Our Common Welfare		0.00
Alturas Brown Baggers		0.00	Our Group Sunnyside		0.00
Austin Group		42.00	Out and Sober		25.00
Back to Basics Reno		225.00	Portola Group		300.00
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	Progress not Perfection		0.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	40.00	Pyramid Lake Campout		0.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		160.00
Blairsdan Greagle Group		0.00	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Buena Vista Group		0.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		105.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		203.31	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	200.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		180.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		900.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		63.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Just for Today Women		0.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		50.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC Lost and Found	102.00	102.00
Carson Brown Baggers		504.50	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Mid Day Group		100.00
Carson Early Birds		179.71	RTC Mon Night Grapevine	36.00	216.00
Carson Happy Hour		460.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		100.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		283.58
Carson Men's NO BS Stag	30.00	30.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Out to Lunch Bunch		0.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety	150.00	150.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude	300.00	300.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Carson Women's Night Out		0.00	Silver Springs Groups	25.00	75.00
Chester Saturday Night		0.00	Sisters of Sobriety		0.00
Choices		0.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Cornerstone Group		0.00	South Reno on Sunday		332.37
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	South Shore Group		50.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		100.00	Southside Group	298.18	1040.51
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Dayton Sunday Morning	135.00	272.37	Sunday New Beginnings	19.00	33.00
District 6	400.00	400.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study	233.60	233.60
Driar's 4th Dimension		127.71	Sunnyside Group		623.00
Driar's BYOB		0.00	Susanville Fellowship		0.00
Driar's Club Into Action		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night	50.00	50.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		62.94
Driar's Serenity Night Owls	10.00	10.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	The Rock Group	90.50	141.50
Eleventh Step Retreat		0.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol		202.26
End Of The Road Group Topaz		0.00	Truckee Fellowship	66.27	66.27
Eye Opener	200.00	1380.00	Truckee River Men's Stag	1000.00	1000.00
Eye Opener Mid-day Group		0.00	Verdi Bookies	77.00	195.92
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch	255.00	438.90	Verdi Greener Pastures		0.00
Fernley Groups	200.00	200.00	Wed Night Beginners		100.00
Finding Peace		50.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Fireside Group		200.00	Westwood Monday Night		16.48
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		200.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Whole in the Soul		0.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live	62.00	62.00	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	208.00	208.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo Accion		0.00	Women's New Beginnings	270.00	530.08
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		20.00	Women's New Harmony		45.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza	20.00	70.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	60.00			
Grupo Latino		0.00			
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	50.00			
			Total	4,989.11	16,202.92

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss			
April 2017			
	Apr 17	Jan - Apr 17	
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 - Income - General			
4500 - Faithful Fivers	50.00	690.00	
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	30.00	80.00	
4800 - Other Copy Reimbursements	0.00	171.85	
4600 - Individual Contributions	86.00	204.50	
4550 - Group Contributions	4,989.11	16,202.92	
4200 - Birthday Contributions	3.00	245.00	
Total 4000 - Income - General	5,158.11	17,594.27	
4002 - Income - Event Revenues			
Event Revenues			
Halloween Party			
4425 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	
Total Halloween Party	0.00	0.00	
Speaker Meeting			
4440 - Revenue	230.55	1,544.40	
4445 - Expenses	-241.40	-466.40	
Total Speaker Meeting	-10.85	1,078.00	
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
4480 - Revenue	0.00	5,134.00	
4485 - Expenses	0.00	-2,544.47	
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	0.00	2,589.53	
Total Event Revenues	-10.85	3,667.53	
Total 4002 - Income - Event Revenues	-10.85	3,667.53	
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales			
4700 - Merchandise Sales	5,232.85	27,414.12	
Total 4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	5,232.85	27,414.12	
4900 - Interest Income	0.30	3.64	
Total Income	10,380.41	48,679.56	
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,213.17	15,593.86	
Total COGS	3,213.17	15,593.86	
Gross Profit	7,167.24	33,085.70	
Expense			
5100 - Bank Fees and charges	0.00	3.00	
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	1,060.00	
5180 - CC Service Fees	259.78	756.60	
5181 - Convention expenses	0.00	325.96	
5210 - Storage Unit	80.00	320.00	
5220 - Shipping Charges	25.50	207.96	
5230 - Alarm System	25.00	485.00	
5235 - Committee Expenses	190.38	278.21	
5240 - Compensation	3,466.00	13,216.00	
5250 - Computer expenses	0.00	451.35	
5260 - Copier Lease	327.77	1,290.70	
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	0.00	485.00	
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	13.50	76.68	
5290 - Office Supplies	169.17	818.16	
5310 - Paper	30.32	226.73	
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	265.14	1,011.00	
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	71.00	397.50	
5330 - Postage	99.75	99.75	
5340 - Rent	758.00	3,032.00	
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	70.00	70.00	
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	50.00	
5370 - Telephone	466.75	7,853.71	
5380 - Trash	28.52	113.72	
5390 - Utilities	103.84	419.24	
Total Expense	6,450.42	32,716.13	
Net Ordinary Income	716.82	369.57	
Net Income	716.82	369.57	

PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions		Pink Can Contributions 2017 YTD		Group Contributions 2017 YTD	
Group	April	YTD Total	Group	April	YTD Total
4th Dimension	281.34		Women's Just For Today		0.00
A Way Home	94.00		Women's New Beginnings	44.28	118.15
AA Golden Group Kings Beach	0.00		Women's New Harmony		57.25
Alano Afternoon Serenity	97.00		Women's Night Out		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers	64.00	128.00	Women on Wednesday		0.00
Alano Club Jay Walkers	0.00		Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol	64.82	119.82	Young At Heart		54.24
Alano Hoppers Serenity	0.00		March Income/YTD	3303.03	7692.30
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker	0.00		March 2017 Balance Forward	540.57	
Alano Sunshine Group	77.32	133.16	Account Balance	3843.60	
Alano Women in Recovery	0.00	14.56	March Lit Distributed	1098.94	
Austin Group	0.00		Ending Balance	2744.66	
Caring and Sharing Stead	85.94				
Carson After Shifters	1374.95	1374.95			
Carson Big Book Babes	33.28				
Carson City Early Birds	539.03				
Carson City Happy Hour	0.00				
Carson City Sunday Step Study	0.00				
Carson Men's No BS	120.51	120.51			
Carson Sisters in Sobriety	52.00				
Corner Stone Group	42.00				
Dayton Sunday Morning	58.00	58.00			
Driars Keep It Simple	102.29				
End of the Road Group	73.00	73.00			
Eye Opener	193.00	328.00			
Femley Groups	45.00	168.00			
Golden Valley Back Room	0.00	88.00			
Ground Zero	13.00				
Happy Hour	225.95	225.95			
Ladies of the Evening	74.00				
Knuckle Heads	66.00				
Minden Gardnerville Group	426.98	1063.82			
Minden Wednesday Night Live	329.71				
Minden Roadside Group	26.62	133.62			
Minden Saturday Night Fever	0.00				
Mount Rose Recovery Group	80.00				
Northern California H&I	199.97	199.97			
Pyramid Way Group	0.00	0.00			
Roadside Group	0.00	0.00			
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	100.00			
RTC ALOHA Group	0.00	0.00			
Seniors in Sobriety	0.00	0.00			
Serenity on Sunday	0.00	0.00			
Sierra Vile Book Study	34.56				
Slide Mountain Serenity	0.00	0.00			
Support Hose	34.00	34.00			
South Reno on Sunday	65.60	65.60			
Southside Group	95.00	499.00			
Step 1	41.00	41.00			
Sunnyside	288.00				
The Rock Group	48.03	48.03			
Truckee River Men's	112.30				
Vendi Bookies	85.00				
Vendi Greener Pastures	35.22				
Virginia City Plug in the Jug	0.00				

Corrections Chair - Michelle M (775) 722-6738
 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 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



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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR ELECTIONS JUNE 6, 2017

POSITIONS

Steering Committee

CHAIRPERSON

VICE-CHAIR

SECRETARY

TREASURER

2-INTERGROUP LIASONS

FOR STEERING COMMITTEE

NNIG Chairpersons

Activities Events - Chair

Answering Service - Chair

Bracer Newsletter - Chair

CPC/PI - Cooperation with the

Professional Community - Chair

Public Information - Chair

H&I - Chair

Bridging the Gap - Chair

Corrections - Chair

Treatment - Chair

Pink Can, Literature

Monthly Speaker Meeting - Chair

Sunshine Committee - Chair

Web Site - Chair

SOBRIETY

5 Years

5 Years

2 Years

5 Years

2 Years

4 Years

2 Years

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2 Years

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Look in the Operating Procedures on the website at nnig.org for qualifications for these positions, find the one that fits you, or someone you know, and come to the June meeting for elections.


OTHER AREA EVENTS

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



Meetings, workshops, guided meditation, spiritual nourishment, fellowship & fun
 \$120 registration fee includes 5 amazingly delicious meals, plentiful snacks & beverages
 Friday & Saturday night lodging, choice of 2, 3, or 4 person rooms
 Registration closes May 6th, 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

Founders' Day Potluck Picnic
 Combined District 6 and NAGSC Meeting
 Saturday, June 3, 2017
 District 6 Meeting 11AM
 DCM and Committee Meetings 12PM
 NAGSC Meeting 1PM
 Speaker: **Phil W., Area 42 Delegate**
 Genoa Town Park, 2285 Genoa St., Genoa
 Potluck starts at 12PM
 Drinks and dinnerware provided
 Bring food, and a chair or a blanket
 No BBQ is available




SILVER SPRINGS 9TH ANNUAL AA CAMPOUT
 FRIDAY- SUNDAY JUNE 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH
 FORT CHURCH HILL GROUP CAMP
 SERENITY ON THE RIVER

BRING YOUR DOGS, QUAIDS, DIRTY BIKES, CANOES, AND EVEN YOUR CHILDREN TO HAVE FUN SOBER GOOD TIMES IN THE COTTONWOODS ALONG THE MIGHTY CAISON RIVER. PARKING AVAILABLE FOR RV'S AND TRAILERS.


CAMPGROUNDS OPEN AT 1 PM

FRIDAY	WEEKNIGHT	6PM
	SPEAKER MEETING	7PM
SATURDAY	OPEN MEETING	10AM
	PINATA FOR KIDS	3PM
	POTLUCK / SPEAKER	6PM
	MEETING	
	RAFFLE DRAWING	
	RESENTMENT BONFIRE	
SUNDAY	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	9AM
	SPEAKER MEETING	10AM

COST IS \$55.00 PER PERSON INCLUDING PARKING. CHILDREN ARE FREE! NOTE: THIS IS A ROUGH OUT, BRING YOUR OWN TENTS, WATER ECT. THERE ARE TOILET FACILITIES. PLEASE ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES.



KEEP IT SIMPLE
 SERENITY IN THE SIERRAS XXVIII
 JULY 20-23, 2017



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



Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need

Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate; they lead by example." With leadership we shall have a continuous problem. Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow. When a leader power – drives us badly – we rebel. But, when he too meekly becomes and order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own, well, he really isn't a leader at all...

Good leadership will remember that a fine plan can come from anybody, anywhere. Another qualification for leadership is give-and-take. The ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress, in what appears to be, the right direction. We must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then, it is truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one's conviction about an issue until it is settled. These are situations for keen timing and careful discrimination as to which course to take. Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism. This is the acid test.

There are always the constructive critics, our friends indeed. We ought never fail to give them a careful hearing. We should be willing to let them modify our opinions – or to change them completely. Often, too, we shall have to disagree and then stand fast (hopefully) without losing their friendship.

Then there are those whom we like to call our "destructive" critics. Maybe they are malicious, or even violent. They spread rumors. They gossip and general scuttle-butt to gain their own ends. But in AA we have at last learned they need not be really destructive at all, demanding very much on how we rightly relate ourselves to them. To begin with we ought to listen

carefully to what they say. There are few better means of self-survey and of developing genuine patience, than the work out these usually well-meaning, but erratic, members afford us.

In AA we shall be in continual need of leaders with the attributes of tolerance, responsibility, flexibility and vision at all AA service levels. These principles of leadership will be the same whatever the size of the operations. The second part of Tradition Two describes AA leaders as "trusted servants." These servants are bound to use their own information and judgment, sometimes to the point of disagreeing with misinformed or bias group opinion.

However, Concept V assures that the minority opinion will be heard and will be carefully considered. Through this Concept we recognize that minorities can frequently be right; that even when they are partly or wholly in error, they still perform a most valuable service. They compel a thorough and ongoing discussion on important issues where all voices, ideas, questions, comments and information can be heard and considered, thus, eventually reaching a "fully informed" group conscience.

In AA, whether we are talking about leaders, majorities or minorities, Tradition Two reminds us that there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Many of us with experience in AA service at any level have heard stories or have actually experienced the minority opinion to miraculously cause a passionate majority to change their vote. What we hear discussed less frequently is what happens when the courageous minority opinion is voiced and it does not change the majority opinion. At this point, the group conscience has clearly spoken and a loving God has expressed Himself.

A personal note: Over many years of experience I have stood in the minority many times. In most of them I have used my voice to speak when asked "does anyone who voted in the minority want to speak?" In the vast majority of these times, my opinion did not change the majority vote. I am thankful for a compassionate and principled service sponsor who provides me with a safe place to fall. A place to deal with the disappointment, embarrassment, hurt and resentment that I never fail to experience. Eventually, when that is done, I have been advised to get on board with the majority and support it as diligently and cooperatively as if it were my idea to begin with! At these turning points I will either become a "bleeding deacon" or an "elder statesman".... The choice is mine. Joyce Y., April 2, 2017

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2017 held at The Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Meeting was opened at 6:48 pm by Ron T - NNIG Chairperson followed by the "Serenity Prayer", Gary read the "Preamble of the NNIG By-Laws", and Cheryl 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 April meeting, as reported in *The Bracer*, was made by Gary seconded by several, there was no discussion requested, and the motion was unanimously approved.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Dod T - In April on our Profit and Loss Statement group contributions were nearly \$5K, which is phenomenal. We lost a few dollars at last month's speaker meeting which may have been due to the holiday weekend. The individual contributions had a large donation from an event group up at The Lake which cashed out their bank account and these AAers did not want any single group listed, so it went under individual. Merchandise sales are a little soft so far this year coming off of a very strong year last year. Discussion was had regarding having the club listed in front of group names. Kris H mentioned this is for the ease of the volunteers at Central Office. The financial statement may be viewed in its entirety elsewhere in our newsletter. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Nancy A, several seconded, and it carried unanimously.

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

Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 13

Meeting Information: 50

Other 12 Step Programs: 2

Business/AA Central Office: 66

Volunteer Office Hours: 134.5

Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 1

Retail/Merchandise: 23

A.A. Events Information: 6

Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 161

A review of our annual liability insurance was completed in April. It was determined that we increase our loss coverage from \$22,000 to \$50,000 due to the inventory on hand, the new phone system, computers and the new copy machine. This is an increase of \$159. Total annual cost \$659 due in May 2017. The new copy machine was installed and a 5 year lease signed with no monthly cost increase and includes an extra 100 color copies. The monthly Central Office volunteer meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month @ 1:00 PM at the Central Office. **Our volunteers have 205 years of combined sobriety.** If you are truly interested in joining the team of Central Office volunteers please stop by and meet us. We are seeking volunteers for Saturday and interested lead volunteers willing to learn opening and closing procedures at Central Office. May 6, 2017 is our Grand Opening for Central Office Saturday's 10AM to 2PM. We are opening Saturday for the fellowships shopping convenience. Come by and have cake and coffee with us. Phones will still be forwarded to the answering service at this time. Further planning depends on the success of being open on Saturday. If you are interested in having me attend your Group Business Meeting to talk about Central Office and answer questions about operations and services please invite me by calling the office or email me a request at officemanager@nnig.org. I will be attending the following group Business Meetings in May; May 10, 2017 @ 6:30 PM the Fernley Groups Business Meeting. May 16, 2017 @ 1:00PM Southside Business Meeting. May 17, 2017 @ 7:30 PM Gardnerville Groups Business Meeting. My thoughts on this year's June 6, 2017 NNIG elections of Officers and Committee Chairs. A.A. Traditions is the knowledge of and practice of the traditions in all our affairs. Concept IX good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. But weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best structures. Furnishing our service structure with able willing workers has to be continuous. (Pg. 34 the A.A. Service Manual). Service is the act of helping or doing work for someone = favor, kindness, helping hand, assistance. Volunteer is person who freely offers to take part in committee meetings and undertake a task. Oversight is watchful and responsible care. Leadership molds individuals into a team. Qualified is having the necessary skill, experience, or knowledge to do a particular job or activity. Teachable is able and willing to learn. HOW is Honesty, Openness and Willingness. The newly elected officers of NNIG will need to spend some time at the central office. A watchful eye and time spent at the office will be an opportunity to get to know our office team and the operations. Fresh eyes give us new ideas, constructive growing opportunities and gives the Steering Committee confidence in addressing the fellowship concerns at any given time. I love you guys and am forever grateful for the Northern Nevada fellowship of A.A. Leslie S, your Central Office Executive Director.

CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities/Events Chair Kris H, Bran co-chair: Bruce has stepped down and Ron has appointed Kris H interim Events Chair, Bran will stay on as co-chair. I met with Founder's Day committee, we will meet weekly. I will be going to all event committee event committees. Saturday's RENVYPAA event seemed quite successful.

Founder's Day Picnic June 10th. We are looking for volunteers. There is lots of work to do for a committee of volunteers, please help if you can. Sean stood for Chair of the event.

New Year's Eve Gala - The New Year's Eve Gala committee meets the first Thursday of every month at the Reno Triangle Club upstairs.

Answering Service Mark U - We are working smoothly, we could use some more volunteers, call me at 775-815-8183 to volunteer. We don't have caller ID but are working around this.

Bracer Chair Nancy A - Please get flyers to Nancy by the last Friday of every month to get into *The Bracer*. Reminder - due to space limitations of the minutes your report maybe edited for length. If you can consolidate it to one paragraph editing will not be necessary.

CPC - Cooperation With the Professional Community Chair Cheryl E - and Public Information (PI) Chair Joyce Y - First, Joyce and I would like to thank all of you and the fellowship for trusting us to serve this past year, Joyce as PI chair, and myself, Cheryl as CPC chair. We will be making ourselves available to chair these positions for the next year at the June NNIG meeting. We have a couple requests for the Intergroup Reps to take back to their groups: Please thank your groups for supporting NNIG. This support allows us to carry the AA message to professionals in our community, who in turn, can carry the message to the suffering alcoholic in ways we cannot. Your support also allows us to carry the message out in the public to let them know about AA and to reach the suffering alcoholics in our community. Thank you!! Let your groups know that our committee needs some volunteers. **Orientation to AA:** We need folks to make "scripted" presentations at Bristlecone. These presentations take place every Thursday at 7pm. Sobriety requirements are 2 years. Volunteers also need a working knowledge of the Traditions and CPC/PI guidelines. Must be dependable. We go in pairs. **Washoe County School District:** We will need folks to make "scripted" presentations to high school students during health class beginning in the fall. These presentations will take place during the day. Volunteers will need to be finger printed by Washoe County School District. Sobriety requirements again, are 2 years, with a working knowledge of the Traditions and CPC/PI guidelines. Dependability a must. We go in pairs. **Reno Valley Assisted Living:** Attend a monthly meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm at Reno Valley Assisted Living. Working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions being of service by bringing in a meeting vs attending a meeting. **Public Service Announcements (PSA's):** Need folks who can contact the TV and radio stations about airing GSO created AA public service announcements. Working knowledge of the Traditions. Sobriety requirements are 2 years. The committee has been working hard to organize our projects in a way that will help make them sustainable as chairs rotate in and out, and to help new chairs have all the information and volunteers they need to continue them. For a detailed project review, please read the CPC/PI report in the Bracer. Here are the ongoing activities that CPC and PI have been involved with for the past month: **University of Nevada Medical School, Reno:** Joyce Y. (NNIG PI chair) and Cheryl E. (NNIG CPC chair), along with other CPC committee members meet with Dr. DeKay and 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 new student rotation began on April 7th. The report backs took place on April 28th. The next student rotation has not been set yet. **Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno:** We are working with counselors at the WCSD to create a presentation on alcoholism and AA geared for high school students during a health class. Joyce, Tom, Skip, and Cheryl met on April 7th to review notes from meeting with school counselors. We agreed to put the presentation into a PowerPoint format. We will continue to work on this. The school counselors anticipated that we would not begin presentations until 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 Joyce or Cheryl if you have an interest in presenting at the schools. **Orientation to AA Presentations:** The purpose of these presentations is to help folks new to AA and court ordered folks to understand AA meetings and the language of AA and how and why we do what we do. There are 6 standalone presentations. These are NOT AA meetings. They are a service to help folks learn about AA. Presentations are held at Bristlecone Treatment Center every Thursday at 7pm. The presentations are going well and are very well received. Currently, the committee meets about twice a month and is working on the process for creating, maintaining, and replenishing the materials needed for the presentations. We are also reworking the presentation to reduce it from 6 presentations to 4 presentations. We feel this can be done without removing content topics. This will help each client hear all presentations during their treatment stay. We need volunteers to be "trained" to present and/or assist the presenter. We go in pairs. Please contact Joyce or Cheryl if you are interested. **Reno Valley Assisted Living Monthly AA Meeting:** Joyce and Cheryl met with two members of the Seniors In Sobriety group on April 5th. We reviewed their recommendations for a service to bring in a monthly AA meeting at the Reno Valley Assisted Living facility. The first meeting took place on Tuesday, April 18th. Five residents attended. They all shared in the meeting. They were very appreciative that we were there. They would like other AA members to attend. They also would like meetings more often. The Seniors In Sobriety group will be discussing this to see if they can bring in two meetings per month. Currently, the meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. The next one will be May 16th. **Budget:** To date, Central Office has issued \$772.28 in literature to the committee. \$562.38 of NNIG funds were expended in April 2017. These expenses included binders for presentations, file boxes for storing literature, and literature for the implementation of Orientation to AA, Reno Valley Assisted Living, and the Washoe County School district. We are working on spreadsheets by project that will list 12 month projected expenses, actuals, and stock on hand. This will help us manage our budget

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and will help to pass on projects to the next rotation. **CPC/PI Committee Meetings:** We hold our committee meetings at Central Office the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2-3/3:30. There were 5 folks at the April 9th committee meeting. The May CPC/PI committee meeting is cancelled due to the second Sunday being Mother's Day. Our next committee meeting will be June 11th. We will be reviewing the budget for the coming year, project leads, and a presentation on Leadership and the Minority Opinion, covering Concept 5, Concept 9, and Tradition 2. 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, 775-971-7554, cbnoop808@gmail.com, Joyce Y. NNIG PI Chair, 775-746-0724, j_yourdon@yahoo.com. We are both making ourselves available at elections next month.

Corrections Michelle M – Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do corrections service work. Ryan is anticipating standing for Chair in June. Leslie has been a huge mentor for me. We are very close to getting into Jan Evens!

Treatment Chair Steve M – Thursday of every month is our committee meeting at Central Office 5:15pm. So many ways to Phone Home! Call Steve M. (775) 954-6475, Ashleigh S. (928) 583-8490, NNIG Central Office; Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm (775) 355-1151. June 3rd Idlewild Park 1:00 pm we are having potluck for H&I and are working on having a committee. We will be posting a board for all to sign up to help take meetings into facilities.

Bridging the Gap Chair Pat B – Two weeks ago the first Bridging The Gap client presentation took place at Carson Behavioral Health Services. An exceptionally strong team of Fellowship members in Carson City have stepped up to form a local BTG Committee. Carson BHS has requested that presentations be delivered to their clients every two weeks; the second presentation is tonight. The second monthly client presentation at West Hills is taking place this week. To date, presentations have been made to the management of 7 facilities, and all 7 facilities have committed to BTG. Some presentations at treatment facilities are daytime appointments, making the need for Fellowship volunteers who are available for making the one hour presentation during business hours very important. Where the client population is co-ed at a facility, we prefer having men and women BTG volunteers making the presentation. 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. To volunteer or for more information on BTG, 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, West Care, State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services, Carson Behavioral Health Services, and Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno.

Pink Can Treasurer Anjuli K – The financial report was presented; see the full financial report elsewhere in our newsletter. Last month we had some large group contributions! Thank you so much.

Speaker Meeting Chair Erika C – **OUR NEXT SPEAKER MEETING IS MAY 6TH. THIS IS A CORRECTED DATE** so please take note. The speaker is Lucy H from Sacramento CA and our host group will be random meeting attendees. Brian A will be standing for Chair at elections next month.

Sunshine Committee Chair Paul M – Only 2 sunshine meeting requests came in however a lot of committee work did take place. At Renown the chaplains would like for us to bring in a meeting. In one day Co-Chair Kevin got 32 signups for volunteers, you rock! It has been decades since we were requested to have a meeting at Renown. Discussion was held regarding the cross-committee nature of this request as our committees want to work together to better serve the alcoholic. Paul asked for a motion to allow CPC, PI, and Sunshine to move forward to bring meetings into fruition at hospitals and assisted living facilities that have requested them, Don T. confirmed the motioned seconded by several, and carried unanimously.

Web-Master Ollie K – 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 – John stood in for Chris and gave the following report: Well we are now in the month of May and the last 4 months have been extremely busy. Phil W your Area Delegate has been at the General Service Conference in New York this past week carrying the message of Area 42. While he was there one of the past delegates told a story of a soldier in Lebanon who wrote to GSO and asked for some reading material which GSO sent. A few weeks later they received a letter from the soldier who asked for books to start a meeting which they sent. A few months later they got another letter from the US Army that read we regret to inform you that the young man whom you sent the books to lost his life a few days ago, but we are happy to let you know that the meeting he started is still going strong. That story had a sad ending but like I hear all the time we may be the next Big Book someone sees, so how do you want to be seen? Even though that man's life was lost he will go on to save others. One other important item to recognize also is that the money your groups have contributed to GSO may have been part of that message. Up-Coming Events/Committee Meetings: June 3, 2017 Founders day Picnic/ NAGSC meeting starting at 12 pm for committee chairs and DCM's. NAGSC meeting for all NAGSC members starting at 1pm. Phil W Area 42 Delegate is the speaker and will be giving his report back from the Conference in New York.

RENVYPAA Jackson J – Ready to play event was a big success! Thank you to everyone who showed up. In-tents campout is June 23-25th with only \$20 pre reg. For more information contact Gabe S at (208)703-7351 or Laura K at (775)300-8818. Campout committee meeting is going to be every Friday until the campout, at 5:30. Location varies. For more information contact Jackson J at (315)744-6725 or Brynn S at (607)339-8751. Bid sub committee meets the last Wednesday of every month upstairs at the triangle at 6:30. For more information contact Laura K at (775)300-8818. RENVPAA meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month upstairs at the triangle at 5. Come get involved!

Chairperson Ron T – I want to thank everyone who is stepping down for the service you have given us this past year. Personal meetings with the incoming Chair would be great and please pass along your notebooks. We have a great turnout this month. Our committees have been going strong this year.

Vice-Chairperson Donn T – June 6th will be elections where we will be voting on all open positions. I will not be standing so Vice position is available as well.

Secretary Cynthia F – Please be documenting your hard work as Chairs to be passed on to the next fellow alcoholics coming into NNIG at next month's elections. Central Office is available to assist you with making copies or electronic files. And please pass your binders onto the next person. This position will also be available.

Intergroup Representative Liaisons Dana E – I attended the H&I special Committee meeting. They are very dedicated team. It has been a pleasure to work with the Steering Committee. The fruit from the pruning that has taken place is sweet indeed. This position will be open.

Intergroup Representative Liaisons Brian A – No report and the second intergroup liaison position is available as well.

Old Business – none **New Business** – The first Tuesday of July is the 4th. The choices are Wednesday the 5th or the following Tuesday to be decided upon at our next meeting. A motion to close the meeting was made by Nancy A at 8:07 pm, seconded by Gary, and unanimously carried. We closed with The Responsibility Statement. Respectfully submitted, - Cynthia F NNIG Secretary.

April 25, 2017 NNIG Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Ron Taylor 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 Leslie seconded by Donn, and the motion carried unanimously. **Present:** Ron Taylor – Chairperson, Donn Todd – Vice-chairperson, Dod P – Treasurer Cynthia Fulwider – Secretary, Intergroup Representatives – Brian Anderson, and Leslie S Executive Director of Central Office. Guests present were Joyce Y, Kris H. Treasurer's report Dod P – We did not make any money at the last speaker meeting, group contributions are way up this month. Merchandise sales are a little soft. Ron T orchestrated a new sign out front for \$20, many thanks. Cynthia commented that we have spent our money to fulfill our primary purpose, like shipping is way up, which means literature, is going out. Last year a large individual contribution was made by a fund being cashed out that represented several groups and those individuals did not want a single group to be tagged as the contribution. Ron T – phone service has a couple minor difficulties such as no caller ID due to a trunk system. Volunteers need to get the caller's number right away in case we lose the call. Our Grand Opening is May 6th for our first Central Office Saturday retail sales. Overall we are doing well. I have been going to the Volunteers meeting and they are all stoked about their service opportunity. We do still need volunteers for Central Office. Donn – got nothing. Cynthia – no report. Events – Kris reported Founder's day is our next event, we have volunteers lined up and donations are coming in. Kris is standing for events chair this next election cycle. Ron announced that Bruce has stepped down, and Kris H has agreed to be appointed Interim Events Chair by Ron T, as per authority of our operating procedures. Bran does remain as Co-Chair. Leslie – New volunteers have been appointed, one opener, and two closures have been decided upon. They have full access to all keys and information as necessary to fully operate in the event that Leslie is not on shift. Volunteer meetings are once a month. Volunteer schedule was reviewed and discussed. Leslie will be traveling to meetings that have asked her to attend. Leslie stated that as per the written standard to her PTO that the actual AA meeting itself is not logged as Central Office time, only the travel and Business meeting portions will be counted as paid time. Brian – Upcoming elections were discussed. Gratitude Dinner was discussed. A budget was presented and Brian motioned to approve it, seconded by Leslie, budget was approved unanimously. A review of our actions this past year as members of the Steering Committee was reviewed amongst ourselves. The last Steering Committee Meeting for this sitting body is May 30th. The meeting then was moved to be closed by Leslie S, seconded by Dod T and carried unanimously at 7:15 pm. The meeting was closed with the responsibility statement. Respectfully submitted - Cynthia F NNIG Secretary.

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