

# NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



October 7th – 7:00 pm  
Group: 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension  
Speaker: Benjamin A.  
(Incline Village, NV)

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

## September, 2017

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## NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

### When we look outside ourselves, we find it's better to give than to receive. . .

EVER SINCE I can remember, I have been chewing and scratching to have everyone forgive me: employers, parents, women. I demanded forgiveness when I hurt them. I craved it, needed it. But they would not always forgive me; they hurt me. (Always *me*.)

After about two years in AA, I was confronted with the end of a long-term romantic involvement. I thought I loved her and, of course, was devastated by an abrupt change in our relationship, at her choosing. The result was self-pity, dread, a sense of worthlessness, fear, jealousy--another emotional roller coaster. Days went by in a dry drunk. I had not been participating in AA meetings. Mere habit had replaced the original need. I had stopped reading AA material months before. But I didn't drink. A revelation came one night at a meeting. If I could forgive this person who had harmed me, I heard, my resentments would diminish. If I could progress from thinking only about *me* to forgiving someone else for hurting me, I could be free forever from the mental anguish that had been with me so long.

Forgiving someone else and not dwelling just on myself became my path to freedom in the ensuing days. My resentments had been part of me, along with hurt feelings and pride, anger, and wistful longing for past relationships as they were in the days before they turned sour. (Invariably, they did turn sour.)

I have asked my Higher Power for, and hope I receive, a totally different attitude toward my fellow-man. "As we forgive those who trespass against us" has this day replaced the *me* in my life. A resentful and fearful man can walk again in the sunshine if he can learn to forgive those who hurt him. I pray to God I will never again carry the burden of all the resentments I once drank to drown. Thank God for AA and the growth it has given me.

--T.O., Washington, D. C.  
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A A's

## Recovery Step Nine:

*"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."*

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## Unity Tradition Nine:

*"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."*

Legacies

## Service Concept Nine:

*"Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."*

### Concept IX – The Need for Good Leadership Throughout A.A.

Bill begins his discussion of Concept Nine by saying that the success of any service structure always depends on the quality of persons available to carry out the jobs that need to be done. In A.A., this starts at the group level with the selection of its General Service Representative, and extends with increasing importance through to District Committee Members, Area Committee persons, Conference Delegates, and Members of the General Service Board. A.A.'s long term success depends on the selection of the best persons available at each job level.

Discussion of qualities of good leadership is central to Concept IX. Bill begins this discussion by setting up two opposite and extreme situations. Putting "principles before personalities", carried to an extreme, would set up a rather faceless group of automatons trying to please everybody. At the other end would be leaders who are "...people of the most sterling judgment, morals, and inspirations; big doers, prime examples to all, and practically infallible." Real leadership falls somewhere between these two extremes, being neither faceless and without personality differences, nor perfect.

Here are some bullet points drawn selectively from Bill's discussion of good leaders in A.A.

- They lead by example; they do not drive by mandate.
- They originate plans, policies and ideas for innovation while also consulting widely with others.
- They are neither over-bearing "power-drivers" nor meek "order takers".
- They never pass the buck, but take effective action within the framework of their defined authority and responsibility.
- They recognize that even prideful and angry people can be right while the humble may be quite mistaken.
- They listen carefully to their critics and others who disagree with them.
- They respect the quality of "give and take", being willing to compromise cheerfully.

Bill continues to discuss *vision* as another attribute of leadership. By vision, he means "...the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and more distant future. Tolerance, responsibility and flexibility are other leadership attributes are needed along with vision.

Every leader does have all the needed skills and experiences. Talents vary greatly among our members. Because of this, it is important to have sound methods for selecting leaders. At many levels of A.A., leaders are selected by what is called the "Third Legacy" method, which means selecting persons who either receive a two-thirds majority in a voting process or, in the case of no one receiving this majority, by lot (drawing names from a hat). Over the years, this has proven to be a most successful A.A. leader selection method. People with good combinations of skills and talents as well as good leadership attributes always seem to emerge from this procedure.

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



# NNIG EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

## NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings

Silver Legacy - 407 North Virginia Street Reno 89501



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

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

October 7, 2017  
Host Group - 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension  
Speaker - Benjamin A (Incline Village, NV)

November 18, 2017  
Host Group - Almost Heaven  
Speaker - Jerry & Patricia (Folsom CA)

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

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A. (775) 846-1120  
Speaker Co-Chair: Open  
Need more info call: Central Office - (775) 355-1151  
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 6 pm with the speaker



Northern Nevada Intergroup

## 2017 Gratitude Dinner



# WE WILL BE AMAZED

Eldorado Hotel Casino Convention Center

345 North Virginia Street, Reno NV 89501

### Speaker

David D. (Millersville Maryland)

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Dinner Sold Out**  
Seating available for Speaker Meeting

## ROARING TWENTIES

### New Year's Eve Gala 2017

Sunday December 31, 2017

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

10 Lake Street Reno, NV 89501



Doors Open 7:00PM

Dinner served 8:00PM

ALANON Speaker 9:30PM

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

Raffle and Silent Auction 10:45 PM

Music, Dancing, Photo Ops at 11:00 PM

Downtown Reno Fireworks at 11:59 PM

Tickets are \$60.00

Purchase Tickets at Central Office (775) 355-1151

1920's Attire is ENCOURAGED.



## MORE AREA EVENTS - MORE ON PAGE 9



October 6, 7 & 8, 2017  
Harvey's Lake Tahoe

Powerful Speakers, Panels,  
Marathon Meetings,  
Raffle, Delicious Brunch Buffet  
after the Saturday morning speaker  
and More!

NEW THIS YEAR

### STUMP THE THUMPER

Saturday 5:30PM In the main room -  
win a prize if you can Stump the Thumper



Earl Hightower -Southern California  
Mike L. - Indianapolis, IN  
Kristina W.- Marin County, CA  
Kim L. -North Lake Tahoe, CA  
Bridjet O.- South Lake Tahoe, CA

Sign up/Pay & Check out the latest updates on our website

[www.laketahoefallfestival.org](http://www.laketahoefallfestival.org)

If you would like to get into service  
With the Fall Festival - Please contact  
Charmaine - Dan M. 775-671-5199  
Or Co-Chair Angela Black 775-376-0948



## OASIS FESTIVAL IN FALLON

STRAIGHT AHEAD!

OCTOBER 14th, 2017

[www.OasisFestivalFallon.com](http://www.OasisFestivalFallon.com)  
or Call (775) 338-5717



## NNIG HALLOWEEN EVENT

Saturday, October 28th, 2017 at 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Evelyn Mount Northeast  
Community Center

1301 Valley Road  
Reno, Nv. 89512  
5pm -10pm

NNIG is putting together an  
amazing and Boo-fu!l  
Halloween event this year!  
Expect an AA meeting, scary  
Halloween costumes, food,  
raffle, and participation from  
RENVYPA.

Blood Donors Needed! The  
Halloween committee will  
meet every Sunday in  
October at 5pm, at Central  
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Join us, Eat, Drink, And Be  
Scary!

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Please consider donating and placing in the Jack-O-Lanterns:

CASH, RAFFLE PRIZES, CANDY, TREATS, or CAKES

(if allowed)

Return the jack-o-lanterns to Central Office, ASAP.

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*Dear NNIG Fellowship,*

*As summer comes to an end we have so much to look forward to in Northern Nevada A.A. this fall season. Please check the website and the Bracer News for all event information and committee updates. Central Office has seen a serious decline in merchandise sales this year 2017 -\$4195.84. The decline started in April when the road construction on Glendale Avenue created detours and road closers around the central office. Opening the office on Saturday has done nothing to increase sales, a few visitors and one or two customers at the most. Thanks to the increase in Group Contributions and the annual Spring Festival Contribution our bottom line is +\$2400.00 to the good this year (thank you Higher Power). New meeting packets are flying out the door at central office. Meetings added to the printed schedule and website this month, South Reno on Monday, Smith Valley and Yerington both added meetings.*

*Please review with your group the new Yellow Safety Cards issued by GSO and handed out at the monthly intergroup meeting. Attention to the Safety Card For A.A. Groups is a high priority! Thank you,*

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



## The Birthday Club



- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Danny S.—15 years   | Rob L.—7 years      |
| Deby C.—29 years    | Lunnetta N.—7 years |
| Linda J.—25 years   | Karen S.—27 years   |
| Joanne P.—5 years   | Kent L.—35 years    |
| Paul M.—26 years    | Lorenda L.—7 years  |
| Sandra G.—22 years  | Ron T.—6 years      |
| Barbara M.—42 years | Joan H.—46 years    |
| Jennifer P.—5 years | Christy M.—21 years |
| Dod—10 years        | Linda J.—24 years   |
| Ann G.—13 years     | Joanne P.—4 years   |
| Kyle L.—35 years    | Phil S.—40 years    |
| MJ —34 years        | Mike H.—21 years    |
| William M.—28 years | Michael S.—41 years |
| Rich J.—18 years    | Phyllis M.—39 years |
| Nancy R.—23 years   | Cynthia F.—4 years  |
| Sharon F.—32 years  | Diana T.—1 year     |
| Kim D.—40 years     | 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

## Support Hose

4:00 PM Sunday  
Driar's Club  
345 S. Wells Ave.  
Reno, NV

## Friday Night Candlelight

7:00 PM Friday  
Village Ave. &  
Northwood - Room #4  
Incline Village, NV

## Eye Opener

8:00 AM Weekdays  
Reno Buddhist Church  
820 Plumas St.  
Reno, NV

## AA ANSWERING SERVICE NUMBERS

Reno, Sparks, Carson City and all of Northern Nevada: (775) 355-1151  
Las Vegas and all of Southern Nevada: (702) 598-1888  
Mammoth Lake: (760) 934-3434  
North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126  
South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243  
Susanville, CA: (530) 257-2880

## Dawn Patrol

Daily 7:30 AM  
Alano Club of Sparks  
1640 Prater Way  
Sparks, NV

## By the Book

Sunday 4:00 PM  
Hillyard Hall  
2945 Ft. Churchill St.  
Silver Springs, NV

**N.N.I.G. STEERING COMMITTEE**  
 Last Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM  
 Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

**N.N.I.G. BUSINESS MEETING**  
 First Tuesday of each month, 6:45 PM  
 Alano Club, 1640 Prater Way, Sparks

**N.N.I.G. MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING**  
 7:00 PM Silver Legacy - Silver Baron A

**N.N.I.G. CPC/PI**  
 Second Sunday of each month, 2:00 – 3:30 PM  
 Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

**N.N.I.G. H&I**  
 Last Thursday of each month, 5:15 PM  
 Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

**EVENT PLANNING MEETINGS:**  
**HALLOWEEN- 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY, 5:00 PM,**  
 CENTRAL OFFICE; MEETINGS WILL BE  
 HELD WEEKLY STARTING OCT 1<sup>ST</sup>  
**GRATITUDE DINNER – 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
 THURSDAY, 5:30PM, CENTRAL  
 OFFICE  
**NYE GALA, 1<sup>ST</sup> THURS OF THE**  
 MONTH, 5:30PM UPSTAIRS,  
 TRIANGLE CLUB

## District Meetings

**DISTRICT-2** Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno  
 Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue, Reno

**DISTRICT 4** First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno  
 Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue Reno

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

**DISTRICT 8** First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months  
 Call (760) 937-8407

**DISTRICT 10A** Third Sunday of every other month, 1:30 PM  
 680 River St. Elko, NV

**DISTRICT 10B** Last Sunday Odd Numbered Months @  
 10:00AM Rotating Group Locations –  
 Call (775)403-0869

**DISTRICT 11** Only holds meetings 4 time a year, call DCM

**DISTRICT 12** 2nd Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM- 457  
 Esmeralda Street Wolf Center, Fallon NV

**DISTRICT 14** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon of each “Odd” month at 6:00 PM -265  
 Bear Street in Kings Beach CA

**DISTRICT 16** Meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of the month  
 Sparks Family Christian Church 510 Greenbrae  
 Blvd 6:00PM-7:00PM

**DISTRICT 18** DARK DISTRICT

**DISTRICT 20** First Saturday of every month 1:30 PM- 50  
 South Weatherlow, Susanville

**DISTRICT 22** Last Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM 433  
 Pyramid Way

### AREA CLUBS

**Reno / Sparks Clubs**  
 Alano Club Sparks, 1640 Prater Way (775) 359-2727  
 Driars Club Reno 345 S. Wells Avenue (775) 324-9210  
 Triangle Club Reno 635 S Wells Avenue (775) 324-7977

**Clubs outside Reno/Sparks Area**  
 Alano Club Carson City, 1800 HWY 50 East (775) 882-0443  
 Bishop Alano Club (760) 873-6700  
 Elko Alano Club (775) 738-4747  
 Las Vegas Triangle Club (702) 435-0597  
 South Lake Tahoe (530) 541-1243

### The 24 hour answering service is looking for volunteers!

If you would like a service commitment in A.A. that you can do at home or on the go, call **Mark U. (775) 815-8183.**

Support our primary purpose by volunteering for a **4 hour shift** answering the hotline.

You do not have to live in the Reno/Sparks area **all of Northern Area 42 included**

A handbook will be provided with:  
 Answering service guidelines  
 Referral phone numbers – (for outside issues)  
 What A.A. does and doesn't do  
 12 step phone list include most districts  
 Using the web site for all event information is a breeze  
 Training available @ Central Office

### A.A. Service Volunteers Needed

Orientation to Alcoholics Anonymous



A series of four presentations (one per week)  
 Each weekly topic is presented from a written script developed from A.A. Literature. The presentations are *not* A.A. meetings. Volunteers will present once or twice per month.  
 Two volunteers co-present each session.  
 Each session lasts about one hour.  
 Two years sobriety required.  
 Dependability is essential.



**For more detailed information, please contact  
 Joyce Y. at 775-722-3112 or  
 Joanne P. at 510-220-5790**

**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 Journey Toward Responsibility

It seems that not a week goes by lately that some reference to Tradition Nine doesn't come up. The discussions--sometimes very lively discussions--fall into three general categories: 1) relationship with the non-AA professional community; 2) committee work within AA; and 3) personal application.

The first category is usually simple and straightforward. Whether I'm contacting a treatment facility administrator, a judge, a social service agency, or the probation department at the district court, Tradition Nine comes to life as soon as I introduce myself as a member of the committee for Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) within Alcoholics Anonymous. And when I do that, I'm in harmony with other CPC members throughout the United States, Canada, and the world so long as I adhere to the learned experience hammered out and documented in the CPC Workbook, GSO Guidelines, and related AAWS Conference-approved literature. Conformity is vital in this Twelfth Step work.

Within the scope of CPC work--or for that matter Corrections, Treatment, and Public Information committees--it is not uncommon to give a very brief, thumbnail sketch to non-AAs about how information flows within AA and its committees. For example, several weeks can sometimes pass from the time a Treatment Facilities Committee receives a request from a facility for AA presentations, to the necessary CPC outreach to that staff, and then the date that the local AA groups actually begin to carry AA's message into that facility. If I briefly explain AA's organizational structure, I can alleviate any impatience on the part of the professionals. While I'm always quick to clarify that we on the committee are non-professional volunteers, outlining AA's committee system avoids perceptions of irresponsibility when things don't happen overnight.

Bill W. said that "we find that we must to some extent organize to carry the message--or else face chaos. And chaos is not simplicity." It's the second category--committee work within AA itself--where things tend to get a bit sticky. Not all the time, thankfully, but often enough to cause me to stop and pause when I witness Tradition Nine used as a weapon rather than a spiritual tool.

My first experience with this was a number of years ago when I was serving as a district committee member (DCM). Reaching out to groups in the hope of increasing participation at the district level, I found myself one night with an old-timer in my face, angrily wagging his finger at the Traditions window shade hanging on the wall as he yelled, "See? 'Ought never be organized.' Go away! We don't need you people from service. We keep it simple in this group." How grateful I am that many more groups felt just the opposite, that to live Tradition Nine was their

responsibility, and they supported the various committees to the best of their ability.

One glance at the eight questions for Tradition Nine on the Grapevine's Traditions Checklist quickly reveals how personal Tradition Nine can be. Don't have one handy? The questions are: 1) Do I still try to boss things in AA? 2) Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative? 3) Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program--even if no one makes me do so--with a sense of personal responsibility? 4) Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take? 5) Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job? 6) Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws? 7) Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully--and profit thereby--when the time comes? 8) What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

These questions invite considerable self-examination of my attitudes and actions. Around the table at my home group, the first question is usually greeted with an outburst of laughter from all (especially when it's my turn!). The rest evoke more serious comments. How grateful I am that my sponsor and other old-timers guided me, through Tradition Nine, into general service. Through Tradition Nine, I learned about AA beyond my own backyard. Through Tradition Nine, my spiritual development continued during service on various committees such as Public Information, CPC, Treatment Facilities--not to mention the Grapevine committee. It was within these committees that I learned to better interact with others. It was here that I also learned more about when and how to apply the Concepts and warranties; to guard against overflowing treasuries; that no one was in unqualified authority over another, regardless of his or her "title"; that we don't take punitive action against anyone.

My two-year term as a delegate member of the General Service Conference was one of the most challenging exercises with Tradition Nine, ever reminding me of the fact that the "aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it." I came to believe that all committees and service boards within AA are equally important and should be supported equally. I also came to believe that while Tradition Nine guides us to have these entities, that every committee and service board must also embrace the spiritual principles embodied in the other Traditions, but in particular Tradition Five.

The essay on Tradition Nine in the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* offers a chilling warning if we in AA don't demand of our committees and service boards what we must adhere to as individuals: "Unless there is approximate conformity to AA's Twelve Traditions, the group, too, can deteriorate and die. So we of AA do obey spiritual principles. . ." Adhere, obey, conform. This we owe to AA's future.

Annemarie M., Raynham, Massachusetts  
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## NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

Group	August	YTD	Group	August	YTD
12 X 12 on 12th Street		0.00	Happy Hour Reno	252.54	1166.48
12 X 12 Sunday Night		0.00	Hawthorne Groups		0.00
4th July Annual Event		69.00	Incline to be Sober		40.00
A Way Home		493.03	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		25.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group	47.00	142.25
Alano Brown Baggers	250.00	475.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		100.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	48.40	129.20
Alano Keep it Simple		134.50	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart	80.00	110.00
Alano Sunshine Group		100.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		75.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		20.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group	10.00	10.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group		25.89
Alano Women in Recovery		0.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room		1355.00
Alturas Hill Toppers		55.33	NNIG Business Meeting	36.25	255.25
Austin Group		78.00	Our Group Sunnyside		0.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night	95.00	595.00	Out and Sober		25.00
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	Page by Page		166.19
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	80.00	Portola Group	300.00	900.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Progress Not Perfection		0.00
Blairsden Greagle Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group		239.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Pyramid Lake Campout		0.00
Buena Vista Group		50.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		280.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		367.80	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life	180.00	360.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		165.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	400.00
Carson Back to Basics	140.00	140.00	RTC Aloha Group		0.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		1500.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		63.00
Carson Brown Baggers		504.50	RTC Just for Today Women		208.29
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		100.00
Carson Early Birds	516.67	1119.71	RTC Lost and Found		102.00
Carson Happy Hour		250.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		200.00	RTC Mid Day Group	90.00	190.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		30.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		216.00
Carson Out to Lunch Bunch		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		240.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		547.79
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		150.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		250.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		50.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		300.00	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Carson Women's Night Out		145.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Chester Fellowship		25.50	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Choices		0.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		150.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		40.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Silver Springs Groups	225.00	300.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		250.00	Sisters of Sobriety		96.98
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
Dayton Sunday Morning		372.87	South Reno on Sunday		463.37
District 6		400.00	South Shore Group	50.00	100.00
Driar's 4th Dimension	100.00	391.21	Southside Group	281.03	2343.21
Driar's Keep It Simple	38.50	38.50	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		48.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls	10.00	20.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	Sunnyside Group		1209.60
Eleventh Step Retreat		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night		100.00
End Of The Road Group Topaz		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		62.94
Eye Opener		1469.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eye Opener Mid-day Group		0.00	The Rock Group		224.50
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch	102.00	540.90	Truckee Dawn Patrol	166.72	368.98
Fernley Groups	200.00	400.00	Truckee Fellowship		66.27
Finding Peace		50.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		1000.00
Fireside Group		200.00	Verdi Bookies		405.92
Galena Friday Night		90.00	Verdi Greener Pastures		0.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		100.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		62.00	Westwood AA		11.13
Golden Valley Back Room Group		0.00	Westwood Monday Night		16.48
Greenville Group		40.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		200.00
Ground Zero		367.00	Whole in the Soul		0.00
Grupo Accion		20.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		50.00	Winnemucca Single Purpose		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esueranza		70.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		17.20
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		10.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	190.00	Women's New Beginnings		785.08
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Harmony		105.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	20.00	90.00	Young at Heart		0.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>3,319.11</b>	<b>28,154.85</b>

# PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss - Last Month Comparative & Year to Date August 2017			
Accrual Basis	Aug 17	Aug 16	Jan - Aug 17
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 - Income - General	3,589.11	2,791.44	30,954.50
4002 - Income - Event Revenues	401.25	580.65	5,222.76
4003 - Event Revenues - Other	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	6,677.61	5,926.29	52,558.22
4900 - Interest Income	0.00	0.93	9.91
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,667.97</b>	<b>9,299.31</b>	<b>94,745.39</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,663.93	3,216.95	29,644.53
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,663.93</b>	<b>3,216.95</b>	<b>29,644.53</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>7,004.04</b>	<b>6,082.36</b>	<b>65,100.86</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
5100 - Bank Fees and charges	3.00	3.00	15.00
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	1,090.00
5180 - CC Service Fees	-217.20	570.99	1,387.51
5161 - Convention expenses	0.00	168.00	325.96
5210 - Storage Unit	80.00	80.00	640.00
5220 - Shipping Charges	32.45	46.20	336.44
5230 - Alarm System	133.77	0.00	420.40
5235 - Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,676.46
5240 - Compensation	4,198.00	3,816.00	29,378.00
5241 - Dental/Vision Plan	154.04	141.72	154.04
5250 - Computer expenses	0.00	0.00	522.31
5260 - Copier Lease	327.77	268.05	2,643.02
5270 - Insurance Business/Workers C...	0.00	0.00	1,096.00
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publicatio...	0.00	0.00	329.00
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	31.00	120.00	405.68
5290 - Office Supplies	228.91	61.96	1,550.54
5310 - Paper	53.80	89.30	397.36
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	321.15	291.92	2,247.39
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	75.00	84.80	697.50
5330 - Postage	0.00	0.00	197.75
5340 - Rent	758.00	758.00	6,064.00
5360 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	195.00
5380 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	50.00
5370 - Telephone	472.01	356.64	973.23
5380 - Trash	28.47	27.83	227.74
5390 - Utilities	131.63	123.11	887.43
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,811.80</b>	<b>6,985.61</b>	<b>62,625.76</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>192.24</b>	<b>-903.25</b>	<b>2,475.10</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>192.24</b>	<b>-903.25</b>	<b>2,475.10</b>

For Greater Detail on this Report - Contact Your Central Office or NNIG Treasurer

NNIG ENDING CASH BALANCES August 31, 2017			
	Balance	Goal Reserve	Difference
<b>Administrative Funds:</b>			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	-
General Checking	7,262.31	7,500.00	(237.69)
Administrative Balance	<b>7,562.31</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>	<b>(237.69)</b>
<b>Interest Bearing Accounts (Prudent Reserve)</b>			
Savings	26,009.03	20,000.00	6,009.03
CD 1	5,022.70	5,000.00	22.70
CD 2	5,145.67	5,000.00	145.67
	<b>36,177.40</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>6,177.40</b>
Hold for Capital Expenditures			6,177.40
<b>Other Checking Balances:</b>			
Events Balance***	<b>19,480.00</b>		
<b>Total Cash on Hand (A)</b>	<b>63,219.71</b>		
12 months operating expenses (2015)		90,000.00	
Monthly Average		7,500.00	
4 months prudent reserve (Rounded UP)		30,000.00	
<b>*** Events Funds</b>			
General Events Reserve	4,011.45		
Gratitude Dinner	14,929.05		
New Year's Party	900.00		
Halloween Event	(382.50)		
	<b>19,480.00</b>		

# PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions		Group Contributions 2017 YTD		Group Contributions 2017 YTD	
Group	August YTD Total	Group	August YTD Total	Group	August YTD Total
4th Dimension	88.55	735.52	Women's Just For Today		0.00
A Way Home		129.00	Women's New Beginnings		196.59
AA Golden Group Kings Beach		111.64	Women's New Harmony		91.11
Alano Afternoon Serenity		170.55	Women's Night Out		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		128.00	Women on Wednesday		0.00
Alano Club Jay Walkers		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol	52.50	222.02	Young At Heart		138.24
Alano Hoppers Serenity		0.00	<b>August Income/YTD</b>	<b>2039.49</b>	<b>15688.97</b>
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		155.00	July 2017 Balance Forward	1611.34	
Alano Sunshine Group		209.19	Account Balance	3650.83	
Alano Women in Recovery		50.61	<b>August LR Distributed</b>	<b>2091.30</b>	
Austin Group		0.00	Ending Balance	<b>1559.53</b>	
Caring and Sharing Stead	35.37	234.13			
Carson After Shifters	192.58	1862.64			
Carson Big Book Babes		33.28			
Carson City Early Birds	517.12	1056.15			
Carson City Happy Hour	100.00	789.65			
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		125.00			
Carson Men's No BS		120.51			
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		99.00			
Corner Stone Group		140.00			
Dayton Sunday Morning		124.23			
Diars Keep it Simple		102.29			
End of the Road Group		73.00			
Eye Opener	154.00	630.00			
Femley Groups		218.00			
Golden Valley Back Room	27.45	115.45			
Ground Zero		33.00			
Happy Hour		614.24			
Incline to be Sober		28.57			
Knuckle Heads	111.00	177.00			
Ladies of the Evening		187.00			
Minden Gardnerville Group	159.90	2267.52			
Minden Wednesday Night Live	33.63	381.98			
Minden Roadside Group		133.62			
Minden Saturday Night Fever		162.00			
Mount Rose Recovery Group		140.00			
Northern California H&I		199.97			
Pyramid Way Group		108.00			
Roadside Group		0.00			
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	203.00			
RTC ALPHA Group		0.00			
Seniors in Sobriety		81.00			
Serenity on Sunday		0.00			
Sierraville Book Study		22.00			
Slide Mountain Serenity		38.00			
Support Hose		70.00			
South Reno on Sunday		97.30			
Southside Group	115.00	890.00			
Step 1		41.00			
Sunnyside	164.67	657.67			
The Rock Group	32.67	80.70			
Truckee River Men's	130.05	712.12			
Verdi Bookies		215.00			
Verdi Greener Pastures		55.92			
Virginia City Plug in the Jug		0.00			

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

## Distributed Literature 2017 YTD

Facilities	August YTD Total	Facilities	August YTD Total
<b>JAILS &amp; CORRECTIONS</b>			
Carson City Jail	2038.00		
Carson City Warm Springs	1184.00		
NNCC Carson Prison	240.00		
Douglas County Jail	860.00		
Elko/Carlin Corrections Camp	0.00		
Humboldt County Jail	274.00		
Jane Evans Detention Center	345.30	513.30	
Lakes Crossing	104.00		
Lovelock Prison	776.60		
NI Transitional Housing	260.00		
Stewart Corrections Camp	183.00		
Washoe Courts - Parr	740.00	2150.00	
Washoe Courts - SB277		20.00	
<b>TREATMENT &amp; HOSPITALS</b>			
Bristlecone - Residential	240.00	1260.00	
Carson Behavioral Health		995.00	
Carson Tahoe Detox	360.00	940.00	
Crossroads - St Vincent's Residential		244.50	
Empowerment Center Women	120.00	120.00	
Gospel Mission		0.00	
New Frontiers - Fallon		0.00	
NI Adult Mental Health Services		0.00	
Renown Behavioral Health	36.00	604.00	
Ridge House		480.00	
Saint Vincent's		0.00	
Salvation Army		960.00	
Step 1 - Men		0.00	
Step 2 - Women		1363.00	
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		0.00	
VA Hospital		0.00	
West Care		160.00	
West Hills	250.00	282.50	
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA		169.50	
Office Supplies		31.44	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2091.30</b>	<b>16,112.84</b>	

## 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CENTRAL OFFICE

**Thursday November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving - Closed**

**Friday November 24, 2017 Family Day - Closed**

**Monday December 25, 2017 Christmas Day - Closed**

**Friday December 29, 2017 Inventory - Closed**

**Monday January 1, 2018 - New Year's Day - Closed**

**Monday February 19, 2018 - Presidents' Day - Closed**

**Monday May 28, 2018 - Memorial Day - Closed**

**Wednesday July 4, 2018 - Independence Day - Closed**

**Monday September 3, 2018 - Labor Day - Closed**

**NNIG CENTRAL OFFICE  
OPEN ON SATURDAYS**

**10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**NNIG A.A. CENTRAL OFFICE  
436 SOUTH ROCK BLVD SPARKS, NV 89431**

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## MORE AREA EVENTS

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# Sierra Nevada Fall Round Up

PEPPERMILL RESORT & CASINO

OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup>  
2017

Be Where Your Feet Are

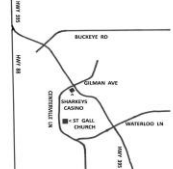
50<sup>th</sup> Annual Carson Valley A.A. Gratitude Dinner  
Dinner  
Friday, November 17, 2017  
St Gall Catholic Church  
1343 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville, NV



Doors open at 5:00PM.  
\$5 Buffet Dinner from 5:00PM to 6:30PM.  
Kids under 10 eat free.  
Turkey and trimmings provided.  
Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.  
Raffle drawings begin at 6:30PM.  
A.A./Al-Anon meeting at 7:00PM.  
A.A. speaker Jack G from S. Calif.  
Al-Anon speaker Michelle V. from S. Lake Tahoe

Only 500 tickets will be sold.  
No ticket is needed for the 7:00PM meeting.  
For information or tickets, call:

Mike L-775-720-1724  
Denny H-775-782-6649  
John F-775-781-9106




2017 Gratitude Dinner

# WE WILL BE AMAZED

Please take a group conscience and see if your Home Group would like to make a donation to our Raffle Baskets. All proceeds support the Central Office, Our Primary Purpose and the Outreach of NMG Committees. Please Call Pam M. 775-379-3518

**Raffle Themed Basket and Prizes**

- Ski Fun
- Beauty & Relaxation
- Coffee & Sweets
- A Night Out on the Town
- A Cooks Delight
- Golf Enthusiast
- Recovery
- Electronics



## THE PROMISES

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us- sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

The Big Book- Pages 83-84

## Made Direct Amends

### Time and his Higher Power had built a bridge to his sobriety

AFTER I HAD been in the Fellowship four and a half years, my brother invited me to visit him at his home in Ohio. I had been invited before, but I had doubts about my acceptance into his home, because of my track record. Our initial meeting after five years apart had me more nervous than the first time I spoke from an AA podium. The kangaroos in my tummy were having a real feisty boxing match.

All the way to Ohio, I kept going over some of the key personality flaws I have trouble with--chiefly my ability to open my mouth before engaging my brain. On the flight, I promised myself that no matter what I found disagreeable in my brother's way of life, I would keep my mouth shut--I also promised myself that I would make amends to him and to his wife. When the wheels hit the tarmac at Cleveland airport, the Serenity Prayer kept slipping through my mind.

My brother and I had long talks about everything. We hit it off like two long-lost pals. Of course, I was smart enough not to drag him through all the sordid details of my past. I talked about what had happened when I was with him. I was deeply surprised to find he had been doing his homework about the Fellowship and alcoholism. He had watched me trip down Rummy Lane and said that he had done the opposite of what I had done. He felt that because of watching me, he had not used booze or drugs as a means of escaping from the realities of his problems.

In taking Step Nine, it turned out, I was walking across a bridge that had already been built by my Higher Power, time, and sobriety. My sister-in-law was receptive to my amends, but not in a verbal form such as "Yes, I understand." Her acceptance of me--my past and present--was silent. At first, it made me feel very uneasy. I felt as if I was being watched to see if my actions matched my words. I had to consider that these people have two small children, so I expect some of her motherly fears were blooming.

For the first few days, I walked softly and minded my p's and q's. I became slightly schizo, jabbering and loosening up with my brother and being careful around my sister-in-law. On the third day, I knew I had been accepted when she asked me to carry my eighteen-month-old niece to the car. Halfway to the car, I got a little nervous about dropping her (as a thirty-three-year-old bachelor, I do not get too much practice carrying babies). When we got to the car, I turned the wee one over to Mother with a sigh of relief.

In their own ways, they had accepted my amends. On the flight back to my home in Florida, I felt-very good about the trip and my Ninth Step. Of course, I had attended two meetings for reinforcement while in Ohio. That, coupled with a healthy dose of Step Eleven, made the trip a success.

--R. B., Fort Meyers, Florida  
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# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## September 5, 2017 held at The Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Meeting was opened at 6:45 pm by Ron T - NNIG Chairperson followed by the "Serenity Prayer," motion to approve last month's minutes – Dawn motioned to accept all approved

**Treasurer's Report – Dawn K.** – Need more income same amount coming in as going out. As previously reported a new financial reporting format has been devised for the following: Steering Committee, Bracer and And This Business Meeting The Steering Committee reports have been expanded to include additional detailed reports including a Balance Sheet, yearly comparative, and monthly comparative income statements, and deferred revenue details. Note: these are almost always "informal Financials" as they are incomplete due to timing of meetings vs bank statement cutoffs. These reports allow for the Steering Committee and its attendees to review in the greatest detail. As always, they are available for all to review at any time. The Bracer will now include information on our prudent reserves including deferred revenue details. The Profit and Loss has also been revised to condense it down to one page while still increasing the Font for better visibility. The combination of these changes should help better relay our financial position to everyone. The Business Meeting Financial Statements also have undergone some changes. At the Steering Committee meeting held on August 29, 2017, your intergroup Representative Joyce presented the following question:

When will NNIG body be presented revised budget which reflects the additional cost of a part-time worker to include 20 days PTO plus two Saturdays per month, plus coverage for comp time accrued at time and a half for working two Saturdays a month and the additional cost of the phone system.

This question requires other facts are taken into consideration before answering the question of when.

What Payroll costs were included in the original budget that was presented and approved on February 7, 2017?

What is the current policy/obligation as it pertains to PTO, Comp Time, etc.?

The Personnel Policy Manual needs review here.

What expenses related to the Telephone system were recorded on the Income Statement vs the Balance Sheet? A separate review of the direct costs would need to be performed. It is this treasurer's position that these and potentially other facts be reviewed further before a revised budget be considered for preparation. I will research the details further between now and the next Steering Committee meeting. I will report my findings and make a recommendation at that time.

### \*Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report

#### **Central Office Report – Leslie S.** MONTHLY REPORT August 2017

Dear NNIG Fellowship, As summer comes to an end we have so much to look forward to in Northern Nevada A.A. this fall season. Please check the website and the Bracer News for all event information and committee updates. Central office has seen a serious decline in merchandise sales this year 2017 -\$4195.84. The decline starting in April when the road construction on Glendale Avenue created detours and road closers around the central office. Opening the office on Saturday has done nothing to increase sales, a few visitors and one or two customers at the most. Thanks to the increase in Group Contributions and the annual Spring Festival Contribution our bottom line is +\$2400.00 to the good this year (thank you Higher Power). New meeting packets are flying out the door at central office. Meetings added to the printed schedule and website this month, South Reno on Monday, Smith Valley and Yerington both added meetings. Please review with your group the new Yellow Safety Cards issued by GSO and handed out at the monthly intergroup meeting. Attention to the Safety Card For A.A. Groups is a high priority! Thank you,

#### Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 16	Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 3
Meeting Information: 69	*Retail/Merchandise: 7
Other 12 Step Programs: 13	A.A. Events Information: 10
Business/AA Central Office: 68	<b>Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 186</b>

#### **Volunteer Office Hours: 140**

#### **Speaker Chair – Brian A. – Stepped Down, effective immediately**

**New Business** Business Meeting Agenda New Format – Ron T. New business and business from the floor first

Business Meeting Start Time and End Time – Ron T. 6:30 PM start time was discussed voted on and approved. The monthly meeting will end promptly at 8:00 PM.

#### **Old Business - none**

#### **Central Service Committee Reports**

**Activities Chair – Kris H.** asked if Nick K. could be co-chair for the events. It is noted that Nick K. will not have the sobriety requirements to take over as chair.

Halloween committee is the last sun of the month at central office at 5:30 9/24. Meetings will be held weekly starting Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. until the event of the 28th. Gratitude dinner is looking for raffle prizes and donations from groups. New year's meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at triangle club at 5:30 pm. 31 tickets sold so far, will be selling at area 42 conference, fall festival, Halloween event, and gratitude dinner. Submitted by Jennifer P New Year's Chair; As of 8.31 NYE Committee has sold 31 tickets. We will be selling tickets at the Area 40 Conference September 9 & 10, the Fall Festival, the Halloween Party, and the Gratitude Dinner. We need to sell 220 tickets prior to 11.30.17 to break even on the event. 11.30.17 the 25% deposit of \$3,056.69 is due. (Estimated Bill Amount based on 250 attendees). If we have not sold the required tickets by this date, we are prepared to cancel the event. In addition to the attached Menu, there will be a beverage station to include Coffee, Water, Iced Tea, and Assorted Sodas. This will be self-serve. We will also have a midnight toast with Martinelli's Sparkling Cider. We will be finalizing the schedule, as well as a few other details at our next meeting – the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month – 9.7.17 @ 5:30pm upstairs at the Triangle Club. All are welcome. All Speakers have been confirmed. The main speaker in Tina A from LA. She is from the Pacific Group. She is confirmed and has her plane ticket.

**Answering Service – Mark U.** New phone lines are ordered will start in December, volunteers are always welcome.

#### **Bracer – Emily Absent**

**Cooperation Professional Community – Cheryl E.** Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC). Here are the ongoing activities that CPC has been involved with for the past month: University of Nevada Medical School, Reno: CPC and PI committee members meet with doctors of psychiatry and 5-8 third year medical students on a scheduled, rotating basis. We provide the med students with some appropriate pamphlets and central office meeting schedules and a short presentation on CPC. The students get an assignment to attend a 12-step meeting and then they report back on their experience in about 3 weeks. We also attend the report backs. A new rotation of students began on Aug 18th. The student report backs took place on Sept 1st. We had 4-5 committee members at each meeting. The next new student rotation date has not been scheduled yet. We could use a few more volunteers to attend these meetings. Let Cheryl E. know if interested. Reno Valley Assisted Living Monthly AA Meeting Beach St. by Evelyn Mount Center: The Seniors in Sobriety group facilitates an AA meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm. About 5 residents have been attending. They really appreciate having an AA meeting to come to. Some residents expressed an interest in having a weekly AA meeting. Cheryl reviewed this request with the activities director. The director agreed to have 2 meetings per month, but not weekly. Meetings now take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm. The Seniors in Sobriety group will continue to facilitate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is being facilitated by another member through Nov. Would like to have an AA group volunteer to facilitate the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday beginning in Dec. Meetings took place Aug 15<sup>th</sup> and Aug 22nd. There were 5 residents present on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 6 present on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. In Sept., meetings will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending these meetings, please let Cheryl know. Was forwarded a request from the Treatment/Accessibilities chair at GSO to call regarding these meetings. Cheryl spoke with Patrick and discussed how the meetings got started. Patrick communicated that other areas are interested in knowing how to approach assisted living facilities. Patrick forwarded contact info from an Accessibilities chair in WA. Spoke with her briefly and communicated in an email to both regarding how the meetings were started and what seems to be working well and what the challenges exist. Will continue to stay in contact with them to share experiences on how best to carry the message to this community. Orientation to AA Presentations: The purpose of these presentations is to help folks new to AA and court ordered folks to understand AA meetings and the language of AA and how and why we do what we do. These are NOT AA meetings. They are a service to help folks learn about AA. The committee has been focused on taking the presentation material down from 6 presentations to 4. The committee will have a copy/binder meeting to put together the new presentations into binders for the volunteers. Binders will be ready in a week. The committee has also been working on a flyer to communicate the need for volunteer presenters. Watch for it soon. Presentations are currently held at Bristlecone Treatment Center every Thursday at 7pm. The presentations are going well. We are short of volunteers. We need folks to make these presentations and help to coordinate the volunteers. We go in pairs. Please contact Cheryl E. or Joyce Y. if you are interested.

# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

Carson Valley has a project lead for Orientation to AA and some volunteers. Once they feel they can fulfill a commitment to present Orientation to AA, they will be approaching treatment facilities in the Carson Valley area to see if the presentations would be helpful to them. Budget: On target to date. CPC/PI Committee Meetings: CPC and PI hold combined committee meetings at Central Office the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every other month from 2-3/3:30. Our last committee meeting was held Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 at Central Office. 8 folks were present. We reviewed the status of projects. We also discussed having a project lead for each project. It was agreed to put this in place. Will help communication with CPC and PI chairs and aid sustainability as new chairs rotate in and out. Also working on a method of replenishing project literature and having it available for volunteers to pick up at Central Office. Our next committee meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 at Central Office. If you are interested in CPC or PI committee work or just want to know more about what we do, please attend. We welcome you and need you! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be of service. Cheryl E. NNIG CPC Chair, 775-971-7554, [cbnsnoop808@gmail.com](mailto:cbnsnoop808@gmail.com)

**Public Information – Tom B.** We are almost ready to begin our presentations in the High schools and plan to do so by the middle of October. The presentations will be scripted with power point and presented in the Health classes. They will not be AA meetings and the presenters will stick to the script and will not give any of their personal stories. Several years ago, this happened and we were asked to leave. All the presenters need to be fingerprinted by the school district at no cost. Also, we will have a training to review the material. Since we are going into the schools all the presentations will be during the day. If you are interested call or e-mail me. Tom B. [775.848.5997.Benedicttb@aol.com](mailto:775.848.5997.Benedicttb@aol.com)

**Corrections – Ryan S.** On Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> at Parr Blvd – 6 A.A. members attended the Civilian Orientation at the Regional Public Safety Training Center. 4 men and 2 women. The next step in the process will be approximately 6 months. Very thorough background check. These Orientations typically are put on every 2 years. Joe H. has started a men's meeting on 08/30/2017 at the Lander County Jail in Battle Mountain. There is a AA member going through the background paperwork/training at the Lovelock Correctional facility. We've sent both members correction geared literature and books. We created a flyer that describes each committee "mission" or "vision statement". We will be posting the flyer on 3 Facebook pages and at clubs in Reno/Sparks. We'd like to discuss with the NNIG webmaster if this is something they'd consider putting on the website. Thank you for your support and service. Ryan S. Northern Nevada Intergroup Corrections Chair [775-848-8154](tel:775-848-8154)

**Treatment – Steve M.** absent – presented by Anjuli K. – Needs help bringing in help to treatment facilities opportunities for service commitments. Ridge house is looking for meetings

**Bridging the Gap – Pat B.** Phone #: 707-483-7181 The Committee has a need for women Fellowship members who can make themselves available to make BTG presentations at Treatment Facilities, usually once per month. Some of our presentations are delivered to co-ed facilities and a team of men and women is desirable for these facilities. The presentations are one hour and are sometimes delivered during business hours. Complete training is provided. Continuous sobriety of two years and working knowledge of our Traditions are suggested requirements for Program Presenters. When treatment facility clients request a BTG Temporary Contact during one of our presentations, our committee members could help the newcomer start the process of feeling comfortable in A.A. by taking the newcomer to their first meeting once leaving treatment. We have a need for Temporary Contact volunteers in the greater Reno / Sparks area. Suggested sobriety for becoming a BTG Temporary Contact is one year. To volunteer or for more information on Bridging the Gap, please call Pat B. Upcoming Events: - BTG Presentations to the clients at Crossroad's Men's and Women's Facilities, West Hills, Carson Behavioral Health Services, and Renew Behavioral Health Services in Reno.

**Pink Can Treasurers Report – Anjuli K.** see the financial report in the Bracer. Thank you

**Speaker Meeting Chair – OPEN**

**Sunshine Committee – Paul M.** Two Sunshine calls this past month and several meetings scheduled west of 395. Co-chair Kevin M may have some others to report east of 395

**Web-Master – Ollie K.** National A.A. Technology Workshop in Sacramento this weekend – Motion to reimburse for the convention up to \$150 for the cost of travel and meals and convention admission. Unanimously agreed.

**Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison – Chris S.** NAGSC Intergroup Liaison report for Sept 5, 2017 on Friday Sept. 8, 2017 all of Area 42 general service will be traveling to Tonopah NV. for the Area 42 assembly. This location was chosen many years ago for its central location to SAGSC and NAGSC. On this trip to the Area Assembly the PRAASA committee will be having a presentation with a question and answer format. So next month I will have a better update on the upcoming [PRAASA.org](http://PRAASA.org) event in March 2018. We will also be bringing ideas for possible agenda items and having discussion on those items. Thank you for allowing me to be of service Chris S.

**RENVYPAA Liaison – Cody** elections for all positions September 24, 2017 3:00PM 635 Wells Ave. Reno

**Steering Committee Reports**

**Intergroup Rep's. Report – Joyce Y.** NNIG Liaison is a messenger to bring questions, concerns and recommendations from the AA body to NNIG steering committee. There was a suggestion or request that new business be placed in a position on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Another concern was brought up concerning the time limit in the room for the monthly NNIG meeting. Often there is not time for new business to be brought up.

This was discussed and a unanimous decision was made to accept this request. New business will be moved on the agenda. Joyce Y. NNIG liaison.

**Secretary's Report – Cheryl Z.** Please send reports to [cherylznnig@gmail.com](mailto:cherylznnig@gmail.com)

**Vice-chair Report – Sean S.** Absent

**Chairman's Report – Ron T.** please see new business

**\*Motion to Close the Meeting**

## **Steering Committee Minutes – 8-29-2017**

**Ron T** – opened meeting with Serenity Prayer

**Roll Call** – Ron T, Sean S, Dawn K, Cheryl Z, Leslie S, Kris H, Joyce Y and Tom M

Visitors - Pete L, Nancy and Pat B

Verification of Quorum – Yes

Steering Committee will invite Bracer Chair and Co-Chair to come to the Steering Committee to discuss increasing the number of pages in the Bracer. We will review the cost of mailing and the additional pages for the treasurer's report, all agreed.

**Approve July, 2017 Steering Committee Minutes – approved**

**Dawn K – Treasurer** – Dawn reviewed the P&L to date, the balance sheet and the prudent reserve sheet. She proposed a change to the P&L to be printed in the Bracer and requested the bank balance sheet be included also. Sean made a motion to approve, Cheryl second. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business Agenda Items Pete L.** – The report by Pete L., to NNIG Steering Committee is to return \$2000 of the \$6000 contribution received by the Spring Festival 2017. This will serve as an example to the NNIG fellowship. Many feel that the contribution to Central Office may have violated traditions 7, 9 and 10. The entire fiasco started with the annual Serenity in the Serenity Camp Out 2017. The Campout committee received a check for \$5000 from a business (member). The Campout kept \$3000 and forwarded \$2000 to the Spring Festival. Elisa R. and Stacey S. can give more information regarding this issue. The Reno Spring Festival was every successful this year because Clancy was the Saturday night Speaker. The Spring Festival made a contribution of \$6000 to the NNIG Central Office. Money also went to GSO New York, and NAGSC this we know. The checks were mailed from Central Office. Pete L. made a request to NNIG to give \$2000 back to Spring Festival. The \$2000 that made its way to the Spring Festival from the Serenity in the Sierra's Camp Out. Joyce Y. would like the money returned as well. **Request tabled for investigation, discussion and vote at the September 26, 2017**

**Steering Committee Meeting.**

**Sean S – Vice Chair** – No Report

**Cheryl Z – Secretary** – note email change please send all AA info to [cherylznnig@gmail.com](mailto:cherylznnig@gmail.com)

**Joyce Y – Intergroup Representative** – Joyce Y. July report was not included in the July Bracer. Should have been an addendum in the August Bracer, but was not published. The addendum was emailed separately need to make sure it is entered on the website.

1. When will NNIG body be presented revised budget which reflects the additional cost of a part-time worker to include 20 days PTO plus two Saturdays per month, plus coverage for comp time accrued at time and a half for working two Saturdays a month and the additional cost of the phone system.

2. Because of time constraint in the big meeting could new business be moved to the top of the agenda?

Allowing topics from the floor to be considered.

**Tom M – Intergroup Representative** – How can we prevent outside money from getting to us. Can we educate the groups and get information to them?

**Kris H – Events Chair** - Sold 30 tickets for New Year's event. Gratitude Dinner Committee meeting on track for a great Gratitude Dinner. Halloween Committee meets last Sunday of the month and every Sunday in October at Central Office 5pm. New Year's Committee will sell New Year's Eve tickets at the Fall Round Up and the Gratitude Dinner.

**Leslie – Central Office** – The monthly business meeting must finish its business and be cleared out of the meeting room at the Alano Club no later than 8:15PM. The club has request our adherence to the time constraint

Next Steering Committee Meeting – September 26, 2017 New Agenda Items

Return Money to the Spring Festival - Vote



Return Service Requested  
NNIG Intergroup Office  
436 S. Rock Blvd.  
Sparks, NV 89431

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