

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



March 10- 7:00 pm
Group: Support Hose
Speaker: Adam T.

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

February, 2018

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The Bracer

NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Who's Gonna Drive You Home?

The band finished their last number, the bartender announced last call and we all ordered one last drink. Before it arrived, I felt a hand on my shoulder and heard the question: "You come here often?" I looked up and it was the lead singer from the band. Up close I realized he was a guy from my last home group. I knew he did something on Wall Street, but then I remembered he played in a band a couple of times a week. Embarrassed, I said something I can't remember and he said: "We've missed you. Are these your new friends? You get good advice here?"

I shrugged my shoulders, hoping he'd leave. He put his hand on my arm, leaned forward as he lowered his voice and said: "Who's gonna tell you when it's too late? Who's gonna tell you things aren't so great? You can't go on thinking nothing's wrong. Who's gonna drive you home tonight?"

"I'm all right," I said. "I've just had a few. I thought your set was over." But he went on: "Who's gonna hold you down when you shake? Who's gonna come around when you break? You can't go on thinking nothing's wrong. Who's gonna drive you home tonight?"

Before I could say anything he said, "I'm gonna drive you home in your car. My wife will follow in mine. I'll pick you up at 6:30 for the earlybird meeting at St. Peters." Then he waved to the bartender and said, "His tab's on me," as he led me out to the nearly empty parking lot. By the grace of my Higher Power, meetings and people like Jack from the rooms, that was my last drink.

It is said that a grateful heart will not drink. It also does not forget. Four years later, while driving to a shopping center, the song "Drive" by The Cars came on the radio: "Who's gonna drive you home tonight ..."

As tears rolled down my face and dripped off my chin onto the steering wheel, my worried wife asked, "What's wrong, what's wrong?" I said, "Nothing's wrong, it's just that sometimes life is so good I weep for joy."

David J., Cary, NC

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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

March 10, 2018
Host Group — Support Hose
Speaker — Adam T. (Los Angeles, CA)

April 7, 2018
Host Group — TITYPAA Committee
Speaker — Katie D. (Covina, CA)

May 12, 2018
Host Group — Women's Just for Today
Speaker — Terry N. (Carson City, NV)

June 9, 2018
Host Group — RENVYPAA Committee
Speaker — Long Timer's Meeting

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A
Speaker Co-Chair: Open
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 365-1161
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker

**NNIG HOSTS THE ANNUAL CORNED BEEF
& Cribbage
(OR Veggie LASAGNA)
FAMILY GAME DAY**

When: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Where: California Building/Idlewild Park
Doors Open at 12:00 Noon
Dinner served at 3PM
Tickets at Central Office
Corned Beef or Lasagna Dinner \$15
Please Bring Pot Luck
First Names A-L: Veggies, Snacks & Dips
First Names M-Z: Desserts

**Awards
Speaker Meeting &
Raffle**

MORE AREA EVENTS

Come Celebrate!

Stagecoach Friends of Bill W.
30th Anniversary BBQ

Moved to 2nd Friday for March only

March 9, 2018

BBQ (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs)
Bring Sides and Desserts
BBQ/Potluck: 6 PM Speaker: 7 PM
Speaker: **Kelley from Wadsworth**
Raffle and 50/50 Drawing
Stagecoach Community Center
8204 Hwy 50 E, at Cheyenne Trail

RENVYPAA Presents:

**INTENTS
SOBRIETY**

"No longer whistling in the dark"

CAMP-OUT

June 22-24, 2018

Taylorsville County Park
Taylorsville, CA

\$15 Pre-Reg
After 3.5.18
\$20 Pre-Reg

Reno Spring Festival 2018
Using the Tools – Growing Together
Friday April 13, 2018- Sunday April 15, 2018
Nugget Hotel 1100 Nugget Ave. Sparks, NV
www.renospringfestival.com

Dear NNIG Fellowship,

Volunteer positions available at Central Office
Thursday 9-1 & 1-5

I want to introduce myself to you all and make myself available for any questions or concerns you may have about Central Office and how we can best serve you and the alcoholic who still suffers.

It would be my privilege to attend one of your group's business meetings and get to know you better. I hope to get lots of input from the groups in order to make our Central Office the best it can be.

Below please find some updates to projects Central Office has been working on.

Spectrum fiber optics construction on the 25M and SIP Phone Service is complete, and we are phone service for all of the Tahoe area now too, thank you Leslie S.

A.A. World Service literature order and AA Grapevine literature order for the 2018 PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) have been placed and mostly delivered to Central Office.

\$3718.00 in up front literature cost to sell at the assembly on March 2, 3 and 4th 2018 at the Sparks Nugget. Literature sales table will be hosted by the PRAASA literate committee and our Steering Committee and Executive Director.

Tinna O. - Your Central Office Executive Director



The Birthday Club



Joan H.—47 years
Leslie S.—20 years
Sharon F.—33 years
Cheryl Z.—17 years
Mike H.—22 years
Cynthia F.—5 years
Phil S.—41 years
David D.—20 years
Danny S.—15 years
Deby C.—29 years
Linda J.—25 years
Joanne P.—5 years
Paul M.—26 years
Sandra G.—22 years

Barbara M.—42 years
Jennifer P.—5 years
Ann G.—13 years
Kyle L.—35 years
MJ —34 years
William M.—28 years
Rich J.—18 years
Nancy R.—23 years
Kim D.—40 years
Rob L.—7 years
Lunnetta N.—7 years
Karen S.—27 years
Lorenda L.—7 years
Phyllis M.—39 years
Mike M.—32 years



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

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

Cocky & Afraid

7:00 PM Wednesday

Destiny Christian
Community Center
255 Bell Street
Reno, NV

A Way Home

5:30 PM

Tuesday & Friday
Good Shepherd Church
501 California Ave.
Reno, NV

As Bill Sees It

12:00 PM Saturday
680 River Street
Elko, 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

There is a Solution

Daily 10:00 PM
Alano Club of Sparks
1640 Prater Way
Sparks, NV

Keep it Simple

Wednesday 7:30 PM
Fernley Community Center
10 North Center Street
Fernley, NV

*Birthday Speaker Meeting held
the last Wednesday of each Month*

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TITYPAA, 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH, 6:30 PM

8425 DOLLY VARDEN AVE,
KINGS BEACH, CA

H&I, BRIDGING THE GAP

LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
5:15 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

CPC/PI 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,
2:00 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

District Meetings

DISTRICT-2 Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM-Reno
Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd. 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 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

2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Thursday November 22, 2018 Thanksgiving - Closed

Friday November 23, 2018 Family Day - Closed

Tuesday December 25, 2018 Christmas Day - Closed

Monday December 31, 2018 Inventory - Closed

Monday January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day - Closed

Northern Nevada Intergroup Hospitals & Institutions Committee

****SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

Treatment Committee

The treatment committee helps by bringing in meetings to treatment centers and detox facilities. It requires a commitment to bring a meeting to the patients on a weekly, bi weekly or monthly basis. We ask for 6 months sobriety, and a willing spirit. Thank you for being of service.

Corrections Committee

The purpose of a correctional facilities committee of NWIG is to coordinate the work of individual AA members who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in corrections facilities. Correctional facility committees, when allowed to do so, take regular AA meetings into facilities in Northern Nevada. Fellowship members who volunteer to do corrections work are expected to understand and adhere to all correctional facilities regulations.

The Corrections Committee serves the AA member groups. Its purpose is to operate as delineated in the NWIG Operating Procedures. Our primary purpose is to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in full accordance with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of AA.

Bridging The Gap Committee

Bridging The Gap is an AA Service Committee that helps clients leaving a treatment facility make the transition to AA, once they leave treatment. We do this by providing the treatment client with an AA Temporary Contact that arranges to take the client to their first AA meeting in their home community once they leave treatment. This service is made available to treatment clients through Bridging The Gap presentations that are made at treatment facilities monthly. The Bridging The Gap Committee has service opportunities available for members who would like to take a newcomer to their first AA meeting and service opportunities for members who would like to be involved in making a one hour presentation at a treatment facility.

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.

Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office, 436 South Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431

Phone: 775-355-1151 Fax: 775-3551560

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: _____

Always Worse, Never Better

The Power of Example

I walked into the meeting room that Friday night convinced it wasn't going to work for me anymore. I decided I'd sit through the meeting, then go out and get drunk. I had it planned: where I'd drink, what I'd drink, and who I'd drink with.

It was a newcomers meeting at one of our clubhouses here in Las Vegas. I was not yet ninety days sober, one of a large crop of newcomers in the fall of 1995. I'd been coming to this newcomers meeting every Friday and Saturday night for nearly twelve weeks.

I knew many of the people in the room that night. For weeks, I had been following my sponsor's direction to shake hands with at least five of my fellow alcoholics at every meeting. I'd shaken hands with those with more time than I had and with those who were in their first few days.

I had discovered in those early months that I was surrounded by people just like me. We all were learning how to stay away from a drink and to use the tools of the program. Looking around the room on any given Friday night, I'd spot another newcomer and know the days, weeks, and months they had in the program. Sometimes I felt that I knew down to the minute how much sober time each one had. I'm sure many of them knew down to the minute how much time I had.

It was later that I learned that just a few minutes in Alcoholics Anonymous could make a big difference in your own recovery.

After I put thirty days together, my sponsor suggested that I pay attention to new guys coming in the door. I didn't believe I had anything to give. But someone just a few days away from a drink, he said, may find the faith to keep coming back after talking to someone with thirty days or sixty days. "Try and make them feel welcome," he explained. "They're scared, lonely and confused, just like you."

I knew it was true for me. When I didn't have three days in the program, I saw a guy named Nick take a thirty-day chip. I knew Nick had what I wanted, thirty days without drinking, and I believed that I might be able to stay around that long. Nick was about my age and, I learned from later conversations, had a troubled marriage like my own. The prospect of going a whole month without getting drunk was suddenly attainable.

When the meeting was about to start, I grabbed a cup of coffee and made my way to my seat. Nick was sitting at a table talking with some other AAs. I shook

his hand as I passed by; Nick seemed to be as distracted as I felt.

I still wanted what Nick had but I wasn't convinced Alcoholics Anonymous would continue working for me. I was surrounded by people in that meeting room but feeling isolated and alone, planning my next drunk while I waited for the meeting to start.

When the chairman called for anyone with less than two weeks of sobriety to share how they stayed sober that day, Nick started talking. I was stunned. Nick? Drinking again? But he had taken a drink and somehow made it back to AA. He shared about saying his prayers, calling his sponsor, reading the Big Book, and staying out of bars that day, but I barely heard him. My mind tried to digest this revelation. Nick had gone back out? Didn't he have the AA program down pat?

I was still wondering about what had happened to Nick as we gathered in the circle, holding hands, and saying the Lord's Prayer. The thoughts of getting drunk were pushed away. I knew fear and remorse would be heavy on Nick's heart. I followed my sponsor's direction--go to the new guy and make him feel welcome. Shaking Nick's hand, I asked him if he wanted to have a cup of coffee at one of the picnic tables in the backyard.

We sat down and the story of his spree started pouring out. I recognized the shame and fear. There were a lot of tears. Seeing another's pain that close, that personally, was a new experience for me.

His wife was gone, his children were gone, the house was gone, the car was wrecked, and the job was gone. It had taken only a few short days. Alcoholics Anonymous was the only place left, he said. That phrase from the Big Book, "always worse, never better," kept running through my mind as Nick talked to me across the picnic table. I became convinced that AA had to work for me.

After nearly an hour, it was time for Nick to go. Strong emotions can wear you out. I felt exhausted, too exhausted to go anywhere but to another meeting and then home to bed.

When I read Bill's story and come across the line "when all other measures fail, work with another alcoholic would save the day," I think about the evening I spent with Nick and how that kept me sober one more day.

And whenever I hear someone say, "Don't leave five minutes before the miracle happens," I know how that AA saying applies to me. A few minutes made a big difference in my recovery.

NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2018

Group	January	YTD	Group	January	YTD
4th July Annual Event		0.00	Happy Hour Reno		0.00
A Way Home		0.00	Incline to be Sober		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		0.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		0.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		0.00
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	47.35	47.35
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Lemmon Valley Back Room		0.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Sunshine Group		0.00	McGill NV Freedom Group	25.00	25.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart		0.00
Alano Women in Recovery	24.66	24.66	Minden Saturday Night Fever		0.00
Alturas Hill Toppers		0.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group		0.00
Austin Group	43.50	43.50	Minden/Gardnerville Group	380.00	380.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night		0.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room	158.00	158.00
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	NNIG Business Meeting	25.00	25.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	10.00	Our Common Welfare		0.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Out and Sober		0.00
Blairsdan Greagle Group		0.00	Page by Page		0.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Portola Group		0.00
Buena Vista Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group	263.40	263.40
Caring & Sharing in Stead		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC Afternoon Delight	75.00	75.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	50.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Aloha Group	250.00	250.00
Carson Big Book Experience	29.00	29.00	RTC Beginners are Winners	600.00	600.00
Carson Brown Baggers	1006.00	1006.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		0.00
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Just for Today Women	150.00	150.00
Carson Early Birds		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		0.00
Carson Happy Hour		0.00	RTC Lost and Found		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		0.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		0.00	RTC Mid Day Group		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		0.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		0.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group	427.59	427.59
Carson Valley Gratitude		0.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Women's Night Out		0.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		0.00
Chester Fellowship		0.00	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Choices		0.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Cornerstone Group	228.29	228.29	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		0.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		0.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Silver Springs Groups	100.00	100.00
Dayton Sunday Morning		0.00	Sisters in Sobriety		0.00
District 6		0.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
District 12		0.00	South Reno on Sunday		0.00
District 14		0.00	South Shore Group	75.00	75.00
District 22		0.00	Southside Group	348.49	348.49
Driar's 4th Dimension		0.00	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		0.00	Step 1		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		0.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	Sunnyside Group	835.00	835.00
Driar's Oldtimers/Newcomers		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night	50.00	50.00
End of the Road Group		0.00	Susanville Wed Womens		0.00
Eye Opener	16.00	16.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		0.00	The Rock Group		0.00
Fernley Groups		0.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol		0.00
Finding Peace		0.00	Truckee Fellowship		0.00
Fireside Group		0.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		0.00
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Verdi Bookies	102.00	102.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Verdi Greener Pastures		0.00
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		0.00	Wed Night Beginners	102.60	102.60
Greenville Group		0.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Ground Zero		0.00	Westwood Monday Night		0.00
Grupo Accion	20.00	20.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		0.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		0.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Beginnings		0.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	10.00	Women's New Harmony		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy	20.00	20.00	Young at Heart		0.00
			Total	5,471.88	5,471.88

Meetings, dances and late night coffee

A General Service trustee remembers how much Young Peoples' Conferences helped him get sober



I first came to AA as a teenager and got sober in my early 20s. I had the great privilege to serve as an area delegate, and I am currently a Class B General Service trustee. I also had the opportunity to serve on an International Conference of Young People in AA (ICYPAA) host committee and its advisory council. While I have heard some say that ICYPAA and other young peoples' AA conferences separate young people from the rest of AA, I believe it had the exact opposite effect on my AA path. Without learning about service at ICYPAA, and being encouraged by those I met through ICYPAA, I would have never become a GSR. At the end of the day, regardless of any past or current title I may have held or hold, the most important one will always be my role as a GSR.

If I could ever go back in time, I would have loved to be present at the International Convention in 1955 when AA came of age ... and maybe have just a 30-minute cup of coffee with Bill W. I would also love to have attended the first ICYPAA in 1958. ICYPAA was not started to separate young members from the rest of AA. Two men, a probation officer in Canada and an electrician in Philadelphia, who both got sober young, decided that since AA is a program of "experience" they needed a place where young people could benefit from the experience of others.

While the Twelve Steps are the same for all alcoholics, we are all taught that we share only experience and not opinions. So back in the late 1950s, young alcoholics needed real-life experience with life events, like going to a high school dance sober, going to college sober, dealing with disappointed parents, and the list goes on and on. A man or woman who got sober at an older age would only have opinions on how to go to high school proms or college sober. So while thousands of young members have benefited from sponsors who got sober much older, we often depend on our peers to assist with many tricky real-life situations.

Recently I was given the opportunity of a lifetime to attend the fifth European Conference of Young People in AA

(EURYPAA) in the city of Prague in the Czech Republic. What a gift. It was a real learning and growing experience for me. A past Czech General Service board member met me on my first day and took me for coffee and to a local meeting. While conferences, conventions, and, dare I say, even service events are near and dear to my AA heart, there is nothing quite like a real local AA meeting where people who suffer from the same disease as I do gather for the purpose of our Fifth Tradition. As I sat there I realized that AA was more than 30 years old when I was born, yet in the Czech Republic, AA did not exist when I went to my first meeting. If I had lived there when I went to my first meeting there would have been no local AA group to go to. I also realized what a significant part our literature plays in the building of an AA Fellowship in a place it has never been before. Members there told me how proud they were to recently print Daily Reflections in Czech and how vital the Big Book has been in their recovery. I have to remember every time a Seventh Tradition basket comes around that I am not only paying for my meeting's rent and coffee, but I'm also paying for translating the Big Book into languages for countries who do not yet have it.

So what did I find at that EURYPAA? For the young peoples' AA detractors, I admit I found loud music, chanting and dances, but I found so much more, and that is what I want to write about. I found AA meetings based on our literature, and in particular, meetings based on the program laid out in our basic text, the Big Book. I heard young speakers passionate about carrying the message to other alcoholics of all ages. I found AA members who were involved in service on all levels in the countries, cities and towns they come from. I found out that some of these members face others in AA saying they are trying to be separate, when in fact, all I witnessed was people being encouraged to become Three Legacy members of AA when they return home.

Most important for me, I met young members who come from places where there are few young people in meetings. And like ICYPAA, EURYPAA gave them a once-a-year opportunity to meet other young sober people and learn from their experiences. I had an opportunity to take part in late-night coffee and hear stories of real-life miracles in our great Fellowship.

I will forever treasure attending the fifth EURYPAA and count it as one of those mountaintop experiences I have had in Alcoholics Anonymous. I feel it fitting to close with my favorite Bernard Smith (former chairperson of the General Service Board) quote:

"You have found something great and awesome going for you. Treat it tenderly, respect what it has done for you and what it can do for others ... As long as one man dwells in the darkness you once knew, you cannot rest; you must try to find him and help him become one of you ... by the grace of God, may Alcoholics Anonymous last for all time."

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Business Meeting Minutes February 6, 2018 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Open with Serenity Prayer - 6:32 PM - Read Preamble of NNIG By-Laws - Ron; Read Twelve Traditions – Cheryl

Approve January 2018 Minutes

Treasurer's Report – Dawn K.

The 2018 proposed budget was addressed and Dawn addressed questions. The 2018 budget voted for and was approved, as presented at this Business Meeting.

*Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report / Motion –Joyce / 2nd - Rob / motion unanimously accepted.

MONTHLY REPORT January - Central Office Director: Tinna O. - Date: February 6, 2018

Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 12	Calls for Alanon/Alateen: 0
Meeting Information: 72	Retail/Merchandise: 9
Other 12 Step Programs: 1	A.A. Events Information: 14
Business/AA Central Office: 37	Calls for the Director: 51
Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 196	Volunteer Office Hours: 109.5

Volunteer positions available at Central Office Thursday 9-1 & 1-5

I want to introduce myself to you all and make myself available for any questions or concerns you may have about Central Office and how we can best serve you and the alcoholic who still suffers. It would be my privilege to attend one of your group's business meetings and get to know you better. I hope to get lots of input from the groups in order to make our Central Office the best it can be. Below please find some updates to projects Central Office has been working on. Spectrum fiber optics construction on the 25M and SIP Phone Service is complete, and we are phone service for all of the Tahoe area now too, thank you Leslie S. A.A. World Service literature order and AA Grapevine literature order for the 2018 PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) have been placed and mostly delivered to Central Office. \$3718.00 in up front literature cost to sell at the assembly on March 2, 3 and 4th 2018 at the Sparks Nugget. Literature sales table will be hosted by the PRAASA literate committee and our Steering Committee and Executive Director.

New Business

Introduction of Tinna O. as new Director of CO

Old Business

Ron read letter from Jimmy, former employee.

Central Service Committee Reports

Activities Chair – Kris H. – Cornbeef & Cribbage event is March 17th and \$1,140 spent on reserving location at Idlewild Park (California Building). Founder's Day event will be June 9th at Virginia Lake Park. Kris mentioned that we are going to reserve, in advance, the locations for Halloween, New Years Eve, and Gratitude Dinner, these prior reservations were approved by Steering Committee.

Answering Service – Mark U. – The new phone lines are working really great. Mark is stepping down from the position, and he announced that the position will be coming available in June, so if you want to step up to take this over, you can start learning the phone systems now. 775-815-8183

Bracer – Emily – if you have information or service opportunities that can go in The Bracer, please send them to Emily.

Cooperation Professional Community – Cheryl E., received by email:

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. A new student rotation took place on Jan. 12th. The students gave their reports on Jan. 22nd. The next new student rotation will take place on Feb. 19th. We could use a few more volunteers to attend these meetings. Let Cheryl E. know if interested. Just wanted to share some feedback that we got from one of the medical students at the Jan. 22nd report back session. It explains why we do this service. "I'm one of the medical students from the presentations today. Thank you again for coming and providing some of your insight today. It really means a lot to all of us students that you came and we definitely learn from you. I will definitely be using what I learned from my experience with AA and applying it to my future practice as a physician. I was able to get first-hand experience in what AA can do for someone and I feel like this experience will help me better serve patients with a recommendation I actually understand and learned about. I believe a physician's recommendation is more powerful when they have personal experience to back it up with. By knowing what goes on at AA meetings, what kinds of results have been achieved by its participants, and the social support one receives from the organization, I believe I can help future patients actually buy into wanting to attend these meetings."

Also, A J, who coordinates us going into the medical school, talked with the GSO CPC Coordinator, Jeff W, about our service with UNR. Jeff had read some about it in our Area 42 Newsletter. He wanted a copy of the assignment that the students are given at UNR in case any other areas inquire about doing this kind of service work. Thank you to all the AA members that volunteer with the medical school. You are making a difference!

Reno Valley Assisted Living Monthly AA Meeting: Meetings are brought in the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm. The Seniors In Sobriety group facilitated the 3rd Tuesday, Jan. 16th. The 4th Tuesday was facilitated by The Verdi Greener Pastures group on Jan. 23rd. There were 2 residents present on the 16th and 5 present on the 23rd. They really appreciate us being there. If you are interested in attending these meetings, let me know. Orientation to AA Presentations: The purpose of these presentations is to

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help folks new to AA and court ordered folks to understand AA meetings and the language of AA and how and why we do what we do. These are NOT AA meetings. They are a service to help folks learn about AA. Presentations are currently held at Bristlecone Treatment Center every Thursday at 7pm and at Behavioral Health Services in Carson City every Wednesday. If you are interested in presenting at Bristlecone, call Joanne P. at 510-220-5790. If you are interested in presenting at BHS in Carson City, call Cathy W. at 925-586-3627. Budget: On target overall.

CPC/PI Committee Meetings: CPC and PI hold combined committee meetings at Central Office the 2nd Sunday of every other month from 2-3/3:30. Our next committee meeting will be held on Feb. 11th from 2-3:30 at Central Office. If you are interested in PI or CPC service, please attend. We welcome you! Cheryl E. NNIG CPC Chair, 775-971-7554, chsnoop808@gmail.com

Public Information – Tom B. – this group is still in the process of getting started, creating a program for the high schools. There was interest from a school in Incline. He explained that the program is informative, but it is not an AA Meeting, designed to let those in attendance know that there is help. He's hoping for a start in the Spring with this program. If interested call Tom 775-848-5997.

Corrections – Ryan S, Ryan G. stood for this report.

Submitted by memo:

Tuesday, February 6th, 2018

➤ 4 men's meetings were started at High Desert State Prison – 30 attendees at each meeting. Delivered materials to the prison on 02/05/2018.

➤ I am still waiting to hear back from Chaplain Jeremiah for the timeline, next step, etc. for the men's meeting in Parr Blvd. The below Chaplain Jeremiah's response when I last inquired:

“Chaplain Jeremiah (Parr Blvd) response: WE are currently looking into it. I apologize that you have not heard anything. I will keep you up to date as more information becomes available”.

“Chaplain Jeremiah Wynn –

I hope you have had a great start to 2018! I wanted to touch base with you again and hopefully get an update on bringing an AA meeting into Parr Blvd. As you know, 6 of us attended the Saturday, August 26, 2017 Civilian Orientation Class.

I continue to have folks that attended ask me what the next step is, and the NNIG committee asking for any updates. It's hard for anyone in recovery (whether getting sober via the system or on their own) to even begin to understand why there hasn't been an AA men's meeting in Parr Blvd in 9 years. I attended the same training over 5 years ago, and nothing came to fruition.

Understandably, the folks and myself that attended this training nearly 6 months ago, with no correspondence solid correspondence since have questions on why and everyone turns to me as their correction chair.

Can you please in your words, (verbatim if you will) have you or your team let me know so I can pass on the reason or a time line to those who attended and the NNIG group?

Best regards,

Ryan S.

Norther Nevada Intergroup Corrections Chair

775-848-8154”

Treatment – Rob L – I have spoken to all the directors of treatment and detox facilities in Reno and Sparks. I have added another day to West Hills Detox. We have changed an open meeting to a closed meeting at Salvation Army at 1 pm on Saturdays. We have added Empowerment Center for Women a Saturday H&I Meeting. I have managed to fill all positions of West Care and West Hills on Mondays and Thursdays. We are in the process of adding West Hills every day of the week for H&I.

Bridging the Gap – Pat B. Bridging The Gap is an A.A. Service that helps treatment clients make the transition to A.A. once they leave treatment by providing an A.A. Temporary Contact who can take the newcomer to their first A.A. meeting after leaving treatment. One goal of our Service is to help the newcomer begin the process of feeling "comfortable" in A.A. Our committee has a need for Temporary Contact volunteers particularly in cities outside of the greater Reno, Sparks, Carson City areas. Suggested sobriety is one year. If you are interested, please contact me. The NNIG Bridging The Gap Committee is currently making monthly or bi-monthly presentations to the clients at Bristlecone, (rotating Thursdays at 7PM), West Hills, (first Thursday at 2PM), Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno, (rotating Thursdays at 5:30PM), CrossRoads men's facility, (fourth Thursday at 9AM), CrossRoads women's facility, (fourth Wednesday at 5PM), and Carson Behavioral Health Services, (Tuesdays at 7PM). Our committee members travel in pairs to deliver presentations to clients that explain the Bridging The Gap message, show the A.A. DVD "Hope", and collect BTG Temporary Contact Requests from clients. We also answer any questions clients may have about A.A. and try to correct any misconceptions that may exist regarding our Fellowship.

The Committee has a need for both men and 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 contacts a Temporary Contact volunteer of the same gender, zip code, and if possible, age as the person requesting our Service. As a result, Temporary Contact volunteers may not be called immediately or very frequently, but our volunteers are being of Service simply by making themselves available to help the newcomer when called upon. The committee thanks all of those who have volunteered to be of Service!

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To volunteer or for more information on Bridging The Gap, please call Pat B. at 707-483-7181 or email at pat4sales@aol.com.

Upcoming Events: - BTG Presentations to the clients at Bristlecone, CrossRoad's Men's and Women's Facilities, West Hills, Carson Behavioral Health Services, and Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pink Can Treasurers Report – Anjali K. Not in attendance

Monthly Speaker Meeting – Brian A. Please keep announcing the speaker meetings in AA groups. The next speaker meeting is Saturday, January 13th at 7 pm at Silver Legacy– Jeff R from Kings Beach (Young at Heart is Hosting)

Sunshine Committee – Paul M. there were some meetings at home for Becka in Sparks, who was homebound. Meetings on Saturday afternoons at Atria Summit Ridge are continuing, with transient interest in AA at that facility. This month, there is a request for a meeting at Renown South.

Web-Master – Ollie K. Not in attendance.

Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison – Chris S. On February 24, 2018 the Roundtables will be held at: South Reno United Methodist Church 200 De Spain Lane, Reno NV 89511. Doors will open at 12:00 and DCMs/Chairs will have a short meeting, 12:15 ~ 12:45 GSRs will have a short Q&A, Roundtable meeting starts, 1:00 ~ 3:45 Doors close promptly at 4:00. The roundtable meeting will be the items, or as I like to put it the changes taking place in AA that will be discussed at the Area assembly. At this meeting the GSR's will take the info to their home group for discussion and get a sense of what the home group would like to see happen with the topics. The GSR's will then go to the Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah Nevada and carry the message of their home group to the delegate. The delegate will then travel to the General Service Conference in New York and let the conference know how Area 42 Nevada feels. The delegate will then come back and let us know what happened and how he voted. This is where the trusted servant comes in and how the people of this wonderful program get to help make the decisions to help the greater whole. PRAASA 2018 will be here before we know it and there is an on-line registration deadline of February 25th, so we would encourage you to go on line to <http://www.praasa2018.com> and make your reservation, if you have not yet done so. The weekend of PRAASA will be March 2-4, 2018 it starts at noon on Friday and ends on Sunday at 12:15pm. The Area 42 Spring assembly will be happening March 23-25, 2018. If your home group has a GSR they should probably start making reservations now. If you go to AA Area 42 all the info and some of the hotel listings are on that page under assembly information. Then while you're there you can also check out the website. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

RENVYPAA Liaison – Cody G. RENVYPAA SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Committee Business Meeting 2nd, 4th Sundays of the month at 4pm at the Triangle Club. New positions are voted into at the meeting. Events subcommittee meetings are the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month on Fridays at 6:30 pm at the Triangle Club. Campout Subcommittee meeting is 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 6:30 pm at the Triangle Club. / Committee voted to bid for WACYPAA again this year, which will be held in Boise ID. New bid chair and co-chair were voted in, 1st meeting to be on 3rd Sunday, Feb 18th at 4 pm at the Triangle. There will be elections on this date for bid committee. // Feb 17th Event: AA's Got Talent – from 6 pm to 10 pm at 836 E 2nd Street (Potentialist Workshop). // June 22-24th In Tents Sobriety Campout \$15 registration until March 5th – located in Taylorsville CA. Volunteers are needed. // Website: renvypaa.com and email: committee@renvypaa.com

Intergroup Rep's. Report – Joyce Y. / Tom M. nothing to report

Secretary's Report – Robin Y. nothing to report

Vice-chair Report – Cheryl Z. not in attendance

Chairman's Report – Ron T. no report

***Motion to Close the Meeting**

NNIG STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 30th, 2018 held at Central Office

*Serenity Prayer; Roll Call: Ron, Cheryl, Dawn, Robin, Joyce, Kris, Leslie, Tinna, Rhonda / Verification of Quorum / Approve December Steering Committee Minutes

Treasurer's Report – Dawn K. – It was noted that we have an additional incoming fund that has been noted on financial reports (\$5,000 from an estate). Our finances are pretty close to what they were last year at this time, and we will vote on 2018 budget at NNIG business meeting following Tuesday. A discussion was held regarding charging for copies at Central Office. It was decided that regular AA members making copies will be charged and this policy won't be in effect for committees until June. Tinna, as Director of CO, will implement this policy.

Old Business Agenda Items – N/A

New Business Agenda – we discussed the finalization of Tinna's employment contract and it will need to be approved via email, as it is not 100% complete at this time. We asked Tinna what she preferred (26 vs 24 pay periods), and there are some other items that need to be updated in consistency with our operating procedures. The approval of the Director's contract remains pending. The new part time employee's hours were discussed, and it was determined that Tinna will decide the hours based on budget and week-to-week needs.

Ron's Report – employee was given exit papers and left employment in good standing.

Joyce (for Tom)-Liaison to Steering Committee stated that we need to have a "Workshop Day" or "open house" for the members of AA to meet with Steering Committee to learn more about the functions of the individual service and employment positions.

Kris - Events Chair discussed Corned Beef and Cribbage, event venue is paid for Idlewild Park – March 17th event date. Founders Day will be June 9th at Virginia Lake Park (reserved from 8-8pm) with cost savings compared to prior venue. Kris opened discussion about small events credit card, which no decision was made.

Leslie, outgoing central office director – 2017 taxes are done and paid. Pacific States has been paid in full for installation of phone system, and we have incorporated more local areas (District 14) into our answering service.

Meeting concluded.

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