

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



February 10– 7:00 pm
Group: Young@Heart
Speaker: Deby C.
Reno, NV

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

January, 2018

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CENTRAL OFFICE

436 S. Rock Blvd.,
Sparks, NV 89431
Monday thru Friday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Unity Disrupted

An awkward incident at a morning meeting enlightens some members about our common welfare

I will never forget the first time I really understood the meaning of Tradition One and how important our common welfare is to me personally. I was sitting in my home group meeting one morning a little after seven a.m., not quite awake but aware that I was safe and among friends. These were the people who'd been there for me as I learned how to stay sober and live a life of love and service. Through the sharing of their own experience, I've learned the spiritual principles of the Steps and Traditions. My home group is a large group that meets six days a week, has a lot of long-term sobriety and has a very strong service structure. The monthly home group meetings (what we call business meetings) are often focused on what we can do to better carry the AA message to the newcomer. We celebrate birthdays by giving away AA literature and Grapevine. The minority is respected and encouraged to speak. As a result of this concerted effort to examine ourselves, our group continues to grow and prosper and attract newcomers.

That morning, a fellow (a new face) stood and began to hold forth, to preach really, about the Bible. Suddenly, I was no longer in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous but in a revival meeting. I was extremely uncomfortable and fearful. I wanted to say something, to interrupt him, but either I couldn't figure out a way to do it so as not to embarrass him or myself, or I didn't have the courage. So I sat there looking at my feet, feeling miserable and hoping that any newcomers in the room would somehow know that this was not the message of AA.

After a few minutes, a member of the group interrupted the man—rather gruffly everyone later agreed—and told him that this was an AA meeting, that we really didn't want to hear about the Bible, and asked him to sit down. The room heaved a silent and collective sigh of relief. Thank goodness someone had thought more of the group, thought more of our common welfare than of his own ego, and had the courage to speak up. There were a few seconds of awkward silence before the chairperson quickly called on someone else and the meeting got back on its normal footing.

Naturally, this incident was a topic of much discussion at the next home group meeting. It provided the basis for a lengthy discussion about Tradition One and how we could deal with disruptive people in the future. We all worried that telling someone that their sharing wasn't appropriate might jeopardize their sobriety. If embarrassed they might go out and drink. Others felt strongly that the welfare of the group as a whole was more important and that we had a responsibility to the newcomer to carry the message of AA. If our group failed in our primary purpose, newcomers would not be attracted to our meetings, or worse yet, would not stay.

The result of this discussion was increased unity for the group. Everyone had their say and in the end we agreed that our common welfare as a group must come first. We would do our best to lovingly explain Tradition One to anyone who disrupted the group.

To participate in God's will through the group conscience process was a tremendous spiritual experience to me. I understood that in being a member of AA and of my home group, I was a part of something much greater than myself. For this I am truly grateful. The principle of putting AA's welfare above my own self-interest teaches me humility and self-sacrifice. These are principles that do not come naturally to a "me-first" alcoholic. But it's a tremendous way to live.

Anonymous, Maui, Hawaii
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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

January 13, 2018
Host Group — Young @ Heart
Speaker — Jeff R. (Kings Beach CA)

February 10, 2018
Host Group — Pyramid Way Discussion
Speaker — Deby C. (Reno, NV)

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 — TBD
Speaker — Long Timer's Meeting

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A
Speaker Co-Chair: Open

Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 366-1151
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker



MORE AREA EVENTS

January 20th Chili Cook Off

4 P.M.

Vote for your favorite chili recipe by placing a donation in the box associated with the bowl!

Please register by calling the clubhouse 615-868-1209. Chefs **must be registered by January 17** to participate.

- The clubhouse will provide cornbread, desserts, bowls & utensils.
- Chefs must supply any condiments with their recipes.
- Chili must be at the clubhouse by 3:30 p.m.
- Sampling and voting will begin at 4p.m.
- Winners announced after the 5:30 meeting



Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!!!!

Stagecoach Friends of Bill W
Potluck/Speaker Meeting
Friday, February 2, 2018

Potluck: 6 PM Speaker: 7 PM
Raffle and 50/50 Drawing

Speaker: Denise S. from Carson

Stagecoach Community Center
8204 Hwy 50 E. at Cheyenne Trail

For more information:
Call Will L., 450-2357



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



Dear NNIG Fellowship,

Volunteer positions available at Central Office Monday 1-5 and Thursday 1-5

Spectrum fiber optics construction on the 25M and 8QP Phone Service received all the required Pole Permitting Projected Construction Completion date 1/8/2018. A.A. World Service literature for the 2018 PRAASA (pacific region alcoholics anonymous service assembly) will begin 1/15/2018 estimated \$4000.00 in up front books cost will be needed to order quantities of literature to sell at the assembly on March 2, 3 and 4th 2018 at the Sparks Nugget. Literature sales table hosted by Northern Area, Monica S.

2018 Improvements: HR Professional - 1200.00, light fixtures updated LFD (grant possible) - Grant Almost Finished. 2 Filing Cabinets - office and back room, Office Desk - Replaced \$150.00 Window 10 technology updates - TechSoup (Technology for nonprofits) grant possible. New Office Computer - 900.00. Events PA system - Done, Wireless micro phone - Done. Upgrade our storage unit. \$90 a month. Small upgrade to phone equipment - 972.00 complete 1/8/2018

Annual Inventory - controls at Central Office need to be tightened up on literature. I think an end of quarter inventory should take place end of March 2018. Lots of turn over at the office this year.

Leslie S. - Your Central Office Executive Director



The Birthday Club



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
Joan H.—46 years
Christy M.—21 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

**Women's Just
for Today**
5:30 PM Monday
Triangle Club
635 S. Wells Ave.
Reno, NV

Keep It Simple
8:30 PM Friday
Driars Club
345 S. Wells Ave
Reno, NV

**Noon Bad Girl's
Meeting**
12:00 PM Thursday
Hope Lutheran Church
930 Julie Lane
South Lake Tahoe, CA

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

**Keep It Simple
Speaker Group**
Saturday 7:00 PM
Alano Club of Sparks
1640 Prater Way
Sparks, NV

**Stairway to
Heaven**
Saturday 4:00 PM
Cavalry Chapel
875 Freemont St
Fernley, 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

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 THE MONTH AT 5:15 PM
 CENTRAL OFFICE

District Meetings

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

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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

**NNIG CENTRAL OFFICE
 OPEN ON SATURDAYS**

10:00AM – 2:00PM

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



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: _____

Just Don't Drink

Could a popular newcomer saying do more harm than good?

I have attended several thousand AA meetings during the past 20-plus years. During that time, I've noticed many changes in the Fellowship, some for the better, and some, I think, that bear more consideration. One emerging trend is an increase in short, sharp directives to newcomers. The most popular of these is: "Just don't drink!" I have heard this command strongly and insistently expressed, and sometimes even shouted dogmatically, occasionally followed by a number of expletives, in the hope of helping a newcomer to attain and maintain sobriety. At times I get the impression from certain advocates of this approach that this is all that's needed. This directive is, I'm sure, well-intentioned, perhaps in the vein of "Keep it Simple." However, such simplicity has a deceptive allure. Keeping it simple ought not be confused with oversimplification.

Despite its popularity among some members, "Just don't drink!" seems to go against the compassionate and understanding spirit on which AA was founded. Maybe we modern AAs just don't have the time to mince words in our prevailing instant-results era? Like fast food, "Just don't drink!" is the way we AAs-on-the-go try to carry a speedier remedy to the ailing newcomer. Yet ironically, this well-intentioned directive in fact may communicate the sort of ignorance and impatience associated with those who misunderstand the nature of alcoholism and recovery from it. After all, how many times have we all heard, "Just don't drink!" from angry family members, friends, law enforcement, court officials and so on, before coming to AA? The fact is, we would have stopped drinking if we could have—but we just didn't have the power to do that. We found that power in AA.

The perverse paradox of the directive "Just don't drink!" is that if you actually follow it, you will in fact soon be drinking. When I first came across the Steps of AA, what surprised me the most was how only one Step—the First—actually mentioned alcohol; the other 11 Steps talked about changing one's life in order to stay sober and recover. AA is much more than "Just not drinking"; it is about acquiring the power we need to keep us from picking up the first drink. If we could, in fact, "Just not drink," this would imply that, really, we do have the power; we just need to decide not to drink and—bingo!—we would not pick up. "Just Say No." We could then dispense with all the other fluffy verbiage regarding personal inventories, discussing

shortcomings with others, making amends, character building, defects and Higher Power. "Just don't drink" would be the answer to all our problems.

Recovery fundamentally involves not picking up the first drink, as noted by the American Medical Association. Of course, if we don't drink alcohol our brains and bodies will recover. But exactly how an alcoholic accomplishes this is what AA is all about. "Just don't drink" also conveys an undertone that may increase newcomers' self-blaming and self-shaming attitude: "Those AA people told me to not drink, but I blew it again." It also allows us more established AA members a convenient way to avoid taking any responsibility for a newcomer's "poor performance." We can just say, "Hey, I told you not to drink, but you didn't listen, did you?" There is an assumption underlying the imperative that implies that they already have the power to achieve this, that the only thing necessary is a decision to "not drink." Yet we encourage newcomers to admit in Step One that they're "powerless over alcohol," and that it's working through the Steps that we find the power to not drink.

To say to the newcomer "Just don't drink!" communicates the kind of shorthand impatient advice that we would expect from "civilians" who don't understand the true nature of alcoholism and recovery from it. The chapter "The Doctor's Opinion" in the Big Book states that recovery is possible only through a psychic change. In AA-speak, that means a "spiritual awakening" achieved through working the Steps.

Perhaps the more effective, albeit more complex, advice would be to keep coming to meetings, staying away from slippery "people, places, and things," avoiding getting too hungry, angry, lonely, and tired (HALT), staying in close contact with a sponsor, and working the Steps. Using these strategies you will find the power to not drink. The Big Book also says, "Lack of power, that was our dilemma." Only in AA did we discover that. The admonition "Don't drink!" is not in the Big Book, in any Step, nor, might I add, in any other piece of AA literature that I am aware of. The reason, I would suggest, is this: The original members who labored hard to establish a welcoming, compassionate and understanding Fellowship of men and women may have known that such advice is underwritten by impatience, devoid of empathy and understanding, and most important, likely to be ineffective, and even counterproductive.

NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2017

Group	December	YTD	Group	December	YTD
4th July Annual Event		69.00	Happy Hour Reno	736.60	1903.08
A Way Home	145.00	638.03	Incline to be Sober		40.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		25.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		575.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		499.25
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Knuckleheads		80.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		100.00
Alano Keep it Simple		134.50	Ladies of the Lake		129.20
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Lemmon Valley Back Room		0.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		20.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Alano Sunshine Group	400.00	500.00	Minden Language of the Heart		110.00
Alano There is a Solution		10.40	Minden Saturday Night Fever		75.00
Alano Women in Recovery	4.00	4.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group	259.11	269.11
Alturas Hill Toppers		55.33	Minden/Gardnerville Group		245.89
Austin Group		78.00	Mt Rose Recovery Room		1710.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night		746.00	NNIG Business Meeting	24.00	354.25
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	Our Common Welfare		10.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	120.00	Out and Sober		45.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Page by Page		166.19
Blairsdon Greagle Group		0.00	Portola Group		900.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group		239.00
Buena Vista Group		100.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		360.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead	127.97	657.82	Quincy Fellowship		0.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		360.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		165.00
Carson After Shifters		257.68	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	600.00
Carson Back to Basics		140.00	RTC Aloha Group		125.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		1500.00
Carson Big Book Experience		0.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		163.00
Carson Brown Baggers		504.50	RTC Just for Today Women		208.29
Carson Drunk Squad		0.00	RTC Little Rascals		150.00
Carson Early Birds		1530.91	RTC Lost and Found		102.00
Carson Happy Hour	145.00	395.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		0.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		200.00	RTC Mid Day Group		190.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		48.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		216.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's	100.00	440.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		150.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		547.79
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		250.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		20.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		300.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		100.00
Carson Women's Night Out		209.00	RTC Sober N Sane		0.00
Chester Fellowship		67.54	RTC Women's Literature Study		90.00
Choices		0.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		150.00	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		40.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		400.00	Silver Springs Groups		500.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		300.00	Sisters in Sobriety	100.00	258.03
Dayton Sunday Morning		372.87	Slide Mountain Serenity		50.00
District 6	300.00	700.00	South Reno on Sunday	350.00	1013.37
District 12		100.00	South Shore Group		150.00
District 14		500.00	Southside Group	359.58	3679.42
District 22		100.00	Staying Sober & Square One		0.00
Driar's 4th Dimension		483.21	Step 1		20.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		38.50	Sunday New Beginnings		48.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		20.00	Sunnyside Group		1209.60
Driar's Support Hose		50.00	Susanville Thursday Night		125.00
Driar's Oldtimers/Newcomers		53.25	Susanville Wed Womens		62.94
End of the Road Group		111.00	Tahoe City Fellowship	25.00	25.00
Eye Opener	32.00	2118.00	The Rock Group		296.50
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch	75.00	720.90	Truckee Dawn Patrol	122.99	491.97
Fernley Groups		400.00	Truckee Fellowship		314.76
Finding Peace		50.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		2000.00
Fireside Group		500.00	Verdi Bookies		494.92
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
Greenville Group		80.00	Westwood Monday Night		36.99
Ground Zero		461.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		375.00
Grupo Accion		50.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		30.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		100.00	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	270.00	Women's New Beginnings		942.58
Grupo Latino		20.00	Women's New Harmony		165.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	130.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		80.00			
			Total	3,396.25	40,976.90

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss - Last Month Comparative & Year to Date December 2017			
Accrual Basis	Dec 17	Dec 16	
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 - Income - General	4,535.55	3,638.00	
4002 - Income - Event Revenues	909.01	281.80	
4003 - Event Revenues - Other	0.00	0.00	
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	6,415.30	5,325.87	
4900 - Interest Income	1.31	1.14	
Total Income	11,861.17	9,246.81	
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,842.86	3,086.46	
Total COGS	3,842.86	3,086.46	
Gross Profit	8,018.31	6,160.35	
Expense			
5500 - Depreciation Expense	0.00	978.00	
5100 - Bank Fees and charges	0.00	0.00	
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	
5180 - CC Service Fees	162.60	164.45	
5181 - Convention expenses	0.00	0.00	
5210 - Storage Unit	80.00	80.00	
5220 - Shipping Charges	97.20	12.90	
5230 - Alarm System	0.00	0.00	
5235 - Committee Expenses	813.35	44.94	
5240 - Compensation	4,018.00	3,000.00	
5241 - Dental/Vision Plan	77.02	0.00	
5250 - Computer expenses	37.50	37.50	
5260 - Copier Lease	327.77	278.07	
5270 - Insurance Business/Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	0.00	0.00	
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	36.00	41.85	
5290 - Office Supplies	75.68	382.78	
5310 - Paper	0.00	0.00	
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	307.38	229.50	
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	74.94	71.00	
5330 - Postage	50.25	95.75	
5340 - Rent	758.00	736.00	
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	
5370 - Telephone	-5,623.40	356.64	
5380 - Trash	29.18	27.84	
5390 - Utilities	116.75	93.12	
Total Expense	1,438.22	6,630.34	
Net Ordinary Income	6,580.09	-469.99	
	Dec 17	Dec 16	
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
5400 - Physical inventory adjustment	1,006.92	251.29	
Total Other Expense	1,006.92	251.29	
Net Other Income	-1,006.92	-251.29	
Net Income	5,573.17	-721.28	

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss - Last Month Comparative & Year to Date December 2017			
Accrual Basis	Jan - Dec 17		
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 - Income - General	45,640.81		
4002 - Income - Event Revenues	13,120.99		
4003 - Event Revenues - Other	4,300.00		
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	80,074.39		
4900 - Interest Income	15.27		
Total Income	143,151.46		
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	45,147.59		
Total COGS	45,147.59		
Gross Profit	98,003.87		
Expense			
5500 - Depreciation Expense	0.00		
5100 - Bank Fees and charges	20.34		
5120 - Professional Fees	1,060.00		
5180 - CC Service Fees	2,066.53		
5181 - Convention expenses	775.96		
5210 - Storage Unit	980.00		
5220 - Shipping Charges	567.34		
5230 - Alarm System	554.17		
5235 - Committee Expenses	2,487.96		
5240 - Compensation	45,330.00		
5241 - Dental/Vision Plan	462.12		
5250 - Computer expenses	559.81		
5260 - Copier Lease	4,088.11		
5270 - Insurance Business/Workers Comp	1,086.00		
5280 - Membership, Dues & Publications	373.00		
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	441.68		
5290 - Office Supplies	2,479.33		
5310 - Paper	587.03		
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	3,467.71		
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	1,014.21		
5330 - Postage	333.00		
5340 - Rent	9,096.00		
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	445.19		
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	50.00		
5370 - Telephone	5,528.42		
5380 - Trash	343.50		
5390 - Utilities	1,388.86		
Total Expense	85,606.27		
Net Ordinary Income	12,397.60		
	Jan - Dec 17		
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
5400 - Physical inventory adjustment	1,006.92		
Total Other Expense	1,006.92		
Net Other Income	-1,006.92		
Net Income	11,390.68		

Group Contributions 2017 YTD			Group Contributions 2017 YTD		
Group	December	YTD Total	Group	December	YTD Total
4th Dimension	96.86	1044.66	Women's Just For Today	64.00	104.00
A Way Home	55.00	184.00	Women's New Beginnings	79.63	372.61
Alano Afternoon Serenity		170.55	Women's New Harmony		131.26
Alano Brown Baggers		223.00	Women's Night Out		0.00
Alano Club Jay Walkers	132.00	260.45	Women on Wednesday		0.00
Alano Dawn Patrol	61.00	377.58	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Alano Hoppers Serenity		0.00	Young At Heart		217.76
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		155.00	December Income/YTD	2175.70	23687.63
Alano Sunshine Group	82.90	385.74	November 2017 Balance Forward	166.94	
Alano Women in Recovery		104.75	Account Balance	2342.64	
Battle Mountain Group	30.00	147.00	December Lit Distributed	1988.60	
Caring and Sharing Stead	29.06	407.74	Ending Balance	354.04	
Carson After Shifters	176.59	2136.77			
Carson Big Book Babes		33.28			
Carson City Early Birds		1749.78			
Carson City Happy Hour		990.65			
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		125.00			
Carson Men's No BS		219.52			
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		99.00			
Corner Stone Group		239.00			
Dayton Sunday Morning		124.23			
Driars Keep it Simple	98.00	200.29			
End of the Road Group		73.00			
Eye Opener	201.00	1002.00			
Fantasy Groups		307.00			
Golden Valley Back Room		115.45			
Ground Zero		54.81			
Happy Hour		1039.66			
Incline to be Sober		28.57			
Kings Beach AA Golden Group	159.00	487.64			
Knuckle Heads		177.00			
Ladies of the Evening		211.00			
Minden Gardnerville Group	349.13	3616.01			
Minden Wednesday Night Live		414.95			
Minden Roadside Group	21.03	154.65			
Minden Saturday Night Fever		162.00			
Mount Rose Recovery Group		183.00			
Northern California H&I		199.97			
Positive Step		45.70			
Pyramid Way Group		177.00			
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	300.00			
RTC ALOHA		25.00			
Sensors in Sobriety	34.00	213.00			
Serenity Night Owls		36.00			
Sierraville Book Study		56.56			
Slide Mountain Serenity		38.00			
Support Hose		70.00			
South Reno on Sunday	75.00	273.66			
Southside Group	90.00	1289.00			
Step 1		99.44			
Sunnyside	79.00	982.87			
The Rock Group	26.50	107.20			
Truckee River Men's	211.00	1071.95			
Verdi Bookies		347.00			
Verdi Greener Pastures		124.92			

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

NNIG ENDING CASH BALANCES December 31, 2017

	Balance	Goal Reserve	Difference
Administrative Funds:			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	-
General Checking	10,332.08	7,500.00	2,832.08
Administrative Balance	10,632.08	7,800.00	2,832.08
Interest Bearing Accounts (Prudent Reserve)			
Savings	24,013.21	20,000.00	4,013.21
CD 1	5,023.71	5,000.00	23.71
CD 2	5,145.84	5,000.00	145.84
	34,182.76	30,000.00	4,182.76
Hold for Capital Expenditures			4,182.76
Other Checking Balances:			
Events Balance ***	4,000.00		
Total Cash on Hand (A)	48,814.84		
12 months operating expenses (2015)			90,000.00
Monthly Average			7,500.00
4 months prudent reserve (Rounded UP)			\$ 30,000.00
*** Events Funds			
General Events Reserve	4,000.00		
Gratitude Dinner			
New Year's Party			
Halloween Event			
	4,000.00		

Always write NNIG here
Where it goes here

BILL & LOIS WILSON 5284
PO Box 459
AKRON, OH 01935
June 10, 1935
PAY TO THE ORDER OF **NNIG** \$ 25.00
Twenty Five and No/100 DOLLARS
Group Contributions - Birthday Club
from Pink Can - Faithful Fivers - The Bracer
Bill Wilson
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Big, Beautiful & Wild

With grizzly bears and bighorn sheep for neighbors, how was he ever going to stay sober?



I was more than three years sober and starting to experience the joy of living in ways I never had before. I was grateful for this new life afforded me by sobriety but I hated my job. I was waiting tables in one of New York City's busiest restaurants and I knew something had to

change. But what I didn't realize at the time was that being in that job served a purpose; it pushed me to seek employment that was more fulfilling. My sponsor suggested trying "something fun." Work could be fun? I hadn't heard that one.

I was still getting to know myself (and I still am, one day at a time). During many a tedious shift, I'd reminisce about a trip I'd taken to the Grand Canyon two years earlier. Not only had I experienced the presence of God there, I found that I really enjoyed exerting myself in the outdoors and I was blown away at the beauty of God's creation—and how much of it I'd never seen while drinking. The trip had been exhilarating and unforgettable, so I thought about a job working in a wilderness area.

After digging around online, I found an advertisement recruiting tour guides in Glacier National Park in Montana. If I were accepted, I would join a grand tradition and become one of the "Gear Jammers," a group of driving guides that navigate the narrow Going-to-the-Sun Road through mountain passes in a restored 1937 White Motor bus full of people. The job sounded challenging and interesting so I applied. Soon I had a phone interview, and I got the job. The next night at my home group, I told my sponsor about the job offer but I was immediately gripped by fear. How would I stay sober? How would I get to meetings? I was in New York City, where there are hundreds of meetings a week at all hours. How would I connect with other AAs in a part of the country where there were more bighorn sheep than people? I felt overwhelmed at the idea of such a transition.

My sponsor was not fazed. For every "good" reason I had for why I couldn't go, he had an answer.

"But I don't have a car. How am I going to get to meetings without a car? Glacier Park is a really long walk from the subway," I joked.

"You'll find a way," he answered. "People will help you. Just put sobriety first and you'll be fine."

Each time I looked up images of Glacier Park online, I was mesmerized. I knew I had to take the risk of leaving New York City for a chance to work in this paradise of raw wilderness. Grizzly bears, bighorn sheep and mountain goats would be my neighbors. I had to do it.

So I made my first step by visiting the New York Intergroup office in Manhattan. Grabbing a West Coast Directory, I searched for East Glacier Park Village, the town closest to my check-in point. I found a list of alcoholics willing to publicly list their names and phone numbers in the directory. I wrote down a few and called one woman about two weeks before leaving the city. "Barbara" held meetings at her house and agreed to meet up with me when I landed.

One hundred four dollars and 46 hours later, I arrived by train at East Glacier. I met a few of my new colleagues who had come from all over the country. Were any of them sober? Not that I could see. But I can tell you they were more than perplexed when I left to climb into some woman's grey station wagon the second day of my trip.

"How does a guy from New York City know someone in East Glacier?" one person asked.

"Oh, she's a friend of a friend of mine," I said. "I'll be back later." Although I would spend the next five months working closely with these people, I wasn't ready to break my anonymity yet.

The grey station wagon belonged to Kathy, Barbara's sponsee. We drove about 10 minutes to Barbara's house. The meeting was in the woods behind her home. I was definitely not in New York City anymore. Chairs encircled a campfire that warmed a cast iron coffeepot that everyone handled with a rubber oven mitt. It was my first outdoor meeting and I loved it.

After a few meetings, just as I was starting to get comfortable, I was transferred from East Glacier to an area called Many Glacier, about 12 miles past the park border. Now a resident of Glacier National Park, I no longer had access to AAs and fear began to creep in again.

I worked with about 200 other seasonal employees. Surely one of them had to be sober! I borrowed a computer and created a flier, calling all friends of Bill to meet down a path near the river that ran through the main road. Afraid to break my anonymity, I crept into the dorms at night and distributed my fliers.

The next day I waited. No one showed. The day after that I waited again. Nothing. I couldn't believe it. But each time no one showed, I used that time to read the Big Book. I dedicated that time to sobriety.

Then, the main hotel in the park re-opened for the summer season and I had direct access to the general public. I broke my anonymity to my boss. "I need a room to hold an AA meeting in. Can you help?"

He showed me to a room on the fourth floor that the staff used to store mattresses. I piled the mattresses in a corner and put six chairs in a circle. I made another flier, announcing that "The Glacier Group" would meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday in room 405 at 7 p.m. I showed up expectantly but was by myself again. I listened to a speaker tape and read the Big Book for an hour.

But I stayed with it until drunks began showing up. "Thank God," one man from Missouri told me. "I was praying to my Higher Power that I would find a meeting. I looked up and saw the 'Friends of Bill' flier at the Transportation Desk."

Two weeks later, after going on a hike, I felt very ill. I thought I had eaten bad Salisbury steak at the employee cafeteria, but it turned out my appendix was on the verge of bursting. It took two ambulances to traverse the 60 miles of unforgiving mountain roads to bring me to the hospital, where I had emergency surgery. I was barred from working for three weeks. What was I going to do while benched in the middle of the Rocky Mountains? I didn't even have a TV! My AA instincts kicked in and I called Barbara from East Glacier.

"I have a friend you should meet," she said. "His name is Jim and they're holding an AA conference in his area this week. He lives about 50 miles away on the other side of town. You should go and stay with him."

"50 miles?" I said. "Barbara, I don't have a car. I can't get to him."

"You don't need a car," she replied. "I have two. You can use mine."

I got chills. This was another "Aha!" moment, a moment (and I've had many since) where God makes sure I know he cares about my life and is ever-present in my time of need. I call it a "wink" from God. My sponsor was right. I didn't need a car. The hand of AA, and my Higher Power working through it, took care of everything. This was love and service in action.

My forced convalescence period flew by, filled with meetings, dinners and fellowship with my new Montana friends. In no time, I was back in the bus, cruising through the mountains, educating travelers about Native American history, wildlife and flora of the park.

Many times, driving alone in the bus, I was overwhelmed with emotion, feeling so privileged to roll through the jagged 9,000-foot peaks, above deep, green valleys and surrounded by roaring waterfalls. I knew in my heart of hearts the only reason I was permitted to do what I was doing in that beautiful place was because I was sober. I thanked God who encouraged me through the words of my sponsor and who put people in my path that would help me, so long as I was willing to ask and receive the help.

I learned a valuable lesson being so far from what I thought was the "center" of my program. The AA program, our "design for living," is not based in a city, town or meeting space. It's in us. So where I go, the program goes. I don't need to avoid traveling to a place because it doesn't have AA meetings. I can start a meeting.

I've been sharing my Montana story ever since. It was there that I made the powerful discovery that my sobriety will never limit me nor be an excuse as to why I can't try something new, even if my mind is whispering something different. I learned that my sobriety offered me a life as big, beautiful and wild as Glacier National Park. And as long as I stayed on the path—following the road of the Twelve Steps, building a relationship with God and practicing love and service—I'd be taken care of and destined to have wonderful adventures.

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2018 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Open with Serenity Prayer - 6:31 PM - Read Preamble of NNIG By-Laws - Mark - Read Twelve Traditions – Pat

Approve December 2017 Minutes

Treasurer's Report – Dawn K.

The 2018 proposed budget was discussed (and available as a handout at the meeting), and feedback is welcome. Consideration was given to our growing population in the Reno area. A budget review was conducted on Saturday, December 30 at 10 am at the Alano Club.

***Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report / Motion – Leslie / 2^a - Robin / motion unanimously accepted.**

Central Office Report – Leslie S.

MONTHLY REPORT December

Central Office Director: Leslie S - Date: January 2, 2018

Calls into Central Office:

Calls for A.A. Help/12 Step Calls: 13 Calls for Alano/Alateen: 0

Meeting Information: 50 *Retail/Merchandise: 17

Other 12 Step Programs: 4 A.A. Events Information: 23

Business/AA Central Office: 32 Calls for the Director: 33

Total Phone Calls into Central Office: 172 Volunteer Office Hours: 116

Volunteer positions available at Central Office Monday 1-5 and Thursday 1-5

Spectrum fiber optics construction on the 25M and SIP Phone Service received all the required Pole Permitting Projected Construction Completion date 1/8/2018. A.A. World Service literature for the 2018 PRAASA (pacific region alcoholics anonymous service assembly) will begin 1/15/2018 estimated \$4000.00 in up front books cost will be needed to order quantities of Literature to sell at the assembly on March 2, 3 and 4^a 2018 at the Sparks Nugget. Literature sales table hosted by Northern Area, Monica S.

2018 Improvements: HR Professional – **1200.00**, Light fixtures updated LED (grant possible) – **Grant Almost Finished**. 2 Filing Cabinets - office and back room, Office Desk – **Replaced \$150.00** Window 10 technology updates - TechSoup (Technology for nonprofits) grant possible. New Office Computer – **900.00**. Events PA system – **Done**, Wireless micro phone – **Done**. Upgrade our storage unit. \$90 a month. Small upgrade to phone equipment – **972.00 complete 1/8/2018**

Annual Inventory – controls at Central Office need to be tightened up on Literature. I think an end of quarter inventory should take place end of March 2018. Lots of turn over at the office this year.

New Business

Treatment Chair Rob L – Unanimously voted into the NNIG Treatment Chair position

Old Business

Proposal to establish process for making disbursements above prudent reserve. Proposal was voted and defeated / no change at this time.

Central Service Committee Reports

Activities Chair – Kris H. – New Years event went well, we made \$667.50, approximately. Currently working on Cornbeef and Cribbage and the Founders' Day Picnic – paying for deposit at Idlewild Park.

Answering Service – Mark U. – Nothing new to report at this time.

Bracer – Emily – if you want something specific in The Bracer, email it to Emily. There is currently some extra room.

Cooperation Professional Community – Cheryl E., received by Memo.

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. A new student rotation will not take place until after all the holidays. Next date will be communicated when we get the word from UNR. We could use a few more volunteers to attend these meetings. Let Cheryl E. know if interested.

- **Reno Valley Assisted Living Monthly AA Meeting:** Meetings are brought in the 3^a and 4^a Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm. The Seniors In Sobriety group facilitated the 3^a Tuesday, Dec. 19th. The 4^a Tuesday was facilitated by The Verdi Greener Pastures group on Dec. 26th. There were 8 residents present on the 19^a and 6 present on the 26^a. 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 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 2^a Sunday of every other month from 2-3/3:30. Our next committee meeting scheduled on Dec. 10^a, from 2-3:30 was not held due to a scheduling conflict with Central Office. Next committee meeting to be held Feb. 11^a from 2-3:30 at Central Office. If you are interested in PI or CPC service, please attend. We welcome you! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be of service. Cheryl E. NNIG CPC Chair, 775-971-7554, cbsnoop808@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 Village. 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/planning for a start in the Spring with this program.

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

Submitted by memo:

On Saturday August 26th at Parr Blvd – 6 A.A. members attended the Civilian Orientation at the Regional Public Safety Training Center. 4 men and 2 women.

➤ 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”.

➤ There were 6 new prison / jail A.A. meetings stated this year:

Wells Conservation Camp, High Desert State Prison, Lovelock Correctional Center, Lander County Jail, Humboldt County Detention Center, and Northern Nevada Transitional Housing.

We typically send various literature based on demand to these new meetings: soft cover little big books, 12 by 12, Daily Reflections, Come to Believe, A.A. in Prison, Grapevines (correctional facility editions), pamphlets, and a variety of templates to run a meeting.

➤ RENVYPAA requested that the H&I and Corrections chair inquire if any of the prisons or jails Chaplains would write a letter of recommendation for their bid for WACYPA in Reno, Chaplain Snyder from the Carson D.O.C. wrote a very nice letter that will be in the bid packet up in Toronto, Canada this month. I have been in contact with Amber S. from RENVYPAA.

Treatment – Rob L. – introduced himself, and provided some history of volunteering for H&I before; he is excited to be of service in this capacity again.

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

Bridging the Gap – Pat B. 2017 was a terrific building year for the Bridging The Gap Committee. A number of Fellowship members have joined the committee as either Temporary Contact volunteers or BTG Program Presenters, or both. We currently have 163 Temporary Contact volunteers throughout Northern Nevada. As a result of the presentations the committee makes to clients at treatment facilities, we responded to 127 treatment client requests in the Reno / Sparks area for a BTG Temporary Contact to take clients to their first A.A. meeting after leaving treatment.

In the month of December we had three Fellowship members join the committee as Program Presenters.

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 any BTG Temporary Contact Requests the treatment clients may have.

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 members have the opportunity to help the newcomer start the process of feeling comfortable in A.A. by taking the newcomer to their first meeting once leaving treatment. We have a need for Temporary Contact volunteers in all zip codes throughout the Northern Nevada 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. 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: YES NO

Pink Can Treasurers Report – Anjuli 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. Not in attendance.

RENVYPAA Liaison – Cody G. RENVYPAA is having a talent show event at the Potentialist Workshop on February 17th from 6 – 10 pm. There will also be a speaker. / new email address: webmaster@renvypaa.com and new webpage www.renvypaa.com. RENVYPAA is putting in another bid for WACYPA

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**

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 26, 2017 held at Central Office at 5:30 pm

*Serenity Prayer; Roll Call: Ron, Dawn, Robin, Joyce, Tom, Kris, Leslie, (Cheryl arrived at 5:40 pm after roll call) / Verification of Quorum / Approve December Steering Committee Minutes

Treasurers Report – Dawn K. – prudent reserve was discussed and account balances were reviewed with discussion of deposit/transfer to/from the Events Account. See printed report on Page 11.

Old Business Agenda Items – n/a

New Business Agenda – discussion regarding hiring of NNIG Director and HR needs prior to filling this vacancy. In summary, the operating procedures indicate that there is a contract for this position (regarding salary, flex time, vacations, overtime, etc...), and currently there is not a contract in place. Steering committee approved additional funding for HR contract to be completed by Sherry (HR specialist), who is already completing an HR handbook, hiring paperwork, and suggestions on our operating procedures. Sherry is charging ½ her normal rate, and the estimate is an additional \$1,000 for completing the Director's Contract. Dawn – motion that we approve up to \$1,200 for these HR services at this time / unanimous vote in favor.

Tom M. brought up an issue with the answering services (for Mark) stating that the current hours of 10 am – 2 pm crosses two shifts and that the hours of 9 am – 1 pm would work better for the answering service.

Kris discussed the New Year's Eve Gala - 198 final count. Kris bought a new PA system with microphone, which cost \$619, total. The total charges for the New Year's event should be finalized in the next week or so. 40 free entries available for the speaker after the dinner.

Meeting concluded.

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's Report – Dawn K.

Business Meeting 12/5/17

Below is an account of your NNIG Cash Balances. Please take this information to your groups and announce this detail at your home group meeting. It is my hope that this will relieve any concerns pertaining to the Prudent Reserves calculation and overage.

As of November 30, 2017

TOTAL CASH ON HAND	<u>52,410.70</u>	IS MADE UP OF.....
PRUDENT RESERVES	30,000.00	
GENERAL EVENTS RESERVES	4,000.00	
Events Not yet Held (New Year's Gala)	6,590.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT	7,339.25	
PETTY CASH	300.00	

Over Prudent Reserves **4,181.45**

\$4,000.00 = Spring Festival Contribution after 2,000.00 refund

DEFINITIONS OF (see attached section NNIG Operating Procedures Section 10.7 Financial Accounts).

Prudent Reserves: Four months operating expenses as determined from the preceding twelve months.

General Events Reserves: Based on historical records and minutes, \$4,000.00

From the November 29, 2016 NNIG Steering Committee Meeting Minutes... "New Business: Diane B presented our financial figures for October. We did not go in the hole this month. We do have the funds to repay our prudent reserve. Suggests we transfer 5,000 from Activities account to Prudent Reserve which will bring it up to our \$30K Goal for Prudent Reserve. Motion was made to transfer the funds by Diane B and seconded by Brian A and discussion was held. Events fund is usually kept a \$4K. Vote was taken to transfer with 5 approved, 1 opposed, and the motion carried."

Events Not Yet Held: This account is a separate checking account to separate Events monies.

Checking Account: General Operating account with a minimum of 1 month operating expenses.

Petty Cash: Limits set of Steering Committee. Shall not exceed \$300.00 in any month.

PRUDENT RESERVES CALCULATION:

Average Operating Expenses

7,669.19 x 4 = \$30,676.76 AS OF 11/30/2017

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 16	(Jan - NOV 17)
Total Expense	<u>83,285.45</u>	<u>91,276.32</u>	<u>85,797.52</u>	<u>84,361.09</u>
DIVIDED BY 12 (11) MONTHS FOR MONTHLY AVERAGE	6,940.45	7,606.36	7,149.79	7,669.19

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

Faithful Fivers Needed

\$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year

Donn T
 Cynthia F.
 Fireman Bob S.
 Wes K
 Paul M
 Diane L
 William M
 Patty M
 Don B
 Joanne P
 Lunnetta N
 Tom E



Barbara P
 William F
 Kimmy D
 Diana B
 Barbara M
 Deanna S
 Carl H
 Therese D
 Kimberly S
 John L
 Ann G
 Leslie S

2018 Faithful Fiver Club

This year's club members will directly support the Central Office twenty-four hour answering service **recently** updated with the latest in **Communication Technology!**

We are members of Alcoholics Anonymous that want the hand of A.A. always to be there in Northern Area 42 Community with Central Office Services

It's Easy to join!

Use a **Check or Credit Card** to pay monthly, or one time. Stop by the Central Office or use postal services. Phone Central Office for a one time Card Charge over the phone.

\$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year!

This membership directly supports 12 step work in Northern area 42, Group Services and Central Office Operations.

NNIG BRACER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Date _____

New _____ Renewal _____

Donation for Electronic Version _____

I cannot send a donation at this time but I would still like to receive the BRACER electronically _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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