

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



July 14th – 7:00 pm
Group: Midday Group 2PM RTC
Karen S., Reno, NV

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

June, 2018

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CENTRAL OFFICE

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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

God Could If Sought

Trained as a scientist, he had abandoned religion long ago. But then he found his way to AA, and AA brought him back to God

I was enrolled in catechism and confirmed, but finally my father told me that "I never had to go back to church again". "I've graduated," I thought to myself. I was so glad to not have to waste another weekend day going to Sunday School, where I half-heartedly paid attention to the stories of Jesus, Noah, Jonah, and the like, but didn't really hear them. I was a reader at the altar in front of the church reciting one of the scenes of the Stations of the Cross, but I had no idea what I was actually taking part in. In fact, I was more of a class-clown there than I was at the public school I attended. Plus, their dances were far better than the ones at public school.

I can look back now and estimate that shortly after my church days came to an end, trouble began. I had found the moral, righteous path to be boring and was exhilarated by risk-taking, rule breaking, vandalism, and doing all the things I said I would never do. My very first sip of alcohol came when I was six years old while my father was cutting the grass. For this reason, I believe that I had crossed that proverbial invisible line way before I even began drinking. By 12, I was already unknowingly a problem drinker. I found myself running with the older crowd, so drinking on the weekends was the thing to do. If you were not one of us, you were on the outside looking in. That was the delusional mind and warped thinking I had already developed very young. I believed that those who went to church or did not drink like me were the "losers" when, in actuality, I was doomed to begin a life of misery and hopelessness up until the admission of complete defeat and surrender.

Corey Y., Pittsburgh, Pa.
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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

June 9, 2018
Host Group — RENVYPAA Committee
Speaker — Long Timer's Meeting
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

July 14, 2018
Host Group — Midday Group 2pm RTC
Speaker — Karen S. (Reno, NV)
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

August 11, 2018
Host Group — The Golden Group King's Beach
Speaker — Chris S. (Altadena, CA)
Location — Silver Baron A

September 8, 2018
Host Group — Keep It Simple Driar's
Speaker — Wesley I. (Calabasas, CA)
Location — Silver Baron C, D & E

October 13, 2018
Host Group — Sisters of Sobriety
Speaker — TBD
Location — Silver Baron C, D & E

November, 2018
Canceled due to Gratitude Dinner and no availability at Silver Legacy

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

Upcoming NNIG Events:

-Halloween Event

-Gratitude Dinner

-New Year's Gala

Contact Events Chair Kris H. to see how
you can be of service.

MORE AREA EVENTS

12 Traditions Workshop

You have heard them at meetings
You may have seen them in "The 12 Steps & 12
Traditions"

Now come and have them explained!

From Speaker: Debbie D. From the Bay Area.

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Doors open at 9 am. Will go until about 4:30.

Potluck Lunch

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1135 12th Street

Sparks, NV. 89431

Hosted by District 16 & ?

Smoky Valley & Austin
Groups

31th Annual Kingston Canyon AA Campout
July 20 - July 21 - July 22nd

Kingston Canyon is located 6 miles west off of Nevada 376
just past the village of Kingston. We have the group
campsite in the Nat'l Forest with pit toilets, potable water,
fire rings. Cost is free. This is high desert camping with
cool nights and warm days. There is a lake and stream for
fishing and swimming. Trails for 4 wheeling and hiking.
Bring the family.

Friday night AA campfire meeting
Saturday night AA birthday campfire meeting

For More Information Contact
Chip.....775-377-2910
Frank.....775-964-1477

Dear NNIG Fellowship,

Volunteer hours - 59.

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA Help - 8*
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 1*
- Meeting information - 45*
- Retail/merchandise - 18*
- Other 12 step programs - 12*
- Events - 10*
- Business/Central Office - 46*

Things are going well at the office. The new LED lighting has been installed at Central Office through a grant from NV Energy. Thank you to Mark U, for donating his time and expertise with installing the new lights. Our volunteers are doing a great job at the office but we still need a few volunteer positions filled. Call the Central Office for information.

Ronda
Central Office Manager

The Birthday Club



Kent L. — 36 years
Jack W. — 33 years
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
Kent L.—36 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

3rd Tradition

Secular AA Group

Sunday 5:30 PM
Reno Buddhist Center
820 ½ Plumas Street
(Downstairs)
Reno, NV

Bare Bones

10:00 AM Monday
Unitarian Fellowship
780 Del Monte Lane
Reno, NV

Whole in the Soul

7:00 PM Tuesday
Sparks Christian Fellowship
510 Greenbrae Drive
Sparks, 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

Traditions Group

Tuesday 7:00 PM
Faith Baptist Church
810 W. Carlos Street
Alturas, CA

GRUPO LA NUEVA ESPERANZA

Reuniones todos los dias de
7:30 a 9:00pm
993 Woodside Dr. Suite 101
Carson City NV
(775) 841-5133
(Español)

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, 6:30 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
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

YPAA MEETINGS
TITYPAA, 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY 6:30
 PM, 8425 DOLLY VARDEN AVE, KINGS
 BEACH, CA

RENVYPAA 2ND&4TH SUNDAY 4:00
 PM, 635 WELLS AVE., UPSTAIRS

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 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
 Tuesday 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: _____

One s'more at a time

After a beautiful day on the Saco River, members trade shares and laughs by the fire. How's that for adventure?



Kathleen and I waited in the parking lot. We said nervous greetings to people we had never met. Then we dropped our kayaks in the Saco River, in Brownfield, by the bridge. We anticipated an adventure. We were just not sure what that adventure would entail.

All of us on the trip that day had one thing in common—sobriety. Whoever said you can't have fun sober was wrong. We loved all of it, the paddling along the river, the community around the campfire and the conversation with Ron, a real Appalachian Trail through-hiker. These were just some of the things we enjoyed on the trip.

We were paddling with the flow of the river's current so there was not much struggle. We just floated downstream. Some people had canoes and offered to carry any supplies that would not fit into our smaller kayaks. I put my sunglasses on and pulled my sweatshirt off over my head. The initial social awkwardness turned into chatter as people started asking each other questions such as, "Where are you from?" and "Did you come on the trip last year?"

An iced tea sat in my cup holder where previously a beer would have sat. The banks of the river were mostly lined with coniferous trees. These strong, tall trees lined the uninhabited shore like a fence corralling us in.

I felt a sense of camaraderie among us 16 men and women on the river. We had all, at times in our lives, been on the same sinking ship. But we all had survived our life-threatening ordeal. Now we were

floating down the river chatting, sharing snacks and laughing.

Two guys played guitar on their boat, the music echoing against a granite cliff downriver. After about four hours, we came up on a sandy beach and were waved in by fellow comrades. I climbed up the embankment to a grassy meadow where some from of our clan were spreading out tent tarps.

A huge maple tree stood with its canopy of branches and leaves hanging high in the sky over a circle of rocks that served as our community fire site. There were nine or so tents set up now. But no one made their own campfire. Instead, everyone congregated around a community fire pit. We all talked, cooked and sang. One girl even popped popcorn over the fire.

It was Saturday night. We had an AA meeting with the topic being gratitude. The amount of sober time people had ranged from a few weeks to a few decades, but no one was better than anyone else. All were allowed to speak, without judgment. All received equal respect.

On Sunday morning, a drizzle was making everything wet. But the smell of coffee brewing, and blueberry pancakes and bacon sizzling got me out of the tent quickly.

Ron and I began chatting over his coffee percolator. He told me he had hiked the full Appalachian Trail, from Springer Mountain, Georgia, all the way to Mount Katahdin, Maine, in five and a half months. Curious and intrigued, I began inquiring about his adventure. I listened intently as he spoke of fording rivers, enduring inclement weather, meeting hikers and townspeople.

He lit up talking about what he called "trail magic" happening, when he was the most desperate. Being a through-hiker on the Appalachian Trail has been a long-time dream of mine. Now that I am sober, that dream is a real possibility.

We had so much fun kayaking sober on the river, interacting with others around the campfire and hearing about adventures hiking the Appalachian Trail.

When I saw the Hiram Bridge, I realized our "Serenity on the Saco" trip was coming to an end. As I pulled my kayak up onto the sandy shore, I felt sadness, knowing these strangers who I had so quickly become friends with would soon be departing.

I'm so glad I took plenty of photographs on the trip. I always find comfort in my photography because when faces and memories begin to fade, I have pictures to refresh my experiences.

Yesterday, the flyer came out for this summer's "Serenity on the Saco." There is no fee; all you need is willingness. Encouraging other newly sober people to come is my goal, so they will know we recovering alcoholics are not a glum lot.

NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2018

Group	May	YTD	Group	May	YTD
4th July Annual Event		0.00	Happy Hour Reno		500.00
A Way Home	75.90	75.90	Incline to be Sober		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		0.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		200.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group	292.00	357.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		73.44
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Lake		47.35
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00	Lemmon Valley Back Room	23.88	150.97
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Twilight Zone	30.00	110.00	McGill NV Freedom Group		25.00
Alano Sunshine Group		0.00	Minden Language of the Heart	80.00	80.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever	75.00	125.00
Alano Women in Recovery		32.66	Minden Stephanie Way Group		189.02
Alturas Hill Toppers		0.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	80.00	560.00
Austin Group		43.50	Mt Rose Recovery Room	125.00	883.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night	100.00	200.00	NNIG Business Meeting	27.00	152.25
Back to Basics Sparks		0.00	Our Common Welfare	10.00	60.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	50.00	Out and Sober	10.00	10.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Page by Page		0.00
Blairsden Greagle Group		0.00	Portola Group		620.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group		263.40
Buena Vista Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		0.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		128.31	Quincy Fellowship		10.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		0.00	RTC Afternoon Delight	75.00	150.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	400.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		375.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		600.00
Carson Big Book Experience		29.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		0.00
Carson Brown Baggers		1006.00	RTC Just for Today Women		150.00
Carson Drunk Squad		199.00	RTC Little Rascals		50.00
Carson Early Birds	798.33	1446.66	RTC Lost and Found		0.00
Carson Happy Hour	50.00	50.00	RTC Men's Trudgers	210.00	210.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		100.00	RTC Mid Day Group	100.00	100.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		26.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers		0.00	RTC Monday Night Men's	100.00	200.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		630.07
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		0.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		50.00
Carson Women's Night Out		0.00	RTC Sober N Sane	50.00	50.00
Chester Fellowship		0.00	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Choices		0.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		228.29	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		0.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		150.00	Silver Springs Groups		175.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Sisters in Sobriety		85.94
Dayton Sunday Morning		321.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
District 6		0.00	South Reno on Sunday	350.00	350.00
District 12		0.00	South Shore Group		75.00
District 14		0.00	Southside Group	165.97	1828.90
District 22		0.00	Stagecoach Friends of Bill	85.00	85.00
Driar's 4th Dimension		0.00	Step 1		0.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		0.00	Sunnyside Group	750.00	1585.00
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night		125.00
Driar's Oldtimers/Newcomers		0	Susanville Wed Womens		0.00
End of the Road Group		0.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eye Operner		176.00	The Rock Group		164.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		134.50	Truckee Dawn Patrol		0.00
Fernley Groups		200.00	Truckee Fellowship		0.00
Finding Peace		0.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		0.00
Fireside Group		300.00	Verdi Bookies		102.00
Galena Friday Night		0.00	Virginia City Plug in the Jug		100.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		102.60
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		0.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Greenville Group		0.00	Westwood Monday Night		0.00
Ground Zero		84.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		0.00
Grupo Accion	10.00	60.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		0.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	100.00	Women's New Beginnings	198.00	198.00
Grupo Neeva Vida	10.00	50.00	Women Down and Dirty		95.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Harmony		75.00
RENVYPAA		300.00	Young at Heart		
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		50.00			
			Total	3,961.08	18,068.76

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss YTD Comparison May 2018			
	May 18	May 17	Jan - May 18
3:54 PM 06/12/18 Accrual Basis			
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 - Income - General			
4500 - Faithful Fivers	25.00	35.00	730.00
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	45.00	25.00	50.00
4800 - Other Copy Reimbursements	30.50	2.50	148.10
4600 - Individual Contributions	159.00	25.00	5,485.70
4550 - Group Contributions	3,901.08	2,435.54	18,068.76
4200 - Birthday Contributions	52.00	243.00	211.00
Total 4000 - Income - General	4,272.98	2,771.04	24,734.56
4002 - Income - Event Revenues			
Event Revenues			
Halloween Party			
4425 - Expenses	-350.00	0.00	-350.00
Total Halloween Party	-350.00	0.00	-350.00
Speaker Meeting			
4440 - Revenue	815.55	100.00	2,188.47
4445 - Expenses	-75.00	-75.00	-933.70
Total Speaker Meeting	540.55	25.00	1,254.77
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
4480 - Revenue	0.00	0.00	4,995.53
4485 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-2,770.98
Total Corned Beef & Cribbage	0.00	0.00	1,924.55
Total Event Revenues	190.55	25.00	2,829.42
Total 4002 - Income - Event Revenues	190.55	25.00	2,829.42
4003 - Event Revenues - Other			
4120 - Reno Spring Festival	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
Total 4003 - Event Revenues - Other	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales			
4700 - Merchandise Sales	6,128.55	7,869.64	39,171.48
Total 4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales	6,128.55	7,869.64	39,171.48
4900 - Interest Income	2.16	1.38	6.05
Total Income	10,594.64	16,670.04	86,742.11
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,391.02	4,392.55	21,950.97
Total COGS	3,391.02	4,392.55	21,950.97
Gross Profit	7,203.62	12,277.49	44,791.14
Expense			
5100 - Bank Fees and charges	0.00	3.00	6.00
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	3,480.00
5150 - Cash Over/Short	0.00	0.00	20.00
5160 - CC Service Fees	151.72	171.27	1,818.89
5181 - Convention expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
5210 - Storage Unit	80.00	80.00	450.00
5220 - Shipping Charges	53.36	18.85	145.46
5230 - Alarm System	128.88	133.77	226.45
5235 - Committee Expenses	0.00	63.58	130.97
5240 - Compensation			
5240.1 - Wages - Director	2,235.00	0.00	14,975.30
5240.2 - Wages - Assistant	846.00	0.00	5,013.45
5240 - Compensation - Other	190.00	3,904.00	420.00
Total 5240 - Compensation	3,271.00	3,904.00	20,408.75
5241 - Dental/Vision Plan	0.00	0.00	77.02
5250 - Computer expenses	81.19	0.00	265.54
5260 - Copier Lease	370.58	327.77	1,876.58
5270 - Insurance Business/Workers Co..	1,145.00	1,096.00	1,146.00
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	112.00	70.00
5290 - Office Supplies	60.30	195.17	793.80
5310 - Paper	90.00	23.03	229.61
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	250.24	258.66	1,915.58
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	78.34	75.00	835.26
5330 - Postage	0.00	0.00	102.26
5340 - Rent	781.00	758.00	3,905.00
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	66.63
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	160.00
5370 - Telephone	635.24	486.75	5,134.89
5380 - Trash	30.28	26.63	149.74
5390 - Utilities	124.50	101.64	711.75
Total Expense	7,352.43	7,847.12	43,108.19
Net Ordinary Income	-149.51	4,430.37	1,689.95
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expenses			
5400 - Physical Inventory adjustment	-8.75	0.00	-8.75
Total Other Expense	-8.75	0.00	-8.75
Net Other Income	8.75	0.00	8.75
Net Income	-140.06	4,430.37	1,691.70

PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions
Group Contributions 2018 YTD

Group	May YTD	Total
4th Dimension	64.96	385.78
A Way Home		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity	93.00	314.85
Alano Brown Baggers		65.00
Alano Club Jay Walkers	77.85	375.38
Alano Dawn Patrol	64.00	256.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00
Alano Sunshine Group	47.72	308.35
Alano Women in Recovery		38.01
Battle Mountain Group	42.00	164.00
Caring and Sharing Stead	32.22	133.27
Carson After Shifters	168.51	491.91
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00
Carson City Early Birds	678.28	1415.25
Carson City Sunday Fire station		70.00
Carson City Happy Hour	148.00	602.00
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00
Carson Men's No BS		50.72
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		0.00
Corner Stone Group		118.00
Carson City Women's Down & Dirty		23.00
Dayton Sunday Morning		134.66
Driars Keep it Simple		0.00
Early Birds		0.00
End of the Road Group		115.00
Eye Opener		245.00
Fernley Groups		75.00
Firestone Group		22.77
Golden Valley Back Room	29.39	81.93
Ground Zero		0.00
Happy Hour		579.61
Individual		33.00
Incline to be Sober		0.00
Kings Beach AA Golden Group	218.00	315.00
Knuckle Heads		0.00
Ladies of the Evening		0.00
Minden Garberville Group	413.60	1962.00
Minden Wednesday Night Live	18.00	18.00
Minden Stephanie Way Group		97.25
Minden Saturday Night Fever	154.05	360.49
Mount Rose Recovery Group		146.89
Northern California H&I		43.00
Out and Sober		0.00
Positive Step		0.00
Pyramid Way Group		122.96
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	100.00
RTC ALOHA		100.00
Seniors in Sobriety		127.00
Serenity Night Owls		0.00
Sierraville Book Study		0.00
Slide Mountain Serenity	87.50	106.75
Support Hose		0.00
South Reno on Sunday	26.71	87.81
Southside Group		434.29
Step 1	21.41	43.91
Sunnyside	115.41	430.41
The Rock Group		20.00
Truckee Bookies		9.65
Truckee River Men's	114.00	581.00
Verdi Bookies	50.00	234.40
Verdi Greener Pastures		62.96
Virginia City Plug in the Jug		227.02
Wednesday Night Live		41.00

Treatment Chair - Rob L (775) 379-4853

Group Contributions 2018 YTD

Group	May YTD	Total
Women's Just For Today	38.00	38.00
Women's New Beginnings	144.43	144.43
Women's New Harmony	32.11	93.39
Women's Night Out		14.06
Women on Wednesday		0.00
Women's 24 Hours A Day		175.00
Young At Heart		0.00
May Income/YTD	2983.88	12870.16
April 2018 Balance Forward	1402.55	
Account Balance	4386.43	
March Lit Distributed	1502.89	
Ending Balance	2883.51	

Distributed Literature 2017 YTD

Facilities	May YTD	Total
JAILS & CORRECTIONS		
Carson City Jail	528.00	1298.00
Carson City Warm Springs		0.00
SNCC Carson Prison		50.00
Douglas County Jail		0.00
Church Hill County Jail		60.00
Lander County Jail		0.00
High Desert State Prison		2163.05
Humboldt County Jail		0.00
Jan Evens Detention Center		276.00
Lakes Crossing		0.00
Lovelock Prison		0.00
NN Transitional Housing		48.00
Stewart Corrections Camp	184.84	184.84
Washoe County - Parr		0.00
Washoe Courts - 58277		0.00
Wells Conservation Camp		0.00
TREATMENT & HOSPITALS		
Bristlecone - Residential		1444.85
Carson Behavioral Health		280.00
Center for Hope	120.00	120.00
Carson Tahoe Detox		0.00
Crossroads - Main Campus	73.00	804.35
Crossroads - River House		240.00
Empowerment Center Women		0.00
Gospel Mission		0.00
New Frontiers - Fallon		0.00
NN Adult Mental Health Services	208.00	528.25
Renown Behavioral Health	58.55	82.15
Ridge House		0.00
Saint Vincent's		0.00
Salvation Army		560.00
Step 1 - Men	330.00	450.00
Step 2 - Women		507.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		0.00
VA Hospital		550.00
West Care		0.00
West Hills		0.00
AA GRAPEVINE/ALA VINA		0.00
Office Supplies	0.50	0.00
Total	1502.89	9,646.49

Bridging The Gap Chair - Pat B (707) 483-7181
Pink Can Treasurer - Anjali K (707) 321-6400

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Good Things Come

With AA, a member in Hawaii weathers some storms and cruises into calmer waters



In 2006, my 94-year-old mother died on Easter Sunday, and my eldest brother followed just three weeks later. I had a job as a school administrator that I loved, but it was very stressful. It was a very difficult year.

On the bright side, my marriage was solid. I thought I'd be married forever, living in our lovely home with our precious dog. The kids and grandkids visited us frequently. We often sailed and went deep-sea fishing. We attended events at the yacht club and at the homes of our friends. We volunteered at our church and at the charities close to our hearts.

That same year, the weekend before Christmas, my 30-year marriage came swiftly to an end because of infidelity. I was totally unaware of what had been going on right in front of me. When my son said his father was not exactly as he seemed, I thought my world would fall apart—but it didn't. Yes, my world as I had known it ended that day. But my new life began in a scary but wonderful direction, and not once did I consider picking up a drink.

Thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous, on Jan. 22, 2007, I celebrated 10 years of sobriety. I had grown up with AA meetings in our living room, as my dad had been in the Fellowship since 1949. We lived in a tiny town in the Pacific Northwest, so there was not much anonymity. As a teenager, I didn't drink, and I was basically afraid to be around people who did. So when I realized alcohol was a problem in my life, I knew where to turn.

When my marriage broke up, most of our friends, who were either from my church or from AA, gathered around me. I quickly began the process of getting a divorce. My husband and I had been through this before 10 years earlier. It was, in fact, what led me to the doors of AA. I had told him then that I would not go through another infidelity—and this time I kept my word.

I began the process of looking for a new home and found a condo that I could afford. Since my husband wanted to keep our old home, I asked for my share of the equity. He agreed, but asked if I would be willing to take half of that at the time of the divorce, then the remainder when our son graduated from college. I thought this was fair, since he was paying all of our son's expenses. I had enough for a

down payment on the condo and with my job, I could afford the payments until the rest of the money came to me in 2009, the anticipated date of our son's graduation.

I met a very nice man early in the spring, and we had a wonderful time together. He was retired and lived most of the year in Hawaii. However, he spent a few months each year on the mainland with his children. This worked well for me, as I was still employed full-time in my rather stressful position. We talked daily when he was away, and spent a lot of time together when he was here. He suffered from a long-term illness and decided he should spend more time with his children, so we ended our relationship. I was extremely disappointed, but with the help of my sponsor and the women in AA, I survived—alcohol free.

My son graduated from college in 2009. His father came for the ceremony but said nothing to me. In July, I still had not gotten the remainder of the money, so I contacted my divorce attorney who wrote him a letter reminding him it was due. We got no response. Thus began a series of hearings leading to a post-decree judgment in 2010, which directed him to pay me what he owed.

Due to the stress of my job, I retired in 2009. I believed that I would be receiving my money shortly, so I could live comfortably on my retirement and social security. As I've often heard, we make plans while God laughs. The money did not materialize. I contacted a collections attorney who agreed to take my case. It was 39 months from the date the money was due me before I actually got it. In the meantime, since I had gone through all of my savings and an annuity trying to keep up with everything, I had to sell my condo.

I cried for weeks over the loss of my home. To me, owning my own place meant I was successful; having to sell it meant I was a failure. My sponsor and my real estate agent, who is also in the Fellowship, quickly pointed out to me that it was just four walls. It had nothing to do with who I am. So I moved in with a friend for the next year. When the settlement finally came, it included interest and attorney's fees. I was reminded again that good things come to those who wait.

I no longer own a home and two boats. I don't belong to the yacht club. But what I do have are two incredible children, a wonderful son and daughter-in-law, a beautiful granddaughter, and friends at church, in the community, and in AA. I live with my daughter's family. I'm active in community theater, and I serve as president of an organization of Hawaii artists. I have four remaining siblings—another brother and my oldest sister died in 2007 and 2010 respectively—who are still my very best friends. I have friends from childhood who fill my life with joy, memories and adventure.

I just returned from a 12-day Mediterranean cruise with seven other women. One of them is a friend of mine in the Fellowship. I hope one day to share my life with a man who thinks I'm as wonderful as I think he is. If that's in God's plan for me, then it will be. In the meantime, I will enjoy my family and friends, go on some more cruises, continue sponsoring women in the program, go to my AA meetings and live my life sober, one day at a time.

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Business Meeting Minutes June 5, 2018 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Open with Serenity Prayer - 6:33 PM - Read Preamble of NNIG By-Laws; Read Twelve Traditions

Approve May 2018 Minutes. Unanimously Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Dawn K.

Dawn was not present at the meeting; no report given.

May Treasurers Report approved, unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORT May - Central Office Temporary Office Manager, Ronda,

Report: Volunteer hours – 59.

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA Help – 8
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen – 1
- Meeting information – 45
- Retail/merchandise – 18
- Other 12 step programs – 12
- Events – 10
- Business/Central Office – 46

Things are going well at the office. The new LED lighting has been installed at Central Office through a grant from NV Energy. Thank you to Mark U, for donating his time and expertise with installing the new lights. Our volunteers are doing a great job at the office but we still need a few volunteer positions filled. Call the Central Office for information.

Central Service Committee Reports

Activities Chair – Kris H. –

Upcoming Events are:

Halloween Event & Dance: October 27th

Annual Gratitude Dinner: November 3rd at Eldorado Resort

New Year's Eve Event: December 31st at Automobile Museum in downtown Reno

Answering Service – Mark U. – no report submitted.

Bracer – Emily – if there's anything you'd like to see in the Bracer, please email it to Emily at nningbracer@gmail.com

Cooperation Professional Community – Cheryl E.,

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 took place on May 14th. The students gave their reports on June 1st. *Note: The Psychiatry Department at UNR is changing the supervisors for the psych rotation that the 3rd year students do. The curriculum is being changed. AJ got the impression there may be some fairly substantial changes, including perhaps changing the 12-Step assignment. Further info will be coming. The next date for a meeting with a new group of med students has not been set. If you are interested in this service, please contact AJ at 775-250-3791.*

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, May 15th. The 4th Tuesday was facilitated by The Verdi Greener Pastures group on May 22nd. *Note: Discussed the possibility of having weekly meetings for the residents with the activities director. She agreed to this as the residents have expressed interest. Will be working with the volunteers to make this happen and will work out a start date with the activities director for weekly meetings Tuesdays from 6-7pm. If you are interested in attending these meetings, contact Cheryl E. at 775-971-7554.*

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 Kelli C. at 775-225-5919. If you are interested in presenting at BHS in Carson City, call Cathy W. at 925-586-3627.*

Budget: On target overall. \$31 dollars left out or a total of \$635.00 for 12 months.

CPC/PI Committee Meetings: To be determined by new chairpersons.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be of service these past two years. It has been a great experience for me. Cheryl E.; NNIG CPC Chair, 775-971-7554, cbsnoop808@gmail.com

Public Information – Tom B. – no report submitted.

Corrections – position is vacant at the moment, if interested in this position, contact Central Office for more information. 2 year sobriety requirement.

Treatment – Rob L – I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anjuli K for all the hard work she did as H&I chair. She'll be truly missed. Pat B and I did a walk through and presentation for Reno Behavioral Health Services. We informed them about the two components of Bridging the Gap and H&I, including what we offer. They're waiting for accreditation and still building their employment team. River House has added, and filled, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Saturdays will be facilitated by NA however. West Hills is still in need of secretaries on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Some members have rotated out and been replaced

NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

one off. Center for Hope, an eating disorder facility, with some clients with alcoholic issues, director and I sat down. I presented H&I and what I it can do for the faculty. She stated the facility requires: 1 year of sobriety, working knowledge of the 12 steps, and must be able to pass both a background check and a UA. We've decided Saturdays 4 pm- 5 pm for the meeting time. At this time we're going in the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month with myself and another person taking turns going in. They're requesting 4 Saturdays out of the month. Until we can get more members involved, however, we are only able to go in 2 Saturdays a month.

Bridging the Gap -- Pat B.

Following the NNIG annual service position elections, the Bridging the Gap Chair is vacant and in need of a trusted servant to assume this position. We have a committee in place and a complete orientation will be provided to the individual who is interested in this position. 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! 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, CrossRoads Men's and Women's Facilities, West Hills, Carson Behavioral Health Services, and Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno.

Pink Can Treasurers Report – Anjuli K. – Position is open for election in June. Pink Can, financials submitted at NNIG business meeting. If interested in this position or corrections position, come to business meeting on the last Thursday of the month at CO.

Speaker Committee Chairperson – Brain A. Monthly Speaker Meeting; Doors open at 6:30 PM and Speaker at 7:00 PM

June 9, 2018 Host Group — RENVYPAA Committee Speaker — Long Timer's Meeting Location — Silver Baron 1-6

July 14, 2018 Host Group — Midday Group 2pm RTC Speaker — Karen S. (Reno, NV) Location — Silver Baron 1-6

August 11, 2018 Host Group — The Golden Group King's Beach Speaker — Chris S. (Altadena, CA) Location — Silver Baron A

September 8, 2018 Host Group — Keep It Simple Driar's Speaker — Wesley I. (Calabasas, CA) Location — Silver Baron C, D & E

October 13, 2018 Host Group — Sisters of Sobriety Speaker — TBD Location — Silver Baron C, D & E November, 2018 Canceled due to Gratitude Dinner and no availability at Silver Legacy

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A. Speaker Co-Chair: Open Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151

Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker

Sunshine Committee – Paul M. no report submitted.

Web Site Chair – Ollie – If you have comments or suggestions, email NNIGwebmaster@gmail.com

Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison – Chris S. – Intergroup report for NAGSC Intergroup Liaison June 5, 2018

On June 2, 2018 everyone gathered at Truckee Ca. for the NAGSC meeting. The delegate was able to give his report from the conference this past April. A lot happened but in order to keep the report short here are a couple of tidbits. It was recommended that the theme for the 2019 General Service Conference be: "Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages." It was recommended that the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution from an individual A.A. member to the General Service Board be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000. It was recommended that the revised pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman," retitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: Women in A.A.," be approved. The revised pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic," be retitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.," be approved with minor edits provided by Publishing regarding use of gender specific language. The trustees' Literature Committee revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to include a section on anonymity, and bring back a progress report or draft text to the 2019 Conference Committee on Literature. The pamphlet "The God Word" (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A., Great Britain) be adopted by A.A. World Services, Inc. with minor editorial changes. If you would like to know more please go to AA Area42.org then go to the Delegates page. You can check out everything that happened. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Chris S

RENVYPAA Liaison – Christina stood-in – upcoming events RENVYPAA is planning a bid for WACYPA. For more information, email: committee@renvypaa.com: // In-Tents Sobriety Campout will be held from June 22 – 24th in Taylorsville, CA – for info call Amber at 630-417-4602 or Dan at 775-741-6282. // RENVYPAA has a website: <http://renvypaa.com/>

Steering Committee Reports:

Intergroup Rep's. Report – Don T. / Tom M. – no report submitted.

Secretary's Report – Robin Y. – no report submitted.

Vice-chair Report – Cheryl Z. – was absent from meeting / no report submitted.

Chairman's Report – Ron T. – no report submitted.

New Business

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Elections took place; 37 voting members were present. Results were:

NNIG Chair: Paul M (macarecovery@nbell.net)

NNIG Vice-Chair: Jami F

NNIG Treasurer: Kathy A.

NNIG Secretary: Jeff J.

Intergroup Representatives: Ron T and Chris G

Activities/Events Committee Chair: Kris H

Answering Service Committee Chair: Mark Z

Bracer News Committee Chair: Emily S.

Bridging the Gap Committee Chair: position vacant

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chair: position vacant

Correctional Facilities Committee Chair: position vacant

Public Information (PI) Committee Chair: Tom B

Speaker Committee Chair: Brian A

Sunshine Committee Chair: Stacy

Treatment Facilities Committee Chair: Rob

Web Site Committee Chair: Ollie

Meeting Old Business n/a

***Motion to Close the Meeting**

NNIG STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 29, 2018 held at Central Office

*Serenity Prayer; Roll Call: Ron, Cheryl, Dawn, Robin, Tom, Ronda, Tom, Kris, James (guest from RENVYPAA)

Approve April Steering Committee Minutes

Treasurers Report – Dawn K. – reported on the current status of the bank accounts, as reflected in a present printout from our account's webpage(s).

Old Business Agenda Items – James from RENVYPAA requested shared space in storage unit with NNIG; however, the prior agreement has lapsed, and the current Steering Committee tabled this item, as elections are next week. RENVYPAA will need to bring this request to the next Steering Committee.

New Business Agenda – Storage of the Central Office personnel files was discussed, and the Steering Committee voted and approved funds (approx. \$40) to pay for safe, which is to be stored at Central Office. (Cheryl proposed, Dawn second – unanimous vote).

MEETING CONCLUDED.



Just Maybe

It was the most difficult amends he would ever have to make in his life, but he found that an ounce of willingness carried him a long way

I had been around AA for about three years. I had done a few inventories and had really knocked off my amends list. Yet there was one resentment I wasn't willing to let go of. I knew without a doubt I didn't owe this guy an amends. During my active alcoholism, I hadn't been the best boyfriend to my current wife. She found an emotional connection to a man with whom she worked; when I found out, I threatened to kill this guy. My plan was to go to his work and end him. Through certain circumstances, I ended up not being able to get to him. This man made it onto each of my inventories, but I just wasn't willing to see my part at all. It was all his fault.

My sponsor and I had decided that another inventory would be beneficial. At the top of my resentment list, there was this guy again. When I read his name out loud, such a rage filled me that nothing else mattered. My sponsor very kindly said: "Hey, Bill, why don't you just think about why you may owe this man an amends?" I looked at my sponsor and did what I had been taught. I bit my tongue and nodded my assent.

A week or so later my wife and I were having a conversation. This person who had been the cause of many a fight between my wife and I came up in our conversation. The old rage began to take hold, and then I remembered my sponsor's words: "Maybe you owe this guy an amends." At that moment, I was willing only to consider that maybe—just maybe—I really did owe him an amends. It was just an ounce of willingness, nothing more. The conversation continued and I asked my wife a question, I can't remember the question but I remember the answer like it was yesterday. She looked at me and said: "Bill, during that time when I had no one to turn to, no one to talk to, when all I wanted to do was die, there was one person who made me feel a little bit of happiness that made it not so painful." She was, of course, talking about this guy.

In that moment, I expected to be filled with anger. Instead, I was filled with gratitude. I understood that while I was causing nothing but pain in my wife's life, at least she had been able to get a small amount of happiness. Not only was I grateful my wife had found happiness during that time, I now had a gratitude for this man that made my wife happy when I wasn't able to, when all I was worried about was my next drink. I knew then I owed this man an amends.

I tell this story not to impress you with my ability to forgive. I tell this story to share with you the ability of this program to work miracles in our lives if we just take the action. A willingness to say: "Okay, just maybe." Nothing more is required. In my experience, I don't get the miracle and then take the action. I take the action then the miracles happen. Many times what AA suggests that I do does not look like the answer, but to this day any action that AA has asked me to take has always ended with a result much better than I could have ever imagined.

Bill B., Tahlequah, OK
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