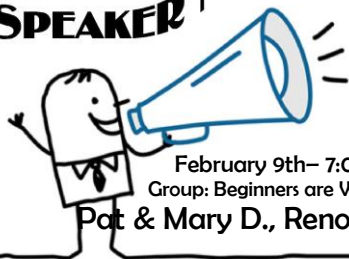


# NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



February 9th - 7:00 pm  
Group: Beginners are Winners  
Pat & Mary D., Reno, NV

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

## January, 2019

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*(The above is adapted and modified from "The AA Service Manual", and AA Co-Founder Bill W's. Twelve Concepts for World Service; Concept XII, as adopted by the General Service Conference on April 26, 1962. This adaptation of copyrighted AA material has been approved by the General Service Board)*

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# The Bracer

## NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

### WHAT ARE A.A.'S TWELVE CONCEPTS?

In addition to the question of what are the concepts, we might also ask why we have them. Neither of these questions is easy to answer in just a few words, but here's a try. In the late 1940s Bill Wilson along with others of AA's founding members and supporters began to see that AA was going to grow rapidly, even worldwide, and that some structure was needed to allow for this growth. The Fellowship would need to deal with its relationships with the world around it, its finances, its day-to-day administrative operations, and its publication and policy decisions--all among a number of other matters that would inevitably develop. Based on these needs, a complex but now-proven highly successful service structure was developed for our Fellowship. There are at least two basic principles on which this service structure was founded: that the ownership of AA would be its members and groups; and that its structure would always be democratic in thought, spirit and action.

Two entities were created, chartered and incorporated in the mid-1950s as not-for-profit organizations under the legal structure of the State of New York. These are known as Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., (AAWS) and the AA Grapevine, Inc. Each of these has its own board of directors. Additionally, some way to relate AA to the outside world and to coordinate AA policy and services was needed. For this purpose, AA's General Service Board (GSB) was created. Members of the GSB are referred to as Trustees, and include both alcoholic members and non-alcoholic AA supporters selected primarily for professional expertise they offer. Also needed was a way to deal with day-to-day operations. The AA General Service Office (GSO) with a paid staff was set up to do this. And finally, some method was needed to carry out the practical matters of AA ownership and democratic participation among its groups and members. To do this, the General Service Conference was set up, along with its participating structure of group representatives (GSRs), Districts with District Committees (DCMs), Areas and Area Officers, and Delegates elected from among these to represent them at an annual Conference meeting held in the Spring of each year. Communication and participation in decision making are primary functions of this Conference structure.

Early AA members also foresaw the need for services at the local level and, thus, intergroups and central offices were created to provide these services.

Bill saw each of these as working in service rather than as governing bodies. All would work together in the spirit of cooperation and service to the Fellowship as a whole as well as to AA groups and members.

Overall, this is a rather complex service structure, and Bill saw a need to provide further elaboration of the underlying principles and the foundation for how these entities would work together. The Twelve Concepts provide this. They were written in the early 1960s by Bill with the help of Bernard Smith, a Trustee at the time and Michael Alexander who later also became a Trustee. They were first published in 1962 as AA's Twelve Concepts for World Service.

*Prepared by the Reno Concept Study Group - December 2015*

*This is the beginning of a 12 part series about the concepts.*

AA's

### Recovery Step One:

*"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable"*

Three

### Unity Tradition One:

*"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity"*

Legacies

### Service Concept One:

*"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship"*

## Concept I - Responsibility and Authority for A.A. World Services Resides in the Collective Conscience of A.A. as a Whole.

I knew early on that there was something more to AA than my home group, and saw that I wanted to be a part of that. I was fortunate to meet a special AA member who introduced me to the study of the Twelve Traditions which further broadened my view of AA. This person became my Service Sponsor, and we sat down together to also study AA's Twelve Concepts. I had been aware of the Concepts, but I had no idea about what they were or why we had them.

Concept One introduces AA World Services, something I didn't even know existed. I suspected that the important AA business was taken care of by the big shots like Bill and Dr. Bob as well as the professional folks in the office in New York who sent us orders telling our group what to do and how to do it. My thinking was not completely wrong. For the first several years, responsibility and authority for all of AA did rest on the shoulders of our founders. By 1950, however, it became apparent that services such as producing uniform literature, developing public information resources, publishing books, and answering calls for help could no longer be handled by the founders alone. A serious decline in Dr. Bob's health was a major factor leading to this realization. Also, AA had expanded geographically and had grown in membership by large numbers.

Many early members felt that AA's future was guaranteed under the protection of God. But, after much discussion, there came a realization that a practical operational structure was needed. The first step was to create a group of AA members who, along with and non-alcoholic professionals, would take on responsibility for an orderly AA growth. This group, known early as the trusteeship, has now become the AA General Service Board.

Bill also saw that only a representative conference would be appropriate as a replacement for himself and Dr. Bob. The way to protect AA's future was to be found in the "collective conscience" of the Fellowship as a whole. Bill acknowledges that it is difficult to imagine how such a collective responsibility might be achieved among such widely scattered AA groups. His solution is in what we now know as the AA General Service Conference. Delegates to this Conference represent geographic Areas of the U.S. and Canada, elected by the individual groups through their elected General Service Representatives, District Committee members and other trusted servants.

The Conference operates in service to groups and members rather than as a governing body. Concept One draws heavily on Tradition Two for its spiritual foundation, reminding us that God is our ultimate authority and that AA leaders serve rather than govern. In this way, Concept One along with Tradition Two provides the spiritual foundation for all of our Fellowship. Bill has described AA as a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility, and enough love to ensure that it will work under all conditions. Concepts Two through Twelve follow to develop more detail about how our AA service structure works.

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

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email the Editor at [nigbracer@gmail.com](mailto:nigbracer@gmail.com)

Deadline for submission is the last Friday of the month.



# 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 12, 2019**

Host Group — Support Hose, Driars 4pm Sunday  
Speaker — Rachael H. (Santa Rosa, CA)  
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

**February 9, 2019**

Host Group — Beginners Are Winners, Triangle 6:45am  
Speaker — Pat & Mary D. (Reno, NV)  
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

**March 9, 2019**

Host Group — Sisters of Sobriety, Buddhist Church 6pm Tuesday  
Speaker — Ilene W. (Los Angeles, CA)  
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

**April 13, 2019**

Host Group — District 2  
Speaker — Webb F. (Reno, NV)  
Location — Silver Baron A

**May 11, 2019**

Host Group — SouthSide, Unitarian Universalist Church 12pm  
Speaker — Rachel B. (Los Angeles, CA)  
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A. – (775) 846-1120  
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151  
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ ~5pm with the speaker

Save the Date  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Corned Beef & Cribbage Family Fun Day Idlewild Park 1-6pm




## MORE AREA EVENTS

### Welcome

#### General Service Panel 69

**When: February 2, 2019 What time: 1PM-3PM**

**Where: First Congregational United Church of Christ  
627 Sunnyside Drive, Reno NV.**

1pm -1:45pm: Everyone

What is the difference between NAGSC and NNIG

Speaker: Joyce Y. of Reno

2:00pm-3:00pm GSR's-- Main room

How does a Conference Agenda Item begin: Speaker Carol B. of Topaz Lake, NV.

What do we do with a Conference Agenda Item; Speaker Phil W. of Mammoth Lakes, CA.

2:00pm-3:00pm DCM's and Committee Chairs – Annex

How can we work together?

Desert Potluck....Bring your goodies

This is not an official Northern Area General Service Committee meeting (no NAGSC funding will be available) so be prudent and ride share. A suggested contribution of \$2 to help pay for the facility would be greatly appreciated and help us be self-supporting.

Chris S NAGSC Chair 775-781-3601  
Anne Y DCM Coordinator 719-351-6605  
Tinna O GSR Survival Trainer 775-221-3375

Save the Date  
Seniors in Sobriety  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference  
May 19, 2019

## Dear NNIG Fellowship,

Volunteer hours- 170 hours  
Calls into Central Office:  
Calls for AA help - 5  
Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 1  
Meeting information- 35  
Retail/ merchandise- 19  
Other 12 step programs- 1  
Events - 5  
Business/Central office- 63  
Visitors - 193

Kind of slow for December with all the holidays but we are looking forward to this New Year. So many new things for NNIG and Central Office. The new website will be launched early this year and we are getting an Archives Committee established. There are four new or updated pamphlets, "Women in AA", "The 'God' Word", "AA for Alcoholics with Mental Issues", and "LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA" and a new Grapevine book "One Big Tent" come in to the office and check them out. This year at the office we are going to focus on commutation and involvement. If there is any information any one feels is important please pass it on to the office and as always if there is anything we at Central Office can do to help an individual or a group please call, email or stop by.

**Ronda**  
Central Office Manager

# The Birthday Club

**November 2017**  
Leslie S. 21 Years  
Cheryl Z. 23 Years  
Mike Mo. 34 Years  
**October 2018**  
Sharon F. 34 Years  
**September 2017**  
Mike H. 23 years  
**August 2018**  
Kim D. 41 years  
Tonia 17 years  
Danny S. 16 years  
**July 2018**  
Paul M. 27 Years  
Linda 26 Years  
Sandra 23 years  
Barbara M. 43 years  
Joanne P. 6 years

**June 2018**  
Kyle 36 Years  
**May 2018**  
Susanne T. 24 Years  
Donn T 28 Years  
**April 2018**  
Ron T 7 Years  
Jack W. 33 Years  
**March 2018**  
Kent L. 36 Years  
**January 2018**  
Joan H. 47 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 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

## Back to the 40's

1:00 PM Saturday

Triangle Club

635 S. Wells Ave.

Reno, NV

## Music Meeting

Sunday 2:30 pm

Alano Club

1640 Prater Way

Sparks, NV

## Out and Sober

Wednesday 6:30 PM

1745 S. Wells Ave.

Reno, NV

## AA ANSWERING SERVICE NUMBERS

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

## High Sierra Women Only Group

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Methodist Church

205 North Fowler @Church Street

Bishop, CA

## Young Whipper-Snappers

Saturday 7:30 PM

1276 Pit Road, Suite 4

Gardnerville, 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, 6:30 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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,**  
 2:00 PM. CENTRAL OFFICE

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

**RENVYPAA 2<sup>ND</sup>&4<sup>TH</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even numbered months-For  
 information email [district6@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district6@nevadaarea42.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DISTRICT 18** DARK DISTRICT

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

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

**Volunteers are needed to take meetings into hospitals, institutions and treatment centers. Please contact Central Office or Treatment Chair Rob L. for more information.**

**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

**2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE  
 CENTRAL OFFICE**

Monday January 21 – Martin Luther King Day - Closed  
 Monday February 18 – Presidents' Day - Closed  
 Monday September 2, Labor Day – Closed  
 Friday October 25, Nevada Day – Closed  
 Monday November 11 Veterans Day - Closed  
 Thursday November 21, Thanksgiving – Closed  
 Friday November 22, Family Day – Closed  
 Wednesday December 25 Christmas – Closed  
 Tuesday December 30 2019 Inventory – Closed

**AA Service in Jails 2019**  
 Men and women are needed to take meetings into Parr Blvd Detention Center. Currently there are two women's meetings per month and one men's meeting per week. If you would like to be of service, please come fill out an application, available at Central Office or from your Intergroup Rep. Volunteers must attend mandatory orientation February 23, 2019. For more info, contact Corrections Committee.

**Ashley B. [abbvcpg15@gmail.com](mailto:abbvcpg15@gmail.com)**  
**Charlotte C. [ccoxboog111@gmail.com](mailto:ccoxboog111@gmail.com)**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



# The Mommy Track

## The fast path to being the drunk she swore she'd never be

*Like any kid, I dreamed of what I'd be when I grew up. At times I'd think of being a cowgirl or maybe a superwoman. As I got older, my ideas turned more to dude rancher and horse farmer. Next, I seriously considered being a nun and living a life of service to Jesus. When I got married at age seventeen, I knew I'd really found my calling. I promised myself I'd be the best wife, homemaker, and mother in the world.*

*The one thing I swore I'd never be was an alcoholic, a drunk like my mother. I still held onto the pain and anger of her drinking. How could I ever forget the terror of the bus trip my sister and I were forced to take when she took us away from my father so she could remarry her first husband and have us meet our half-sister?*

*In California, I entered a world strange and completely different from the Southern town of the 1950s where I'd spent my life, a world where I had to join a gang in order to survive getting to and from school. Our stepfather, in his drunkenness, would try to molest my little sister and me. My mother lived to drink and dance and party, seemingly oblivious to our pain and fear. I became filled with resentment and hate.*

*Over the twelve years of my marriage, I kept that promise to myself, I thought. I drank on special occasions like holidays and birthdays, and usually got drunk when I did. I had no idea this was a problem. In fact, it seemed to me my drunken antics were a source of fun and hilarity for everyone, including me.*

*I could not understand why I felt constantly irritable, restless, and discontented. My husband and I had great jobs, a nice house decorated just the way we wanted, and a sweet little boy who was doing well in school. Still, I continually insisted we change something in our lives: rearrange the furniture, paint the house, even move or change jobs--anything to keep me busy and fill the hole inside me.*

*I had periodic fits of anger and depression that frightened my husband and child. I could not explain to them or to myself why I cried uncontrollably for an hour or more, or why I didn't get out of bed for a whole weekend. On the other hand, there were times when my energy knew no bounds and I appeared happy and contented. I knew something was terribly wrong, but because I had no idea what it was, I ended up blaming my husband and the responsibilities of being a wife and mother. It's hard to believe, looking back, that I made decisions and took actions that looked suspiciously like my mother's.*

*One day, I announced to my husband that I wanted a divorce. I did not love him anymore and I was leaving him and our son. I hardened my heart to his pleas and my little boy's desperate crying. With my sick will, I walked, out on both of them.*

*The next eleven years were filled with career and financial successes, and with increased drinking and partying. God had no place in my life for a long time. My guilt and self-centered attitude led me to believe that God was nothing more than the creator of nature and had absolutely nothing to do with me. I focused completely on work and running in the fast lane.*

*My son and I came to some terms with our situation. By the time he was fourteen, he, too, started drinking, using drugs, and getting into minor scrapes. He lived with me for a few months, but I sent him back to his father when he got to be too much to handle. Once again, I abdicated my role as his mother.*

*The next several years were a blur of drinking bouts, remorse, and despair, although I usually managed to maintain the outside appearance of normality. Deep inside, I knew things were slipping. In drunken cries to God, I demanded he tell me what was wrong with me. I felt insane and hopeless. More and more, I saw myself as my mother, the woman I'd hated for so long.*

*After one drinking spree, I came back to consciousness sicker than ever. It was July 1, 1984. Sitting on the side of my bed, feeling a loneliness that was indescribable, I put my head in my hands and sincerely cried out, "God, please help me!"*

*Oh, so quietly, the name of a casual friend came to my befuddled mind. He had been in a Twelve Step recovery program for a number of years, and although he was no longer one of my crowd, I did not question, "Why this man?" I picked up the phone and experienced the miracle of remembering his number. In hindsight, I have no doubt God was answering my prayer.*

*With this man's direction, I started going to AA meetings and began a journey of physical, mental, and spiritual recovery. Even though I was grateful and relieved to discover what was wrong with me--that I was an alcoholic sick in body, mind, and spirit--I still had great fear and anger at the thought of never having another drink.*

*The years since that July morning have been both painful and glorious. Looking at myself and accepting my powerlessness over everything and everyone in my life opened the door to total acceptance of the power of God. I am now a regular human being with some inherent sins and faults, but with a spiritual solution that solves all my problems. I know I will never be able to drink with impunity but--miracle of miracles--I don't want to. And I will never have to, as long as I keep close to God and try to practice his principles.*

*Along with my freedom from the obsession to drink, a great many other special gifts have come into my life. I have a wonderful husband, also in recovery, and a strong and healthy relationship with my son, who is my best friend. It's amazing that today he is proud to have his two adorable daughters call me "Grandma." My husband and I pray together on a regular basis and were both baptized at the same time in our local church with family and many friends there to support us. I have a job that allows me to be of service and to actually use my past to help others.*

*And my mother? God works in such wondrous ways. After thirty long years of not speaking with or seeing my mother, my heart was opened to the idea of reaching out to her. My sister, Susan, gave me her address and I sent a short note asking my mother if she'd like to be in contact with me after all this time. Her return letter was immediate, warm, and welcoming. At the end of it she wrote, "Peggy, I hope you know that what I did was never meant to harm you." God bless her! Of course I knew. After all, I grew up just like her.*

# NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

## NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2018

Group	December	YTD	Group	December	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group		100.00	Happy Hour Reno		800.00
A Way Home		143.90	Incline to be Sober		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		0.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		400.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group	453.00	1184.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		250.00	Knuckleheads	40.00	40.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		73.44
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Lake		143.21
Alano Shake' m Up Group		0.00			
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		204.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		50.00
Twilight Zone	30.00	303.50	McGill NV Freedom Group		25.00
Alano Sunshine Group		500.00	Minden Language of the Heart		80.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		175.00
Alano Women in Recovery		43.41	Minden Stephanie Way Group		362.03
Amen Maintenance Meeting	120.00	430.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	155.00	1200.00
Austin Group		82.50	Mt Rose Recovery Room	200.00	1733.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night	20.00	716.00	NNIG Business Meeting	16.50	340.11
Back Room Group		270.82			
Bare Bones		127.00	Our Common Welfare	10.00	110.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	120.00	Out and Sober		30.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Page by Page		0.00
Blairsdon Greagle Group		0.00	Portola Group		620.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group		443.40
Buena Vista Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group	80.00	100.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		317.46	Quincy Fellowship		10.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		200.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		150.00
Carson After Shifters		227.09	RTC Almost Heaven	100.00	750.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		500.00
Carson Sisters in Sobriety	100.00	100.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		1050.00
Carson Big Book Experience		29.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		80.00
Carson Brown Baggers		1006.00	RTC Just for Today Women		350.00
Carson Drunk Squad		199.00	RTC Little Rascals	50.00	200.00
Carson Early Birds		2303.86	RTC Big Book Study		0.00
Carson Happy Hour		50.00	RTC Men's Trudgers	312.00	522.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		100.00	RTC Mid Day Group		100.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		181.50	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers		47.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		400.00
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station		19.21	RTC New Awakenings Group		1029.68
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		250.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		151.70	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		150.00
Carson Dr. Bob's Nightngales		48.50	RTC Sober N Sane		50.00
Chester Fellowship		73.87	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Choices		150.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		481.29	Serenity Sisters		133.05
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		0.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall	350.00	900.00	Silver Springs Groups		350.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Sisters in Sobriety		85.94
Dayton Sunday Morning		321.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		20.00
Disdriect 2		450.00			
District 6		0.00	South Reno on Sunday		800.00
District 12		500.00	South Shore Group		75.00
District 14	50.00	350.00	Southside Group	279.81	3686.27
District 22		0.00	Stagecoach Friends of Bill		85.00
Driar's 4th Dimension		150.00	Step 1	60.00	60.00
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		2055.00
Driar's Support Hose		111.00	Susanville Thursday Night		250.00
Driar's Positive Step		66.50	Susanville Wed Womens		0.00
End of the Road Group		0.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eye Operner		1485.00	The Rock Group		327.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		291.50	Truckee Dawn Patrol		200.00
Fernley Groups		400.00	Truckee Fellowship		0.00
Fallon Language of the Heart		250.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		1400.00
Fireside Group		1000.00	Verdi Bookies		187.00
Galena Friday Night		201.00	Virginia City Plug in the Jug	681.00	781.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Wed Night Beginners		202.60
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		23.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Greenville Group	5.00	45.00	Westwood Monday Night		0.00
Ground Zero		368.30	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		450.00
Grupo Accion	40.00	121.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esperanza		0.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		100.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	240.00	Women's New Beginnings		198.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	40.00	150.00	Women Down and Dirty		95.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Harmony		195.00
RENVYPAA	800.40	1100.40	Young at Heart		
Grupo Solo Por Hoy	20.00	130.00			
			<b>Total</b>	<b>4,042.71</b>	<b>42,867.04</b>

# PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

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## Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss YTD Comparison December 2018

	Dec 18	Dec 17	Jan - Dec 18
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 - Income - General			
4500 - Faithful Fivers	70.00	15.00	1,140.00
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	22.00	30.00	219.00
4800 - Other Copy Reimbursements	0.70	1.50	680.40
4600 - Individual Contributions	286.50	1,092.80	12,586.27
4550 - Group Contributions	4,042.71	3,396.25	42,867.94
4200 - Birthday Contributions	0.00	0.00	796.00
<b>Total 4000 - Income - General</b>	<b>4,433.91</b>	<b>4,535.55</b>	<b>58,288.71</b>
<b>4002 - Income - Event Revenues</b>			
<b>Event Revenues</b>			
New Year's Day Gala			
4412 - Revenue	480.00	12,586.90	730.00
4415 - Expenses	0.00	-11,874.50	-730.00
<b>Total New Year's Day Gala</b>	<b>480.00</b>	<b>1,212.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Halloween Party			
4420 - Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,746.11
4425 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-1,822.02
<b>Total Halloween Party</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-75.91</b>
Gratitude Dinner			
4430 - Revenue	0.00	0.00	21,402.59
4435 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-15,485.71
<b>Total Gratitude Dinner</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,916.88</b>
Speaker Meeting			
4440 - Revenue	358.65	471.50	4,031.07
4445 - Expenses	-75.00	-75.00	-2,459.22
<b>Total Speaker Meeting</b>	<b>323.65</b>	<b>396.50</b>	<b>1,571.75</b>
Founders Day Picnic			
4470 - Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,274.00
4475 - Expenses	0.00	-154.99	-1,032.08
<b>Total Founders Day Picnic</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-154.99</b>	<b>241.92</b>
Corned Beef & Cribbage			
4480 - Revenue	0.00	0.00	4,895.53
4485 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-2,733.30
<b>Total Corned Beef &amp; Cribbage</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,962.23</b>
<b>Total Event Revenues</b>	<b>803.65</b>	<b>1,454.00</b>	<b>9,816.87</b>
<b>Total 4002 - Income - Event Revenues</b>	<b>803.65</b>	<b>1,454.00</b>	<b>9,616.87</b>
<b>4003 - Event Revenues - Other</b>			
4120 - Reno Spring Festival	0.00	0.00	1,475.00
4100 - Serenity in the Sierras	0.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total 4003 - Event Revenues - Other</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,975.00</b>
<b>4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales</b>			
4700 - Merchandise Sales	5,773.71	6,616.90	50,782.03
<b>Total 4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>5,773.71</b>	<b>6,616.90</b>	<b>50,782.03</b>
<b>4900 - Interest Income</b>	2.78	1.31	19.58
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,014.05</b>	<b>12,607.76</b>	<b>160,882.19</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	5,497.78	3,842.93	51,006.19
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>5,497.78</b>	<b>3,842.93</b>	<b>51,006.19</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>9,516.27</b>	<b>8,764.83</b>	<b>109,876.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
5100 - Bank Fees and charges	0.00	0.00	5.00
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	3,480.00
5150 - Cash Over/Short	0.00	0.00	20.00
5180 - CC Service Fees	113.46	162.60	2,160.21
5181 - Convention expenses	0.00	0.00	158.48
5210 - Storage Unit	90.00	80.00	1,170.00
5220 - Shipping Charges	349.80	97.20	1,078.81
5230 - Alarm System	0.00	0.00	652.81
5235 - Committee Expenses	0.00	913.35	938.97
5240 - Compensation			
5240.1 - Wages - Director	3,190.00	3,250.00	37,012.80
5240.2 - Wages - Assistant	681.00	768.00	10,935.43
5240 - Compensation - Other	0.00	0.00	420.00
<b>Total 5240 - Compensation</b>	<b>3,871.00</b>	<b>4,018.00</b>	<b>48,368.23</b>
5241 - Dental/Vision Plan	0.00	77.00	77.00
5250 - Computer expenses	0.00	37.50	285.54
5260 - Copier Lease	340.31	327.77	4,513.91
5270 - Insurance Business/Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	1,158.00
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	36.00	70.00
5290 - Office Supplies	60.48	225.68	1,895.76
5310 - Paper	0.00	0.00	445.99
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	295.37	307.38	4,061.82
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	117.16	74.94	1,278.00
5330 - Postage	0.00	50.25	152.26
5340 - Rent	1,569.00	758.00	10,153.00
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	488.81
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	320.00
5370 - Telephone	146.85	-5,823.40	10,194.51
5380 - Trash	30.52	28.18	383.45
5390 - Utilities	118.88	118.75	1,099.44
5399 - Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	345.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,104.63</b>	<b>1,588.22</b>	<b>94,635.04</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>2,411.64</b>	<b>7,176.61</b>	<b>15,940.98</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
5400 - Physical inventory adjustment	904.38	1,022.55	895.63
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>904.38</b>	<b>1,022.55</b>	<b>895.63</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-904.38</b>	<b>-1,022.55</b>	<b>-895.63</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,507.26</b>	<b>6,154.06</b>	<b>14,145.35</b>

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions			Group Contributions 2018 YTD			Group Contributions 2018 YTD		
Group	December	YTD Total	Group	December	YTD Total	Group	December	YTD Total
4th Dimension	69.16	622.27	Women's Just For Today		34.00	Women's New Beginnings		144.43
A Way Home		14.00	Women's New Harmony		143.39	Women's Night Out		14.06
Alano Afternoon Serenity		314.85	Women on Wednesday		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		219.48
Alano Brown Baggers		139.00	Young At Heart		237.00			
Alano Club Jay Walkers	131.25	988.29				<b>December Income/YTD</b>	<b>1582.73</b>	<b>28785.60</b>
Alano Dawn Patrol	33.00	359.79				November 2018 Balance Forward		4427.80
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		45.16				Account Balance		6010.53
Alano Sunshine Group		25.00				December Lit Distributed		5019.79
Back Room in Recovery		129.11				Ending Balance		990.74
Battle Mountain Group	193.00	218.00						
Caring and Sharing Stead	16.00	346.00						
Carson After Shifters		1218.34						
Blairside Sisters Group		13.00						
Carson City Early Birds		2829.45						
Carson City Sunday Fire station		866.30						
Carson City Happy Hour	85.00	1451.00						
Carson Sand Baggers		1200.00						
Carson Men's No BS		148.02						
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		26.00						
Corner Stone Group		339.00						
Carson City Women's Down & Dirty		23.00						
Dayton Sunday Morning		134.66						
Driars Keep it Simple		113.00						
Ground Zero		29.83						
End of the Road Group		142.00						
Eye Opener		927.00						
Farmley Groups	75.00	375.00						
Fireside Group		81.48						
Graveagle	14.00	83.00						
Happy Hour		1179.11						
Individual		33.00						
Incline to be Sober		0.00						
Kings Beach AA Golden Group	158.00	710.00						
Knuckle Heads		42.86						
Ladies of the Evening		113.00						
Minden Gardenville Group	322.08	4672.08						
Minden Wednesday Night Live		86.00						
Minden Stephanie Way Group		219.05						
Minden Saturday Night Fever		450.49						
Mount Rose Recovery Group		277.94						
Northern California H&I		0.00						
Out and Sober		73.05						
Portola Group	34.00	372.00						
Positive Step		0.00						
Pyramid Way Group		182.56						
RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	275.00						
RTC ALPHA		15.00						
Staying Sober		23.00						
Seniors in Sobriety		186.25						
Salvation Army		25.94						
Sierraville Book Study		19.00						
Slide Mountain Serenity		152.75						
Support Hose		0.00						
South Reno on Sunday	55.57	206.88						
Southside Group		1034.92						
Step 1	25.32	69.23						
Sunnyside	69.25	755.41						
The Rock Group		69.00						
Truckee Bookies		9.65						
Truckee River Men's		878.00						
Verdi Bookies		425.43						
Verdi Greener Pastures		202.96						
Virginia City Plug in the Jug	268.94	495.96						
Wednesday Night Live		41.00						

### Distributed Literature 2018 YTD

Facilities	December	YTD Total
<b>JAILS &amp; CORRECTIONS</b>		
Carson City Jail	766.00	3244.00
Carson City Warm Springs		1672.80
NCCC Carson Prison		50.00
Corner Stone Jail		0.00
Church Hill County Jail		312.00
Lander County Jail		134.66
High Desert State Prison	839.95	4584.85
Humboldt County Jail		0.00
Jan Evans Detention Center		1030.00
California Correction Center (Susanv)	818.70	1797.79
Lakes Crossing		0.00
LoveLock Prison		0.00
NN Transitional Housing		48.00
Warm Springs Prison	825.10	825.10
Stewart Corrections Camp	258.50	2333.64
Washoe County - Parr	825.10	2267.30
Washoe Courts - 58277		0.00
Wells Conservation Camp		0.00
<b>TREATMENT &amp; HOSPITALS</b>		
Bristlecone - Residential	490.00	2677.15
Carson Behavioral Health		400.00
Center for Hope		120.00
Carson Tahoe Detox		120.00
Crossroads - Main Campus	148.00	998.55
Crossroads - River House		1094.80
Empowerment Center Women		480.00
Gospel Mission		0.00
New Frontiers - Fallon		0.00
NV Adult Mental Health Services		528.25
Renown Behavioral Health	15.45	98.80
Ridge House		0.00
Saint Vincent's		0.00
Salvation Army		890.00
Step 1 - Men		1510.00
Step 2 - Women		507.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		0.00
VIA Hospital		0.00
West Care		550.00
West Hills	11.60	18.60
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA		86.91
Office Supplies	21.39	34.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>5019.79</b>	<b>28,280.01</b>
<b>Corrections Chair - Charlotte C. (775) 848-0741</b>		
<b>Treatment Chair - Open</b>		
<b>H&amp;I Treasurer - Dru G. (775) 815-9924</b>		
<b>Bridging The Gap Chair - Cyndy M. (775)835-2990</b>		

### NNIG ENDING CASH BALANCES December 31, 2018

	Balance	Goal Reserve	Difference
<b>Administrative Funds:</b>			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	-
General Checking	19,232.76	9,000.00	10,232.76
Administrative Balance	19,532.76	9,300.00	10,232.76
<b>Interest Bearing Accounts (Prudent Reserve)</b>			
Savings	25,841.92	26,000.00	(158.08)
CD 1	5,027.73	5,000.00	27.73
CD 2	5,148.62	5,000.00	148.62
	36,018.27	36,000.00	18.27
Hold for Capital Expenditures			18.27



# The Luckiest Mom



One of the promises in the Big Book talks about not regretting the past, nor shutting the door on it. My past was filled with shame, degradation, and terrible losses because of my alcoholism. But when a loving sponsor guided me through the

Steps, I experienced both divine and human forgiveness.

The greatest pain that resulted from my alcoholism came from losing my baby daughter. I made a decision to give her up for adoption before she was born. In 1971, my drinking was out of control prior to my pregnancy. The only reason I didn't drink while pregnant was because alcohol made me sick.

I went through the nine months dry and filled with self-hatred, shame, depression, and terrible guilt. I used an adoption agency that, in those days, offered no counseling to me. Every day I woke up with a sense of total uncertainty. I did not feel capable of raising a child by myself, and deep down I didn't feel as though I deserved a child because I was so very bad. When she was born, I held her briefly before she left for her new world. A piece of my soul died when they took her away.

For the next eight years, I tried to drink myself to death, tried to block out the misery and pain I felt. Although I was always unsuccessful at suicide, alcoholism is a very slow suicide. I was unable to maintain relationships, jobs, dreams, plans, and eventually, unable to maintain anything.

My disease progressed quickly and I became totally immersed in the vodka bottle. My family offered me money to get rid of me. I was arrested; my friends sat on bar stools in dark, seedy places; and I whirled through the lives of many innocent people, leaving wreckage wherever I went.

I became hopeless. I thought about my daughter whenever I saw a child. I worried about her safety and wallowed in self-pity over my decision to give her up. I was a drunken martyr and not a pretty sight. It seemed that I had lost everything important.

It is only by God's grace that I am sober today and I am grateful to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. In AA, I found the opportunity to face the truth in every area of my life.

When I came into the program, I knew in my heart that I was finally home. I felt safe for the first time in my life. I desperately wanted to stay sober and was willing to do whatever I was told. However, being an egomaniac with no self-worth, I balked at doing an inventory.

Finally, the day came. I was either going to drink, or I was going to write a Fourth Step and share it with my sponsor.

My biggest secret was the loss of my daughter. I finally got everything out, but the wound took years to heal. I thought I had forgiven myself many times, but the shame and guilt seemed to linger. I felt an empty place in my heart that nothing could fill. Today, I realize that God fills the holes in my heart if only I seek him. My biggest problem was resolving the conflict within myself. I could not understand how anyone, including me, would give up a child. My husband and I never had children because I did not think I deserved to have another baby. My selfishness was costly to a lot of people.

One night I was sitting in a meeting on the Eighth Step, when someone said they continued to add to their amends list over time in an attempt to become more honest in their recovery. I immediately thought of my daughter and

how I had not known how to make amends, since I had no idea where she was.

The action I took was to call the adoption agency and ask to place information about myself on file. I did not want to search for her, but I wanted her to be able to know who I was if she ever decided to look for me. They sent me a legal form to complete that I held for several years. My fear that she would hate me was very great for a long time.

In 1992, I filled out the form, wrote a letter to my daughter about myself, and enclosed some photographs. I got on my knees and asked God only for his will to be done. I felt a sense of freedom because this was my attempt at amends. I went on with my life and recovery. On her birthday, I usually wrote to my precious child in my journal. I knew that God was totally in charge of the outcome. Each time I talked about my daughter I felt a bit lighter. I remember leading an Eighth Step meeting and talking about the loss. Several other people in the meeting shared about losing their children because of alcoholism. I was not alone anymore.

In 1994, I received a telephone call from the adoption agency.

"Pat, this is a wonderful day," the woman said. "Your daughter wants to talk with you, and she wants to meet you."

We set up a call time for that very night; I cried for the rest of the day. My AA sponsor and my sponsor from another program came to my apartment to support me. I prayed for guidance and strength.

The phone rang and I heard her voice, which sounded a lot like my own. I answered her questions and began a relationship that is absolutely awesome. She sent pictures of herself, and our resemblance is remarkable. I flew to the city where she lives to meet her.

I spent that weekend in the middle of Step Nine. I did not excuse my behavior, I did not blame my alcoholism, and I knew that I had to be very honest with her. We talked for hours and hours and we both cried a lot. She is a beautiful woman with a forgiving heart and soul. Her family had always told her she was a gift, and that I loved her very much.

My perception of her feelings was completely wrong. She had never felt anything except love and curiosity about me. Her adoptive mother and I have a wonderful relationship and have spent time together. She did a beautiful job raising my daughter, and I owe her a huge debt of gratitude. Everyone in my daughter's family has welcomed me with unconditional love.

Since our first meeting was about getting the truth out, our relationship has not been mired with excess baggage. We have a very special bond as friends who respect, honor, and love the women we have become. I attended her college graduation and her wedding. We talk on the phone often, and she really enjoys coming to visit me.

She has often commented about the quality of my relationship with women in AA. Ironically, she came into my life at a time when I have less materially in recovery than I have ever had. I know that God wants me to just be me, without any trimmings. I have been available to her on a deep emotional level, and have not tried to control one aspect of this relationship, which is a miracle. In my heart of hearts, I understand that this is another precious gift from God, and that is how I treat her. The hole in my heart is filled and overflows with love today.

None of this would have been possible without the other gift in my life: sobriety and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I feel divine forgiveness and sometimes believe I'm the luckiest mom in the world. Recently, I got a card from her that said: "I am so lucky because I have two wonderful mothers."

-- Pat T., Houston, TX

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# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## Business Meeting Minutes January 1, 2019 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV

Paul M. opened the meeting at 6:37 with the Serenity Prayer. Preamble of NNIG was read by Paul E. 12 Traditions was read by Ronda.

Minutes-Motion to defer by Ron, 2nd by A.J. approval of minutes until next business meeting as the Intergroup reps have not had time to review them. Motion passed. Minutes will be approved/disapproved at February's business.

**Treasurers Report**-Kathy reported on the finances of NNIG. Motion to accept by Ron, 2nd by A.J. Motion passed. Full financial report may be reviewed in the Bracer.

## MONTHLY REPORT

Central Office Report given by Ronda. January 1, 2019. Volunteer hours- 170 hours Calls into Central Office: Calls for AA help – 5 Calls for Alanon/Alateen – 1 Meeting information- 35 Retail / merchandise- 19 Other 12 step programs- 1 Events – 5 Business/Central office- 63Visitors – 193

Kind of slow for December with all the holidays but we are looking forward to this New Year. So many new things for NNIG and Central Office. The new website will be launched early this year and we are getting an Archives Committee established. There are four new or updated pamphlets, "Women in AA", "The 'God' Word", "AA for Alcoholics with Mental Issues", and "LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA" and a new Grapevine book "One Big Tent" come in to the office and check them out. This year at the office we are going to focus on commutation and involvement. If there is any information any one feels is important please pass it on to the office and as always if there is anything we at Central Office can do to help an individual or a group please call, email or stop by.

**Activities Chair**- Tina reported she has a contract with the City of Reno for Corned Beef and Cribbage. This function will be held on March 9, 2019 at the California Building in Idelwild Park

**Answering Service** not present

**Bracer**-not present

**Cooperation with the Professional Community-Ben M** Not present

**Public Information-Tom B.** Tom advised the committee has gone to 5 high schools in Washoe County. He is setting up dates for the rest of the High Schools. They will start over during the next semester as they will have different students.

**Corrections** Cyndy reported for the Corrections Chair. There will be an orientation for Washoe County Jail, 911 Parr Blvd n 2/23/19 from 8-5.

**Treatment** – Open position, however, Dru has been taking care of everything. Ryan S. is interested in this position but was not present at the meeting.

**Bridging the Gap**- Cyndy I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Fellowship members who make the Bridging the Gap program in the Reno/Sparks and Carson City area run so smoothly. The presenters are always available for their presentations and show up early to set up the DVD player so that the presentation starts on time. In the last few months we streamlined the process, with a few hiccups and no one complained about. I cannot thank all of enough. Additionally, all of you took on the extra responsibility of finding your own speakers for the presentations, which was an additional relief for me because I am still new to the area and don't have many contacts. WOW! You made that part of my commitment so much easier! Thank you all so much. And thank you speakers for being available to share your experience, strength and hope to potential newcomers. For some of these people, you may be the only Big Book they read for some time and I know you carry a wonderful AA message. Thank you. Then there are my Temporary Contacts and the Coordinator who keeps that end of the program running. Thank you for sharing your difficulties and concerns that were hampering your efforts to connect with the newcomers and getting to the meetings. Your role is so crucial to the Bridging the Gap program and whatever effort I, and any person who is doing service beyond the group level need to make in order for the real 12th Step work to be carried out, it is our responsibility to make sure we step up and do it! Thank you for your service to the newcomer and to Bridging the Gap. I am so grateful. And therein is my New Year message. I am grateful for this Fellowship that I serve with and serve. I was told when I got sober that in order to keep it, I had to give it away. Thank you for allowing me to do that and in doing so, stay sober.

**Archives**-Cyndy Ronda and I have completed the budget and placed the order for supplies. I have been in contact with both the GSO Archive Department and the Area 42 Archivist and am eagerly awaiting responses from both regarding any information they have about NNIG; specifically its origins. It is my understanding that GSO Archives may have a letter that dates back before NNIG was formed asking about meetings in the Reno-Sparks area. We are also in the process of compiling a list of long-timers who may have information about the formation of NNIG. This

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list will serve a dual purpose as it will also provide the names of those people that we will interview for the Oral History project as well as providing us with people who can help give us history on NNIG and AA in the Reno-Sparks area. We also have a flier available for you to take back to your groups for anyone who might be interested in joining the Archives Committee. I will be attending the Symposium on A.A. History Feb. 1-3. The GSO Archivist, Michelle Mirza will be doing a presentation on Dr. Bob's letters. I have met Michelle several times and am looking forward to seeing her again as well as learning about Dr. Bob's letters. There will be several other workshops, including a presentation from the two producers of the Emmy award winning PBS documentary Bill W.: The Creative Force Behind Alcoholics Anonymous, Why Study A.A. History, Early Group Problems and The Untold Story of A.A. in San Quentin Prison. I am looking forward to the "working" weekend and reporting back to the NNIG representatives what I learn. If you are interested in joining the AdHoc Archives Committee, have archive materials such as an old flier, meeting schedule or book that you would like to contribute to the archives or have questions about archives or what the committee is working on, please feel free to contact me @ faithgrows95@gmail.com

**H&I Treasurer Report-** Cyndy reported for Dru. Per Dru, we received \$1497.72 in contributions. Dru sent out \$5019.71 in books and literature in December. This leaves a balance of \$905.74 in H&I literature. **Monthly**

**Speaker Meeting-**Brian A as reported by Barbara M., Speaker Meeting is this Saturday< December 8, 2018. Meeting will be held at the Silver Legacy, speaker is Wesley I. from Casabasa, CA

**Speaker Chair-** not present. Reported by Kathy, the Support Hose Group is hosting the next Intergroup Speaker Meeting. Meeting will be held at the Silver Legacy. A no host dinner will be at 5:30 with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunshine Committee-** Staci advised she had zero calls this past month. Please get the word out to people who can use a meeting brought in to them. At least a visit from an AA member.

**Web-Master** Ollie was not present, however, Marshall was able to report he has been working with Ollie on the new website.

**Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison-** -Pat S. My name is Pat. I'm an alcoholic and serve as the new liaison between NNIG and NAGSC (Northern Area General Service Committee). I will also be your link to all of General Service. First, thanks to Chris S. for his service the past two years as your liaison. He's left some very big boots to fill. Chris is now the chair for NAGSC.

I'd like to quote a passage from AA Guidelines, a publication of the General Service Office: "Communication is the key to working together – Central Office or Intergroup Office and the General Service Area Committee or the District Committee and the General Service Office of A.A." It goes on to state: "Central offices and general service area committees are complementary." That will be my mission: to inform you what is happening in General Service and to inform NAGSC what we are doing here. Since I am also my home group Intergroup Rep I'll be a part of the process: debate and voting. I look forward to being of service to both entities. For your calendar: The next NAGSC meeting will be March 9 at a location yet to be determined. The next Area 42 gathering is our pre-conference Assembly April 5-7 in Tonopah. Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will be March 1-3 in Irvine, CA. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

**RENVYPAA Liaison** Not Present

**TITYPAA Liaison** –Not Present

## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Secretary-**Barbara advised of the new Secretary e-mail and requested all reports be sent to her at this e-mail address: NNIGSecretary2018. All groups need to be registered, if you are not sure of your group number, please check with Barbara.

**Chairman-**Paul reported he is still working with the Central Office Management Company on the new 5 year lease. He will not sign a new lease until the promised work has been completed. Paul also reported on the issue with the Bylaws. He and Pat B. have been communicating via e-mail on this issue. There was an error when the by-laws were posted on our website. Paul requested the body be patient and wait until the Steering committee could meet and discuss this issue. There was more NOT so loving discussion on this issue.

**Old Business** Ollie and Marshall are getting the new website built. We have paid for the new carrier. Meeting closed at 7:47 with the Responsibility Pledge

## NNIG STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

No Meeting was held due to Christmas Holiday.



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