

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER



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Message from our Delegate

YO YO YO!!! Well Alcoholics Anonymous survived through another panel, and what a ride Panel 73 has been. As I look back all I keep thinking about is THANK YOU!! Thank you Area 42, the greatest area in the history of the universe, for saving my life and giving me everything that's good in my life. Thank you for another successful and exciting election Assembly where we elected our Panel 75 officers. Congratulations to all of our members that will be serving on Panel 75 and thank you to everyone that made themselves available in the election. There is never a shortage of service opportunities inside of Alcoholics Anonymous.

While I was sitting in the Tonopah convention center, listening to all of our standing committee chairs and DCM's share about the amazing work they are doing to carry the message, I had a huge smile on my face all night. When I showed up to Tonopah 16 years ago, I can guarantee I was not happy to be there but as I heard about the work our General Service Committee was doing to save alcoholics, my attitude changed. From that day forward General Service has been a huge part of my life. It has been the honor of my life to serve as the Panel 73 Delegate and this is something I will cherish for the rest of my life.

General Service taught me that unity is the most important thing we have and we must do everything we can to protect it. I have met and made great friends in General Service and as

friends, we have disagreed on many A.A. issues. When that happens we don't suddenly hate each other, we don't say that someone is an idiot because we don't agree. Instead, we share from the heart and listen carefully, especially to the ones who see things differently, and we keep an open mind and open heart. In this way our decisions come as a group conscience which is always the right way for Alcoholics Anonymous. Then we accept the decision and turn our thoughts to how we can be helpful. This is how A.A. will survive another 90 years and our Area will keep doing what we have done better than anybody else in the history of the world, SAVE LIVES!

I hope to see all of you at our next SAGSC and NAGSC meetings. We will be handing out the final report from the 74th General Service Conference. At the next conference, the committee will be doing an inventory. Participation from our groups will be a good way to ensure our unity continues. Let's consider what we are doing well and what we can do better. General Service exists to do the work our AA groups cannot and I pray that we can continue to do this forever. Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life and General Service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. Thank you all very much for all of your amazing service.

Jake S., Area 42 Delegate
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Message from our Area Chair

It has been such a privilege serving with everyone on Panel 73. I want to thank all of you who gave your weekends to attend the Assemblies. You showed up, often traveling long distances, and sat through very long meetings doing the work of Alcoholics Anonymous. You paid attention while others shared their experience, strength and hope, and expressed your voice. You are an example of true servants that makes General Service so vital. I am grateful for your service, and it has been my honor to serve alongside you.

I hope that you learned from participating in the Area Conference Committees. If you want to continue to learn and grow in your understanding of the Conference process during the next panel, please sign up to be on one of Conference Committees at the next NAGSC and SAGSC meetings this Fall.

Message from our SAGSC Chair

Fall is in the air as we begin to wind down Panel 73 and gear up for Panel 75. With one more SAGSC meeting to go, we have had a great run. Service! Service! Service! Thank you for allowing me to facilitate YOUR SAGSC meetings and to make sure all voices were heard. Over the past 2 years, we have had a plethora of picnics, workshops, and service events – all with the purpose of reaching the alcoholic who hasn't yet made it through our doors – and to better inform our fellowship and help each and every one of us to live our fullest and best lives. It is

The Area, NAGSC, and SAGSC officers have met twice by Zoom in between our Area Assemblies. Once for planning discussions and again for a wrap-up meeting, where Panel 73 welcomed Panel 75. The outgoing officers connected with the incoming Panel 75 officers in preparation to pass the Service baton. I want to thank all of you for participating in these meetings, and hope DCM's and standing committee chairs consider doing so with your peers for unity and service.

Welcome to everyone on panel 75! Thank you for allowing me to continue in General Service as your Panel 75 Delegate. I learned so much about General Service, Area 42, Northern Area, Southern Area and myself this last panel! I am honored and humbled to continue to serve you.

Lyle C., Area Chair

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an honor and a pleasure to be a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you!

Our gifts to Panel 75 are refreshed Guidelines and a really good inventory. We will review our inventory in November and decide how best to proceed. I'm looking forward to see you at SAGSC on November 10th – same time, same place. Love in Service,

Caroline – SAGSC Chair

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2025 Dates - January 12, 2025 – SAGSC - Welcome Panel 75!

All SAGSC Meetings: Live at Central Office:

1515 East Tropicana, Suite 710, Las Vegas, NV 89119

And on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87623637945?pwd=dllkZ0t6bkpidkxLY0tIVWJoSFo1QT09>

Message from our Alternate Delegate and NAGSC Chair

Hi, Area 42, Paul here your outgoing Alternate Delegate / NAGSC Chairperson, it has been wonderful serving on Panel 73 and I'm looking forward to helping our new Panel 75 Alternate Delegate Lisa in any way I can. Please if anyone is interested in participating on one of the Area Conference Committees (ACC) contact her. There should be a sign up list at the next SAGSC and NAGSC meetings, if you did sign up at the Area 42 assembly you will need to sign up again as that list was stolen out of Lisa's car with some other items. I was so sorry to hear that from Lisa. I have been in contact with our new NAGSC chairperson Deb O. and I'm

looking forward to being a Chairperson on one of the NAGSC standing committees. So, you will still be seeing my smiling face around for this panel, as always I will embrace this new challenge and do my best to serve Area 42. I would like to congratulate all of our new Panel 75 and thank all of those that made their selves available. I know we have a great Panel, but they are only as good as the support as they get from all of us. Thank you for allowing me to share.

Paul E. Alternate Delegate/NAGSC Chair
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Message from our Alternate Chair

As we get ready to rotate into Panel 75, I want to thank Panel 73. What an amazing crew of committed sober alcoholics! For some bizarre reason, I felt really present during these past two years. Like, really present. Focused. In the moment. Aware. Grounded. That's good I think! So aware and present, that three days after the last Assembly, I paid attention to this super sharp pain in my abdomen. Appendicitis and an appendectomy followed. All I kept thinking (ok, well...not ALL) was thank you dear God this did not happen while I was in Tonopah! Ugh! I could only imagine.

My time healing up allowed me to start making lists as your incoming Area Chair... lists, upon lists, upon list. As Alternate Area

Chair, I've been kept in the loop so my transition will possibly be somewhat painless? Maybe. I attribute that to a great Area Chair (Lyle). I am looking forward to working closely with Debbie, our incoming Alternate Area Chair, and the rest of our enthusiastic and passionate trusted servants. I have begun to make connections with those I need to, begun to appoint those I am responsible for, and secure our speaker for the Pre-conference Assembly in April. I am humbled, blessed and a bit nervous. Thank you all for what you do and allowing me to do it with you.

Jonelle W., Area 42 Alternate Area Chair
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Message from our Area Alternate Secretary & SAGSC Secretary

My term as Alternate Area Secretary is almost completed. It has flown by. I want to thank Area 42 for allowing me to serve as the Alternate Area Secretary and the SAGSC Secretary. The honor has been all mine.

At the Fall Assembly I handed over the Area Literature to the incoming Alternate Area Secretary. I found working with the literature was fun and I learned a lot. Seeing people getting excited about a piece of AA writing was inspiring. It was also fun to be sitting next to Heather and the Grapevine table. That made the whole weekend at Tonopah a joy. To be honest, I don't miss having the boxes of literature filling my office but the literature does talk about sacrifice, so there's my little sacrifice.

I have one more SAGSC meeting to be the secretary. It will be a bittersweet day. It will be the last SAGSC meeting I will be an officer at. Two years ago, when elected to my position I had just finished chemo for cancer. I was confident that I was beating cancer and that my life would continue as it always had in AA. This spring I found out that I had cancer again. This time when the Area elections came around I felt I needed to focus on my health and didn't stand for a position. It feels really weird not rolling into a new position, but I expect I'll probably be hanging around. I'm not sure I can walk away cold turkey.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service these past two years. It has been amazing, fun, spiritual and always a growth opportunity. There are so many incredible people serving Area 42. I am proud to have been one of them and I'm looking forward to future service. Yours in love and service,

Libby G., Alt. Area Secretary/SAGSC Secretary

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**Thank you Jake
and Panel 73, It's
been a blast!**

**Welcome Lyle
and Panel 75,
let's rocket to the
fourth dimension!**



SAGSC Grapevine Chair - Carry the Message Project

A great way for any individual or **group** (ex. My home group elects to donate two subscriptions every year) to Carry the Message of AA is to give a Carry the Message Gift Certificate to someone you **do not know** (*such as an alcoholic in prison*). Grapevine will redeem the gift certificate(s) for an alcoholic in need. *It is really pretty simple, just follow these steps....*

1. Go to www.aagrapevine.org/store.
2. Click on the [Carry the Message Gift Certificate](#) box.
3. Enter the number of Gift Certificates you want to purchase. (For multiple gift certificates, a volume discount price will be applied).
4. Add to cart and click checkout in the shopping cart.
5. Enter payment and billing information.
6. Click on the review button.
7. Click on Pay and Complete Purchase. You're done!

**Of course the Carry the Message project can be done for friends, sponsees, or newcomers as well.*

Heather L., SAGSC Grapevine Chair
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Helpful GV Tools/Resources:

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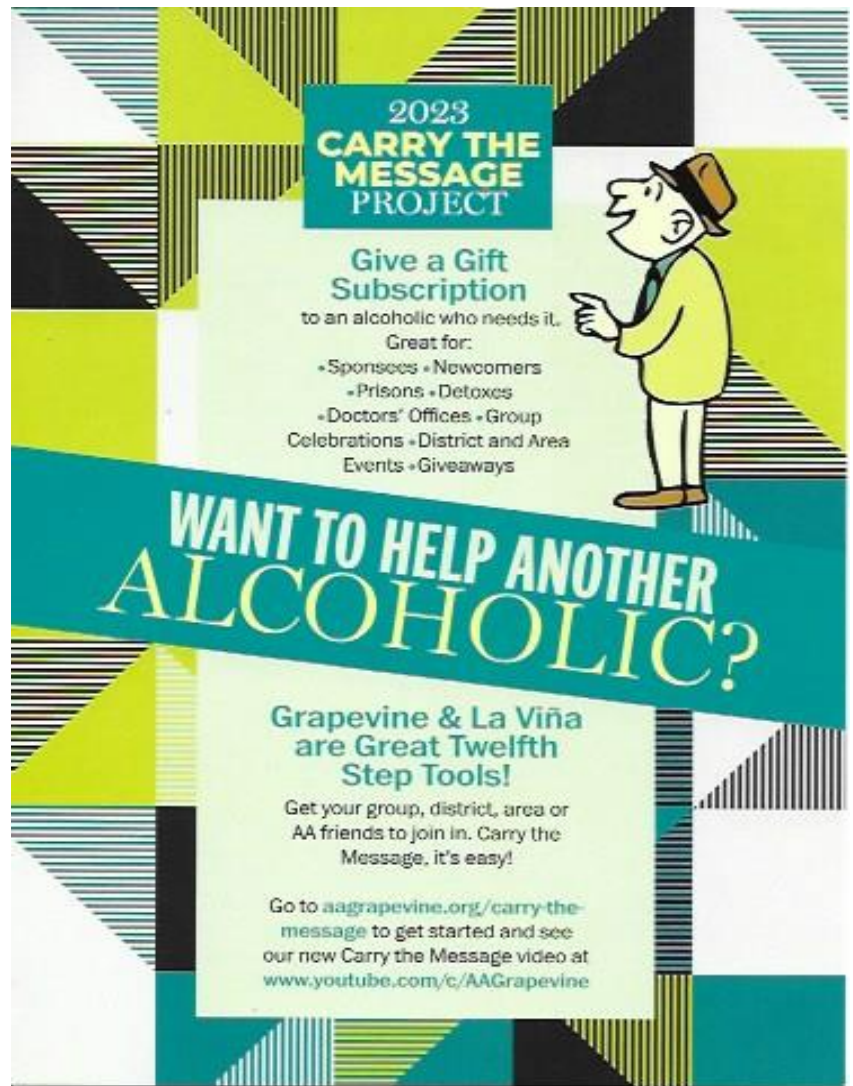
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ASK IT BASKET

From the 2024 Fall Assembly

At our last Assembly, the business of the Area ran right up until noon and we were not able to enjoy the Ask It Basket session. After the Assembly, the questions were posed to our participating past trusted servants by Sophie who compiled the answers below.

Question for Ruth J

a) Why do we not elect committee chairs? (b) Can we have a volunteer sign up for working on committees? (c) For those of us wanting to serve in General Service can we make it easier for someone to do so?

Can the Committee Chair contact list be circulated more often?

Answer

(a) The appointment of Committee Chairs is a holdover from when people were scared to fill these positions and the Area Chair through knowing them would pick the people who had some knowledge of the area—good question for the area to answer now—start with NAGSC or SAGSC, whichever area you are in and ask them if they would support the Area starting that? Guidelines change necessary with its two readings, write it up and could be a proposal at an Assembly.

(b) Yes, volunteer yourself to be the alternate to or go to a NAGSC /SAGSC mtg and see what goes on, maybe volunteer to help on one of the Committees, such as PI, CPC, or ask your GSR if you can attend the next District meeting with them.

(c) Yes ask the Area Newsletter Editor to print it in the quarterly paper, if not already being done. Make a copy and take it to NAGSC/SAGSC and ask that copies be available at the meetings. Ask the Chair of the NAGSC and SAGSC meetings if they would provide copies. The Newsletter gets the widest distribution, I believe.

Ruth J

Question for Joyce P

Can your service sponsor and your 12 step sponsor be the same or should they be separate?

Answer

Thank you Sophie for the question. When I was a GSR and then DCM in 1988, I had never heard of a service sponsor. At that time my sponsor was serving as Delegate and I felt grateful for her guidance through the steps and her guidance in service, including the traditions and concepts. When I moved to Lake Tahoe, my Arizona sponsor sent a note to my current sponsor, who was then your Area 42 Delegate and once again she provided me with guidance in recovery, traditions, and concepts. In our pamphlet “Q & A on Sponsorship” page 25 gives us an overview of what a service sponsor is. My experience is that I had one sponsor who guided me in all three legacies; recovery, unity, and service. So my very long

answer to a “yes or no question” is yes, one sponsor can do both and hopefully the sponsor taking you through the steps will encourage you to get a service sponsor if they don’t feel qualified.

Joyce P

Question for Greg M

re: Community/Fellowship: What feedback have you received from members about the current state of our AA community, especially regarding accessibility and inclusivity in our literature?

Answer

Viewing for Alarm or Faith in a Source, Fear of diluting our Founders message. Change is inevitable, but should be tempered by thoughtful contemplation of requested need. We should not try to be all things to problem drinkers through printing more literature. We should step up and increase our individual Twelfth Step.

Greg M

Question for Pete L

Why do we not have water for free? Can we provide water free of charge?

Answer

The Area should be able to provide free water however, the Districts are responsible for providing the drinks at the Assembly, so that would be up to the Districts! Maybe make a motion to the Assembly chair for the Area to provide free water at the Assembly!

Pete L.

Question for Julie C

Plain Language Version: How is the Plain Language Big Book being received by newcomers and long-time members? Do you believe it effectively serves its intended purpose?

Answer

The Plain Language translation of the Big Book is scheduled to be released on November 1, 2024. At this moment, we don’t yet know the full fellowship’s response, nor whether it will effectively serve its intended purpose. The 74th (2024) General Service Conference voted with substantial unanimity to approve the draft that was presented in April, meaning that over two-thirds of the Conference voted in favor. Alcoholics Anonymous uses the principle of substantial unanimity in its decision-making processes to ensure that significant decisions or actions have broad support among members. Substantial unanimity, typically defined as a two-thirds majority, is preferred over a simple majority for several reasons: it promotes unity, reduces conflict, reflects collective wisdom, and protects minority opinions. As a member of the 71st General Service Conference, when we voted to approve the translation into plain language, I experienced significant passion on both sides. The majority believed that providing a translation of the Big Book would be helpful in addressing our society’s lowering literacy levels, particularly inside institutions and in remote rural areas where English is not the primary language. In these circumstances, there isn’t always another member available to guide a newcomer through the Big Book. On the other side, there was significant concern that the message might be altered and that confusion could arise within the fellowship. Once the book is released, the fellowship will always have

the opportunity and responsibility to voice its group conscience regarding whether the book is fulfilling its intended purpose.

Julie C.

Question for Marita HR

How has member feedback influenced the revisions for the new editions and help members understand the differences and benefits of each version?

Answer

When a member asks for new or updated pamphlet, the request is forwarded by an Area to the Literature committees for discussion and possibly forwarded to the Conference for approval. When we talk about revisions to our Big Book, it has to do with updating the stories to reflect our current membership more fully. We do this every twenty years or so. We ask the Fellowship to send their stories in for possible inclusion. This time the Conference has also asked us to look at Appendicitis 3 and 5 to update the information. When we update a pamphlet or booklet, again it comes as a request from the Fellowship. The 12 Traditions Illustrated pamphlet was updated to better reflect current thoughts on alcoholism, the Black in AA (New title) was updated to be created by black AA members for black newcomers. The requests always start with a stated need, so input from the Fellowship is paramount. The Board and the office are here to serve the needs of the Fellowship. Thanks for asking the question.

Marita HR

Question for Sophie K

In GSR training it would be helpful to have a segment dedicated to navigating the AA apps: Technology is daunting for a lot of us, being shown the "ropes" is a way to ensure success!

Answer

Thank you for your comment. That's a great idea! I'll forward it to the Area Chair. She's the one who would handle this.

Sophie K.

I am going to pass this along to our incoming NAGSC/SAGSC Chairs as well. They will be appointing the new N/S GSR Trainers. Maybe this can be a topic for training!?

Jonelle W., Incoming Area 42 Chairperson

Question for Rhonda F

Any advice on the QR code for a group in a club?

Answer

I'm not sure what this question means. Would your group like to create a QR code? Where does the QR code lead? Are you creating it to make contributions? Do you have a web page? Is it just the meeting address?

The group has nothing to do with the club, it's just the address of where your group meets.

Rhonda F

District Meetings

District 1: 3rd Sunday monthly, 10:15am
Lost & Found Rm, 544 Ave. H, Boulder City
district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2: 2nd Thursday monthly at 6:30pm
Central Office at 436 S. Rock, in Sparks.
district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3: 1st Sunday, ODD months at 2pm
district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4: 1st Thursday monthly at 6 pm
The Triangle Club in Reno, 635 S Wells Ave
district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5B: 2nd Saturday monthly 1:15 pm
district5b@nevadaarea42.org

District 6: 2nd Sunday, EVEN mths , 1:15pm
Carson City Alano Club, 1800 E. Williams St.
district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7: 4th Sunday monthly at 2:30 pm
6115 S Rainbow Blvd, Ste 103, Las Vegas
district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: 1st Sunday of ODD mths, 11:00 am
Crowley Lake Community Center
district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: 3rd Sunday, monthly at 12:30pm
Central Office, 1515 E Tropicana, #710
district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A: 3rd Sunday, ODD mths at 1:30
680 River Street Elko, NV
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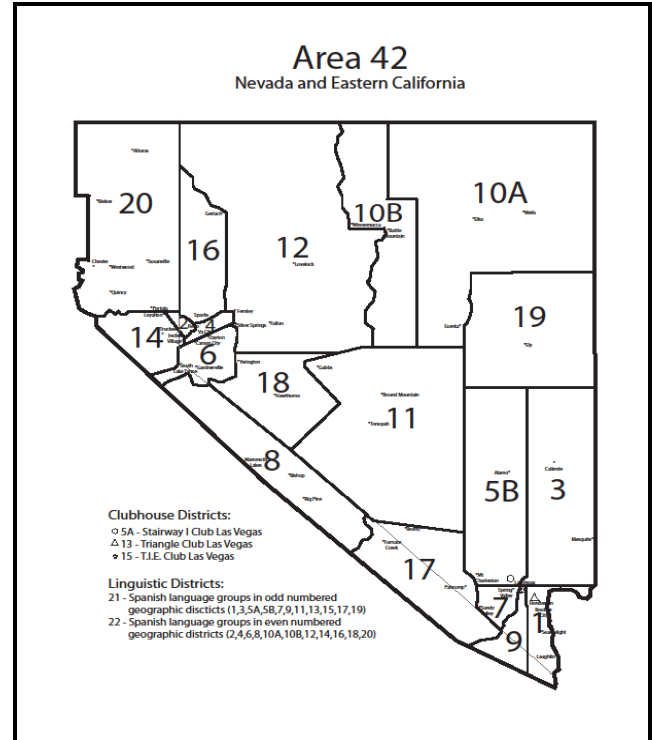
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Email for information:
district10b@nevadaarea42.org

District 11: Inactive
Email for information:
district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 2nd Saturday monthly 5 pm
Wolf Center 457 Esmeralda St, Fallon
district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13: 2nd Sunday Monthly
Triangle Club, 4600 S Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas
district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14: 3rd Wednesday, ODD mths 6pm
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District 15: 2nd Sunday at 10 am
TIE Club, 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas
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District 16: 3rd Tuesday monthly at 6 pm
Sparks Christian, 510 Greenbrae Dr, #103
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District 17: 1st Wednesday monthly 6:30 pm
1230 South Loop Road, Pahrump
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District 18: Inactive
Mineral County
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District 19: 1st Wednesday, Odd Months, 6pm
Shoshone Education Center, Ely, NV
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District 20: 3rd Saturday in Jan, Mar, May, Aug, & Oct,
10:30am
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District 21: Every Thursday at 7 pm
3m S. Valley View Blvd., Suite #A-208
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District 22: 1st Thursday, monthly at 6:30pm
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