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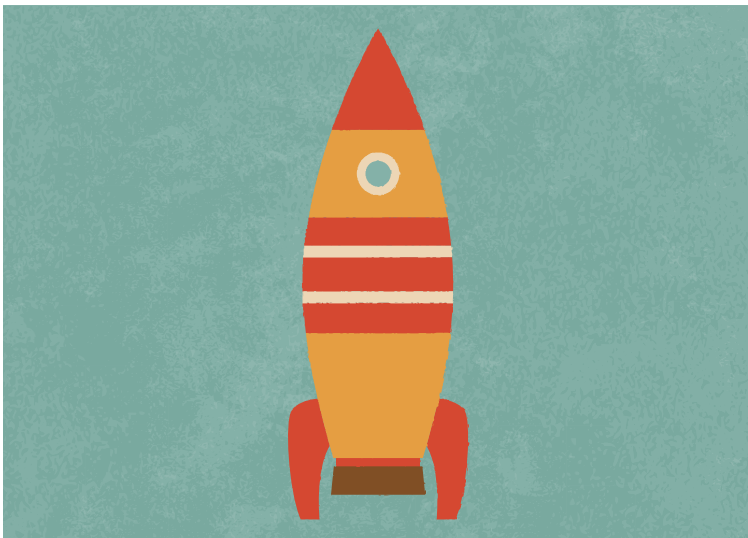
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Delegate Report 2014

Hello. My name is Sophie. I'm an alcoholic and a grateful member of the worldwide fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Panel 63 Delegate to the General Service Conference from Area 42.

I deeply appreciate the groups' participation in preparing me for the conference. Many GSRs attended the pre-conference assembly at the end of March. Many others who were not able to attend sent me the feedback from their group. It is an awesome responsibility and adventure to get to be a link in the chain that connects the groups to the General Service Conference. I look forward to bringing my report back to the Area and sharing the outcomes of the Conference.

Our fellowship has an ongoing need for good service leaders. Our co-founder Bill W. described the problem in Concept IX: "Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow. Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity." Our future effectiveness depends upon it.

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AREA ASSEMBLY



Area 42 - FALL - Assembly
Sept. 5- 7, 2014
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Mar 2015

MEETING MINUTES



Links to Minutes

Can be found online at:
www.nevadaarea42.org

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This is an election year in Area 42. At our next assembly, in September, the collective conscience will select its trusted servants for the next two years. Many of the groups and all of the districts will have elections toward the end of 2014. At some point we will each move on, from one service commitment to the next, allowing us all to continue growing in Alcoholics Anonymous and allowing Alcoholics Anonymous to continue growing. In my experience it's a beautiful and exciting journey.

We need GSRs, CPC chairs, area officers, alternate DCMs, Intergroup representatives and more. Honoring the spirit of rotation we must attract new generations into General Service. How do we encourage new members to jump in? How can we keep one another coming back as leaders? I asked these questions at a Delegates' meeting at PRAASA. Here is some of the sharing:

Read and share on Concept IX. Grow leaders through loving sponsorship: hold a service manual study group once a month with sponsees and invite rotated servants to share. Knowledge helps people feel like they belong. Be open and honest about your own challenges and failures and share what you learned. Share how General Service enhances your sobriety. Show enthusiasm! Encourage questions and address them! Read and share on "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need." Read and re-read p. 20 in the Service Manual, changing it to "why do we need a GSR/DCM" (or whatever). As a trusted servant, be willing to make tough calls and show a willingness to be unpopular. Grab the willing in the moment of willingness and find them a job right then to start building confidence. Be real. Qualify to Identify. Let people make mistakes and learn from them. Attract through humility: avoid a "people in the pretty clothes vs the rest of us" situation. Show enthusiasm! We'll do what it takes to make sure someone doesn't die!

For yourself, consider standing for every position you're eligible for. The lore says that God doesn't call the qualified. God qualifies the called!

In fellowship, Sophie

**Group Record Change E-mail Notifications**

The G.S.O.'s Records department along with area registrars make many changes to group/individual records daily. Many change requests are sent to the G.S.O. Records department rather than being sent to the Area registrar.

Because the requests are made at the G.S.O., area registrars and delegates are unaware of those changes. To eliminate the delay of information, an "E-mail notification" system has been added to FNV.

Area registrars, delegates and primary contacts for groups (with an e-mail address) will be sent one summary report daily. That report will provide a brief notation of the changes that have been done by the G.S.O.'s Records Team.

**FromThe Newsletter Editor**

I welcome your input to the newsletter. All last names, phone numbers and personal emails are removed before publishing and emailing. Articles should be of a service oriented nature for consideration.

Submit articles or stories that you find interesting, perhaps we will be able to print them in one of the next newsletters. There are four newsletters each year February 23, April 30, August 10 and October 31.

Submission deadlines for each newsletter will be three weeks prior to the issue date listed above.

Email your submission to

area42newsletter@gmail.com

Tag you're it,
Irene P. Your Newsletter Editor

HOW BIG IS AA?

Regional Forum - Pacific – Boise, Idaho – July 11-13, 2014

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the Pacific Regional Forum to be held the weekend of July 11-13, 2014 at The Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho located at 2900 Chinden Blvd., Boise, ID 83714. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staff will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2014. The Orientation for First-time Attendees is at 6:45 p.m. and the opening session starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The Forum closes promptly at noon on Sunday, July 13, 2014. There is no registration fee for the Forum. There will be simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish. We want all A.A. members to be able to participate regardless of language.

Forum Registration: You may register for the Regional Forum by filing out the Forum Registration Form and mailing it to G.S.O. or you can register online at: www.aa.org. All persons registering online must include their full name and postal address. Online Forum registrations must be received at G.S.O. before July 7, 2014 in order to be processed. If you miss the deadline, we welcome on-site registration. It is not necessary to call G.S.O. to pre-register but your advance registration greatly helps our planning.

Hotel Reservations at The Riverside Hotel can be made by one of the following methods: By phone: 208.343.1871 no later than June 19, 2014. Please use Group Code: Pacific Regional Forum to get the special room rate.

By internet please go to <http://www.aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=104> follow the link by clicking on "Online Hotel Reservation"
By sending in your hotel reservation form located on page 3 of the Forum Flyer no later than June 19, 2014.

In order to get the special room rate, be sure to register for your hotel accommodation no later than June 19, 2014.

If you have any questions about this Regional Forum, feel free to email: regionalforums@aa.org

We are looking forward to seeing you in Boise.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Clare L.
Regional Forums Coordinator
E-mail: regionalforums@aa.org Terry Bedient

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General Service Board Chairperson
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The Area Assembly as the Linchpin of Communication **by Thomas B**

My name is Thomas B, and I am an alcoholic. It is a privilege and honor for me to serve as the Area Chairperson for Southern California Area 05. I also want to thank the PRAASA 2014 program chairs for selecting me to present on this topic: The Area Assembly as the Linchpin of Communication.

This panel provides a tour through the Conference Structure of A.A., and I am reminded of page S20 in our service manual which describes why we have a conference: We need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who stumbles in darkness one short block from this room. 15 years ago, I was one of those. A hopeless alcoholic living a wasted, shattered life. But like so many of us here today, AA saved my life and my personal experience, like yours, is proof that our AA program of recovery works.

And my sponsor made it clear that “Into Action” means we accept responsibility to give back what we have freely received. The Conference structure of communication -- which links the AA groups to the Districts to the Area Assembly to the Area Delegate to the General Service Conference and AA’s trustees -- was created to involve the active participation of the whole of our Fellowship in making 12th step work possible, so that others -- just like me -- might be spared the destruction of alcoholism. So my topic is the Area Assembly as the Linchpin of Communication.

Good communication is absolutely essential to AA’s unity. From the moment we became involved in general service, we were informed that the General Service Representative (GSR) is the indispensable link between the AA group and AA as a whole. We learned that the GSR is the voice of the group’s conscience, reporting the group’s views and wishes to the local Area assembly and--through our Area delegate--to the General Service Conference.

We learned that this process of communication goes both ways. That after each Conference, the GSR makes sure group members are accurately informed about what went on. And it is through our Area Assembly’s elected delegate that we become educated and informed, so that we may faithfully communicate with our Fellowship. This ongoing cycle of communication helps create an informed

Fellowship that responds with new and better ways to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is how AA lives and breathes, and how AA grows and prospers. Each of us here today plays a vital role in that endeavor.

This brings us to the Area Assembly as the Linchpin of this communication process. What is a linchpin? Literally, it is a pin passed through the end of an axle to keep a wheel in position and keep it from slipping off. More generally, a linchpin is something vital to an organization, the thing that holds it together: A central cohesive element.

Our service manual goes further: It states the area assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure -- the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself.

Like a linchpin, a mainspring plays a principal part in motivating or maintaining a movement, process, or activity. Acting as a central cohesive service entity, our Area Assemblies bring together the collective conscience and concerns of the AA groups through their GSRs, the collective work of the area’s districts through their DCMs. Our Area Assemblies allow coordination of the inter-related and ongoing work of the Area’s many active service committees -- we have 15 in Southern California Area 05 - which parallel the work of the Conference and Trustees committees that each help carry the message of AA. As Area Chair I am reminded that we often function as a conference within a conference, whose voice on matters affecting the growth and welfare of our movement is expressed at the General Service Conference through our elected delegate. This is what is meant by: the mainspring of the Conference structure -- the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself. Our Area Assemblies allow us to add the collective voice of our groups to the conference and we add our ideas for changing literature, or policy, or procedure by making proposals for consideration by the conference which strengthen AA.

Most importantly, we know that without the service work of those who came before us, that none of us would be here now -- we know, too, that each generation of AAs must come together to provide the services required to carry the message of AA if our Fellowship is to continue, prosper and grow.

Now it is our turn.

As an Area Assembly, we don’t often get to see the direct results of our work in the same way we do when we work face to face with another alcoholic. But we may be secure in our knowledge that our work is responsible for the countless miracles of recovery taking place all around us -- because our collective and coordinated efforts make 12th step work possible. Our work and communications as an Assembly strengthen and support both our groups and the worldwide services that enable our Fellowship to more effectively carry the message to other alcoholics.

Linchpin of Communication continued

Surely we lead blessed lives!

On the other hand, when the lynchpin of the Area Assembly is removed from our service structure, when the mainspring ceases to function --- as it does whenever our trusted servants fail or refuse to participate at the Area level --- the wheels fall off, the movement stops, the vital flow of communication throughout our structure is cut off. We can pretend that we care, but we cannot pretend to be present.

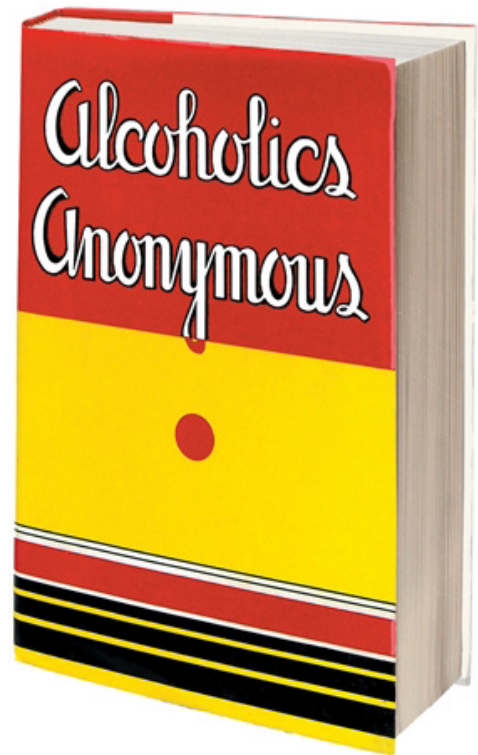
One final powerful story brings this point home. It was told at PRAASA 2009 by JoAnne L, our past Trustee at Large for Canada. JoAnne comes from the northern province of Manitoba, the land of the big plains and the tall grass. She told the story of a village where – as nighttime drew near, the villagers discovered to their horror that a number of their children had not returned from playing in the fields. This was cause for serious alarm, because the temperature from daytime to night dropped as much as 50 degrees. So the villagers each set out with flashlights to search the grassy fields for the missing children – but in vain. And as the long night and its bitter cold ended and as daytime drew near, one of the villagers had a bright idea – all the villagers should link hands together in a long line and sweep the fields. And so they did – and so they found the missing children. But it was too late. The children had died during that cold cold night less than one hundred yards from home. One of the villagers turned to the other and said: I wish we had come together sooner.

This story underscores our Fellowship's urgent need for the cohesive power of our Area Assemblies and our Conference Structure. We are stronger united, stronger when our communication connects us as partners in a common effort. The services we support are not pretend work. The need is great, the disease is real, and so are the lives and deaths of millions of suffering alcoholics to whom the hand of AA too often remains hidden.

Let us, each of us, all of us, continue to suit up, show up and lend our best efforts in participating in our conference process to make AA the best that it can be, to secure the future well-being, growth and effectiveness of our Fellowship, to make the hand of AA visibly available to the millions of suffering alcoholics stumbling in the darkness and reaching out for help, so that none of us, or our children or our children's children who so desperately wish to recover fall through the cracks.

God bless us, God bless AA, and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In love and service, Thomas B.



75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

The 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous A.A. World Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the publication of the only authorized reproduction of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. The book is priced at \$12.

The official publication date of the first printing of our Big Book, as noted by the United States Copyright Office, was April 10, 1939. There were 4,730 books printed, with red cloth binding, wide columns, thick paper (which was why it was called the Big Book in the first place), and a red, yellow, black and white dust jacket, which came to be known as the "circus cover."

To commemorate this historic printing—and the book's 75th anniversary—the 2013 General Service Conference approved the creation of this facsimile edition, a faithful replica of the original, to be published in April 2014. This edition is published in the original English-language text only.

To order visit [AAWS for your copy](#).



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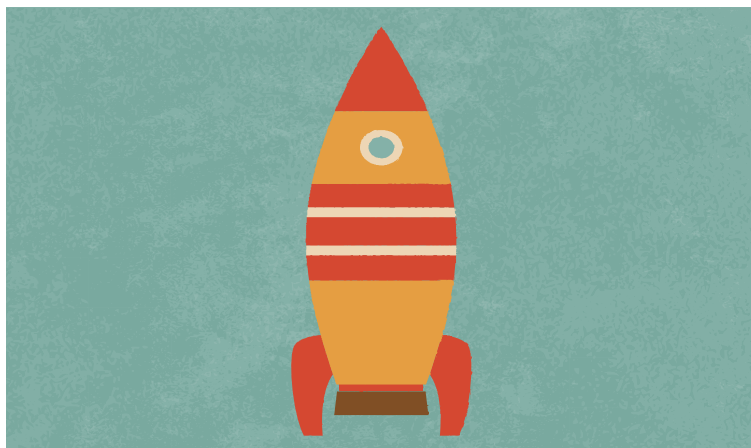
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PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM

July 11 - 13, 2014
 Boise, Idaho

FALL ASSEMBLY

Sept 5 - 7, 2014
 Tonopah Convention Center



Rocket to 4th Dimension

“The alcoholic may say to himself in the most casual way, “It won’t burn me this time, so here’s how!” Or perhaps he doesn’t think at all. How often have some of us begun to drink in this nonchalant way, and after the third or fourth, pounded on the bar and said to ourselves, “For God’s sake, how did I ever get started again?” Only to have that thought supplanted by “Well, I’ll stop with the sixth drink.” Or “What’s the use anyhow?”

When this sort of thinking is fully established in an individual with alcoholic tendencies, he has probably placed himself beyond human aid, and unless locked up, may die or go permanently insane. These stark and ugly facts have been confirmed by legions of alcoholics throughout history. But for the grace of God, there would have been thousands more convincing demonstrations. So many want to stop but cannot.”

“*There is a solution.*” Almost none of us liked the self-searching, the leveling of our pride, the confession of shortcomings which the process requires for its successful consummation. But we saw that it really worked in others, and we had come to believe in the hopelessness and futility of life as we had been living it. When, therefore, we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet. We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.

The great fact is just this, and nothing less: That we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences which have revolutionized our whole attitude toward life, toward our fellows and toward God’s universe. The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered “”into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do by ourselves.

If you are as seriously alcoholic as we were, we believe there is no middle-of-the-road solution. We were in a position where life was becoming impossible, and if we had passed into the region from which there is no return through human aid, we had but two alternatives: One was to go on to the bitter end, blotting out the consciousness of our intolerable situation as best we could; and the other, to accept spiritual help. This we did because we honestly wanted to, and were willing to make the effort.”

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Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses

Area 42 Treasurer's Spring Update

At the March Assembly I was asked by a couple people to find their group's contributions to the area because they were not on the printout I posted in the room. Sometimes over the years the various group treasurers' will send a contribution in under a group name that is not the same as what is in our QuickBooks' recorded contributions, such as adding or eliminating the city location ("Reno" Happy Hour Group). I would like to keep everything as transparent as I am able, so please; if you have any desire to see exactly which contributions have been deposited and recorded in the last 10 years to Area 42, please send me the group, district, event, or personal name and I shall do my best to get a printout to you of everything I have in that name since 2005.

As an area treasurer; I personally feel there is a responsibility to acknowledge each contribution received with a receipt addressed to the return address on the envelope sent, unless I have an e-mail address for them, which in that case, I send an attachment through QuickBooks. If your Group or Group Treasurer has an e-mail address and would forward it on to me, it would be a great help in saving postage for receipts.

I just saw the end of year financials for G.S.O. and found something of interest I thought I would pass on.

SALARIES – 2013 G.S.O. seeks to follow Concept XI which states "We believe that each paid executive, staff member or consultant should be recompensed in reasonable relation to the value of his or her similar services or abilities in the commercial world." Shown below are approximate ranges of salaries actually paid to G. S. O. employees during 2013.

	Number of Employees	Approximate ranges of actual G.S.O. salaries
Administrative, A.A. Staff, Supervisory, And Exempt Professionals	31	\$51,530 to \$273,000
Supporting personal	55	\$35,700 to \$70,000

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to gain the financial knowledge, and continue in my spiritual growth, as I serve you in this area 42 officer position.

Carol B
treasurer@nevadaarea42.org



Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send Group 7th Tradition Contributions Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses:

General Services Office (GSO)
 P.O. Box 459
 New York, NY 10163
(Make Checks to: General Fund)

All Area 42
 (All Nevada & California)
 P.O. Box 70171
 Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171
(Make checks to: Area 42 Treasury)

Southern Contributions Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)
(Make checks to: GSR Fund of So Nevada)

Southern Area Treasurer
 PO Box 71804-1804
 Las Vegas, NV 89170-1804

Las Vegas Intergroup Las Vegas Central Office
 1431 E. Charleston Blvd. Suite 15
 Las Vegas, NV 89104
(Make checks to: Las Vegas Intergroup)

Northern Contributions Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)
 P.O. Box 1033
 Chester, CA 96020
(Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury)

Northern Area Intergroup
 436 South Rock Blvd.
 Sparks, NV 89431
(Make Checks to: N. Nevada Intergroup)



TONOPAH HOTELS

Mizpah Hotel

Queen \$94 King \$104
100 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3030

Jim Butler Inn

100 S. Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3577

Best Western

\$115.53 single/\$126.43
double (includes tax)
320 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3511

Tonopah Motel

\$38.15 single/\$44.45
double (includes tax)
325 Main
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-3987

Clown Motel

\$39.79 single \$43.06 double
or \$46.33 triple
(includes tax) (pet friendly)
521 North Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-5920

Economy Inn

\$46.87 all rooms
(includes tax)
826 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-6238

National 9 Inn

\$43.59 single / \$49.04 double
(plus tax — senior rates available)
720 Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775)482-8202

Tonopah Ramada

1137 N Main Street
Tonopah, NV 89049
(775) 482-9777

All rates subject to change

AREA 42 District Business Meetings

District 1

2nd Sunday monthly, 10 AM
Lost & Found Club
Boulder City, NV
Email for information:
district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2

2nd Tuesday monthly 7pm
Reno Triangle Club
635 S. Wells, Reno NV
Email for information:
district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3

2nd Sunday in Jan, May, Jul
and Nov at Noon
Las Vegas Central Office
Email for information:
district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4

1st Thurs monthly at 7pm
Reno Triangle Club
635 S. Wells Ave, Reno.
Email for information:
district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5b

2nd Saturday monthly
1:30pm
Email for location:
district5b@nevadaarea42.org

District 6

2nd Sunday of EVEN num-
bered months
Email for information:
district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7

3rd Friday monthly at 6:30pm
The Serenity Club
Email for information:
district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8

1st Sunday of ODD months
Email for information:
district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9

3rd Sunday monthly 4pm
at Serenity Club.
This will change in March.
Email for information:
district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A

3rd Sunday of ODD months
at 6:30 pm
680 River Street Elko, NV
Email for information:
district10a@nevadaarea42.org

District 11

Email for information:
district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12

2nd Tuesday monthly 7pm
Resurrection Church
4120 Hwy 50, 5 miles east of
Fernley
Email for information:
district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13

Last Monday monthly at
5:00 pm
Triangle Club small room
4600 E. Nellis Blvd, Las Ve-
gas
Email for information:
district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14

3rd Tuesday of ODD months
7pm Email for information:
district14@nevadaarea42.org

District 15

1st Friday of the month
6:30 pm, TIE Club
329 North 11th Street, Las
Vegas Email for information:
district15@nevadaarea42.org

District 16

3rd Tuesday monthly at
Sparks Christian Church
Greenbrae & Pyramid 6pm
Room 204a
Email for information:
district16@nevadaarea.org
district16@nevadaarea42.org

District 17

1st Wednesday monthly
6:30 pm
360 S. Lola Ln Pahrump,
NV
(basement training room)
Email for information:
district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 19

2nd Friday of EVEN months
2 pm Email for location & in-
formation:
district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20

3rd Saturday in Jan, Mar,
May, Aug
and Oct 12:30pm to 3pm
50 Weatherlow, Susanville,
CA
(Susanville Fellowship Hall)
Email for information:
district20@nevadaarea42.org

District 21

Every Thursday at 7pm
3111 S Valley View Suite
B-212
Email for information:
district21@nevadaarea42.org

District 22

Every Wednesday at 6pm
1479 S Wells Ave, Suite 2,
Reno, NV Email for informa-
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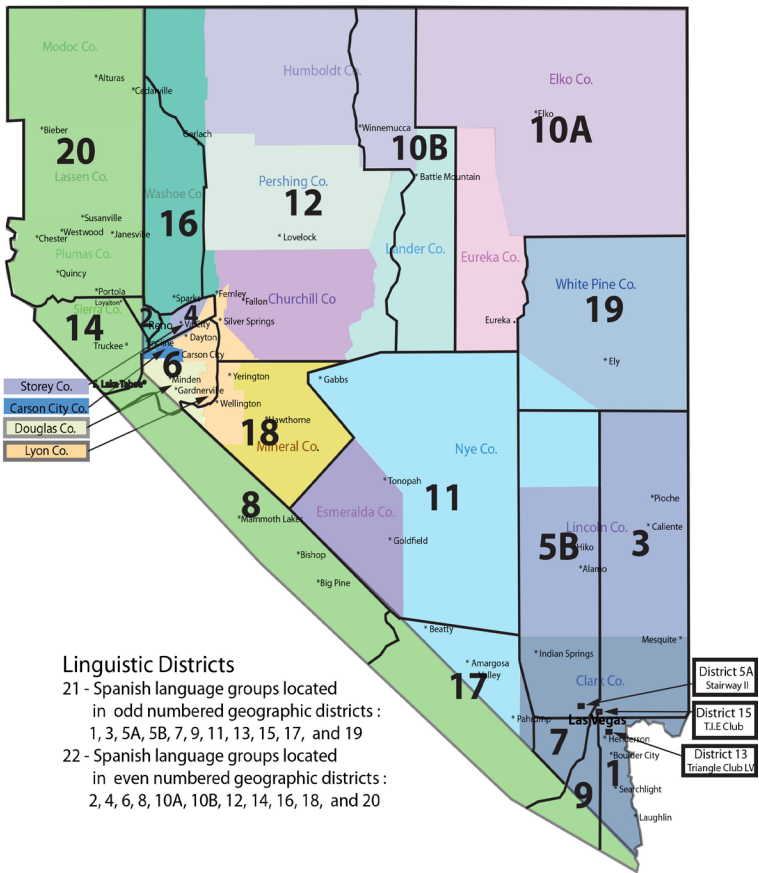
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service-oriented article for Area 42

Submit to:

area42newsletter@gmail.com



Area 42 Map



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Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are selfsupporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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