

**FALL AREA ASSEMBLY-SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2014**

**WELCOME SESSION FRIDAY NIGHT 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

Thirteen new attendees to assembly on Friday night, sixteen total on Saturday

**I. Open with prayer**

**II. Housekeeping**

**III. Meet and Greet**

**A. Meet first timers**

**B. Meet members in your group**

- 1. Introduce yourself: name (first and last), district, home town, home group, how long sober (members select cards with sayings or pictures which determined groups-12 groups)**
- 2. Share (briefly, 2-3 minutes at the most)**
  - a. What has been the most rewarding or successful (or not so much) thing you've done these past two years to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?
  - b. What will you do in the next two years to enhance what you already do to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?

**C. Reconvene (8:30)**

**IV. Overview of Assembly flow and practices**

- I. Circles of Love and Service pamphlet
- II. Election Assembly
- III. Flow
  - a. Reports (status, progress, accountability & sharing)
  - b. Committee meetings & workshops
  - c. Floor assembly
  - d. Procedures (summary of conference procedures)
  - e. GSR and DCM breakouts (ask-it-baskets)
- IV. All meals and lodging are no-host

**V. Answering Service Workshop – Luke S.**

**VI. Leadership in A.A. – Terry S.**

**VII. Close (Unity or Responsibility Statement)**

## ANSWERING SERVICE WORKSHOP – LUKE S 8:00 pm

Area 40 Statewide Hotline # 1-888-607-2000  
Overview and Guide  
Presented at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Attitude of Gratitude  
November 13th, 2010

### History;

- At the fall 2006 Area 40 Assembly the Public Information Committee made a recommendation that an ad-hoc committee be created to look into the feasibility of Area 40 creating a statewide toll free Hotline and they would report back for consideration at the 2007 Spring Assembly. This recommendation passed.
- At the Spring Area Assembly the Public Information Committee made the following recommendation:  
Implement as soon as possible an Area 40 800 number, utilizing the services and contract from AnswerNet, Contract to be a month to month agreement, with a maximum, possible expenditure of \$1,000.00 per month to Area 40. The Area 40 Public Information Chair will make reports regarding utilization and expense at each Area Assembly.
- Discussion was held.
- Vote was taken and the recommendation passed 96 for with 7 opposed. A minority opinion stating that "calling for the question" happened when there were still people wanting to comment. This stopped discussion. A voting member for the recommendation got up and requested a reconsideration of the vote. A vote on whether to reconsider was taken and it failed with 23 for reconsideration and 70 opposing reconsideration.
- Motion to implement the 800# passed.
- At the Spring 2010 Area Assembly the Public Information Committee made the following recommendation:  
The Area 40 PI chair will forward the itemized bill received from AnswerNet to the Area 40 treasurer for payment up to the amount of \$250.00 a month. In the event the monthly itemized total amount is over \$250.00 the Area 40 PI chair will bill each district on a prorated basis.  
(Example: If the total bill is \$300.00 and district 11 has 30% of the billable calls that month they would owe \$15.00,  $((\$300 - \$250.00) * .3 = \$15.00)$ ).
- This was discussed by the full assembly, voted on and passed.

**Note:** The question was asked by the Area Treasure in November of 2010 if this amount includes the base rate that Area already was paying and it does not.

## How the system works;

- Districts that are using the system are electing an Answering Service Chair. The main responsibilities of this positions are;
  - Coordinate the gathering of AA contacts in the district. I will explain how one might go about this further down.
  - Enter the contacts into the online AA site and keep the list current.
  - Act as the contact to receive the monthly bill for your district in the event the amount of the itemized calls goes above the \$250.00 amount and your districts gets billed for its' prorated portion of it and make sure your districts portion is sent to AnswerNet for payment.
  - Act as the liaison to the AA contacts in your district, AnswerNet and the Area PI chair.
  - Any other duties that the district deems necessary to help this tool carry the message in your district and throughout Area 40.
- To get copies of the signup sheet;
  - Go to [www.aa-montana.org](http://www.aa-montana.org)
  - Click on area business, (upper left of screen)
  - Click on Articles and Documents
  - Scroll down to Other Documents
  - Select Hotline Signup Sheet and print it
- Pass these sheets out to GSR's to have them collect AA Answering service contacts from the groups. Once they are returned to the Answering Service chair you are ready to enter the names and numbers into the system. Contact our Area 40 Webmaster Alex M. [alexmar@mt.net](mailto:alexmar@mt.net) to get your login ID and password. Once you have them go to <http://www.aamontana.org/800/login.asp>. You will be presented with the following screen.



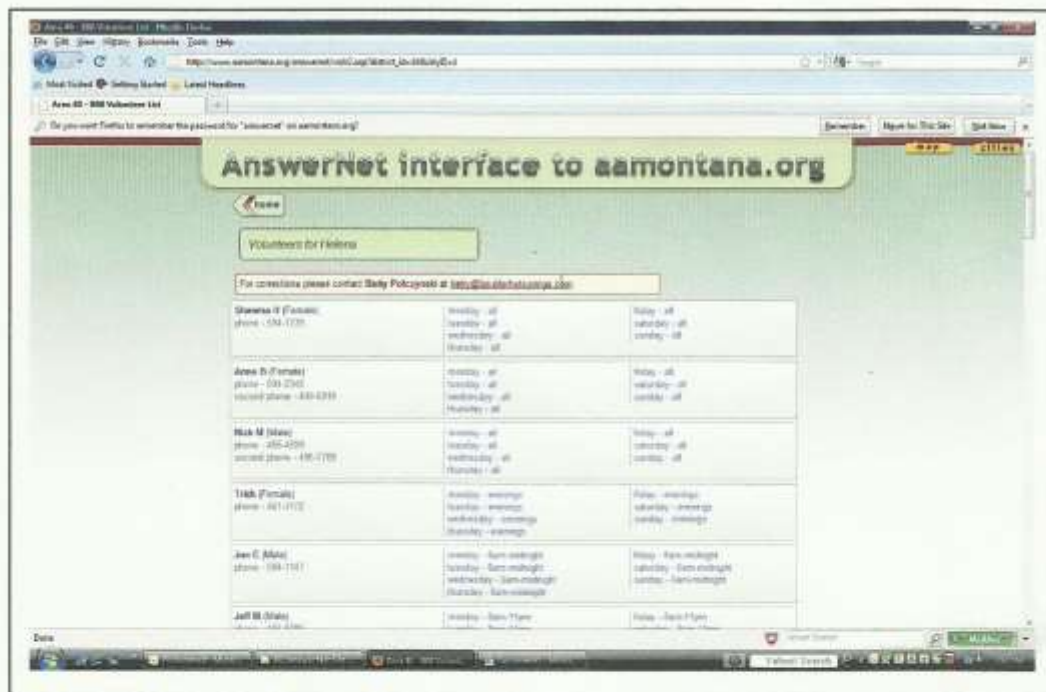
- When you successfully enter your Username and password that you received from the Area 40 webmaster you will be presented with a screen that allows you enter the information you have gathered from the paper signup sheets and update any information for your district.
- Now when someone calls the Answering Service the information will be available to the Answering Service. See the main contact screen below of what the Answering Service sees to locate an AA contact;



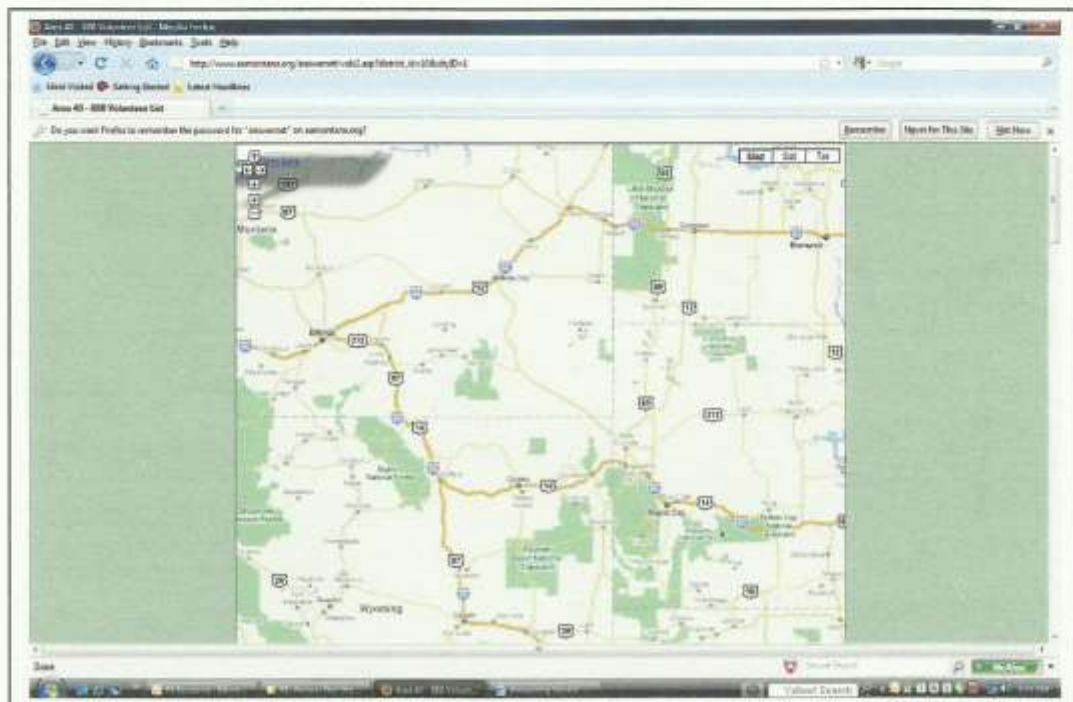
- The Answering Service asks the caller what city they are looking for an AA contact from. The service then selects from the list of available cities. If a city is not listed because there are currently no contacts available, they use the map presented to locate the closest city that does have contacts and select it.



- The Answering Service is presented a random list of names from the city they selected and they select males for male callers and females for female callers and they begin calling until they can successfully connect the caller through to an AA member.



- Maps are also available via the website if the caller or AA member needs directions to pick up the caller to take them to a meeting.



- Costs

- Area is charge a base monthly rate of \$55.00 for the service.
- Area also pays \$1020.00 a year to be listed in the Dex yellow pages and for the current Co-Op phone books we are listed in \$636.00 a year for a total yearly cost of \$1656.00.
- We also get charged .50 cents per minute for calls that are patched through. Area pays up to \$250.00 a month for these itemized calls, (Calls for just meeting information are not billed to this amount). Any amount over the \$250.00 monthly total is billed to the districts on a prorated basis. (Example: If the total bill is \$300.00 and district 11 has 30% of the billable calls that month they would owe \$15.00,  $((\$300 - \$250.00) * .3 = \$15.00)$ ).

**Note:** Many districts have written procedures that ask for the caller's number once they are connected so they can call the caller back and minimize the amount of this charge. *It should also be noted that to cover the additional cost of the Hotline to Area, groups are encouraged to increase their contributions to Area.*

- How is the system working?

- There were some growing pains when the system first came up with billing and contact information but these have been worked out. District 91 went so far as to report at the Fall Assembly of 2009 that the Answering Service is no longer the "Hot topic" at their district meetings anymore.
- There were concerns that we were not listed in phonebooks and we are now in the yellow pages of 10 Dex directories and 9 Co-Op directories.
- District 61, as of November 2010, is still using a Qwest local number so their old number can be published in the white pages and they have calls received forwarded to the 1-888-607-2000 number. In the timeframe, October 2009 - November 2010, there were 1084 calls forwarded to the Area Hotline from District 61's local number.

- Additional benefits;

- Lower Costs to districts for their Hotlines, (District 61 has reported their monthly fees were more than cut in half and District 51 reported they were able to go to the WCRSC in Casper WY due to the cost savings from it).
- A much larger availability of contacts, (As of April of 2010 we had 508 contacts from 10 Districts).
- A more automated approach is available so it is easier to keep information current.

- What the Area Hotline System is not

- One point that has caused some districts, and individuals, concerns is the per minute charge that is incurred when a call is received by someone wanting to talk to a member of Alcoholic Anonymous. To avoid excessive billing, as was mentioned in the Costs section, it has been suggested that if the caller needs or wants to speak at length that

you get their phone number and call them back to avoid the per minute charge. The concern arises in that the person who called may not be willing to do this.

In response to these concerns it needs to be noted that the Hotline number was not intended to be a crisis line or a suicide prevention line. District 11 has went so far as to state in their Hotline guidelines that if you think the caller is in trouble, i.e. DT's convulsions, are threatening suicide or threatening to harm themselves or some else that you should call 911. We on a whole as members of Alcoholics Anonymous are not trained nor qualified to handle calls such as these. As for the case that someone wants to talk at length and is unwilling to give out their number or meet you in person along with another member of AA I would defer to page 96 in the Big Book "We find it a waste of time to keep chasing a man who cannot or will not work with you. If you leave such a person alone, he may soon become convinced that he cannot recover by himself. To spend too much time on any one situation is to deny some other alcoholic an opportunity to live and be happy.", and as anyone who has attended an AA business meeting will tell you there are multiple other worthwhile places where our financial contributions can be directed to help the still suffering Alcoholic who is reaching out for help.



1. It is a prudent use of your District's funds to make the initial call as short as possible (to avoid the .50 cents per minute charges) by asking the caller for their name and number so you may call them back directly. \*
2. Before returning the call, you can dial \*67 to prevent your number from appearing on their caller ID.
3. Call them back immediately.
4. Ask for and talk only to the person that called (avoid breaking their anonymity).
5. Give your first name only and state you are a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.
6. Identify the needs of the caller (AA information, ride to a meeting, etc...).
7. Determine the willingness of the person to do something about their condition.
8. Suggest taking action today, i.e. arrange to take them to a meeting today.
9. It is recommended that you do not give out your phone number until the person gets to a meeting. If you are willing, leave your number and encourage them to call. **DO NOT GIVE OUT ANYONE ELSE'S NUMBER.**
10. You may face different circumstances:
  - a. If they want to go to a meeting, offer to meet them or offer a ride; whichever you chose. Be sure to bring someone else along if you are offering a ride.
  - b. Be patient, kind, compassionate and LISTEN. SHARE freely of your experience, especially your feelings of loneliness, hopelessness, and confusion before coming to AA.
  - c. Explain the three-fold aspect of the disease (physical, mental and spiritual), stressing that it is progressive and fatal. Discuss what AA has to offer for their recovery. SHARE your EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH and HOPE.
  - d. If they are too drunk to talk, offer to call them later or ask them to call when they are sober and able to communicate.
  - e. If you think they are in trouble, i.e, DT's, convulsions, are threatening suicide or threatening to harm themselves or someone else, call 911. Don't Panic.
  - f. If they want another Twelve Step Program, refer to them to that resource directly if you are able.
  - g. If the person is a relative or friend of an alcoholic, suggest they contact Al-Anon. \*
  - h. If the caller wants speakers for schools, clubs, etc., request their contact information to provide for the Hotline Liaison. The Liaison has the numbers to reach the Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Chair (CPC/PI). Let them know that someone will be in touch with them shortly. Call the Liaison immediately to make this request.
  - i. If you cannot handle a call, let them know someone else will be contacting them. Then call your sponsor or an AA friend for help.
  - j. If the caller is from another area or district, talk to them, and if necessary refer them to local meetings or answering services in their area or back to the answering service who may have those resources.



**LEADERSHIP – FALL ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION 2014**

Look at Bill W.'s "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need," published in the *Grapevine* in 1959 and incorporated into both Chapter Six, "The Delegate" in the A.A. Service Manual and in the Concept IX essay, both in *A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service*. In A.A., leading is by example, by participation. It's not "talking the talk," it's "walking the walk."

I've had opportunities to serve in A.A.'s general service structure at various levels. My experience with leadership in formal service work seems to me to follow a natural progression that I'm going to share with you in five simple phrases, five actions in service.

The first phrase is often heard at regular A.A. meetings, because recovery begins with this action. I want to suggest that unity, and service, and leadership (in all three of our legacies) all begin with this action.

**1. SUIT UP!**

"Suit up" can refer to the whole ball of wax, "participation," but it also can refer to very first aspect of participation – preparation. "Suit up" means getting dressed appropriately for where I am going and what I am going to do. In the military it meant more than just get into uniform, it referred to all the things we carried – all the gear we might need. When stepping onto the runner of a chopper and climbing aboard, it is recommended that I wear and carry everything that I might need – that we all wear and carry everything that any of us might need.

"Suit up" applies at work, at play and in A.A. "Suit up" is to do the ground work necessary for participation. "Suit up" is doing the preparation necessary to participate fully in the mission, in the Assembly, in the picnic – in whatever it might be.

We had opportunities to do that before this Assembly. We had chances to get copies of the agenda and read them. We had chances to digest the background material and talk it over with our home groups, sponsors, sponsees, service friends and mentors. We had chances to do some independent reading and research. In A.A., before we make any decisions and take any action, it is always a good idea to consult widely. To get ready is to "suit up."

In A.A. suiting up also can include prayer at the beginning of the ground work and prayer throughout doing the ground work. It can include reading Bill's leadership essay again, for a reminder to listen carefully to those who disagree with me and truly consider what they are saying before responding. Suiting up can also include inventory and consultation with others about some of my first reactions to stuff AND suit up should include that last minute note to myself to LEAVE OUT the snarky insults that would fit so well into my comments.

That's my snapshot of suiting up – coming out of my experience. Your view will be slightly different, because it comes out of your experience. But our experience includes what others have shared with us, so your experience and mine will have some elements in common. Once we have "suited up," it is time for us to take the next service action.

**2. SHOW UP!**

A.A. depends upon OUR participation. One alcoholic sharing with another is at the heart of A.A. – in sponsorship and all of our A.A. meetings: on or off our A.A. schedules, in business or group conscience meetings all over the inverted pyramid, in workshops and roundups and other celebrations or gatherings, large or small. To be a part of any of it or all of it requires that we "show up." To "show up" without "suiting up" makes it harder to get anything done. We have to keep inventing the wheel over and over again.

But all the prep in the world doesn't matter if I'm not at the meeting. I can't contribute to the group conscience by telepathy or mind control. I have to "show up." It's difficult to be part of the "we" this weekend, by an out of body experience. We have far more sophisticated ways to participate than we have ever had before, but, one way or another, you just gotta "show up."

I know I am preaching to the choir on this one, because you're all here. However much prep you have been willing and able to do, you have taken the trouble to be here for this assembly. And since we are here, our leaders are us, are here -- "suited up" and "showing up."

Who will grapple with the questions arising this weekend? We will. Who will elect our next rotation of trusted servants this weekend? We will. Who will be building an informed group conscience on Agenda items? We will. Who sees the new ideas – approaches – concerns that appear here? We do.

WE DO – THE ONES THAT "SHOW UP."

All the folks who provided us with input before we got here have shared this Area 40 process of assemblage. All the folks who find out from us afterwards what happened here and provide feedback will have shared this Area 40 process of assemblage. But the decision-making happens here and the feedback comes out of what happens here at the assemblage.

And often – not always, often – there are very little drama and very little conflict. One of the ways I notice service leadership in action is in how our leaders respond to questions, comments or even attacks.

"That's a good question."

"I'm glad you brought that up."

"Valid point."

"Thanks for sharing."

"Showing up" also can mean that we do remember and do affirm, here at this Assembly or at any other service gathering, that A.A. is inclusive. Every participant brings to the table their own experience, their own recovery, their own troubles and shortcomings and their own concerns about the best action to take on the current item, consistent with offering A.A. recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. We need to welcome everyone who does "show up."

Even very prideful or angry people can be absolutely right while the peaceful and loving voice can be totally wrong. I need to listen to the message instead of judging the messenger. Even when I feel like the messenger is judging me. Even at the end of a long day and evening, and especially when I am restless, irritable and discontent!

I need to remember to ask my Higher Power, "Keep my mind open about the item we are considering. Save me from becoming angry or afraid. Help me recognize that this, too, is a sick person. Let me be of service. AND help me be willing to take another fresh look, in light of what I hear next, at this issue we are discussing." Now it's time. I've come here, and as ready as I can be. Now what?

### 3. SPEAK UP!

When something is being discussed and there is a question that nags at me, a suggestion about what else needs to be covered, an idea a simpler way to address the matter, and nobody else has said it at the mike. That's when it is up to you and up to me to get up and go over to Mr. Microphone, who is our friend, and "speak up."

We've "suited up" and we've "shown up." That unsuspected inner resource which we presently identify with our own conceptions of a Power greater than ourselves is ready to help us grasp what direction our deliberation is going, and what else could be important to know in making the decision. None of that can be of any use to the group conscience unless we, each and every one of us, musters our courage and takes part – participates – "speaks up."

Maybe I'm afraid I won't say it right and you'll misunderstand or dislike me. Maybe I'm worried about how many times I've already been to the mike. Maybe I'm hesitant to say something that disagrees with most of the voices so far. Those are the times when I need to "speak up" and share anyway! A group conscience needs all the voices, not just the brave ones, the loud ones, the really good talking ones, or the respected ones. We need all the voices.

We don't know yet what voices will manifest the will of our Higher Power on the agenda items and elections here. Our group conscience will be shaped by our sharing during this Assembly. Our leaders "speak up." The voices don't have to come from the front table. The voices often come from the floor of the Assembly. But we will only hear the voices of those who "speak up."

And don't wait, holding back your killer argument for the minority report. Share it NOW, so we can have all the information available for the initial decision. This isn't about winning, it's about reaching a group consensus, a group conscience. Our traditions are very, very clear – in our group conscience we can find the will of a loving God expressed. Our leaders, our trusted servants, help us get there, but it is in the group conscience that we can find it. So, after we "suit up" and after we "show up," participation in the group conscience occurs when we "speak up." We need that participation. We need to "speak up."

So now we're done, right? Not quite. My next suggestion is truly appropriate for an election assembly. When the time comes for folks to offer to serve in a position, for our Area Chair to form an ad hoc committee, or when some other project we have approved needs volunteers, it's time for another leadership action.

#### 4. STEP UP.

Let's not be sitting and thinking, "It would really be good for Judy or Joe or somebody else to serve in that position, they would grow so much." We have done the prep, and we have come to the gathering and participated in the decision. I want to suggest that we also have some obligation to "step up" and offer to serve in implementing the decision. Let's not let somebody else do it for us, whether it's a new person who is still figuring out what is happening, or it's one of the usual suspects ready and willing to take on yet another service job. "Step up."

Be a part of the action on the item, as well as part of the decision making about the item. Participate. Bill said it clearly: "True leadership, we find, depends upon able example . . ." [*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, Step Twelve, p. 124, stopping before "and not upon vain displays of power or glory"] If you have the experience for the job, if you have the time for the job, if you haven't already done the job and haven't already gotten a job for next rotation, say a quick prayer for the willingness and then "step up" and ask for the chance to do the job. Lead by example, by action. If you are not sure, talk to one of the old hands about what is involved and find out. Do not wait to be asked, "step up." It is an experience that you really should not miss, believe it or not. A.A. can save your life, and A.A. service can change that new life for the better!

#### 5. ....

So that must be it, huh? Go back to No. 1 and start over again next time? Not quite. It's true that chances to be of service, in recovery, in the Fellowship, and in the outside world, never really end. But formal general service work does eventually end. And when it does, the person who is rotating on has two choices, as Bill so bluntly described them. Elder statesman or bleeding deacon. Bill describes what motivates bleeding deacons in one point in: "We have seen that we were prodded by unreasonable fears or anxieties into making a life business of winning . . . what we thought was leadership." [*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, Step Twelve, p. 123, omitting "fame, money, and".]

You know, most of us have done enough bleeding over the years so that we might be willing to sit back and wait to see what happens. We might be able truly to rotate, to let others take their turn at leading. Bill underscored the virtues of rotation – "And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere." [*The Language of the Heart*, p. 78]

It was my pleasure and my privilege to serve a rotation as an Area 40 delegate. It really did change my life, and I wouldn't have missed it for the world. I've heard that other Areas have trouble with a lack of past delegates, and those Areas try various ways to keep their past delegates involved. In Area 40, we are blessed with trusted servants who are now continuing in the formal service structure below the Conference level, down in the deeps of the inverted pyramid, one as a Regional Trustee and another as a Non-Trustee Director.

We also have a former Area 40 member of our Fellowship who now works at GSO. Closer to home, we have a past delegate serving as our Area Archivist. We invite two past delegates to each and every assembly,



and as far as I've seen, we always have two who are willing to come here and to participate. Clearly, in Area 40, not everyone who rotates on from delegate is rotating away from general service.

But there comes a time, or perhaps several times for some of us, when we do rotate away from general service, at whatever level we have been doing it. When that time comes, there is a final leadership task we face, as we step down and open up service positions for new trusted servants. It is really pretty simple. My last suggestion, No. 5? SHUT UP. It's time for other voices. If you need my experience, strength and hope, you will let me know. For now, though, thanks for your kind attention, and thanks for the gifts of sobriety. If there's time now for sharing – questions and comments – I look forward to hearing them. It's my time to “shut up.”

Terry S.

### **SATURDAY SESSION**

8:00 AM Area Chair / Alt Delegate, Gerry R., opened the assembly with Serenity prayer, Traditions were read, Concepts were read.

#### **AREA CHAIR/ALT DELEGATE GERRY R POST REPORT**

The current format for the Area 40 Assembly does not provide for a report to be given by the Area Chair. As such, my three previous Assembly reports were all written after the Assembly, but in a way to give one the impression that each was written before the Assembly. This one is different. The final Assembly of this rotation has come and gone and this report will be more a reflection on that event than a report of events prior.

I have heard the 2014 Area 40 Fall Assembly already being described as being “a doozy”, and indeed it was. For those of you who were in attendance, my hope is that you were each able to view all the twists and turns and ups and downs that we experienced together as being a great opportunity to observe how everyone involved was giving their level best to practice the principles of this wonderful program under very trying circumstances. This is perhaps the most consistent lesson that I have received throughout my sixteen years of attending and participating in our biennial gathering. The understanding that, despite each of our own personal failings, by working together we can ensure that the life-giving message of Alcoholics Anonymous will continue to be shared with those who have yet to hear it, but desperately need to.

This Assembly ended just as it needed to, with us finding an acceptable compromise on all that we could, and holding off making a decision on that which we couldn't. It was truly a remarkable experience that I will cherish always. We have never had that many people willing to stay, so doggedly, to ensure that we gave every last concern its due. After running a full hour and a half over our scheduled time, I heard someone say, “I don't want it to end.” Commitment and dedication are such beautiful characteristics which sometimes can only be revealed through the process of a lot of hard, hard work. This was a beautiful weekend.

I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to the outgoing committee for two years of dedicated service. It has been a joy and a blessing to work with each of you. My gratitude also extends to all who guided me along my service path throughout these many years.

As we move forward, I encourage you all to step up and support our new slate of trusted servants. They each face the daunting task of quickly learning a new position while stepping forward as a leader, often in an area in which they have little practical experience. Please take to heart the lesson that we learned over the course of this last Assembly – We can do together what we could not do separately.

Perhaps the best lesson that I have learned in my time with you all is, that the point of service is not to win a position, it is to be helpful, and to grow in recovery as we serve. I wish you all many, many opportunities to serve and a world of growth. God Bless.

Gerry R, Panel 63 Area Chair/Alternate Delegate

**SECRETARY/AREA REGISTRAR MARY M**

**ROLL CALL, PASSED ACTIONS FALL ASSEMBLY 2014**

<b>AREA 40 OFFICERS</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Non Voting Members</b>
Delegate	Sharon S	X	1	
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	Gerry R	X	1	
Secretary	Mary M	X	1	
Treasurer	Libbie L	X	1	
Archives	Kira A	X	1	
CPC	Serena R Absent	Mark S Stood In	1	
Corrections	Lee G	X	1	
Grapevine	Sam B	X	1	
Literature	Nick D	X	1	
Public Information	Luke S	X	1	
Treatment	Brandon M	X	1	
Triangle Editor	Erin G	X	1	
DCM's				
11	Mike D	X	11	2
12	Daniel M	X	3	1
21	Joe G Absent	0	0	0
23	Mary C-M	X	2	1
31	Kathie B	X	3	
41	Chris W	X	11	4
42	Brynn C	X	4	
51	Dan F	X	4	1
61	Karla B	X	13	8
71	Betty P	X	7	
72	Ray M	X	11	3
81	Sherry C	X	9	3
91	Paul L	X	9	8
93	Mike M	X	6	1
Non-Voting Officers				
Advisor	Terry S	X		
Archivist	Earl F	X		
Webmaster	Alex M	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Voting 98</b>	<b>Visitor 32</b>
<b>Quorum=66</b>				

**We had six past delegates in attendance**

## **SECRETARY REPORT MARY M**

**DCM's:** I need your attendance sheets that are on your tables back to me no later than noon today and preferably by the first break. I use the count from these sheets to determine a quorum for voting purposes. Voting members are DCM's or their alternate, GSR's or their alternate, and most Area Committee Chairs and Officers. Also please have visitors sign in from your district.

I have placed ballot slips on all the tables to be used for elections for the next rotation. And I have placed Fellowship New Vision print outs of the active groups on your tables. Please see me with any changes to your groups and district chairs or any questions you may have. I would like those turned into me by the end of this assembly.

All of you giving reports this weekend may e-mail your report to me if you haven't already or if you choose to submit your report in hard copy, I will need two copies. In addition, I will need the minutes from all the committee meetings, workshops, GSR and DCM breakout sessions being held today. Please be mindful of the time when giving your reports on the floor. If the timer goes off; I will COW Bell.

There are Ask It baskets in the back for submitting questions and topics to be covered in the GSR and DCM breakout sessions tonight. Participation is the key and questions can be anonymous.

### **Here are the motions passed at the Spring 2014 Assembly**

#### **FROM THE VENUE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**Motion 1:** Keep the Assembly at the Yogo Inn, providing they make the improvements for accessibility and make the necessary changes to meet our needs for meeting rooms.

**95 For 8 Opposed**

**Motion 2:** Use the survey created for the Area Chair to assess whether or not the Assembly venue is meeting the needs of its members.

**90 For 7 opposed**

#### **FROM FINANCE AREA 40**

The Area 40 Finance Committee recommends that: Commencing with the 2015 Budget, Area 40 incorporates all Archives/Archivist expenses and income into the general Area 40 Budget. This will eliminate the separate Archives Restricted Account, and eliminate the \$500 budget line restriction for Archivist Display and Travel. The current balance in the restricted account will be used for Archives/Archivist expenses through the remainder of the 2014 budget year.

**102 For 0 Opposed 1 Abstained**

#### **FROM THE PI COMMITTEE**

### **MOTIONS THAT CAME OUT OF WEBMASTERS REPORT:**

**ITEM A** Send Webmaster, Alex M to National AA Technology workshop in St Louis, Missouri, August 8-10, 2014 and cover expenses expected to be \$1,500.

**98 For 0 Opposed**

**ITEM D.** Consider the request to add Montana AA intergroups as entities that can submit events to the Area 40 webmaster for inclusion on the calendar of the Area 40 website.

Recommendation: Add intergroup to Policy and procedure to be able to put events on website.

**94 For 0 Opposed 1 Abstained**



## **TREATMENT**

The Treatment committee recommends that Area 40 adopt the proposed Special Needs / Accessibilities Survey form. This form will be distributed 3 different ways:

1. Through the Area Triangle in the first publication after the most recent assembly.
2. On the area website as a form which can be filled out submitted online.
3. To all DCM's via email as an attachment.

Once completed, the form will be sent to the Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities committee chair no later than the deadline currently in place for submitting agenda items/background material and the results given to the Area chair to assist in planning and arrangement of meeting rooms at the assembly.

### **95 For 0 Opposed 2 Abstained**

**A Motion** was made and seconded to extend assembly until finished with Treatment Committee report.

### **62 FOR 15 Opposed**

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be the Secretary / Registrar for Area 40 this rotation. I really hope we have a full election. Please come and see me if you have any questions about this position. Secretary is a great position to hold and get to know our fellowship.

In service, Mary M, Area Secretary / Registrar

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR AREA TREASURE LIBBIE L (8:25 - 8:35 am)**

Welcome Everyone. Especially if this is your first assembly and for all you newly elected incoming GSR's and DCM's.  
Join with us as we celebrate our principles of Unity, Service, and Recovery.  
Many Glacier Hotel  
Grinnell Point /Mount Grinnell



## Area 40 Fall Assembly 2014 Financial Highlights

Since we're talking about money, I am reminded that we are like the Gaunt prospector on page 129.

Our pick's have "struck gold" in our sobriety, but in his writing, Bill reminds us that "For a time we may try to hug this new treasure to ourselves. We may not see at once that we have barely scratched a limitless lode, a lode that will pay dividends only if we mine it for the rest of our lives and insist on giving away the entire product."

So how are we doing at giving away our product in Area 40?

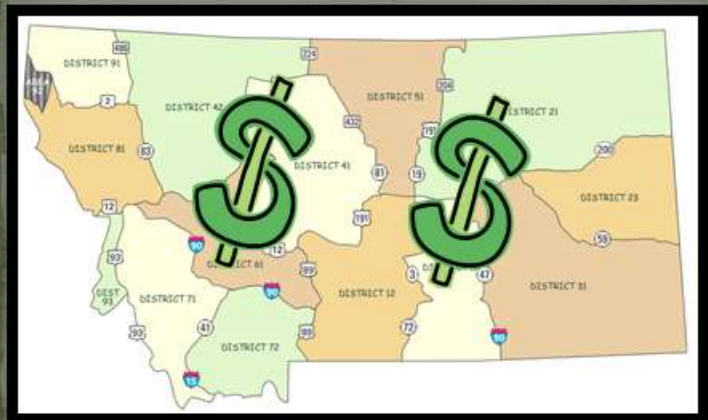
## Fall Assembly 2014

### Financial Highlights

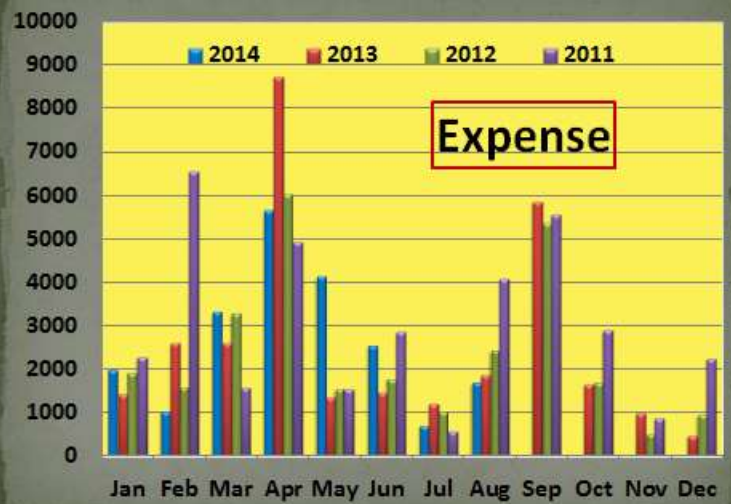
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## Area 40 Self Support Statistics



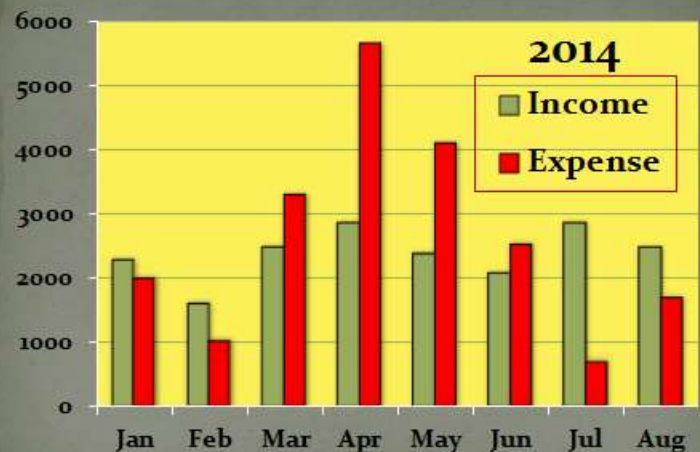
Look at our spending.  
 April and September spikes for Assemblies and  
 April/May Archives Storage payment.



See the trend of steady income.



This year's month to month income and  
 expense.





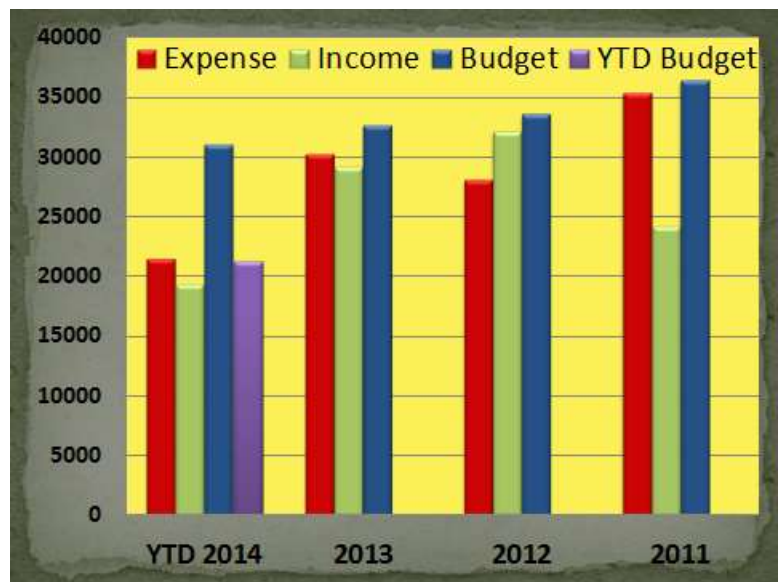
As of Sept 15, 2014  
Total 2014 Budget is \$30,940

#### YTD

Expenses=	\$21,493.62	21,500
Income=	\$19,286.35	19,300
	(2,207.27)	(2200)

\$8725 left of budget. 8700  
Projected Expenses \$30,220 30,200  
Contributions Average \$2268.98 per month 2270  
Projected Income \$27,227.79 27,200  
Projected Shortfall \$2992.21 (3000)  
Historically under budget, but last year we were \$1000 expenses over contributions.  
Current operating balance of almost \$6000 (\$5966.67), which means we are that far from going into our prudent reserves (\$10,313).  
Keep that in mind when doing your splits. I will keep you posted.

Assembly expenses, will pass 7<sup>th</sup> tradition baskets, coffee table.  
Display at back with all these reports envelopes etc.



Our Assembly Agenda Includes recommending a 2015 budget.

While constructing this budget, I considered Warranties One and Two of the Twelfth Concept.

Warranty One doesn't seem to be a problem. It does not appear that we are becoming the seat of perilous wealth or power.

If we remain judicious in our spending, steady with our contributions, and mindful of our reserves, this budget will be an effective tool for Area 40. In doing so, we will stand consistent with Warranty Two's prudent financial principles.

The Finance committee will present our proposed budget to you for approval as Floor Assembly business.

I've quoted Bill and Dr. Bob in previous reports, might consider Dr. Silkworth, Mother Theresa, or even Nelson Mandela.


But no...

1971 Song from the Rock Band Yes

What you've been waiting for...family photos

# Budget 2015

## Concept XII



**Warranty One**  
The Conference (Area) shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power.

**Warranty Two**  
Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.

# Don't Surround Yourself with Yourself



Jon Anderson  
Yes  
1971.

The anonymity protected version.  
Surrounding ourselves with others to make  
these decisions together.



Getting Sober is just the tip of the iceberg.  
Living Sober is **at least** a whole lake full of  
icebergs that we get to experience.  
All that we do, including managing our money,  
makes it possible to fulfill our primary purpose;  
to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve  
sobriety.  
Iceberg Lake Glacier Park



And my paying for gymnastics lessons made it  
possible for her to do this.





## **ORIENTATION TO ASSEMBLY DELEGATE SHARON S. (8:35 – 8:45 am)**

Good morning! My name is Sharon S and I am an alcoholic and I am grateful and honored by your trust, allowing me to serve as your Delegate. Welcome you to the 2014 Fall Area Assembly.

I would like to recognize and welcome people here for their very first Area 40 Assembly. If this is your first Area 40 Assembly, please raise your hands? Thank you for being here with us, connecting our local A.A. to A.A. as a whole.

I would like to introduce past delegates in attendance. Bob H. will be co-chairing, with our Archivist, Earl Fink, who is also a past delegate a workshop on “Our Third Legacy”. Other delegates: Scott W., Mark S., and our West Central Region Trustee, Andrew W. Thank you for your service.

This is an election assembly. If you haven’t experienced our third legacy procedure, you are in for a new experience. I hope you will grow to love it as I do. Terry S., our Area Advisor, will talk to us about that at 9 and will conduct the election.

After the election orientation and posting the names of those eligible to stand for delegate, the committee meetings will convene. Anyone may attend the committee meetings, but only the chair, designated DCM’s and district committee representatives vote. The “Third Legacy” workshop will run concurrently with the committee meetings.

We’ll make a few decisions about Area 40 business; Gerry R. will chair the meeting; he will follow the agenda and it has been our practice to be punctual, so sessions will start on time. He’ll ‘loosely’ follow some Roberts Rules ... good summary handout “conference procedures”.

I have distributed conference reports. If you serve on one of the committees, please be sure to pick up a copy as the committees will be reviewing conference action by their corresponding conference committees.

Before I turn this back over to Gerry, are there any questions about the agenda? Do all the DCM’s and district representatives know which committee they are sitting on?

Okay, thank you for showing up for this assembly! Thank you for your service, have a good time with it!!

**DCM REPORTS DISTRICTS 11, 12, 23, 31, 41, 42 (8:45 – 9:00 am)**

**DISTRICT 11 MIKE D. DCM**

Hello everybody, District 11 is excited to be active in Area 40, and at this Assembly! We have 20 active groups; 16 of them are in Billings. Our newest is the Peace In Every Step Group. Recently two of our groups have decided to combine forces in the interest of strengthening their aim at carrying the message to many newcomers! The Traditions Group, and Yellowstone Group have taken the name of “The Triumphant Arch Group” and have kept the Traditions Group's historical group service number. We also have groups in Roundup, Lockwood, Huntley, Hardin, and Pryor. The Pryor Group has been meeting for almost a year now at the ST. Charles Mission, and has had steady attendance of about 5-7 members. The Hardin Group has moved yet again, and is now meeting at 619 Division Street on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-9:00pm. You can find all of our meetings' updated information on the Area 40 Website. Our monthly District Business Meeting takes place on the second Saturday of each month 10:00am at 2439 Colton Blvd Billings, MT. Here is a quick recap of what has been going on in our district since we saw you all here last Spring:

District 11 has had significantly low operating funds, and has been almost \$1000 below prudent reserve for several months. Our groups have begun to answer the call and we have been making a steady financial incline for the past couple months. In May we had a great opportunity to reconnect with the administration at Rimrock Foundation, since leadership had a change in hands a couple years back. Many of us have been very excited to renew a working relation to carry the message into Rimrock! In July we hosted a Unity Day event which included a Birthday Celebration for the Grapevine's 70th, a Delegate's report from Sharon, and a Leadership/Service workshop. Attendance was not near what we had hoped, we might have had close to 20 present. We joined up with district 12 for Fireman's Point as has been the custom for several years running, and had a wonderful weekend of Fellowship!

We started with our Elections in August, and have filled most positions, with a couple remaining open and plenty of time to fill them before the next rotation starts! Our new DCM will be Dave O, and Katie C is our incoming Alt DCM. They are both here this weekend, and many of you may have met them already! We still have Archives, Grapevine, and Hotline Chairs open. I would like to thank all of the members of my District for their hard work this rotation, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you all, and I have had a great time doing so! I would also like to welcome the new rotation, and all of the enthusiastic new Trusted Servants who come with it! I wish you all luck in your endeavors to carry the message in Area 40!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike D, DCM 11

## **DISTRICT 12 DANIEL M. DCM**

My name is Daniel and I am an alcoholic.

I serve as DCM for District 12 which is composed of groups from Absorakee, Bridger, Big Timber, Columbus, Fromberg, Harlowtown, Joliet, Laurel, and Red Lodge. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at Laurel Home Group, and have a modest sprinkling of servants that regularly attend. In the course of the summer we have seen a number of new faces come and go in our fellowship, as well as some old faces. We celebrated our recovery together at the Fireman's Point Campout at Columbus in August with people ranging from 1 day sober to decades in the fellowship. Dave R. from Columbus served up his famous BBQ and we even had the opportunity to serve a couple of wet ones in the midnight hour who mistook our campout for a party of the drinking variety. I heard the voices of sponsors in my head telling me that there are no mistakes in Gods' world. We had a beautiful motorcycle riding day for our Sober Old Bikers poker run, and enjoyed a meeting together in Nye by the river. Speakers shared their experience, strength, and hope around the campfire and we burned our resentments and left them to settle in the ashes. We shared Spam recipes in our annual Spam Cookoff and marveled at the diversity that this modest meat provides. Our friends from district 11 cooked a wonderful breakfast and Sharon S. delivered her delegates report to our small band of servants. For those who went the distance, there was a memorial for Robert P. who died this summer in Roberts. Friends of Bill, and friends of Robert shared memories of this colorful member of our fellowship, and celebrated life together on the Stillwater living happy, joyous, and free. Thank you to all who attended and made this experience worth the trip. I hope to see you all again on the road to happy destiny in Joliet for the Midwinters Social in February.

Thanks for helping me stay sober.

## **DISTRICT 21 JOE G. DCM Absent No report submitted**

## **DISTRICT 23 MARY C-M. DCM**

District 23 includes; Circle, Glendive, Savage, Sidney and Fairview. The following areas have added new meetings (which will be added to the Area 40 website in the near future)

Glendive - M/T noon, W - women's meeting

Sidney - F noon, F evening

Fairview - F evening

At the request of some district members I have been asked to contact GSO to see if the district is allowed to pose a 6 month waiting period before adding a new meeting to the Area website; as a precaution to ensure the sustainability of the meeting.

Corrections Committee continues to bring AA to Richland County Jail

Bridging the Gap continues to bring meetings in to WatchEast

Glendive Life Again Group is now facilitating the Friday Evening Meeting at the request of WatchEast Facility  
Glendive hosted Lower Yellowstone Soberfest the 3rd weekend in August. The venue this year was changed to the lower campsite. The weekend saw a decrease in attendance; but that did not diminish the success of the event. Bob & Donna H did a wonderful job sharing their Experience, Strength & Hope, as did Tammy L. The Spirituality Speaker, Cathy B was the substitute Al-Anon speaker, as Rita from Missoula took ill. Sharon S. came out and gave her Delegate Report which was very informative.

Welcome Home Group hosted two potluck picnics this summer. They will be hosting a Halloween Potluck in Savage on 11/1 @ 4:00 pm

The District will have an election meeting on 11/1 @ 3:00 pm. Sidney has nominated Todd M. for DCM. Glendive will be given the chance to nominate individuals for DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary / Treasurer. Election results will follow @ Spring Assembly 2015.

### **DISTRICT 31 KATHIE B DCM**

Hi my name is Kathie,

We have meetings in Broadus, Colstrip, Forsyth, Jordan, Ashland, Baker, Terry, Busby, Lame Deer, & Miles City

We had our district elections and filled all our positions for this rotation.

Thank you so much!

### **DISTRICT 41 CHRIS W – DCM**

Hello from District 41,

District 41 consists of central Montana mainly in Cascade County and extending to the east, to include Lewistown, to the north, Fort Benton, and to the south, the city of Cascade. Currently there are meetings 7 days a week in Great Falls, which is the majority of our district. We have women's meetings and men's meetings. There are plenty of Book study meetings and many open discussion meetings. For those who wake before noon there are meetings start as early as 6:30 am. For those who like later meetings there are daily meetings which start from 6 pm to 8:30ish pm which including two candle light meetings on Saturday evenings.

This summer we had a successful founder's day celebration, despite the rain with fantastic attendance. We were pleased to host our Delegate Sharon S in August who shared the delegates report and her experiences as delegate, Thank you Sharon.

We had a great turn out for the Unity campout in Monarch, MT.

District 41 is growing by leaps and bounds with new motivated people, eager to learn how all this service stuff works and most importantly carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering Alcoholic. Our district meets every first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. so if in the neighborhood stop in.

Most importantly I would like to take a minute and thank all those who are examples of service for me, for all my district committee chairs, and GSR's who were able to make the commitment to attend this assembly. Thank you and God Bless.

### **DISTRICT 42 BRYNN C – DCM**

I'm grateful to be here and sober. I am honored to be representing District 42, a position I was elected to, two months ago. I am grateful to serve but would like to take a moment to honor the less than pleasant circumstances that led to the vacancy of the DCM position. Beth M. from Conrad, a longtime member and servant was forced to step down several months before the end of her term, due to health problems and an upcoming surgery. Beth shares her well wishes as we gather today and assures me that she will join us here in service again someday when she is on the mend.

District 42 stretches west to East Glacier Park, east to Shelby, South to Choteau, North to the Canadian border. Our district meeting is every third Sunday of the month between 3 and 5 pm at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby. Weekly our district offers 30 meetings in our combined seven communities--seven of which take place in Browning's Crystal Creek Treatment Center. Because of the years of dedicated service of Dwayne and Kurt our district maintains a great relationship with Shelby's medium security prison, where they take two meetings in to inmates each Sunday. Prison meetings have a consistent and growing membership and because relations have been so strong between our district and the Chaplin, they hope to hold an orientation to allow new volunteers to help carry the message into that facility soon. Members in Conrad are working on permissions to bring meetings into their community's jail. District 42's treatment chair has recently gone to great lengths to reach out to Cut Bank's drug and alcohol court, as well as Shelby's new parole officer to make sure that we are reaching those stepping out of Montana's various treatment facilities. Two weekends ago a



trusted servant at the Catholic Church in Heart Butte, a small community southwest of Browning, has gotten a meeting going again--this meeting occurs each Sunday afternoon at 2 pm.

Because of the beauty our District offers, this summer has seen rises in meeting attendance due to tourism and seasonal workers. This July we were thrilled to welcome our Area 40 Delegate Sharon S. to our district meeting to deliver her General Service Conference report and offer us some information and guidance about finance. We thank Sharon for taking time out of her busy summer to come so far north to speak with us.

Our district sometimes struggles to find trusted servants and thus special events have been hard to come by. Some ideas for future events include: service and traditions workshops and reaching out to members of Alcoholics Anonymous north of the border. Each community tries to hold some kind of holiday potluck and speaker meeting.

I am grateful to be serving as the committee member for everyone who attends meetings in my district, but also to say that in my recent visits to meetings I am touched to witness the tireless service work of a caring, loving and truly exemplary core group of people (many who have served here in decades past). Without the sacrifices of these core few people, Dwayne in Choteau, Pat in Browning, Valentina and Neil in East Glacier, Reid in Conrad, Bud, Kurt and Jerry in Shelby, Mike in Cut Bank, the doors of our meetings would not have stayed open all of these years, and it is with this that I pay tribute to these people and thank them for supporting the sobriety of countless people in our district and beyond. I thank them for their trust in me to send me here as their representative. With this I would like to send my thanks and appreciation to all of the Area chairs and those who carry the message all over the state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

### **Hard stop at 9 am**

### **ELECTIONS / POSTING OF NAMES TERRY S. (9:00 - 9:40 am)**

Terry S, Area Advisor, reviewed the election procedure briefly. Our officers are elected by Third Legacy procedure and all others by simple majority. Terry polled the assembly for members eligible to stand for Delegate. From the list he asked who is willing to stand for Area 40 Delegate and they are:

Libbie L, Brandon M, Alex M, Nick D, Geoff D, Neil T.

Elections take place after lunch, search these people out and visit with them about why they are standing for Delegate.

## **DCM REPORTS DISTRICTS 51, 61 (9:40 - 9:45am)**

### **DISTRICT 51 DAN F – DCM**

No report submitted

### **DISTRICT 61 KARLA B. - DCM**

District 61 has over 100 meetings a week in the communities of Helena, East Helena, Elliston, Boulder, Lincoln, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs, and other areas in between. We are an active district, serving in 3 county jails, Montana State Prison, Watch program, MCDC, Pre-Release, Elkhorn Treatment Center, Boyd Andrew Treatment, and other facilities.

District 61 hosted their annual Grapefest this summer and we were happy to hear from our Area Grapevine Chair, Sam B; Area Delegate, Sharon S; and GSO Grapevine Board Chair, Andrew W. We thank you for your participation.

We will be hosting our annual Attitude of Gratitude November 15, 2014 at the Helena Red Lion Colonial Inn. Registration is available online at [www.aamontana.org](http://www.aamontana.org) and on the table in the back.

We are hosting the 2015 Spring Round Up May 15-17, also at the Helena Red Lion Colonial Inn. Registration for this is also available online at [www.aamontana.org](http://www.aamontana.org) and on the table in the back.

We invite you to join us for a meeting or event if you find yourself in the Helena area.

Our elections will take place beginning next month and ending when all chairs have been filled. We look forward to passing the baton to the next generation of service-minded alcoholics.

Thank you to District 61 for showing up at district and Area and for allowing me to be of service.

Karla B

## **WORKSHOP**

(For those not attending committee meetings)

**10:15 – 12:00 pm** *“The Three Legacies.”*

**Led by Past Delegate Bob H. and Earl F.**

Approximately 40 people attended the workshop. Earl explained the difference between heritage and legacy. He followed with the correlation between Recovery and the 12 Steps, Unity and the 12 Traditions, and Service and the 12 Concepts.

Bob spoke on the legacy of Recovery and expanded on his experience, strength, and hope with how the steps provide the opportunity to nurture and grow in the practical application of the legacy of recovery.

Earl followed with how the Traditions provide the opportunity to maintain and grow the legacy of unity. A lot of discussion was had on how the Traditions are followed autonomously in different home groups across the state.

Earl transitions to what happens in service-the 12 Concepts. This was brief re-cap and summary due to the surprisingly lengthy discussion on how the Traditions are at work among our home groups.

Bob closed by picking up with Concepts 4-12. (perhaps we can begin with the Concepts next time and close with the steps?) A wonderful presentation was made and this information is available by contacting Bob or Earl.

Thanks fellas for a great workshop! Respectfully submitted by Kacie M, Serenity Group, District 91

## **LUNCH BREAK 12:00-1:00 pm**

## **ELECTIONS (1:00 - 5:00 pm)**

**Area Officers are elected by Third Legacy procedure as outlined on pages s21-22 of the AA Service Manual.**

**Delegate:** Those members willing to stand were as follows:

**Libbie L, Current Treasurer – New Area 40 Delegate**

Brandon M, Current Area Treatment Chair

Alex M, Current Area 40 Webmaster

Nick D, Current Area Literature Chair

Geoff D Past Area Treatment Chair

Neil T. Past DCM, District 31, Current GSR, District 31

After fourth vote, motion failed for fifth and Libbie L and Alex M went to hat and Libbie L became new Area 40 Delegate.

**Area Chair / Alt Delegate:** Those members willing to stand were as follows:

Brandon M, Current Area Treatment Chair

**Alex M, Current Area Webmaster – New Area 40 Chair / Alt Delegate**

Nick D, Current Area Literature Chair

Neil T. Past DCM, District 31 Current GSR, District 31

After one vote, Alex M became New Area Chair / Alt Delegate

**Area Treasurer:** Those members willing to stand were as follows:

**Mary M, Current Area Secretary – New Area 40 Treasurer**

Julie R, Past DCM, District 81, Current GSR, District 72

After fourth vote, motion failed for fifth and Mary M and Julie R went to hat and Mary M became new Area 40 Treasurer.

**Area Secretary:** Those members willing to stand were as follows:

**Julie R, Past DCM, District 81, Current GSR, District 72 - New Area 40 Secretary**

Sam B, Current Area Grapevine Chair

Mary C-M, Current DCM, District 23

After fourth vote, motion failed for fifth and Mary M and Julie R went to hat and Julie R became new Area 40 Secretary.

**Area 40 Service Chairs (CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment, Literature, Archives, Public Information, and the Triangle Editor) are elected by simple majority.**

**Area Public Information (PI) Chair:**

**Luke S, Current Area PI Chair - New Area 40 PI Chair by acclamation**

(Luke had filled vacancy during this rotation so eligible to stand)

**Area Literature Chair:**

Rebecca S, Current GSR, District 61

**Kira A, Current Area Archives Chair – New Area 40 Literature Chair**

**Area Treatment Chair:**

Karla B, Current DCM, District 61

Chris W, Current DCM, District 41

**Jessica E, Current Treatment Chair in District 72 – New Area 40 Treatment Chair**

**Area Archives Chair:**

Paul L, Current DCM, District 91

**Mike D, Current DCM, District 11 – New Area 40 Archives Chair**

**DINNER BREAK (5:00 - 7:00 pm)**

**ELECTIONS CONTINUE (7:00 - 7:35 pm)**

**Area Grapevine Chair:**

Chris W, Current DCM, District 41

Neil T, Current GSR, District 31

**Area Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair:**

**Paul L, Current DCM ,District 91 – New Area 40 CPC Chair**

Cindy D, GSR, District 41

**\*\*Area Corrections Chair:**

Jay T, Current GSR, District 93, Past DCM, District 93

Hugh M, Current BTG Chair, District 41

**J.Scott W, Current Corrections Chair, District 23 – New Area 40 Corrections Chair**

**\*\*It was brought to the attention of the Assembly on Sunday Morning that simple majority had not been met in voting for the Corrections Chair due to 3 members standing. One person should have had 51% of the votes for a simple majority or one person should have been eliminated during the voting process and another vote taken place. A re-vote was necessary. Hugh M was not present Sunday morning. J. Scott W stepped down. Sam B, Current Area Grapevine Chair was willing to stand. And Jay T was willing to stand.**

**Jay T, Current GSR, District 93, Past DCM, District 93- New Area 40 Corrections Chair**

Sam B, Current Area Grapevine Chair

**Area Triangle Editor:**

**Carly G, Current alt DCM, District 61 – New Area 40 Triangle Editor**

Claudia B, Current GSR, District 61

**Due to Alex M's new chair as Area Chair / Alt Delegate, we will address the Webmaster Chair Sunday**

**FLOOR ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE REPORTS, MOTIONS, AND DISCUSSION (7:35-8:45 pm)**

**Gerry R announced that due to time restraints we will address Area 40 agenda items first per committee.**



## **PI Chair Report**

Well our hotline seemed to be sputtering really hard this spring. I received 3 complaints about it in the matter of a week and they were all to do with Answernet not patching the caller through to a hotline volunteer. So it was the last straw it seemed, God had given me a sign that it was time to seek a new hotline provider. I emailed dcm's, Gerry, Sharon and some other folk to let them know my scheme. Well things aren't that easy. Our Area 40 policy and procedure strictly lists Answernet as our provider. The real buzz kill was the fact that Answernet owns our 1888 number on top of it. Answernet seem to have picked there game up since this incident and only one small hiccup since. If you do hear of an unsuccessful Answernet call, please get the time and date of the call. I will be able to address the problem better. I attended a service workshop in district 91 and it had a great turnout! It always gets me fired up to attend and participate in these events. This rotation is nearing the end and I am truly blessed to serve area 40.

Luke S Public Information chair area 40.

## **PI Committee Report—Area 40**

Luke S opened the meeting at 10:02. All voting member where present.

Review Public Information Report. Luke problems with Answernet prompted a search to solve problems concerning calls not being transferred.

B. Webmaster report Alex. Went to technology conference and spent every penny of the \$1500. Online discussion groups were formed to help other webmasters. Learned about new programming for website. Workshops on using websites and teaching how to make websites. Alex has uploaded a bunch of flyers for website.

## **Fall Assembly 2014 Webmaster Report**

I would like to thank the Area for sending me to the first National A.A. Technology Workshop that took place this year in St. Louis, MO, weekend of August 7. About 50 A.A. members gathered to exchange ideas about all things technology as it relates to Alcoholics Anonymous. The level of enthusiasm and expertise was unexpected and outstanding.

### **Workshop statement:**

Today in A.A. we don't have any easy ways to share technical experience and no common language for sharing it across service positions and areas. The Workshop's intent is to discuss ways to use technology to support our primary purpose and explore questions related to technology service in AA.

Since the Workshop we have started a very active online discussion group with dozens of topics ranging from what to do next year to starting group programing projects to make available to the fellowship as a whole.

### **Area 40 Website Report:**

I encourage District and Groups to send flyers so I can add them to the Calendar of Events. As it turns out, this is the second most used feature of our site.

Thanks to all the volunteers across the state that take the time to keep the information current on the website current.

**Thanks for letting me to serve, it's an honor and a privilege,**

**Alex M., Area 40 Webmaster**

Discussion was held about the possibility of having budgeting the technology workshop a yearly thing. It was mentioned that maybe the archivist and webmaster could switch off and on every year. Alex could be leaving and it would be good to have the new webmaster go as well. A possible replacement for webmaster was discussed.

C. Triangle Erin: 8 issues a year currently on fifth. Contact Erin if you would like to contribute. A reminder to update meeting information!

### **Fall Area Assembly 2014 Triangle Report**

Hello Area 40 Assembly Goers. The Triangle is scheduled to publish 8 issues per calendar year. So far we are on track with 5 of the issues completed. If you'd like to contribute an article please let me know. I'd be happy to print it.

The Triangle is mailed out to every group in Area 40 that provides group contact information. By past action there is a \$10 subscription fee, however, your group will still receive a Triangle even if that hasn't been paid.

Sometimes a group will pay their subscription fee, and then their contact information is out of date, due to a GSR change, a GSR moving, a group moving, or some other reason. This means that the Triangle is returned-to-sender at double the postage cost. Any group with outdated contact information is removed from the mailing list until new info is updated.

If your group doesn't receive a Triangle, and you'd like to, please fill out a Triangle change-of-address form. I have some with me today.

During this year of my rotation I had some struggles with producing the issues. I produced two issues by typing one-armed with a broken shoulder and rib. I wasn't able to attend the last Area Assembly due to another component of that injury. And, I had two complete hard drive crashes that wiped out my mailing lists and saved Triangle files. Yet the show went on. Thanks to wonderful people around Area 40 I was able to piece the mailing list back together, get the issues typed and printed, collect stories, and learn how to use a cloud backup service! Thank you Area 40 for helping the Triangle to succeed. The content is generated by you, for the purpose of communicating with one another—it's your newsletter.

Thank you for allowing me to serve during this rotation, as your Triangle Editor. Thank you to Carleen Layne for being the Editor to the Editor and proofreading every issue before it printed. And thank you to my sponsor, Sharon, for helping me learn the position and listening to me talk about it so often.

**Yours In Service,**

**Erin**

D. Policy and procedure changes from concerning problems with Answernet. Giving area 40 the ability to use a new hotline service.

Discussion changes 2nd paragraph to toll free provider instead of 800 or 888 #.

Final comments - rewording the final comments. This agenda item is aimed to give the area the ability to search for a new service. We should not be locked in. Change to "This agenda item is aimed at giving our area the ability to maintain a reliable answering service. vote change item wording G8.9 Sec 1 paragraph 2 from an 800 number to a toll free. G.12. paragraph 2. " to maintain Reliable service"

The motion was: change the wording of our policy and procedure on our hotline . G8.9 currently reads "Area 40 will implement an 800 number, utilizing the services and contract from Answernet" It would be changed to "Area 40 will implement a toll free number, utilizing the services of a reliable answering service" Section G12.5 would also be modified to reflect the change. 86 FOR 1 OPPOSED

E. review status of 2013 fall assembly agenda item submission to update the service manual. Discussion to use last fall's language in service manual. To remove FNV in group information provided on 2 forms stored in

GSO. The original request was not taken to GSO. Revise or original proposal to go to conference. Original is going to conference. Reviewed Status of original agenda item submission to AA service conference.

F. Review general guidelines and qualifications for area 40 trusted servants, along with those for public information and discuss the activities of the public information committee during the rotation.

### **Public information GSC**

A. Review the results of all public information item considered at the 2014 GSC.

Read by Luke S.

### **Report and charter**

A. Review the results of all report and charter committee items considered at the 2014 GSC. Read by Erin. Professionally edit reports of delegates.. what up with that.

Discuss PI work

Scott- making sure to stock all pamphlets. Like to get a big book in every library. Hotline workshop coming soon.

Tom F. We followed Area example and contributed to Area hotline. Trying to straighten our wrong number on meeting schedule.

### **LITERATURE – NICK D (8:00-8:24 pm)**

#### **Literature Chair Report**

Hello area 40!

My name is Nick D and I am an Alcoholic, and am honored to serve as the Area 40 Literature Chair. I would like to personally welcome each and every one of you, whether it's your first Assembly or you have been here since the first fight days. Thank you for your willingness to serve, and hope you will consider standing for a service position for this amazing fellowship that has transformed my life and made me of some use.

As you recall, we had a full plate at the Spring Assembly. We had nine items to be considered. First, I would like to thank all who that attended the Literature Committee and for all your hard work and input. I am looking forward to working with all of you again, and would like to invite anyone with an interest in literature to join us in committee next time. We have a request that Area 40 forward an agenda item to General Service Conference agenda to review all AA's pamphlets to identify the conflict with the 12 Traditions. I would expect this to create some great discussion in committee.

Since we last met the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Big Book has been released, and has sold well. And we have a new pamphlet on Spirituality called Many Paths to Spirituality; you can read it on aa.org or see one in our display. Also the Circles of Love and Service have been updated and are now available.

In closing I would also like to thank Sharon and all the other Chairs for their Service, it has been an honor. This is an exciting and important time in our fellowship and I'm grateful to be a small part of AA service.

May GOD continue to richly bless each of you.

Nick D

## **Literature committee report**

10:05 Opened with serenity prayer

Roll call;

Nick D literature chair, Daniel M. Dist 12, Lee T. Dist 41, Dist 21 absent, we had 2 additional members, Jake H. Whitefish and Ryan W., Missoula.

A- We review Area Chairs report.

B-We discussed in great length, and for most of our time and we think that we looked at this item from multiple views; do our pamphlets reflect our basic text and the program of recovery laid out in the Big Book, are they in line with our singleness of purpose as describe in our traditions? Is the amount of pamphlets over whelming to new comers and do we condense them? Are our pamphlets divisive with the "Alcoholic and a"? Are our pamphlets just fine and just need occasional revising? Or do we put a five or ten year minimum on reviews Do we water down our message with the "Alcoholic and a" theme that is in our recent literature? All this discussion brought forward a made and seconded motion as follows:

To evaluate the effectiveness of the ever expanding number of pamphlets weighed against the core principals of the program and the time and expense the pamphlets consume.

This motion was made by Sue O. and seconded by Lee T. It passed unanimous with 4 votes for and none against.

On the floor upon presenting our motion the fellowship asked for the motion to be revised. After meeting with the committee we revised our motion as follows:

The Area 40 Literature Committee Recommends: Area 40 submit an Agenda Item that requests a review of all Recovery Pamphlets to assure adherence to the 12 traditions of AA. Motion failed (see Sunday)

C- Reviewed the guidelines and qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and find they are adequate. Reviewed Literature Committees activities, we have been available and willing.

Literature GSO

A- Discussed, and found that GSO and Area 40 were findings the same as the sense of the area that were held at our spring 2014 Assembly.

Respectfully submitted, Nick D.

## **Treatment Chair report**

Greeting Area 40, my name is Brandon M and I am an alcoholic. I want start of by thanking all of Area 40 for allowing me to serve as your Area 40 Treatment Chair for this rotation. It was truly an honor to serve each of you in this capacity.

At the Spring 2014 assembly, the committee created a Special Needs / Accessibilities form for use in Area 40. The purpose of this form was to relay any special needs considerations for individuals attending an Area assembly. My responsibility was to get that form out to as many people as possible before the deadline. The form was present in the edition of the Triangle published right after the Spring assembly, as well as emailed to each DCM to hand out to GSRs at a district meeting. I received zero (0) responses or submissions of the form. Due to the nature of the discussion present at the assembly regarding special needs I can only assume that form was not adequate, and the importance not relayed to members of Area 40 correctly – that responsibility fell to me, and I came up lacking. After talking with a member at the assembly, one who's submission of the form I was specifically looking for, it was brought to my attention that the form was not specific enough to meet the needs of members. I will work hard with this person (who shall remain anonymous) and get an updated form out as quickly as possible. Look for it in the Triangle, the website, and DCMs PLEASE watch for it in your inbox.

Shortly after the assembly District 11 asked me to sit in on an ad-hoc committee to rekindle the relationship the district had with the local treatment facility, Rimrock Foundation. Thank you to Mike D. DCM District 11 for asking me to take part in this ad-hoc committee.

Jessica E from Bozeman helped facilitate a switch at MCDC in Butte from a Wednesday afternoon meeting to Saturday evening. The goal of this was to allow for more members to help take a meeting into MCDC, as well as help ensure that we, A.A., were better able to make this commitment – I can understand how a Wednesday afternoon meeting would be difficult with having a full-time job etc.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Area 40 Treatment Chair this rotation. I have “grown-up” in service here in A.A – my home group started me off at just a few months as an opener, and shortly afterwards as a GSR and I haven't looked back. Service work as offered me so much in my life and I only hope I was able to give back to you that which you all have freely given me.

In Service,

Brandon M

## **Treatment Committee Report**

### **Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment Chair
  - a. See attached report
- B. Consider recommending a theme and discussion/workshop/presentation topics for the 2016 General Service Conference.
  - a. The committee had much discussion on this item. Everyone in attendance got a chance to share their ideas for topics. We then went through all ideas and chose one (1) theme and three (3) discussion/workshop/presentation topics. After all of the discussion the committee recommends the following:



## Motion

The Treatment / Special Needs-Accessibilities / Agenda committee recommends the following theme and discussion / workshop / presentation topics be submitted for the 2016 General Service Conference:

1. Theme – Service – Reinvesting in your sobriety
2. Topics:
  - a. Safety in A.A.
  - b. What is Service?
  - c. How to give back what you have been given
  - d. Fear of Service – What am I committing to?

**72 For 1 opposed**

- C. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those for Treatment, and discuss activities on the Treatment Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.
- a. We reviewed all of the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and Treatment and found all guidelines and qualifications were appropriate for each position reviewed.
  - b. Discussion around various activities the committee undertook during the 2013-2014 rotation.

### **Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – GSC**

- A. Review the results of all Treatment / Special Needs-Accessibilities committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.
- a. There were no recommendations from the committee at the General Service Conference (GSC)

### **Agenda – GSC**

- A. Review the results of all Agenda committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.
- a. We reviewed all of the items from the Agenda committee that came out as recommendations. The complete list can be found in the 2014 Final Report from the General Service Conference (GSC). Some quick highlights of those items:
    - i. The Theme for the 2015 GSC is “Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity, and Service – The Foundation for Our Future.”
    - ii. The description of the Conference Agenda committee (Chapter 8 in the Service Manual) will be revised to read – the addition will to the description will be in bold:

**AGENDA (trustees’ committee: General Service Conference):** Reviews and approves the overall format and content of the agenda for the annual Conference meeting; Considers the proposed Conference themes, presentation/discussion topics **and Conference Evaluation Questionnaire.**

The committee had 4 of the 5 voting members present as well as 9 other attendees. Discussion was excellent and I personally want to thank the committee members for doing an outstanding job this rotation and what a pleasure it was to work with each of them. A special thank you to Carly G from Dist 61 for an excellent job taking notes!

## **FINANCE – LIBBIE L (8:35-8:45 pm)**

10 People in Attendance.

Voting Members present: Libbie L. Chair, Sharon S. Delegate, Gerry R. Area Chair/Alt. Delegate, Brynn C. DCM 42, Jerry R. DR 51. Thanks to Rebecca S. for taking notes and to all who attended.

### **Finance – Area 40**

#### **A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer.**

This last assembly in our 2013-2014 Rotation has rapidly arrived. The lame duck months of this panel are soon upon us. I will continue to pay the bills, deposit contributions, and balance the books, but don't forget me, or any other committee chair, for the next 3 months. We all continue to be available as your trusted servants.

Since the Spring Assembly:

- Retrieved my laptop from the computer hospital -clean slate
- Participated at the Great Falls Founders day
- Visited and hiked along the Oregon Coast and in Glacier park (family pics)
- Attended D91 Delegate Report and studied the GSO Finance Report
- Shared at the D91 Service workshop-Area Assembly structure
- Registered for the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta
- Continue to Rely on a whole host of Sponsees who keep me honest and busy

The 2015 Area 40 Budget took most of our time in committee today. This is always a great forum to discuss self-support and to remember where *Money and Spirituality Mix*. The rest of the Agenda reviewed the activities of the Treasurer/Finance Chair and any Area 40 Policies and Procedures recommendations. We also reviewed the GSC 2014 Finance Committee actions.

I have given a finance packet to all the DCM's and as always, there are copies of all my reports and a display in the back.

From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions page 121

*...when the acquisition of money for financial independence looked more important than a right dependence upon God, we were still the victims of unreasonable fears. And these were fears which would make a serene and useful existence, at any financial level, quite impossible.*

*But as time passed we found that with the help of AA's Twelve Steps we could lose those fears, no matter what our material prospects were. ...Money gradually became our servant and not our master. It became a means of exchanging love and service with those about us.*

Thank you for exchanging love and service with those about us by allowing our finances to be our servant and for letting me be a part of that with you.

#### **B. Consider the proposed 2015 Area 40 Budget (**WAS PRESENTED ON SUNDAY**)**

Finance Committee Recommended 2015 Budget totaling \$32,210.

Prudent Reserve, \$10,736.67

See complete Budget 2015 attached.

**This passed with substantial unanimity.**

- C. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those for Finance and Treasurer, and discuss the activities of The Finance Committee and Treasurer during the 2013-2014 rotation.

- Area 40 Policies and Procedures manual-G12.3 File 990S with federal government.

Finance Committee Recommended that G12.3 page 19 Policies and Procedures be changed to read:

**MOTION**

G12.3 File all necessary legal and tax forms for the State of Montana and the Federal Government.

**88 For 0 Opposed on the floor of the Assembly**

*This passed with substantial unanimity.*

- Eliminate 2 signature requirement on checks  
Committee discussed the two signature policy on the checking account and decided to make no changes at this time.
- Organized transition with audit committee and new treasurer.

Current treasurer is committed to an organized transition with the audit committee and the incoming treasurer.

- Self-Support Celebrations (cake)

We made the reminder to the assembly that this presentation is still available.

**Finance – GSC**

- A. Review the results of all Finance committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.

The Area 40 Finance Committee felt that the \$1600 amount seems adequate and that we agree to pay that fee. We also discussed that groups and individual should fund GSO completely so we wouldn't have to rely on the Areas to help fund their delegate. This fee can help remove barriers to delegate going to GSC from Areas that can't fund. We also discussed the cost comparison of having the conference in Rye/Westchester vs Manhattan/NYC. It would interest us to see if moving all of the equipment and staff to Rye is truly cost efficient. (Area 40 Spring Assembly 2014 GSC Finance Agenda)

The committee reviewed the suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference and after a lengthy discussion felt an increase was not necessary at this time.

(Additional Considerations page 64, 64<sup>th</sup> GSC Final Report)

- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

The Area 40 Finance Committee reviewed the Self-Support packet. This included its contents and the planned change to the printing on the Self-Support Green card. This change would add "Gratitude expressed through contributions reaches the still-suffering alcoholic" to the next print batch which is scheduled. (Not a voting item) We also discussed some of the items in the packet and felt it was important to mention that the pie charts in the Self-Support Where Money and Spirituality Mix pamphlet are only a suggestion.

(Area 40 Spring Assembly 2014 GSC Finance Agenda)

The committee reviewed the Self-Support packet and suggests that the following changes, as the Self-Support Card (F-42) are being updated by the AAWS Finance Committee:

- Add the phrase “Your contributions help ensure the future of our Fellowship worldwide” in the “Some facts” section of the card.
- Delete the phrase “Give until it feels good” under “Personal thoughts.”
- In addition to reporting the average costs per member, add the year of the costs that are quoted so the reader will know how current the information is.

(Additional Considerations page 64, 64<sup>th</sup> GSC Final Report)

2014 Conference Advisory Action by Finance Committee

It was recommended that:

Because all Conference members are considered equal, all members should have equal access to Conference material and that a plan be created by the General Service Office to translate Conference material (background material, Conference Manual, etc.) into French and Spanish for use during the Conference, with a report being presented to the 2015 General Service Conference. This plan may include coordinating the use of the volunteer network throughout the Fellowship, hiring professional translators or any other facilities that the office deems necessary. The report should include costs and any other considerations deemed necessary to allow timely translations to occur.

(Advisory Actions page 7, 64<sup>th</sup> GSC Final Report)

### **GSR BREAKOUT (9:00-10:00 pm)**

Bob H, Moderator

Opened with the Serenity Prayer. Questions for group:

How may GSR's give background to group before Area Assembly?

District provides background, GSR School

Who Chairs business meetings?

Alt GSR or an elected chair

What jobs for Alt GSR?

Chair business meeting, tag along with GSR for experience at District and Area

How to get GSR Packet?

Get a hold of GSO for GSR kit, You get a packet when you register at Area with secretary / registrar

Do we stay standing as GSR if no one steps up?

We should rotate or no one will step up when our term is up

How to promote people to be GSR or Alt GSR?

s23 of Service manual, enthusiasm

Make service interesting! Sponsorship!

Can you be a GSR for more than one group?

No. Don't rob them of their service work, One GSR, One vote, One voice

How do some groups not have GSR's?

You don't have to have a GSR, You should have a GSR for participation, We can't stop a group from doing anything

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Thank you Ty for taking notes

## **DCM BREAKOUT (9:00-10:00 pm)**

Earl H, Moderator

1. When having a difficult time getting participation in the district service structure, how can we encourage people to get involved?
    - a) Team building exercise/workshop.
    - b) Find people with passion/enthusiasm and encourage them to chase it.
    - c) Define our district's service positions and policies clearly. Written down in black and white. District Guidelines.
    - d) Setting unified goals together and reviewing progress over time.
    - e) Feed them.
    - f) Assign GSR's to serve on a District Standing Committee.
    - g) Timing of your workshop.... and feed them.
    - h) Utilize the power of sponsorship to encourage participation.
    - i) Make it fun!
  2. How would you neutralize a power struggle in a situation where somebody is not showing up, and everyone else is trying to take over the responsibilities of that position?
  3. What would you have done differently after your rotation / What did you learn that you would pass on?
    - a) Visit more groups, more often.
    - b) Let inactive groups know what you are up to with donated resources.
    - c) You are being watched everywhere, and it is very important to exude enthusiasm and mind your conduct.
    - d) Share all of the positive benefits of service work- make it attractive to be of service.
  4. In a district that has not been in the spirit of rotation, and questionable Treasury practices have been often apparent... What do you do??
    - a) Insist on getting answers, make some noise about it, get people informed that there is a problem.
    - b) Take regular inventory/audit.
  5. How do you handle situations where your jail volunteers are lacking in variety?
    - a) Falls under the need for more participation.
  6. What is the separation between your district coordinating 12 step work and a group taking over the responsibility on its own?
    - a) Falls under participation.
  7. What is the difference between having an H&I committee vs a Corrections and separate Treatment committee?
  8. What exactly is an Alt DCM?
    - a) Each district is autonomous: some are district chairs, some are not.However it is very important to work as a team with the DCM. Be involved, engaged, ask questions.
    - b) Read the Service Manual.
  9. What do you do when your group is flooded with Alcoholic And-A's?
    - a) Get enthusiastic members to mentor them.
    - b) Don't chase them away right away. Inform them about Alcoholism, give them a chance to relate.
- Thank you Mike D, DCM District 11, for taking notes at the DCM breakout



## **SUNDAY SESSION**

**8:00 am Libbie announced 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and passed around the basket.**

### **8:05 Roundup Reports**

#### **2014 Spring Roundup in Butte**

The Butte Spring Roundup was a great success! We had approximately 400 attendees. It truly was Serenity in the Rockies and Fairmont Hot Springs was wonderful to us. We passed on the seed money to Great Falls and did a split among District, Al Anon and the Pink Can fund.

#### **2014 Fall Roundup in Great Falls**

The 2014 Fall Roundup in Great Falls, MT. Will be at the Heritage Inn on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of October--next month--less than three weeks away. Great AA speakers: Lee H. from Great Falls, Mari G. from Toronto, CAN, and Doug R. from Tujunga, CA; and great AL Anon speakers Kay from Wolf Creek and Larcine G. from Hawthorne, CA. \$30 reg fee. I can collect those before you leave here, today. Don't miss out on this fantastic fellowship opportunity. There will be entertainment that you can be a part of. Lee H. and his brother have a set up that will add Geno from Havre, as well as others from around the Area with a music venue that we can all participate in. Speaking of collaboration, we have a quilt that members and groups from all over the area have a part of that will be auctioned as part of the raffle Saturday night. Don't miss out on this fun and unifying weekend. Hope to see everyone there participating.

Lee Thompson Chair for the 2014 Fall Roundup in Area 40

#### **2015 Spring Roundup Helena**

Hello my name is Tracey and I am an alcoholic. I am the Spring 2015 Roundup chair for District 61. This has been a very educational experience for me and I am grateful to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in the capacity.

We continue to have meetings the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at the Wilson House in Helena MT. My committee has been wonderful and with only a few months until the event, I am proud to say that we have the majority of the work completed. I am truly grateful for everyone's help.

We will be holding the event at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> of 2015. Rich B. from Maryland and Sharon S. from LA will be our main speakers and our local speaker will be Rick W. The theme we have chosen is "Came to Believe" and will include marathon meetings, workshops, a banquet, Saturday evening dance, and many other opportunities for fellowship.

I have fliers available to take back to your district and the flyer is also on the area website. The program will be posted on the area website as well as soon as it is completed.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Tracey R

#### **2015 Fall Roundup Report Kalispell**

Pre-register now and save \$5! The 2015 Fall Roundup will be held October 9, 10, 11 at the Red Lion Inn in Kalispell. Eva S from the General Service Office will be sharing her story as well as two other wonderful speakers. Mark your calendars, it's never too early to pre-register!

In Service,

Kacie M, 2015 Fall Roundup Committee Chair

## **INTERGROUP REPORTS**

### **District 91/Flathead Valley Intergroup Report for Area 40 Fall Assembly:**

Our Intergroup Business meetings are held the last Saturday of every month at 6:30pm at the United Methodist Church at 117 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West Columbia Falls, Montana. After the Business meeting Intergroup hosts a monthly Birthday Meeting at 8:00pm to celebrate valley wide sobriety accomplishments followed by cake and fellowship. Intergroup has 16 Chair positions which are filled. All current Chairs are very passionate, dedicated and active people in sobriety within the Flathead Valley willing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Intergroup provides the AA meeting schedules for the entire Flathead Valley from Eureka all the way to Elmo Montana. The schedules are also available via our website which is [aa-kalispell.org](http://aa-kalispell.org). The schedules are printed quarterly or printed if needed.

Our website in June had 1,217 visitors, July had 1,447 visitors and in August the website had 1,531 visitors. Our website also posts any open service positions available on a District and Intergroup level as well as AA related flyers for any Flathead Valley events. Intergroup also has a Northwest Montana AA Hotline which is (406) 257-7185, in which for the month of July 3, 2014 through July 31, 2014 there were 30 inbound calls and 2 outbound calls.

On July 26, 2014, Intergroup amended and approved our By Laws in which our three trustee's/Steering Committee were able to review and advise Intergroup of their recommendations to the revision of the By Laws to better reflect our service positions and roles currently. Intergroup hosts 13 Valley wide events yearly some of which include: Annual Campout at Emery Bay in Hungry Horse which was held August 1- 3rd, in which we had two speakers from WA State, about 10 groups represented and about 100 people in attendance. Annual Halloween Event, Annual Thanksgiving Event, Annual New Year's Eve through New Year's Day Alcathon, St. Patrick's Event, Annual Spring Fling BBQ.

As a side note our Intergroup is following 6 of the 7 requirements out of the Services Manual S41.

We are alive, strong and continue to serve alcoholics in need.

Nikki T., Intergroup Chair District 91

## **DCM REPORTS DISTRICTS 71, 72, 81, 91, 93 (8:10 - 8:20 am)**

### **DISTRICT 71 BETTY P – DCM**

My name is Betty and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 71. Our district is doing great! We have meetings in Dillon, Anaconda, Phillipsburg, Deer Lodge, Butte, Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Georgetown Lake and Whitehall. We have three new groups in Butte and we have 25 groups and 80 meetings per week in our district.

MCDC, the treatment center, has permitted AA to have weekly speaker meetings for a long time. Starting a couple months ago, we are able to bring in AA meetings weekly, one evening for the women and another evening for the men.

We had a picnic at Benny Goodman Park in Anaconda on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was our annual Delegates Day event at which Sharon gave her report. Good food, good fellowship and a great report.

Yours in service, Betty P., DCM District 71

## **DISTRICT 72 RAY M – DCM**

I have had many good and bad experiences As DCM. It is a job that has helped me grow as a person and has made me appreciate a lot of things that go into running our program for the benefit of all AA's. I would really like to thank all of you for this journey.

District 72 is a very active district with many good AA's doing a wide range of services to the alcoholic community in our area. My home group, the how group in Bozeman, will be holding their annual speaker event on Saturday, October 4th at the fellowship hall. There are fliers available on the Area 40 web site. Come join us in Bozeman.

## **DISTRICT 81 SHERRY C. – DCM**

It's been a quiet summer in District 81. After projecting the necessity of taking a summer hiatus due to the condemnation of their meeting place due to asbestos, I am happy to report that the Zootown Happy Hour meeting has found a new home. You never know what will prompt a meeting to have to move.

District 81 continues to take meetings into the Missoula County Jail, both the women's and men's sides, despite the limited number of people allowed to take the yearly training course the sheriff requires. We will persist in taking meetings into the jail despite the hoops we have to jump through because AA's message is desperately needed in our jail.

Treatment takes meetings into MCDC, the Teen Recovery Center, the Providence Center's mental health ward, and the Missoula Recovery Center, a residential treatment center. Our Bridging the Gap Chair continues to do a great job of hooking up newly released recovering individuals with contacts in our District.

Founder's Day went well, I was told, and I regret not being in town to enjoy the festivities.

September is Recovery Month and AA will have a table at the Recovery Day events on September 25<sup>th</sup> in Caras Park. The event is not affiliated nor associated with the organizer and the press has been informed of our anonymity requirements.

In October, District will be hosting a workshop on "Keeping AA Safe". More information will be available once we have decided on a location and date.

Plans for the Spring 2016 in Missoula are under way.

I thank you all for the many opportunities to grow during the past two years.

YIS, Sherry Coleman

## **DISTRICT 91 PAUL L. – DCM**

I am an alcoholic and my name is Paul.

I would like to thank the groups in District 91 for their support while I served as their DCM.

We have many active groups and our monthly District Business meetings are well attended. District 91 holds their business meeting on the last Sunday of the month with the location of the meeting changing monthly as it is hosted by different groups. The groups in District 91 support meetings to the Wilderness Treatment Center, Pathways Treatment facility and the county jail. Groups sign up to cover these meetings on a rotating basis.

I continue to have the good fortune of being able to attend meetings at nearly every group in the District as well as some of their monthly Group Conscience meetings and have made many friends. Many of the groups in the District hosted campouts over the summer and I was able to attend some of these and get in a few hands of cribbage as well. The fellowship was great as were the speakers.

In July I attended the Western Regional Forum in Boise. There were a ton of people there as well as a boatload of past Delegates and Trustees. It is always great to hear from the General Service Office about their perspective on how the fellowship is doing. While there I attended 2 workshops; "Safety in A.A. meetings" and "What makes a good A.A. meeting". They were very informative and thought provoking.

Service is alive and well in District 91 and in order to keep it that way we restarted a Service Workshop that began many years ago by past Delegate Robbie Sullivan and others. This workshop consisted of a panel presentation by 4 members of the Area 40 Committee and a past Delegate. They talked about A.A. Service at the Group level, District level, Area level, what is a GSR and what happens at the General Service Conference. We had 46 people attend and nearly all the pizza was consumed. Some of the attendees had never been to an event like this and we received good feedback from them.

Some of the upcoming events being held in the District are the Fall Refresher, the Christmas and New Years Alcathons and the annual Into Action event in February. The upcoming Spring/Fall(?) Roundup in 2015 will also be held in District 91. For additional information about our local events check the Area 40 website or the website hosted by the Flathead Valley Intergroup at [www.aa-kalispell.org](http://www.aa-kalispell.org).

Yours in service, Paul L. DCM District 91

### **DISTRICT 93 Mike M. – DCM**

My name is Mike and I'm an alcoholic. I currently serve as DCM for District 93, located in the southwest corner of God's country (aka the Bitterroot Valley). This is a large district that extends from Lolo to Conner. District 93 currently has 13 groups with 29 meetings offered each week. Our newest group is designed for beginners and called "Keep Coming Back". It meets twice a week on Tuesdays at 6:45 and Saturdays at 1:15 pm in Hamilton. Most of our meetings are open, with only three closed meetings, including the Hamilton Group, a Women's Discussion Group and the Men's Stag Group. For the most part, meetings are well-attended. I sense that the need for AA is growing in Western Montana, as newcomers continue to show up frequently at our meetings. We had a busy and fun-filled summer in District 93. The Bitterroot Picnic and Campout was held in late June at Como Lake. The weather was perfect, and we had a swell time playing games, meeting around the camp fire, and eating food with too many calories. I want to thank those who pitched in to help cook, clean and keep the fire going! On Sunday, Sharon S. gave an informative Delegate's report, and we really appreciate her for taking the time to travel and talk with us. In July, Norm's picnic was held on the West Fork of the Bitterroot River. We are grateful to Andrew W for speaking to the attendees. We are currently gearing up to host a Halloween party in October and pre-Assembly for Districts 93 and 81 in the spring of 2015. A new set of district officers and committee chairs was elected last week (9-14-14) at our District 93 business meeting. The results would indicate that the district is in good hands for another two years. With God's help we will continue to serve our brothers and sisters with increasing effectiveness.

In grateful service, Mike M.

### **ADHOC COMMITTEE FOR FALL 2015 INVENTORY**

Gerry announced that the adhoc committee has been formed for the 2015 Fall Area 40 Inventory

Chaired by Sharon S,

Committee Dave O District 11, Roxi B District 71, Scott S District 91, Sam B District 91

### **PAST DELEGATE SHARING EARL F (8:30 - 8:45 am)**

Earl shared his experience with service and encouraged us to do the same. A third of AA is service and it seems like less people are getting involved. Why is it only 10% do all the work? Ask yourself. Sobered up in Indiana and the alt delegate took him to lots of AA. Service is the softer easier softer way to stay sober and help pass it on. Do not rotate out but rotate on. Help those coming into your service position. Be active in your home group, make service attractive, talk about it. Follow thru with your commitment; we may be the only copy of the Big Book people might see. Communication is the key, Love and Tolerance is our code. Listening is so important, pay attention to your group conscience. Earl closed with a reading on humility.

### **PAST DELEGATE BOB H (8:45 - 9:00 am)**

Bob had a sponsor that was very service orientated 30 years ago. Bob loves carrying the message into physc wards and jails. He was Delegate panel 62, 1992-1993. He talked about early days at Area Assembly. It was a rodeo in the past. Went to WCRSSC as Alt Delegate and saw how others did things. I was introduced into the committee system at regional forum. I learned that a chair does not get involved in discussion but just chairs the assembly. We decided where round ups would be. Robbie S re-wrote the agenda that Bob and Joe wrote for the committee system and it passed. The Pendleton jacket that Libbie got yesterday started with me, then passed on to Mark, Robbie, Eric and so on. What troubles me at election assembly is the lack of people that stand for positions. We need to change that. Be there when people show up and welcome them. I did a workshop in Kev, Ukraine and there was only Intergroup-no service. So I am grateful for our service.

### **DELEGATES REPORT SHARON S (9:00 - 9:40 am)**

My name is Sharon S. and I am an alcoholic. It is my honor and responsibility to serve as your delegate to the 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. I'm inclined to have served, but, like you, I have 3 more months before I rotate on from this service position you have trusted me with and from which I have gained so much.

Thanks to the committee for such a great job these two years. Gerry and I had some hurt feelings at the beginning, but amends were made and I think we worked well together, Gerry has done a great job as Area Chair. Libbie has been a fabulous Treasurer, and Mary as Secretary, the registrar part of that job is huge and she has done such a great job at getting and keeping the Area 40 committee and group information updated in FNV, which is so important for communication between GSO and the groups. The standing committee was fabulous, thanks to them and the work the districts and groups did in pre-assemblies and at the Spring Assembly, I went to the Conference both years, confident that I understood the agenda items. I may have been afraid, lacking self-confidence and worried about how I looked, but I knew the material! And, thanks to our great Webmaster Alex. He has always been so responsive and patient. Sometimes he had to undo things I asked him to do more than once!

Thank you Bob and Earl for your sharing. You reminded me of parts of my own story. I got to Alcoholics Anonymous in utterly hopeless condition. I don't know that I looked that bad, as I am pretty good at looking good, but I was hopeless in a deep dark way, deep inside of my heart. Page 52 describes that pretty well; and I thought the problem was my childhood and the people in my life. No wonder I was depressed, that always happens when I depend on people or situations outside of myself to make me ok! I was having problems with my daughter, a teenager who was having problems at school and with friendships. We went to a family counsellor who spoke to each of individually and then together, then said to me, "she is going to okay, do you want to come back?" A year later I was finally able to be honest with him about my drinking and he suggested I go to an A.A. meeting. He knew where it was and what time it was and enough to give me an idea about what AA was. I'm pretty sure the AA's in that community were doing their job, they had reached out to that professional and told him where to send a woman like me! So that group of women in that first AA meeting shared their stories with me and I knew that they knew; I also had a feeling that they had found something, so I came back. They gave me a service position and let me join their group (I was afraid to ask); they, and others, kept inviting me back and into the middle of AA. I didn't have to drink and eventually I worked the steps. I had a spiritual experience as a result; actually, I keep having these experiences! Like being allowed to serve as your delegate. It's been a long, slow process for me, but I am so grateful. I am especially grateful for the sponsor who, from the beginning, exemplified our three legacies. She rarely tells me what to do, like getting a service position. She just invited me along with her, doing these things.

On to my delegate's report. Thanks to the districts who hosted delegate's reports and thanks to those of you who were able to attend one. After next weekend, I will have personally visited all of the districts to report on the conference. This really is the best part of this service position, spending time with you and AA members in your districts. I am not going to give my entire conference report —The committees have reviewed their items and reported committee discussions and recommendations. I will cover a few of the agenda items toward the end of the report.



Although the agenda for 64<sup>th</sup> annual General Service Conference was not heavy, it was full. The members of the conference disagreed on many things. Several committee recommendations received majority votes, but failed to achieve substantial unanimity. I think this is a reflection of what is going on in our fellowship and that we have lots to think about and discuss as it relates to how we can reach out to other alcoholics and offer them the solution we have found here.

The General Service Board met in August and decided a few things:

- Literature price increase and decrease in shipping charges
- Long term decision to keep G.S.O. in NYC
- Authorized a draw down of up to \$1.3m from the Reserve Fund to move forward with a remodel of the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Interchurch building to better use the space available and share it with the Grapevine

The AAWS Board met last weekend. Yesterday I received an email from Bill N., the Board Chairperson. I was already here, so too late to make copies, but I will be forwarding it to the DCM's who will share it with their groups. The AAWS Board had a strategic planning session and wants the fellowship to know they have realized that "depending on literature profits to make up the shortfall of contributions is not a sustainable model to remain self-supporting". In addition to communication about the numbers, they will strive to communicate the value of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and will be including '7<sup>th</sup> Tradition stories' in the Grapevine, Box 4-5-9 and contribution acknowledgements. If you have a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition story to share, please send it to the address provided in the memo.

Registration for the International Convention July 2 – 5 in Atlanta opened September 3. I am registered and hope to see you there.

Other AAWS information. Hopefully, many of you have visited the new website, aa.org. If you have not, I invite you to do so. The find AA Near You is designed to fit the needs of AA communities with Intergroups or Central Offices. I have requested in a few different ways that Area 40 be handled differently and that the Area 40 hotline and web page be the first response. I invite you to comment also, if you have not already.

The theme for the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference is "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service — The Foundation for Our Future" ... please consider using this theme at your local AA events, too! Discussion topics were also set for the conference and, hopefully, these provide food for thought for your local AA events, too, and will stimulate conversations in groups about how we can continue and improve carrying the message of AA to alcoholics who still suffer:

- Diversity in A.A. — Our Heritage of Inclusion
- Safety and Respect — Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group
- Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology
- Inventory

A few things from the General Service Conference:

Significant actions:

The conference passed with overwhelming support "Many Paths to Spirituality" which went on sale the first of August. The very good news is that this pamphlet is such a good example of the year-round conference process and the committee process. This pamphlet started in 2009 as an area request for a video on the topic. In the 5 years since, each conference worked on the project and A.A.W.S. and the trustees worked on it year-round. There has been much disagreement whether we should have a pamphlet, but substantial unanimity always called for some literature. Then we struggled about what it should say; many drafts were sent back to trustees' for more work. Most of us think this pamphlet is very good, but not perfect. I dislike one sentence [Today I can even recite the Lord's Prayer without feeling guilty since it was pointed out to me in "How it works" that I have to any length to get sober] as I think it implies that "How it works" says we have to say the Lord's Prayer to get sober; I believe "How it works" is talking about the steps and that it is not necessary to say the Lord's Prayer in order to get or stay sober! There were attempts to wordsmith it from the floor, but as is often the case, we

couldn't come up with changes that really worked in context with the story and that we agreed on so, in the end, we approved the pamphlet with very close to a unanimous vote, and I voted in favor.

We have conducted the triennial survey, with four Area 40 groups participating. The results have been turned in and we'll see the 2014 Membership Survey pamphlet when Libbie comes back from the Conference.

The controversial "Alcoholism at Large" section of the Grapevine will continue to be published. The members of AA are very divided on this issue. A majority of conference members wanted it removed, but not substantial unanimity. I suspect that future conferences will be discussing this and hopefully will be able to create a solution that meets the needs of everyone.

The Conference also discussed the request to create a pamphlet for alcoholics with mental illness and took no action. This was a very emotional topic and we spent a long time hearing lots of stories. Again, the conference was divided, with a majority of members voting for the pamphlet, but not a substantial unanimity. In the end, I voted against it because as I listened to the appeals to do something I came to believe that a pamphlet is not going to solve this issue. It is one of those things that, as a fellowship, we need to be having some more conversations about starting in our home group and finding out how we can reach out the hand of AA to those who come to our meetings and may have trouble hearing and/or understanding us; reaching over that barrier to offer what we have been given.

I've mentioned these actions/no actions because I expect they will come to future conferences in some way or other ... and we have work to do on issues on which we are divided. I think this starts, one alcoholic working with another, communicating with each other (listening) to each other; with our home groups discussing these things and attempting to find experience or ideas that will help us carry the message to people we may be missing or failing to reach out to in a way that they can understand.

So, in closing, please talk with each other in the language of the heart and ask what we can do to help the alcoholic who still suffers, then in the way of those who passed before, take the action!

Thanks for your cards, letters, cards, emails, and prayers at the conference. I appreciate you so much and am honored to be trusted to serve you. I will do my best to show up and finish out this rotation in the next three months!

Yours in Love and Service,

Sharon S. Panel 63 Delegate, Area 40 Montana

## **FLOOR ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE REPORTS, MOTIONS, AND DISCUSSION**

### **AREA 40 FINANCE - 2015 BUDGET - LIBBIE L (10:05 - 10:45 am)**

#### **Agenda Item C: Consider the proposed 2015 Area 40 Budget.**

##### **Motion**

2015 Budget was approved with change from the floor of the assembly to line item:

Computer Hardware/Software \$150 to \$300.

##### **77 For – 5 Opposed**

There was some discussion on the floor to keep a budget of \$1,500 for Webmaster travel to technology workshop. But motion failed to revote

2015 Budget total of \$32, 210.00 approved.

##### **85 FOR - 1 Opposed**

## **ARCHIVES/AREA 40 STRUCTURE & POLICY – KIRA A (10:50 - 11:00 am)**

### **Archives Chair Report**

I'm Kira A and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you for letting me be your Area 40 archives chair for the 2013 – 2014 rotation. It truly is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in this capacity.

During this rotation I gave myself a project to work on. I set out to interview old-timers in AA, not for their personal stories, but rather to make record of the general atmosphere of Alcoholics Anonymous in Montana at the time they started their sobriety. Each interview was highly structured, with identical questions being asked of each interviewee. All interviews were taped and some were also transcribed. I was able to interview people in Helena, Bozeman, Missoula and St. Ignatius.

The end result of the project was to be a conglomeration of all the responses to each question, assembled together to see how they compared and contrasted. The question *How were young people treated and what was considered young?* would be followed by each interviewee's answer. Each response was unique, showing a variety of perceptions and experiences in AA as it was twenty or forty years ago.

I have brought a sample of this project with me, something tangible to show what I have been doing as your archives chair. This booklet has the responses from interviews done in Helena. It's about 50 pages and I can get it to anyone who would like it, either in paper form or via email. Last names are present so it is confidential.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve Area 40. Kira A

### **Archives Committee Report—Area 40**

Eight people in attendance with all five voting members present (Kira A, Joel W, Nance G, Roxie B, Claudia B, Mike M, Steve S, Mike D)

Archives—Area 40

- A) Archives report was given
- B) Archivist report was given (in Earl's absence)
- C) Review guidelines and qualifications—committee looked over them and felt they were in order.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A) Review non-election assembly framework—The online survey conducted during the summer had 4 responses, all of which were positive. The committee members, likewise, have received only positive feedback. The welcome sessions/orientation are very helpful for both newcomers and “old-timers.” We definitely want this format to stay.

### **Archives—GSC**

- A) Review all archives items from GSC—Two items were discussed: the recommendation of the movie “Markings on the Journey” and making additions to the Archives Workbook. The movie is now produced and available. The additions to the Workbook are archivists sharing personal experiences with preserving archival material and further information on copyrights and the legalities regarding interviews, etc.

## **Archivist Report / Earl F**

Greetings everyone, my name is Earl Fink and I am an alcoholic and I am serving as the Area 40 Archivist. I am happy to report to you that the archives collection is safe, clean and dry. The collection is warm in the summer and cool in the winter.

Since the last Assembly I have not been real busy with travel or events. I attended the Area 40 Roundup at Fairmont Hot Springs with a display. It was a great activity that was well attended and had some great speakers. While there I scheduled to attend the Fall Round-up in Great Falls and will be attending that with a display on October 11 – 13. I was able to host the District 72 Archives Chair and Treatment Chair for a visit to the Archives Repository. I was able to give them a small tour and allow them to view our collection. I visited with Kathie B., the DCM for District 31, and tried to get a display and talk scheduled for their summer picnic, but that didn't quite work out. Perhaps we will be able to do it sometime in the future.

I have started moving files to our long term storage preparing for the upcoming rotation. There is still time for Districts to send me minutes from their District meetings and activities over this latest rotation. I have plans to purchase a scanner that will aid me in digitizing our records, with the funds available in the current Archivist account.

Please include me on your email lists and remember that I would be glad to attend your activities with a display or presentation. If you are ever in the Ennis area and would like to view our collection, please call and schedule a visit.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

### **LITERATURE – NICK D CONTINUED (11:00 - 11:05 am)**

On the floor upon presenting our motion the fellowship asked for the motion to be revised. After meeting with the committee we revised our motion as follows:

The Area 40 Literature Committee Recommends: Area 40 submit an Agenda Item that requests a review of all Recovery Pamphlets to assure adherence to the 12 traditions of AA. Motion failed

**14 FOR – 62 Opposed**

### **WEBMASTER VACANCY (11:05 – 12:19 pm)**

Gerry R presented 4 options to the floor:

1. Have election today
2. Nominations: but DCMs return to groups to discuss. Then have conference call November 1<sup>st</sup> to poll the area committee and then elect Webmaster.
3. Do nothing and wait till Spring Assembly.
4. Vote to begin process with outside web company to handle

There was much discussion from the floor on what to do about the open webmaster position due to Alex M being elected Area Chair / Alt Delegate.

Bob H. called for a point of order stating that the Area Chair cannot make motions or have the input by the four suggestions above. The Area Chair is to chair the assembly. The Chair replied that they were presented as options that the Assembly body was free to develop and decide their own.

We talked about bringing back the vacancy announcement to groups so that members are aware there is a vacancy and qualified people can stand for position. There are qualified members here willing to stand. Vote today to keep website up or at least fill vacancy that will occur the first of the year.

A member suggested it gets taken back to the Districts and DCM's.

Another member read the qualifications from the P & P to see if there was someone that qualified for the webmaster chair.

It was suggested that we vote in an interim webmaster till the Spring 2015 Area Assembly.

Someone from the floor asked why we have to take back to groups with nominee names when we do not do that for any other chair positions.

Scott W called for a point of order, stating that, the Chair was becoming too involved in the deliberations. The Chair thanked Scott and agreed.

Mike D, DCM District 11 made a motion & was seconded:  
Proceed as usual to elect webmaster today.

Discussion:

Sharon was not in favor of this motion because we just found out that the position was going to become available.

When Gerry stepped down as Area Archivist, we were aware of that for 6 months prior.

What is the term limit was asked. The position is non-rotating.

Are people really qualified, do they really know what the position entails.

We need time to get someone trained

Let Alex finish and we vote in the Spring 2015 assembly.

Motion passed

48 For 31 Opposed

Earl F. brought a point of order stating that all matters of great importance should be decided by substantial unanimity. The Chair thanked Earl and stated that given the time, and the need to decide, he would accept the results as valid.

Minority opinion was heard again about taking this vacancy back to the groups.

There was a motion to reconsider which passed 70 For 8 Opposed

Someone thought it wasn't fair to Alex to do both Area Chair/Alt Delegate and webmaster.

Alex stated that it was not a problem to be temporary webmaster, that it was not too much work.

Call for the question which passed and the motion to reconsider passed after which,

Motion to elect a webmaster today Failed

18 For 55 Opposed

**THERE WAS A MOTION TO EXTEND ASSEMBLY AT 12:03pm)**

**52 FOR – 20 OPPOSED**

New Motion: Find person to fill webmaster position from January 1, 2015 until Spring Assembly

During the discussion, Nick D moved to table this motion and bring it back to 2015 Spring Assembly.

52 For, 20 Opposed Motion was tabled

Alex M. will be the interim webmaster after the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.



**RE-ELECTIONS AREA 40 CORRECTIONS CHAIR (12:20 – 12:30)**

**SEE ELECTIONS SECTION**

MOTION TO ADJORN

70 FOR- 9 OPPOSED

MOTION TO RECONSIDER TO AJORN

42 FOR – 19 OPPOSED

MOTION TO EXTEND ASSEMBLY

53 For – 24 opposed

**ASSEMBLY CONTINUES**

**GRAPEVINE/GSC POLICY & ADMISSIONS – SAM B (12:40 – 12:45 pm)**

**Grapevine Chair Report**

Celebrating 70 years with the Grapevine and also a new book put out this month entitled, “Sober and out.” *Sober & Out* is a collection of stories by AA members who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (and a few friends) from the pages of AA Grapevine. They share their experience, strength and hope with alcoholism as well as their personal struggles and hard-fought triumphs. The stories in this book show that, like most alcoholics, LGBT AAs struggle to fit in, stay sober and find peace in their lives. It is 10.99 and it is softcover.

Also, Some of next year’s other upcoming topics will include “How I Found My Higher Power” (due Sept. 25) and “Double Digit Sobriety” (due Nov. 10). Also, does your group (or you) have experience with any of the Traditions? Send your stories.

There is also new service material from the Grapevine available. Posters, and a zip packet in which I have a copy of on the display table and all are downloadable at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) which seems to be expanding every day. Such as there is now 20 eBooks on Kindle, nook, and apple platforms available to purchase.

To conclude my second year of service to Area 40 as the Grapevine/ Policies and Admissions chair, I have been able to participate in the Missoula Pre-Assembly, the Billings Pre-Assembly. Also, the annual Grapefest in Helena, which had a great turn out. This is due, I am sure, to our very own superstar, Chair of the Grapevine Board, Andrew W., West Central Regional Trustee, in addition to, Sharon S. who gave phenomenal presentations. The food was exceptional and then after that I was carried away to the Last Chance Group's Campout for more food and a heartfelt gratitude meeting. Because of the actions of AA, the topic of gratitude no longer makes me sick all over. I have also had the privilege to attend and participate in all of the assemblies of the rotation.

I am sure that the question that is on everyone's mind is who is the next leader from this assembly that will be gunning for the job of Area 40 Grapevine Chair. This is one of the most amazing service commitments because of its ever-expanding, creative aspect. The Grapevine and this commitment have really saved me this last year as in this has been the most difficult and trying years so far. Even more than my first years of sobriety locked away from you. If you have not read, please read, *Bottom of the Pile and Short fuse*, out of the July issue. They tell a part of my story.

Thank you so much for my sobriety.

Sam B, Area 40 Grapevine and Policies/ Admissions Chair

## CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 64TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The following recommendations were approved by the 64TH General Service Conference and the General Service Board:

### **Grapevine**

No recommendations.

### **Policy/Admissions**

It was recommended that:

18. Jennie Herd, alternate delegate, Area 85, Northwest Ontario, be seated as a Conference member at the 64th General Service Conference because Ken Baker, Panel 63 delegate for Area 85 is unable to attend.
19. Jim Stone, delegate, Area 1, Alabama/Northwest Florida, be seated as a Conference member at the 64th General Service Conference because Craig Miller, Panel 63 delegate for Area 1 is unable to attend.
20. Joyce Saunders, alternate delegate, Area 83, Eastern Ontario, be seated as a Conference member at the 64th General Service Conference because Mel Catherine, Panel 63 delegate for Area 83 is unable to attend.
21. The 67th General Service Conference be held April 23-29, 2017, since these dates do not conflict with any significant holidays or hotel availability.
22. During a two-year trial period the General Service Conference include one day of electronic voting on all nonelection votes, on the Thursday of the 2015 General Service Conference and on the Friday of the 2016 General Service Conference, and that the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference provide a report from data gathered from the 2015 and 2016 General Service Conferences, evaluating electronic voting to the 2017 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions for consideration.

## FLOOR ACTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

To add a single line item to the General Fund budget for La Viña. **(Not approved)**

The 64th General Service Conference reaffirm the right of decision of the Grapevine Board to making formatting decisions for the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines noting:

- a. That right is already exercised by publication of La Viña in color and
- b. The 2010 Advisory Action recommended a beginning point in bringing La Viña on spiritual parity with the A.A. Grapevine. **(Not approved)**

The Conference consider the use of the circle and triangle on Conference-approved literature as a historical reminder of A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service.

**(Conference voted not to consider)**

A.A. Grapevine discontinue publishing the "Alcoholism at Large" section of The Grapevine Magazine. **(Not approved)**

### **Additional Considerations**

#### **Conference Committee on Grapevine**

The committee reviewed the 2014 Grapevine Office Report on Audio Strategy and requested that an updated status and financial report on the project, including practices, financials, metrics and plans for the future, be provided to the 2015 Conference Committee on the Grapevine. The committee reviewed the A.A. Grapevine Board's suggestion that a new business plan is required for La Viña and requested that a new business plan be developed for La Viña and be brought back to the 2015 Conference Committee on A.A. Grapevine for review.

#### **Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions**

The committee discussed the 2008 Conference Advisory Action regarding responsibility for site selection of the General Service Conference and took no action. The committee considered that the current hotel site-selection process by the General Service Office management is appropriate. The committee suggested that, in the spirit of clear communication, reports describing the hotel site-selection process of all future General Service Conferences be provided to the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions for their information.

## RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

### **Conference Committee on the A.A. Grapevine**

The committee discussed a request “to reaffirm the Right of Decision of the A.A. Grapevine Board to make formatting decisions for the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines.” The committee acknowledged that Grapevine and La Viña are valuable Twelfth-Step tools. The committee recommended that the A.A. Grapevine Board have the ability to exercise their right of decision for all formatting decisions in producing Grapevine and La Viña noting that this recommendation removes all formatting restrictions on Grapevine and La Viña.

### **COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/TRUSTEES / SERENA R**

(12:45-12:50 pm)

#### **MARK S STOOD IN ON BEHALF OF SERENA**

I’m Serena R and your Area 40 CPC Chair. Welcome to the Spring 2014 Assembly! Due to my active participation in AA, my life has been extremely full.

I am sincerely apologetic for not making this last meeting of the Area 40 Assembly and regret that I won’t be there to vote for incoming Chairs for the next rotation. There has been a personal and professional developments that are making it prohibitive for me to be there.

The Area 40 CPC Committee is made up of 5 members: Myself as Chair, DCM’s from Districts 91 (Paul L.) and 31 (Kathie B) and a District Representative from District 42 (Theresa) and District 11 (Katie C.). These people are the voting members in the Area Committee Structure.

First of all, I would like to thank Terry for standing in for me this weekend. I know he will do an amazing job and thank you to the committee members for also participating!

Quite honestly, it has been a slow-ish Spring/Summer for CPC travel for me around Area 40. I haven’t traveled as much as I might have liked to, getting out to the various Districts. This was due partially to lack of interest in the Districts and back surgery that I had in mid-July.

I did submit an article for the Winter 2014 PI/CPC News Exchange last month. The News Exchange notes the current quarterly activity on a National level of PI and CPC work. It’s a great reference tool for gauging what others are doing in CPC work.

There was a CPC presentation with a couple of Professionals in attendance in Great Falls, MT in mid-June that I hear was very successful.

The Area Committee members are currently gathering email addresses for the top employers in their Districts (or Counties) to send a sort of email blast about Alcoholics Anonymous and CPC work in the state. Our goal is to reach as many Employee Assistance Programs and Human Resources groups as possible to inform them about Alcoholics Anonymous in their locations. We hope to have this completed by the end of my rotation this year!

DCM’s and CPC Chairs - Please keep me informed of any CPC events in your Districts and I will do my best to get the word out or attend myself.

Again, thank you to Terry S. for standing in my absence. As I round out my rotation as CPC Chair, I hope to continue to spread the message that non-alcoholic professionals have been an integral part of our history and that it is my responsibility to let them know what we can offer. Thanks for helping AA and I to do that.

In loving service,

Serena R

Area 40 CPC Chair

## **2014 SPRING AREA ASSEMBLY CPC/TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

Called to order by Mark S.

- Reading of Serena's report including some homework assigned!
- Reviewed Area Policies & Procedures
- Reviewed Conference Report
- Review items considered "Not resulting in recommendation"
- Reviewed Minutes/actions at our last CPC meeting
- Reviewed Trustee Committee Conference report

Discussed

- Items reviewed
- Various ways of reaching out to the professional community
- Difference between A & B Class Trustee
- Difference between General Service Trustee and Trustee at Large
- Duties and history of our Trustees
- Considerations and practice of electing by qualification rather than popularity

Final Note

- Area Assembly is gathering and meeting our AA Family

## CORRECTIONS/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS REGIONAL FORUMS – LEE G

(12:50-12:56 pm)

### **Area Corrections Chair Report**

There is a lot of activity going on in the Corrections world these days. Teresa from Kalispell represented Area 40 at the recent Bridging The Gap conference in Kansas City. Clement, who is on the Corrections Desk at GSO was there along with the BTG Archives person. I had asked her several questions to explore with people at the conference and she came back with lots of shared experience from other areas.

The June Montana State Prison conference was cancelled due to a mix-up with their staff, but we identified another staff sponsor and the conference has been rescheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>. I got confirmation yesterday that our application has been accepted and the conference is a go. We have 25 inmates and 25 outside AA's cleared to attend.

The volunteer orientation scheduled for this weekend was canceled due to lack of applicants. The next orientation is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We hope to have a large group of AA's attend to increase the number of eligible volunteers on the list. Please announce this in your groups and districts. We'll get the website updated ASAP so folks can download an application and cover letter.

Montana State Prison continues to hold weekly meetings on both the Low Security Side and at the Work Dorm. Meetings remain unavailable on the High Security Side. We currently have 40 AA volunteers having lost a few recently. We have had 4 Bridging the Gap contacts at MSP since the last Assembly and 6 inmates have been connected to outside sponsors by mail. If you are willing to sponsor inmates through the mail, please let me know. We have missed several meetings recently at the prison so I'm working with the volunteers and district Corrections Chairs to ensure that every possible meeting at MSP has a volunteer. But we could use some more folks to go through the orientation and get added to the list.

*Things are going well at the Women's prison. They are having our 3rd annual AA 12 step retreat the third weekend in Oct. They need speakers for the monthly Saturday night speaker meeting but they don't have any travel money to reimburse people. Men or woman can do it but they must complete an orientation. Orientations are held quarterly and good for a year. Unfortunately it is on a Tuesday night from 7 to 9. Still if anyone around the state wants to get a carload to come down to the next orientation and doesn't need compensation they could definitely use them as speakers. Anytime they were in town on a Tuesday or Saturday night they would be able to participate in the regular meetings too! Anyone interested should contact Moe V. at 647-5444.*

Meetings continue to be held at the Riverside Facility for adolescent females in Boulder supported by the women in Districts 61, 71 and 72. Weekly (at least) meetings continue to be held at WATCH West-Warm Springs, WATCH East-Glendive, Cascade County Regional Prison-Great Falls, Elkhorn Center -Boulder, START at Warm Springs, Crossroads Prison in Shelby and the MAST program in Missoula as well as various pre-release centers across the state. There are currently no meetings at the Pine Hills School for Boys in Miles City or the Dawson County Regional Prison.

The Corrections Correspondence program at the General Service Office continues to look for male AA's who are willing to correspond with incarcerated inmates across the country. Currently there are 90+ inmates nationwide requesting correspondence that are waiting for AAs to respond. If you are interested and willing you can download a Corrections Correspondence pamphlet from the GSO website: <http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/lang/en/catalog.cfm?origpage=254&product=111>.

Since the last Area Assembly the Pink Can Fund has received \$2,911.70 in contributions from 6 groups and districts, including a \$1,500 donation from the Butte Round-up committee. We have purchased \$2,245.80 in AA literature that has been distributed to 9 different facilities. The current Area Pink Can Fund balance is \$1,396.99 but I will be making another large purchase by the end of the month before literature prices go up again and to avoid the shipping charge. **Please make checks out to: AREA 40 INC. Do not make checks out to the Pink Can Fund. The bank won't accept them.**

I attended a Service Workshop in District 72 this summer, but travel has been light besides that. I'm still available for workshops throughout the rest of the year, so please don't hesitate to call. I would still recommend that Round-up committees add a Corrections/Treatment and a PI/CPC workshop to their traditional schedules. It's a great chance to expose more AA's to these service opportunities and to answer questions about what they are all about.

I want to thank my committee for all their work and support these past two years. We got a lot done. I want to extend a special thanks to Karla B, DCM for District 61 for being willing to serve as the committee secretary. She has done a great job.

I want to thank Area 40 for the honor to serve as your Area Corrections Chair the past two years. It has been a privilege to do this work. Hopefully we have been able to carry the message to a few more men and woman behind the walls who would not otherwise have access to the life-saving and life-giving message of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am so grateful for this opportunity. It will be a highlight of my sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Yours in love and service,

Lee G, Area 40 Corrections Chair

### **Corrections Committee Meeting**

Attendance:

Jay, Hamilton  
Rich, Forsyth  
Tommy, Dist 93  
Duane, Choteau  
Kevin, Dist 72  
Daniel, Columbia Falls  
Karla, Dist 61  
Betty, Butte  
Denny, Butte  
JC, Whitefish  
Ray, Dist 81  
Scott, Dist 23  
Rob, Dist 81

Review Area Assembly and give Chair report

BTG conference in Kansas City was attended by Teresa from District 91, who represented Area 40. Some of the things she learned include:

- Follow-up loop needs to be more expedient and have a quicker turnaround time
- BTG for Area 40 falls under Corrections AND Treatment
- Sounds like it is working pretty well throughout the Area with a few gaps
- BTG coordinators have access to the database in the Area website
- Contact information remains the same, but the person rotates every 2 yrs
- There are trainings available for AA and facilities about BTG

MSP mini conference has been rescheduled for Nov 8 and it is ready to go. 25 AA's are approved to attend.

MSP Volunteer Orientation was scheduled for today, cancelled due to low numbers of applications. Next one is Jan 17, 2015.

- Will ask Terrie at MSP how many people are required to hold an orientation
- 40 people on the list currently, but it needs to be updated and increased

Meetings are weekly on the Low Side and Work Dorm, but none on the High Security Side currently.



- Only 1 person is needed hold a meeting so we need a minimum of two each week, one for the Low Side and one for the Work Dorm

WSP holds orientation Tuesdays 7-9 pm

- Looking for volunteers
- Holding 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 12 step workshop weekend, the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October

Meetings being taken in all state facilities around Area, except Pine Hills and Dawson Regional Prison.

Corrections Correspondence Service needs at least 90 male AA's throughout the country who are willing to correspond with inmates requesting an AA to write to them. You can use your District or group address if you don't want to use your home address. You will be matched up with inmates from across the country, not inmates located locally or regionally.

Pink Can contributions \$2911.70 from 6 groups and Districts

- Purchased \$2245.80 in AA literature, distributed to 9 facilities
- Balance currently is \$1396.99, will make another large purchase by the end of the month to beat the literature price increases.
- Bank account set up through Area 40 Inc, not as the Pink Can Fund.

Kevin, from District 72 share a flyer for Corrections Service Opportunities he developed. It lists all the options that district AA's have to get involved and carry the AA message into facilities.

Lee recommended that we have a workshop from Area Chairs at RoundUps or other conferences. It's a great way to get more people involved in this part of service.

Reviewed Guidelines for Area Trusted Servants for Corrections Chair, Corrections Committee. Most questions were about the Pink Can Fund. Lee said his job was to implement the Pink Can the way it is laid out in the Area 40 Policies and Procedures rather than debate whether he agreed or disagreed with it. The way the Pink Can is set up groups and districts can be autonomous in their choice of whether to have a Pink Can or not.

Reviewed the results of GSC Advisory Action Items discussed for Corrections and Int'l Conventions and Forums. The 2025 International Convention is going to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Plans are already underway for the 2035 International Convention, which will be AA's 100 birthday.

**Pink Can report to follow**

## Pink Can Report

### Pink Can Contributions

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
12/13/2012	2/8/2013	District 91	\$2,000
12/27/2012	2/8/2013	Transfer from Pink Can balance	\$625.32
1/4/2013	2/8/2013	Anaconda Traditions Group	\$31.10
1/4/2013	2/8/2013	Missoula Women's Group	\$39.44
			\$2,695.86 <b>Starting Balance</b>

### Pink Can Expenditures

Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount
3/14/2013	1 case - Big Books, 12x12, Dai	Montana State Prison	\$429.40
3/14/2013	1 case - Big Books, 12x12	WATCH East	\$274.40
3/14/2013	2 cases - Big Books	District 11	\$285.60
3/14/2013	2 cases - Big Books	District 71	\$285.60
			\$1,275.00 <b>Total of Books Ordered</b>
			\$1,420.86 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Contributions

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
2/19/2013	4/1/2013	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00
3/1/2013	4/1/2013	Tuesdays @ 8 - Bozeman	\$85.66
			\$135.66 <b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$1,556.52 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Contributions

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
4/4/2013	4/22/2013	Wednesday Noon Group	\$62.00
3/30/2013	4/22/2013	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00
			\$112.00 <b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$1,668.52 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Contributions

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
4/22/2013	5/3/2013	District 93	\$50.00
4/22/2013	5/8/2013	Welcome Home Group	\$25.00
			\$1,743.52 <b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$1,743.52 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Expenditures

Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount
5/7/2013	1 case - 12x12, Daily Reflectio	District 71	\$332.46
5/7/2013	1 case - Big Books, 12x12, 20	District 72	\$367.49
			\$699.95 <b>Total of Books Ordered</b>
			\$1,043.57 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Expenditures

Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount
5/13/2013	2 cases - Big Books	District 11	\$331.30
			\$712.27 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Contributions

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
5/28/2013	6/11/2013	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$ 50.00
			\$762.27 <b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$762.27 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Contributions

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
6/20/2013	7/2/2013	Traditions Group - Billings	\$ 50.81
			\$813.08 <b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$813.08 <b>Current Balance</b>

### Pink Can Contributions

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
6/28/2013	7/10/2013	Hamilton Women's Discussion	\$33.47
6/30/2013	7/10/2013	Wednesday Noon Group	\$75.00
			\$108.47 <b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$921.55 <b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Expenditures**

Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount	
7/17/2013	1 case - Big Books, 12x12	Montana State Prison	\$318.30	
7/17/2013	1 case - Big Books, 12x12	WATCH East	\$318.30	
			\$636.60	<b>Total of Books Ordered</b>
			\$284.95	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Contributions**

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount	
7/17/2013	7/25/2013	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00	
6/6/2013	7/25/2013	District 11	\$30.20	
			\$80.20	<b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$365.15	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Expenditures**

7/31/2013			\$9.00	<b>Service Charge</b>
			\$356.15	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Contributions**

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount	
7/24/2013	8/21/2013	Darby Group	\$100.06	<b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$456.21	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Expenditures**

Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount	
8/30/2013	1 case - Big Books, 12x12	START/Warm Springs	\$318.30	<b>Total of Books Ordered</b>
			\$137.91	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Contributions**

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount	
8/30/2013	9/19/2013	Zootown Happy Hour Group -Missoula	\$21.50	<b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$159.41	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Contributions**

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount	
9/21/2013	10/4/2013	Early Birds Group - Polson	\$90.00	
9/25/2013	10/4/2013	Tuesdays @ 8 Group - Bozeman	\$128.53	
9/30/2013	10/4/2013	Wednesday Noon Group - Bozeman	\$126.00	
			\$344.53	<b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$503.94	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Expenditures**

9/30/2013		Service Charge	\$9.00	
			\$494.94	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Contributions**

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount	
10/7/2013	10/15/2013	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00	
10/9/2013	10/15/2013	A Way Out Group - Hamilton	\$42.24	
10/5/2013	10/15/2013	Women's Group - Hamilton	\$48.95	
10/13/2013	10/15/2013	HOW Group - Bozeman	\$250.00	
			\$391.19	<b>Additional Contributions</b>
			\$886.13	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Expenditures**

Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount	
10/15/2013	3 cases -Big Books, 12 X12s,	Women's Prison/District 11	\$602.75	<b>Total of Books Ordered</b>
			\$283.38	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Expenditures**

10/30/2013		Service Charge	\$9.00	
			\$274.38	<b>Current Balance</b>

**Pink Can Contributions**

Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
11/18/2013	11/26/2013	Tuesday @ 8 - Bozeman	\$81.12
11/26/2013	11/26/2103	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00
11/15/2013	11/26/2013	District 81	\$81.11
			\$212.23 Additional Contributions
			\$486.61 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Expenditures</b>			
11/29/2013		Service Charge	\$9.00
			\$477.61 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
11/8/2013	12/6/2013	Darby Group	\$55.22
11/25/2013	12/6/2013	District 91	\$306.00
			\$361.22 Additional Contributions
			\$838.83 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
11/27/2013	12/13/2013	Columbia Falls Group	\$120.00 Additional Contributions
			\$958.83 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Expenditures</b>			
Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount
12/27/2013	2 cases - Big Books, 12x12	District 71/MSP	\$548.80
12/27/2013	2 cases - Big Books	District 11	\$331.30
			\$880.10 Total of Books Ordered
			\$78.73 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
12/18/2013	12/27/2013	Thompson Falls/Trout Creek Groups	\$55.00 Additional Contributions
			\$133.73 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Expenditures</b>			
12/31/2013		Service Charge	\$9.00
			\$124.73 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
12/31/2013	1/3/2014	Recovery Group - Billings	\$43.00 Additional Contributions
			\$167.73 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
1/6/2014	1/23/2014	Women's Discussion - Hamilton	\$33.61
1/9/2014	1/23/2014	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$46.75
1/11/2014	1/23/2014	West End Group - Billings	\$300.00
			\$380.36 Additional Contributions
			\$548.09 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Expenditures</b>			
1/31/2013		Service Charge	\$9.00
			\$539.09 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
2/18/2014	2/26/2014	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00
			\$589.09 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount

1/30/2014	3/7/2014	Keep It Simple Group - Sheridan	\$25.00
2/24/2014	3/7/2014	Early Bird Group - Polson	\$107.00
			\$132.00 Additional Contributions
			\$721.09 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
3/12/2014	3/20/2014	One Day at a Time Group - Hot Springs	\$10.00
			\$731.09 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
4/4/2014	5/8/2014	District 91	\$388.48
4/8/2014	5/8/2014	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00
			\$438.48 Additional Contributions
			\$1,169.57 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Expenditures</b>			
Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount
5/9/2014	1 case, Big Books	Riverside	
	1 case, Big Books	WATCH West	
	1 case, Big Books	Townsend Jail	
	1 case, Big Books,	START, Warm Springs	\$702.80 Total of Books Ordered
			\$466.77 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
4/24/2014	5/12/2014	District 81	\$200.00
			\$666.77 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
5/20/2014	6/12/2014	Thompson Falls Group	\$77.59
5/30/2014	6/12/2014	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00
			\$127.59 Additional Contributions
			\$794.36 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
6/12/2014	6/27/2014	District 71 - Roundup	\$1,500.00
			\$2,294.36 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
7/12/2014	7/28/2014	Traditions Group - Anaconda	\$50.00
			\$2,344.36 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Expenditures</b>			
Date Ordered	Order	Facility	Amount
7/29/2014	5 cases Big Books (soft cover)	MSP (30 Big Books, 30 Daily Reflections)	\$669.00
	2 cases, Big Books hard cover	Connections Corrections (2 cases BB hard cover)	\$300.80
	2 cases 12 & 12 (soft cover)	District 71 (2 cases Big Books)	\$263.20
	2 cases, Daily Reflections	Gary Otteson (case of 12X12, 10 Daily Reflections)	\$310.00
			\$1,543.00 Total of Books Ordered
			\$801.36 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
7/1/2014	8/11/2014	Tuesday @ 8 Group - Bozeman	\$166.78
			\$968.14 Current Balance
<b>Pink Can Contributions</b>			
Date given	Date deposited	Source	Amount
7/25/2014	8/15/2014	Early Bird Group - Polson	\$90.25
7/26/2014	8/15/2014	District 91	\$338.60
			\$428.85 Additional Contributions
			\$1,396.99 Current Balance

## Committee Assignments 2015-16

COMMITTEE	DCM	DISTRICT REP
Public Information	61	72
	93	91
CPC	11	12
	81	61
Grapevine	42	31
	91	93
Archives	71	23
	72	41
Corrections	12	51
	23	71
Treatment	21	71
	51	81
Literature	31	11
		41
		42
Finance	41	11



<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>DCM</b>	<b>DISTRICT REP</b>
District 11: DCM	CPC	Finance, Literature
District 12: DCM	Corrections	CPC
District 21: DCM	Treatment	
District 23: DCM	Corrections	Archives
District 31: DCM	Literature	Grapevine
District 41: DCM	Finance	Archives, Literature
District 42: DCM	Grapevine	Literature
District 51: DCM	Treatment	Corrections
District 61: DCM	Public Information	CPC
District 71: DCM	Archives	Corrections, Treatment
District 72: DCM	Archives	PI
District 81: DCM	CPC	Treatment
District 91: DCM	Grapevine	PI
District 93: DCM	Public Information	Grapevine

**NO TIME GENERAL SHARING**

**ADJOURNED 1:05 pm**

Gerry asked Bob H to lead us in prayer to close the Assembly

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M., Secretary / Area Registrar

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