

# The Triangle

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Area 40 Inc

## From Your Editor

A new wrapping for the Triangle--USPS regulations effective in October make it more effective (i.e. cost less) to use an envelope. I hope you like it!

Here we go! This issue contains the agenda for the Area Assembly April 10-11. Your DCM has the background material. We have some work to do! A good thing for me! (To have work to do.) If I do it there is less chance I'll be meddling in your business!

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## Something We Used to Do?

The Grapevine has been our meeting in print since 1944. Are you a Grapevine reader?

The Grapevine is financially struggling to survive but has been receiving a record number of stories for submission. Stories are the only contribution the Grapevine receives and financially survives only on your subscriptions. Our West Central Regional Trustee, Ken B. serves on the Grapevine Board and will rotate next year into the Chairman of the Grapevine Board.

The Grapevine Board has implemented a plan to



The March 2010 Grapevine has arrived! Special section: Financial insecurity  
The Promises come true for AAs, even in tough times

revitalize the Grapevine and hopefully, keep it from becoming something we used to do.

Two questions have been posed to you by Ken: 1. Of what value is it to AA? and 2. At what cost, if there is a break point, do we maintain the publication?

I am hopeful that we have some good discussion around these questions. If you have any thoughts on this, you can either share them directly with Ken by emailing him at [wcrtrustee@aa-montana.org](mailto:wcrtrustee@aa-montana.org) or [delegate@aa-montana.org](mailto:delegate@aa-montana.org).

## We Are a Key Part

The spring service events are coming, in our Area and in our Region, after which our delegate heads off to the General Service Conference. We are a key part of this process, making our decisions here in Montana and giving Carole a "sense of the Area" on the matters she will address in New York.

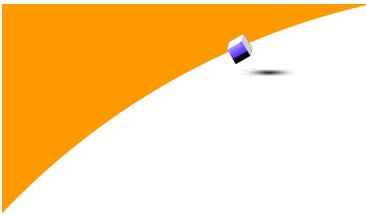
I hear people in my Home Group and elsewhere in the Fellowship who find that process an unpleasant bother — just more trouble than it is worth. I used to

feel that way about lots of things in my life, like work, marriage and kids — pretty much everything.

Back then, that peculiar mental twist that centered in my mind made me think drinking was the only answer. It gave me that "kick," "buzz," "jolt." Alcohol was the real deal. It was better than controlled substances that I couldn't legally buy without a prescription. It was cheaper, with better quality control, than drugs that were flat illegal.

There were other things that lit up my life besides alcohol. Loving a woman, achieving something at school or sports or work, selling my writing, winning a jury trial, holding my first born, my daughter, in my arms in the delivery room — all of them did give me a sense of being okay, of coming home, of being a part of. So did participating in any gathering or group (family, friends, coworkers), when we were firing on all cylinders. There were a lot of things

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And, how about the Grapevine? Talk to your fellows and please let Ken know how we feel about AA's meeting in print!

Thanks to the groups and individuals who have sub-

scribed or renewed their subscriptions!

The next issue of the Triangle will be a post assembly issue, with news from the Assembly. Articles are always welcome, I would like to

have them by April 15, please!

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Lewistown!

Thanks for trusting me to be your newsletter editor!

Sharon S.

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in life other than alcohol that could give me that sense of ease and comfort.

The trouble was that I couldn't get those other "kicks" by just opening a bottle. The other avenues to ease and comfort required work, care, nurture. I had to bring something to the table — commitment, honesty, unselfishness — instead of just grabbing something for myself. And even if I did the work, the results weren't guaranteed. There were risks involved.

Alcohol made me feel good without earning it, deserving it, working for it, sharing it or being responsible about it. It was all about me, selfish me, poor little old me, who never got enough love, money, respect, attention, deference, whatever. Nobody knew the trouble I'd seen and I just knew that nobody cared, including God, so I drank.

In recovery, I am discovering that part of what makes life happy, joyous and free is carrying my share of the load — at work and at play, in sorrow and in joy. It's self-support, outside of the money realm. It happens in participating in my Home Group, in working with others and in seeking to improve conscious contact. Our slang is full of ways to say it. No pain, no gain; no free lunch; no effort and no risk, no return. Service work is yet another realm of action that lights up my life, and one of the reasons it does is because to be of service I have to put in the time and the effort.

There is real satisfaction in participating in an informed group conscience, at any level of service, whether it goes the way I think it should or not. Hearing a minority opinion after I voted in the

majority, and really listening and considering what the minority is saying, is a growth experience. The outcomes are important, for sure, but so is the process and so are the people who participate in it.

Here's my discovery: I don't have to participate in service, I get to participate in service, and share that sense of being okay, of coming home, of being a part of. I hope we all take that opportunity to engage in the spring A.A. service process. In my experience, the words Bill wrote about working with others apply equally to service work: "[T]his is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it." *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Chap. 7, p. 89.

Terry S., Area Chair

### Send Your Cards & Letters

The delegate always appreciates greetings during the conference week (April 18 - April 24). Remember to allow a few days for the mail to get to New York!

Send your cards and letters to:

Carol B., Area 40 Delegate

c/o Hilton Rye Town  
699 Westchester Ave  
Rye Brook NY 10573

### Speak Up

Your voice is needed! I recently attended the January meeting of the General Service Board weekend. Many times during the weekend I heard, "What does the Fellowship think?" or "How does that affect the Fellowship?"

My Home Group studies a Tradition with the corresponding month, and the Second Tradition also emphasizes how important the voice of each member is to the overall well being of the Fellowship. The First Tradition calls on us to come together for the com-

mon good – our individual recovery depends on unity. Throughout AA's history, when we work together, God reveals himself through our group conscience. It even kept Bill from becoming a therapist at Towns Hospital.

This issue contains the agenda for the 2010 Spring Assembly in which the agenda for the 60<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference is contained. Discuss these items with your group, go to a pre-assembly and speak up, go to the Area Assembly and

speak up. If your idea is different from your fellow's, speak up! People who are louder or have titles are no more important than YOU.

A cautionary note to me and my fellow title holders (GSR, DCM, Committee Chair) – listen to the group conscience, listen to every comment being made, and please don't make a decision on how to cast your vote until you have done so.

Carole B., Area 40 Delegate

# Yogo Inn Lewistown, Montana April 10 & 11, 2010

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**Friday, April 9** - Sapphire Rooms (This meeting is separate from the  
AA meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Assembly and is self-supporting).

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## **SATURDAY SESSION – April 10**

7:30/8:00 GSR’s and visitors sign in with their District’s DCM. (*DCM’s please give the sign in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than 10:00 a.m.*)

8:00/9:45 **Welcome** – Serenity Prayer, Traditions, and Concepts  
**Roll Call** – by Area Secretary, April A.  
**Orientation to the Assembly** – Area Delegate, Carole B.  
**Reports from the Area Committee Members**  
Area Chair\*  
Area Secretary\*  
Area Treasurer\*  
Triangle Editor\*  
Area Service Chairs\*  
DCM’s\*  
Standing, nonvoting service positions\*

9:45/10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:00/12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**  
Archives/Structure ..... Kendall Room  
Corrections/Intn’l-Regional Forums .... Terrace Room  
CPC/Trustees ..... Room 310  
Finance ..... Room 412  
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions ..... Gypsum Room  
Literature ..... Snowy  
Public Information/Report ..... Judith  
Treatment/Agenda ..... Moccasin  
WHENEVER YOUR COMMITTEE FINISHES ITS BUSINESS, PLEASE  
NOTIFY THE AREA CHAIR OR SECRETARY

**Workshop for those not attending committee meetings**  
Past delegate Scott W. “Practicing AA’s Principles – The Pathway to Unity”

12:00/1:30 **Recess for Lunch**

1:30/2:30 **Workshop for those not attending committee meetings**  
Past delegate Mark S. “Practicing AA’s Principles – The Pathway to Unity”

**Standing Committee Meetings** (continued) SAME LOCATIONS AS 10:00/12:00

2:30/3:15 **Delegate’s Report** – Carole B. (questions and answers)

\* **Reports:** 5-minute time limit with two written copies given to the Area Secretary.

3:15/3:30

**Coffee Break**

3:30/5:00

**Floor Assembly - Committee Reports/Motions and Discussion**

- Archives/Structure \*\* - Tim H.
- Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums \*\* - Mary S.
- CPC/Trustees \*\* - Virginia R.
- Finance \*\* - Linda B.
- Grapevine/Policy & Admissions \*\* - Rich K.
- Literature \*\* - Lori F.
- Public Information/Report & Charter \*\* - Tim M.
- Treatment/Agenda \*\* - Paula H.

5:00/7:00

**Recess for Dinner**

7:00/8:15

**Floor Assembly / Committee Reports-Motions and Discussion (Cont.)**

8:15/8:30

**Coffee Break**

8:30/10:00

**GSR Breakout** - Led by Past Delegate Scott W.: Ask-it-basket and sharing  
**DCM Breakout** - Led by Past Delegate Mark S.: Ask-it-basket and sharing

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**SUNDAY SESSION - April 13**

8:00/8:45

**\*Roundup Reports: Fall 2009 Bozeman; Spring 2010 Billings; Fall 2010 Butte**  
**\*Intergroup Reports**  
**\*Report from the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) in Dubuque, IO**

8:45/9:15

**Past Delegate Sharing - Scott W.**

9:15/9:45

**Past Delegate Sharing - Mark S.**

9:45/10:00

**Coffee Break**

10:00/12:00

**Continue Floor Assembly / Committee Reports - Recommendations - Discussion, General Sharing**

**ADJOURN / DRIVE SAFELY!!!**

*\* Reports: 5-minute time limit with two written copies given to the Area Secretary.*

*\*\* Floor comments are requested to take no longer than 3 minutes*

**The rooms this Assembly meets in are designated smoke free by past action. The Yogo Inn graciously places ashtrays/receptacles just outside the outside doors, and asks that smoking be limited to the outside smoking area and the bar. Please do not smoke in the meeting rooms, hallways or lobby area. Our thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.**

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**Fall Assembly - September 18 & 19, 2010 Yogo Inn, Lewistown**

**COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

Pages 3-7 contain our agenda items and the Area Committees addressing them. Most items come from the General Service Conference. There are nine Area 40 agenda items—one in Archives, three in Area 40 Structure and Policies, two in International Conventions/Regional Forums, one in Public Information, and two “review and report” items (for our delegate’s information for the GSC), one each in Grapevine and in Agenda.

Each Area Committee Chair was sent the committee’s agenda items with available background information in February, to share with other members of the committee for research, review and discussion, for a well-informed committee *conscience/decision*.

If your Group has any comments, questions, and concerns or would like copies of any background information please contact the appropriate Area Committee Chair.

Your DCM has the names, phone numbers and addresses of the Area Committee (which also appear in each issue of the *Triangle* ), and you also can email them through the Area’s website [www.aamontana.org](http://www.aamontana.org) should you need them. (NOTE: The process by which items come to the Assembly is detailed in the **Area 40 Committee System Policies & Procedures** manual which is available through your DCM and on the Area website).

The General Service Conference items on our agenda will not come to the floor of the Assembly as *recommendations (as motions made and seconded)*. Instead each committee will report an informed sense of the committee to the Assembly, and we will seek *an informed sense of the Area on the Assembly floor by discussion and a show of hands*, to provide our Delegate with a sense of Area 40’s informed group conscience, to assist her in preparing for and participating in the General Service Conference. A number of GSC committees have an item in their background materials for election of the conference committee chairperson and/or an “other items” designation, with no background, which appears to be an empty item to allow for any last minute additions. These items are not included in our Area Agenda because our delegate does not need a sense of the Area on them. Review of Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 can help us understand our process.

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The following Committees/Committee agenda items are listed in order of presentation.

**Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policies – Tim H.**

**Archives**

- A. Review Workbook.
- B. Review report from the trustees’ Committee on the feasibility of developing a format (e.g. PowerPoint® presentation) for a self-guided tour of G.S.O.’s A.A. Archives to convey the experience of visiting G.S.O. and the Archives, for those who have not yet visited the General Service Office in New York.

**Area 40 Agenda Item for Archives**

- 1. Consider, in light of the principle of self support, funding the Area Archivist to attend the 2010 National Archives Workshop in Macon GA, September 23-26, 2010, for the purpose of accepting seed money for the 2011 event, as well as the workshop banner, for a total expense not to exceed \$1,500.00.

**Area 40 Agenda Items for Structure and Policies**

- 1. Review and report on status of hosting the 2011 National AA Archives Workshop [no background — the committee is being asked to provide a status report to our Assembly].
- 2. Consider forming an ad hoc committee to develop a qualifications section, similar to that in the A.A. Service Manual, for each Area service position, proposed qualifications to be considered at the Fall 2010 Area Assembly for inclusion in Area 40 Policy and Procedures.

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3. Consider eliminating the Lending Library (audio and video cassettes) currently maintained by the Area 40 Literature Committee Chair, depositing the tapes in the Area 40 Archives.

### Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums – Mary S.

#### Corrections

- A. Review Progress Report from Trustees' Committee on Corrections on revising pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents.
- C. Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities" regarding prior review of regulations and paperwork related to Twelve Step corrections work.
- D. Consider request to add a phrase to the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" regarding the signing of volunteer agreements.
- E. Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" regarding communication between A.A. members and prison administrators about the specific regulations of individual facilities.
- F. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

#### International Conventions-Regional Forums

- A. Discuss the upcoming 2010 International Convention.
- B. Review report from trustees' Committee on the site-selection process for International Conventions.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and attract first-time attendees.

#### Area 40 Agenda Items for International Conventions-Regional Forums

1. Discuss status of local forum request to General Service Office (status report to Assembly).
2. Consider District 11 and District 81 bids to host 2012 WCRAASC. Review and report time lines, planning and implementation necessary during the rest of this rotation.

### CPC/Trustees – Virginia R.

#### CPC

- A. Review contents of CPC Kit and Workbook.

#### Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  1. Pacific Regional Trustee
  2. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Discuss a suggestion to clarify the language on page S65 in *The A.A. Service Manual* under the heading "Regional Trustee" regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.

**Finance – Linda B.**

- A. Review input from the Fellowship gathered by the trustees' Finance Committee on the following:
  1. If we continue to use literature profits to partially fund services, should there be a limit?
  2. If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions?
- B. "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix"
  1. Consider request to replace the "pie charts" on page 12 with text such as:  
*Each group is autonomous and its informed conscience should determine the contribution amounts to the following entities: District; Area; G.S.O. and Intergroup/Central Office, if one services your district.*
  2. Discuss request to include information about A.A. Grapevine.
  3. Consider request to add Seventh Tradition stories.
- C. Discuss additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about self-support.

**Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – Rich K.****Grapevine**

- A. Review contents of A.A. Grapevine Workbook.
- B. Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2011 or later.
- C. Review A.A. Grapevine Board report submitted at the request of the 59th GSC that the A.A. Grapevine Board review history of Advisory Actions pertaining to the relationship between A.A. Grapevine Board, A.A. Grapevine office and the Conference Committee, on the decision-making process of matters that affect the Fellowship (i.e. pricing, redesign, name change and promotional items).
- D. Consider the request that: *in order for La Viña to be published on an equal basis with A.A. Grapevine: 1. The La Viña be published in color; 2. The binding be changed to a perfect binding or a sewn binding so that it may be taken into correctional facilities; and 3. More stories be included in each edition of La Viña.*

**Area 40 Agenda Item for Grapevine**

1. Review and report on the Grapevine questions posed by our WCR Trustee.

**Policy & Admissions**

- A. Consider approving admission to the 2010 General Service Conference of Donna G., alternate delegate, Area 33, Southeast Michigan, in place of Derek D., the Panel 59 delegate for Area 33, who resigned.
- B. Approve invitations for two observers from the General Service Board of Venezuela.
- C. Review dates for the 2013 General Service Conference.
- D. Discuss report forwarded by the General Service Board regarding the General Service Conference undertaking a comprehensive inventory of itself.
- E. Discuss report forwarded by the General Service Board regarding the development of procedures for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.

**Literature – Lori F.**

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "The A.A. Member-Medications and Other Drugs."
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- C. Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- D. Consider request to change a sentence regarding closed meetings in the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."

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- E. Consider request to update the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" with new stories reflecting more recent experience.
- F. Consider request to review the booklet *Living Sober*.
- G. Consider request to define the editorial responsibility of G.S.O.'s Publications Department.
- H. Consider request that the video, "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure" be revised and updated.
- I. Consider request to develop a book on the history of "early pioneer women in A.A."

**Public Information/Report & Charter – Tim M.**

**Public Information**

- A. Consider 2009 Annual Web site Report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
- B. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
  - 1. Consider approving the proposed 2010 television P.S.A. - "My World" - developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
  - 2. Consider that the 2010 A.A. TV P.S.A. "My World" be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$35,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
  - 3. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
  - 4. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
- C. Consider adding a statement to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.
- D. A.A. Videos for Young People Project
  - 1. Consider approving the video with the working title "Animation" as part of the A.A. Videos for Young People Project.
  - 2. Consider the trustees' Public Information Committee Report on the A.A. Videos for Young People Project.
- E. "A.A. at a Glance"
  - 1. Consider replacing the term "drying out" with "detox" in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer so that the phrase "provide drying-out or nursing services or sanitariums" is changed to "provide detox or nursing services or sanitariums."
  - 2. Consider placing the full text of the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the service piece "Information on A.A." into the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer.
- F. Consider development of a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media.
- G. Consider submitting a request to the trustees' Committee on the Conference to hold a future General Service Conference on the theme of "Anonymity in a Digital Age."
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

**Area 40 Agenda Item for PI**

- 1. Review and report the status of the Area 40 866 number [Tim M. to provide any background material to Committee at Assembly and provide report to Assembly].

**Report & Charter**

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2010 - 2011 Edition:
  - 1. Review revisions from the A.A. Grapevine Board.

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- 2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board
  - 3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
  - 4. Review list of editorial updates.
  - 5. Consider request to (a) publish and distribute *The A.A. Service Manual* every other year and in years not produced, distribute a supplement of changes, and (b) publish the A.A. directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) in alternate years when the Service Manual is not published.
  - 6. Consider request that *The A.A. Service Manual* be reprinted only as necessary and consider publishing every 3-5 years with changes sent as inserts to existing manuals.
  - 7. Consider request to gather sharing from the Fellowship concerning the general nature of *The A.A. Service Manual*.
  - 8. On page S23, consider adding "(see Chapter Eleven)" in the paragraph under the heading *Tools Available from G.S.O.* so that the last sentence reads: "They are designed to show groups the kind of help that is offered to groups everywhere by G.S.O., and thus get more people interested in service activity (see Chapter Eleven)."
- B. A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.):
- 1. Consider request that areas may choose to opt-out of the 30-day pending period to complete processing of new groups.
  - 2. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.)
- C. General Service Conference *Final Report*
- 1. Consider placing *Additional Committee Considerations, Recommendations That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions* and *Floor Actions That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions* following the Advisory Actions.
  - 2. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

**Treatment/Agenda – Paula H.**

**Treatment**

- A. Review progress report from trustees' Committee regarding the proposed Special Needs recovery pamphlet.
- B. Consider a suggestion to change "Treatment Facilities" to "Treatment" in the Conference Committee name and in related A.A. literature where appropriate.
- C. Consider two locally created forms - one for treatment clients and one for A.A. members willing to serve as temporary contacts.
- D. Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook.

**Agenda**

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2011 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

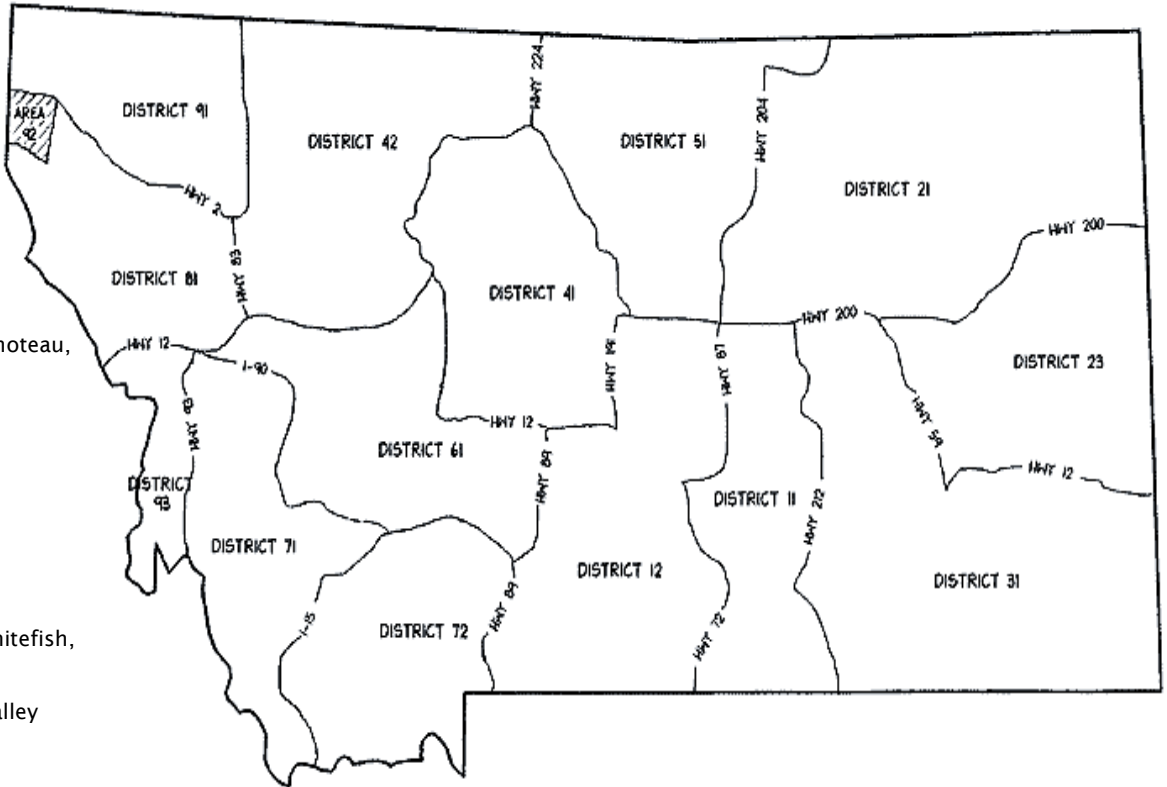
**Area 40 Agenda Item for Agenda**

- 1. Review and report on the GSC Workshop topic, "Discuss the General Service Conference Agenda Selection Process," for a possible sense of the Area for the delegate.

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Area Map

- District 11—Billings
- District 12—Laurel
- District 21—Wolf Point, Glasgow
- District 23—Glendive
- District 31—Miles City
- District 41—Great Falls
- District 42—Cut Bank, Choteau, Shelby
- District 51—Havre
- District 61—Helena
- District 71—Butte
- District 72—Bozeman
- District 81—Missoula
- District 91—Kalispell, Whitefish, Eureka
- District 93—Bitterroot Valley



**Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2**

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

**Concept II:** The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

**Concept III:** To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.” are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

**Concept X:** Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

**Concept XII:** The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

**Tradition Two:** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

## Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCM's 2009-10

| POSITION     | NAME        | EMAIL  | COMMITTEE                                  |
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| Treasurer    | Linda B.    | <a href="mailto:treasurer@aa-montana.org">treasurer@aa-montana.org</a>     | Del, Alt,                                  |
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**MARCH**

- 12-14—**SPOKANE WASHINGTON**—Northwest Pockets of Enthusiasm—Robert G.
- 19-20—**HELENA**—Northern Rockies Pockets of Enthusiasm—Kevin S.
- 28—**ELMO**—Area 40 Pre-Assembly—Libbie L.

**APRIL**

- 10-11—**LEWISTOWN**—Spring Assembly—Terry S.
- 17—**GREAT FALLS**—12 Step Study—Frank B.; Dan D.

**MAY**

- 14—**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION**—A.A.'s 75th Birthday Party "A Vision for You"
- 14-16—**BILLINGS**—Spring Roundup—Connie O.; Johnny B.

**JULY**

- 1-4—**SAN ANTONIO TEXAS**—A.A.'s 75th Birthday Party "A Vision for You"—www.aa.org

**SEPTEMBER**

- 18-19—**LEWISTOWN**—Fall Assembly—Terry S.

**OCTOBER**

- 1-3—**BUTTE**—Fall Roundup—Rick P.

**NOVEMBER 2010**

12-14—**RAPID CITY, SD**—Special West Central Region Forum—*Our Singleness of Purpose-Carrying the Message to Native Americans*—Carole B.

**MARCH 2011**

- 4-6—**NOTHERN MINNESOTA**—West Central Region Service Conference

**SPRING 2011**—**GREAT FALLS/MILES CITY**—Local Forum—pending request outcome

**APRIL 2011**

- 9-10—**LEWISTOWN**—Spring Assembly

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

- 10-11—**IOWA**—West Central Regional Forum
- 17-18—**LEWISTOWN**—Fall Assembly
- TO BE ANNOUNCED**—**HELENA**—National AA Archives Workshop—Gerry R.

**MARCH 2012**

- 2-4—**TO BE ANNOUNCED**—West Central Region Service Conference

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