

# The Triangle

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## Time to Step Up

Once again it is time to select new trusted servants for our next rotation in our groups, in our districts and in Area 40. This is our opportunity to choose the best trusted servants available to do the business of A.A. so we can assure that the hand of A.A. will always be there when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help with their alcoholism. To choose our trusted servants, we depend upon the willingness of the Fellowship to step up and stand for the open positions in our groups, districts and area.

Sure, sometimes what happens in a group or district or area business meeting feels a lot like "politics." In the middle of heated disagreements about what should be done, it is easy to forget that our primary purpose is not to "win", but to make the best decision we can, together, consistent with our primary purpose. The

most important thing that happens in A.A. is and always will be recovery, which begins when one alcoholic shares experience, strength and hope with another. Everything we do in service work is aimed at facilitating our primary purpose of helping the still suffering alcoholic. If our discussions and disagreements do not consider that purpose, then (to paraphrase one of our past delegates) what we are doing is probably nothing more than ego, which is what I think we mean by "politics."

Our service structure supports and provides the resources we use to reach the still suffering alcoholic — the meeting lists and phone lines, the books, pamphlets, CDs and DVDs, the "how to" workbooks and kits — all of which help us to assure that any suffering alcoholic anywhere in Area 40 can find the hand of A.A. Right from the beginning, with the

writing of the Big Book, the goal of A.A. has always been, and still is, to welcome our prospects and offer them Twelve Step recovery. Without our service structure, we could not have reached even a small fraction of the suffering alcoholics who, through taking the Steps, became sober members of A.A. I am one such person. If the hospitals that guided me to A.A. had not known what A.A. was and where A.A. could be found, I would be dead today instead of being a sober member.

To pass on what we have been given, we need prospects. Without the service structure, our ability to find prospects would be sorely limited. Our history shows us that A.A. really began to grow only after the world outside of A.A. came to know about us, and to recognize us as a resource for folks who had a problem with alcohol. Our service structure

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## My Debts Keep Piling Up

With my sobriety anniversary coming up I've been doing some thinking. Mostly I've been remembering the past and how much I missed when I first got to A.A.. As my old friend Skip would say, "I volunteered to go to A.A. with a

Deputy Sheriff on each arm". My attitude was bad and my mind was racing a million miles an hour trying to figure out what your scheme really was as you sat there smiling and enjoying each other's company. What I do remem-

ber was the hope and smiles I received, but I don't recall the content of those first meetings.

Today I realize a lot more was going on than I could possibly see. The lights were on, the rent was paid, the chairs were

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### *From Your Editor*

It is that time of the two year rotation! Groups, districts and Area 40 are electing people to serve. Hopefully this issue will inspire you to join us on this part of the "Road of Happy Destiny", p. 164 *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Change happens—the General Service Office (GSO) and A.A. World Services (AAWS) have asked us what we think. See the questionnaire on page 4. Also see page 9, Grapevine Goings On for a reminder about the Grapevine survey.

The agenda for the Fall Assembly is on pages 5-8. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Lewistown September 18-19 as we find out what God has in store for us!!

Yours in Love and Service, Sharon S.

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## Life Takes on New Meaning

It's election time in Area 40! The second paragraph on page 89 of the Big Book says "Life will take on new meaning.....to see a fellowship grow up about you....this is an experience you must not miss." My experience has been that sponsorship, as well as general service, has allowed a fellowship to grow up about me. Serving you may have been a benefit to you, but I have really been blessed by this experience.

Serving you this past 8 years has done more for me than you can imagine – however, some of you have told me about the changes visible to you. Service has helped me let go of many of my character defects and it has helped me become not only a leader in A.A. but a better leader in my profession.

I have a fellowship that seems endless. I was privileged to attend the International Convention in San Antonio. I knew a lot of people – a benefit of serving. I have good friends who serve A.A. in many capacities. I suspect that in nearly every city in the US and Canada I would have someone I know in A.A. When I got to you, I had no desire to leave the state and today I mostly feel comfortable in my own skin wherever I am. Again, this is because of serving you.

Therefore, I urge YOU to please consider serving A.A. Consider how you think you can serve A.A. Some people have the time and skills to be Delegate; some people have the time and skills to be GSR; some people have time to open a meeting or make coffee. There is no shame in not standing for a position if your heart isn't in

it or you don't have the time. In these cases, accepting the responsibility may be a disservice to you and to A.A. One of the most alarming statements I've heard in A.A. is "let's elect him GSR, it'll be good for him". This may be true but is it good for A.A. or the group?

Some positions almost require a certain skill set. If you don't have that skill set, do you have the commitment and determination to acquire it? Is there someone who could help you acquire that skill set? If so, talk to them before you stand and arrange for the help.

It has truly been my honor to serve you. I look forward to whatever is in store for me next.

In love and service,

Carole B., Panel 59 Delegate

## All Three—Recovery, Unity, Service

The 12 Steps I took to change my life, *Recovery*. I practiced the 12 Traditions, attending at meetings and other A.A. functions, such as pot-lucks learning how to get along with others, *Unity*. Trying to understand the 12 Concepts, I try to give back to my group, my district, and my area as well as individuals and organizations outside of the fellowship, *Service*.

By availing myself of all three A.A. legacies, I am comfortable with myself and with people around me, in and out of A.A. I can do things that were impossible for me to do when I first came into this program. I can love myself and others. I can be involved with people inside and outside of the program. I can travel to any part of the globe in complete confidence that I will find A.A.

Through AA and God, I am fully and totally sustained. As I write this, I sit in my new office, overlooking the ocean. I am house-sitting lovely property along the southern coast of Mexico. I never would have been able to reach out for adventure had I not embraced all three legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Jay S., Havre

## A Desire to Serve

I recently attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in San Antonio with 50,000 plus friends and began to realize the significance and magnitude of what I have been privileged to be a part of and contribute to over the past 17 years. I have been given the opportunity to learn, grow and serve my fellows thanks to those who went before me. Without you I would not have made it to the doors of A.A.

It was hot in muggy in San Antonio, much like that day 17 years ago in Houston when,

plagued by waves of self pity, remorse and general hopelessness, I thought I would give this A.A. thing one more chance. Hoping to see a familiar face, I attended a meeting, shaking and drunk. I can't begin to tell you my thoughts. As the meeting closed I looked frantically for Jeff G. who would surely help me. Jeff had always made it a point to identify with me and talk about how his alcoholism not only affected himself but others. He did this through sharing, giving back and serving others.

Our recent international convention theme was titled "A Vision for You", it solidified that experience with Jeff that hot muggy day. For me, chapter 11 is a special chapter one that begins with utter hopelessness and desperation, ending with love and service for others.

At the old-timers meeting Saturday night there was 575 AA members who registered as old-timers (those having 40 years or

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is still a vital resource for us, in striving to meet our primary purpose.

So step up! We always need “new blood” in service as well as our “old hands.” If you have not participated in formal service at all, please go to your group’s business meeting and be willing to take a job and learn what needs to be done. If you have been doing group service work, and it is now somebody else’s turn in your group, go to your district’s business meeting and

stand for a position that needs to be filled at that level. Come to an Area Assembly and stand up to participate in service at that level, also. And if you have been doing service work all along, “keep coming back.”

The basic requirements for any service job at any level are some sobriety (the exact amount will vary), a willingness to do your best at the job, and the time and the energy it takes to do it. You will very likely discover that service work adds to your life and to your sobriety. You will find a com-

munity of sober alcoholics committed to offering our solution to suffering alcoholics. You may also find that you will not want to miss this part of our great adventure. Try it! The only way to appreciate how the Twelve Steps work is to take them and experience the results. Likewise, the only way to appreciate the gifts that come from service work is to pitch in and do service work, and experience the results. Hope we see you soon!

Terry S., Area Chair/Alternate Delegate

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set up, the coffee was made, the literature was written, and, maybe most importantly, you had traveled the path before me. All I had to do was ask for help and I was freely given what I needed. It is a debt I will never be able to repay.

But as we say, more will be revealed. I had been sober over 26 years when my most precious daughter was suffering from this illness. All I could do is what I had learned from you. I could tell her there is a solution

when she is ready, then I let go and let God. The day finally came when she was delivered to your loving arms and the miracle happened. She is happy, free, and sober today almost 2 years.

My debt today is compounded by the fact that A.A. was there for me, but you were also trusted to keep our legacies of Unity, Service, and Recovery intact for over a quarter century so my daughter could have a life as good as mine.

One Ultimate Authority, Singleness of Purpose, Self Support through voluntary con-

tributions, Simplicity, Non-Professionalism, no Property-Prestige-Power, Group Conscience, Anonymity; these principles and many more are what have been entrusted to us so future generations can have the gift so freely given.

Together we can repay a debt I can’t possibly pay alone.

Forever grateful, Dave L.--Missoula

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more of sobriety). Their names were placed in the hat and 12 were chosen to share. As I sat in the crowd in the Alamo-dome, I listened carefully as the twelve shared briefly about what they did and still do to be a part of our fellowship. They said that meetings, the steps, the traditions and the concepts are each important, but separately they did not produce the needed spiritual experience for them to overcome alcoholism. Our three legacies are “Recovery, Unity and Service”. Taken singularly they will not create or provide the needed spiritual experience. Only if taken and practiced as a whole, do I begin to realize the power and magnificence of our A.A. program!

I attended my first service function when sober a few years, it was a regional event, packed with all kinds of sober alcoholics

participating in the whole of A.A. I remember sitting and listening to the discussions and the passions for our program from those who spoke at the microphone. I understood very little of our fellowship and its service structure at that time, but I did feel and experience the presence of my Higher Power. I saw and heard Him work through you so that I might have the program of A.A. and be a part of a worldwide fellowship like nothing I had ever experienced. I knew from that day forward I had to have more, but in order to have more I had to do more. I actually wanted to and still do wish to give more.

So today I am asking you to not just consider, talk about, or dismiss service without ever doing it. I believe you would be selling your self short and leaving us to flounder. If you really want to experience what our program and our Higher Power can do from the hopeless to the hopeful, consider

your participation in service a gift for all to experience and enjoy. I know since I became involved in service, my life is forever increasing in abundance, love and laughter. I have made countless mistakes and been corrected many, many times, but in each service rotation not only has my circle of friends widened but my faith has deepened.

Many times I have heard “I am not qualified”. If that were true, none of us would have our program and our service structure as we know it today. I do not believe that we are chosen for service work—we make the choice to service others and God’s grace qualifies us. So “stand for something or fall for anything”. Don’t just “try” service work, “do” service work. It’s an experience you must not miss!

I look forward to serving with you in Alcoholics Anonymous!

Colby D., District 11 DCM

# A.A. MEMBERS



## electronic delivery...

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

**T**he U.S. and Canada A.A. General Service Office needs your input to help determine how best to serve those interested in accessing A.A. literature or information electronically.

1. Are you interested in reading A.A. literature on your mobile device or computer?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Don't know

If yes/maybe, which devices would you use?

- E-Reader
- Smartphone/Mobile Device
- Computer/Desktop/Laptop/Netbook

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which A.A. book would you want available electronically?

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3. Which A.A. pamphlet would you want available electronically?

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4. What other services or information do you want your G.S.O. to provide electronically?

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Please send the completed questionnaire, by **September 15**, to the Area 40 Literature Chairperson.



**Yogo Inn  
Lewistown, Montana  
September 18-19, 2010**

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**Friday, September 17, 2010 - Sapphire Rooms**

AA meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is held separately from the Assembly. This meeting is self-supporting. Expenses include room rent and coffee/tea.)

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**SATURDAY SESSION — September 18, 2010**

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.*)

8:00/9:30 **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\*

9:30/9:45 **Coffee Break**

9:45/10:30 **Election Orientation/Posting Nominees for Delegate** — Andrew W.

**10:30/12:00 Standing Committee Meetings:**

Archives/Structure-----	Kendall Room
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums-----	Terrace Room
CPC/Trustees-----	Gypsum Room
Finance-----	302
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions-----	310
Literature-----	328
Public Information/Report & Charter-----	412
Treatment/Agenda-----	430

(IF YOUR COMMITTEE DOES NOT FINISH ITS BUSINESS DURING THIS SESSION, PLEASE NOTIFY THE AREA CHAIR OR SECRETARY)

**Workshops for those not attending committee meetings (25 minutes each)**

10:30-10:55 "Triangle Inventory — What Do We Want From Our Triangle" Sharon S.

11:00-11:25 "Archives — Methods and Means" Joe H.

11:30-11:55 "Special Needs Participation — What To Think About" Anne B.

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

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

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**SATURDAY SESSION — September 18, 2010** [agenda page 2]

1:30/3:00 **Elections:** Presided by Area Advisor, Andrew W.

\* Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, and Area Secretary are elected by Third Legacy Procedure as outlined on pages s21-s22 of the service manual.

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

3:00/3:15 **Coffee Break**

(If elections are completed before 5:00 pm, the Floor Assembly begins)

5:00/7:00 **Recess for Dinner**

7:00/8:15 **\*\*Floor Assembly / Committee Reports-Motions and Discussion**

Treatment/Agenda-----Paula H.

Public Information/Report & Charter-----Tim M.

Finance-----Linda B.

Literature-----Lori F.

CPC-----Virginia R.

Grapevine-----Richard K.

Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums-----Mary S.

Archives/Structure-----Tim H.

8:15/8:30 **Coffee Break**

8:30/10:00 **GSR Breakout** — Led by Past Delegate Maryann W.

**DCM Breakout** — Led by Past Delegate Ed M.

Ask-it-basket questions and sharing in both breakouts

**SUNDAY SESSION — September 21, 2010**

8:00/8:45 **\*Roundup Reports:** Spring 2010 Billings; Fall 2010 Butte; Spring 2011 Great Falls

**\*National Archives Workshop** Fall 2011 Helena

**\*Intergroup Reports**

8:45/9:15 **Past Delegate Sharing** — Ed M.

9:15/9:45 **Past Delegate Sharing** — Maryann W.

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

10:00/10:30 Delegate's Report

10:30/12:00 **\*\*Continue Floor Assembly / Committee Reports** — Recommendations — Discussion, General Sharing

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

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**SPRING 2011 ASSEMBLY, APRIL 9-10, 2011, AT THE YOGO INN, LEWISTOWN MT**

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The following pages contain our agenda items and the Area Committees addressing them

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).

Review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 to better understand our process.

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The Committees and their agenda items are listed in order of presentation.

**Treatment/Agenda — Paula H.**

**Treatment**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Treatment Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- B. Discuss information to provide to the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

**Agenda**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Agenda Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference

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

**Public Information**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on PI Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- B. Discuss information to provide to the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

**Report & Charter**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on R&C Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference

**Finance — Linda B.**

- A. Review and discuss how Area 40 prepares and considers the Area budget for the upcoming year.
- B. Consider and propose the Area 40 budget for 2011
- C. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Finance Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- D. Discuss information to provide to the new Treasurer for the next rotation.

**Literature — Lori F.**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Literature Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- B. Discuss information to provide to the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

**CPC/Trustees — Virginia R.**

**CPC**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on CPC Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- B. Discuss information to provide to the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

**Trustees**

- A. Consider whether Area 40 should submit the following agenda item for the 61st General Service Conference: Consider a contingency plan to deal with the eventuality that the number of General Service Trustees drops from 21 to below 19. [Virginia R. to provide background material to the Committee at Assembly]
- B. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Trustees Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference

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

**Grapevine**

- A. Review and report on Area 40 Grapevine Survey status [Rich K. to provide background material to the Committee at Assembly]
- B. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Grapevine Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- C. Discuss information to provide to the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

**Policy & Admissions**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on P&A Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference

**Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums — Mary S.**

**Corrections**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Corrections Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- B. Discuss information to provide to the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

**International Conventions-Regional Forums**

- A. Review and report the status of Area 40 request for Additional Local Forum (in Great Falls and Miles City in 2011 [Mary S. to provide background material to Committee])
- B. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on IC-RF Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference

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

**Archives**

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Archives Agenda Items at the 2010 General Service Conference
- B. Discuss information to provide to the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

**Area 40 Structure and Policies**

- A. Consider request that Area 40 sponsor 2-4 DCM orientations early in the first year of each rotation to be conducted by the new Area Advisor. The orientation would include a discussion on the committee system, energizing districts, updating group information, and the service structure.
- B. Consider Area 40 Ad Hoc Committee's draft of "Qualifications for Area Committee members"
- C. Consider request that Area Chair form an ad-hoc committee to establish a protocol for Area 40 to conduct an inventory of itself at the Spring 2011 Area Assembly. Specifically, the protocol shall especially look at the effectiveness of the Area Assemblies and Committees regarding helping the still suffering alcoholic.
- D. Consider the request that Area 40 sponsor up to six individuals' travel costs to the West Central Regional Additional Forum in Rapid City South Dakota, November 10-12, 2010, including carpooling and room sharing where possible to keep costs down, at an estimated cost of \$250.00 per person (\$1,500.00 for six persons).

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## Grapevine Goings On

### Grapevine Survey

Have you completed the Grapevine Survey? The Grapevine Board and the General Service Board have asked the fellowship to help determine what changes, if any, might be implemented to help steer the Grapevine into the future. A few of the methods of gathering information include a survey, listening sessions, and brainstorming sessions. A survey was included in the May-June issue of the Triangle and is posted the Area 40 website [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org) (select area business, then select Articles and Documents and scroll down to "2010 Grapevine Survey"). Let your voice be heard on questions such as:

- Do you think it is important for the Grapevine Magazine to continue?
- What is the value of the Grapevine magazine to you?
- How do you use the Grapevine magazine?
- What would you like to change about the Grapevine magazine?
- What do you think the purpose of the Grapevine magazine should be?

Would you rather have a voice at a listening session? Talk to Rich K., Area Grapevine Chair, to schedule a session before November 1.

### August 2010 *Grapevine* has Arrived

Families come in many shapes and sizes. In this family reunion issue, AAs talk about the families, both biological and collected, that have been created in their sober lives.

- **A family affair** *After surrendering, this closeknit family accumulates a total of 178 years of sobriety*
- **I stole the wallet** *Awkward and painful as it was, this amends had to be made*
- **Who's sponsoring who?** *Someone once helped him; now he returns the favor*

### Special Section: Family Reunion

- **My daughter, the alcoholic** *A young woman hits bottom and helps her father recognize his own alcoholism*
- **Struck sober** *Four brothers come crashing into AA after years of raging alcoholism*
- **A letter from my uncle** *A beloved relative carries the AA message to a young alcoholic*

*Preview the August issue, i-Poll topics for the upcoming relationships issue, and subscribe at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)*

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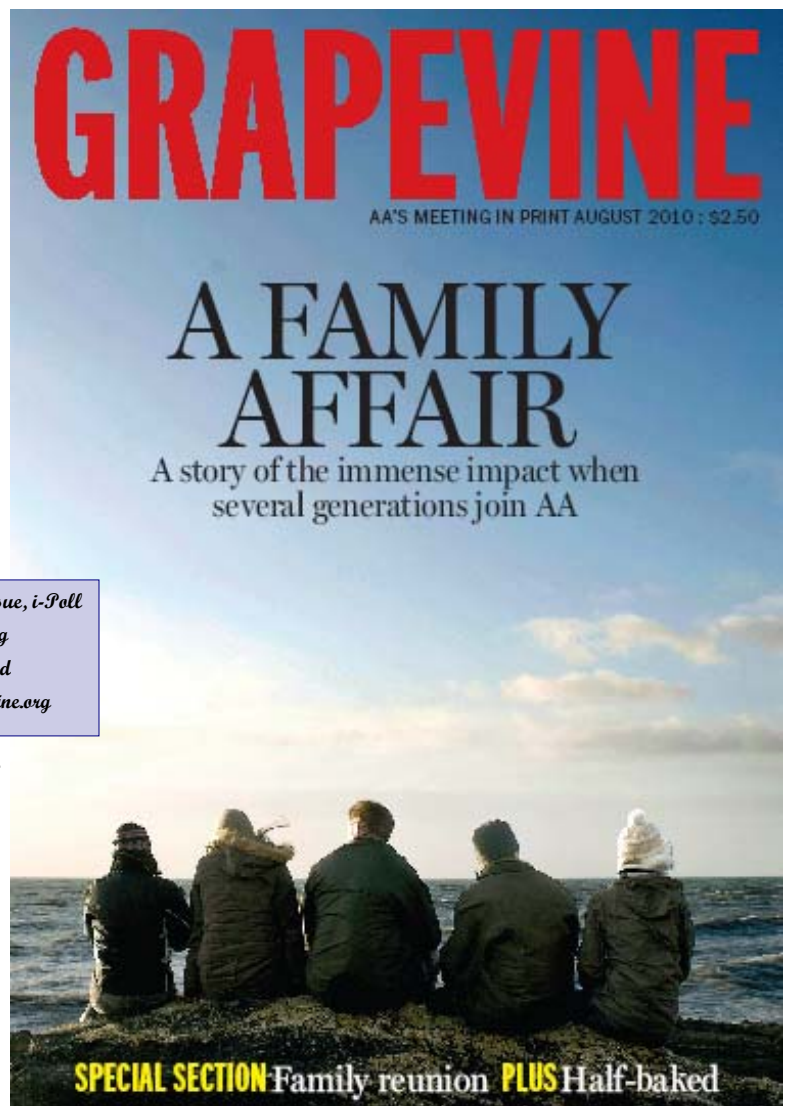
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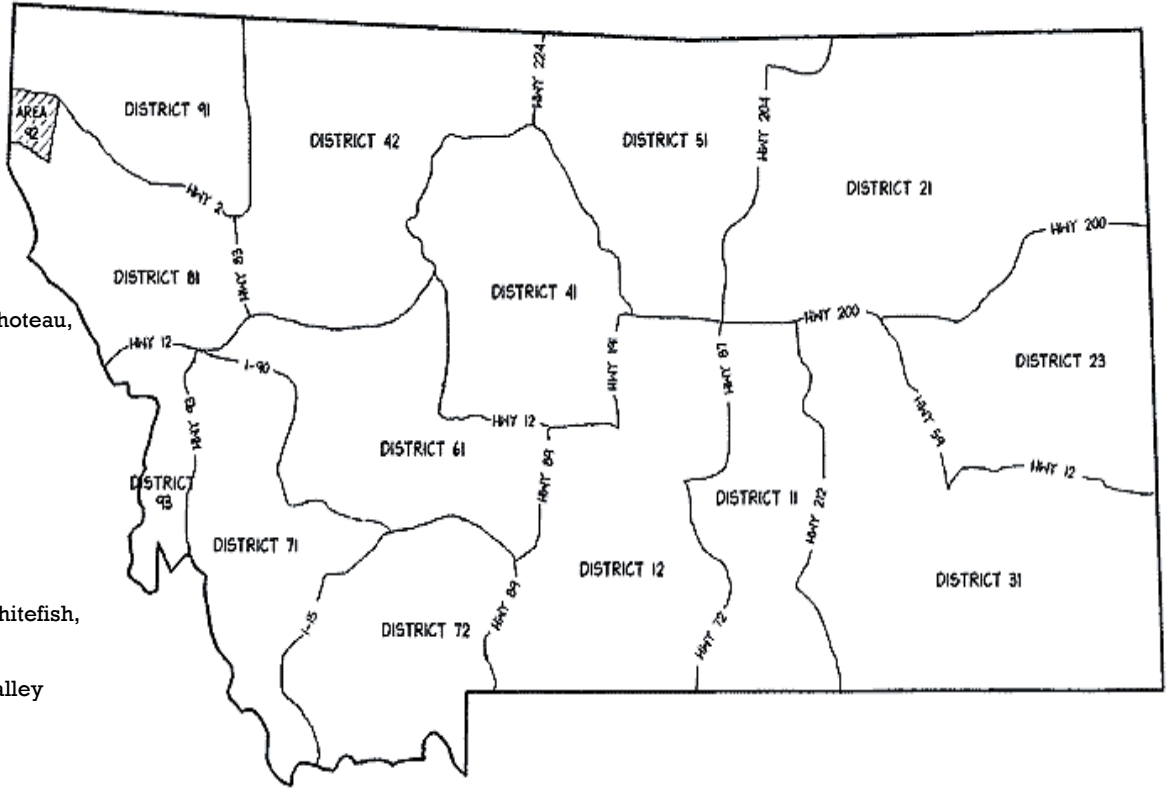
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# Area Map

- 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



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## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST

20-21—**COLUMBUS - FIREMAN'S POINT**—Nick D.  
27-29—**FORT PECK**—Wild West Soberfest— Laura S.

### SEPTEMBER

3-5—**POLSON**—27TH Annual Ray of Hope Sunlight of the Spirit Camporee—Suzanne or Sonya  
18-19—**LEWISTOWN**—Fall Assembly—Terry S.  
24-26—**HAVRE**—Mini-Conference—Lana D.

### OCTOBER

1-3—**BUTTE**—Fall Roundup—Virginia C. or FALLROUNDUPBUTTE@YAHOO.COM  
9—**BOZEMAN**—H.O.W. Group Annual Speaker Event—Candy S.  
16-17—**KALISPELL**—Flathead Valley Serenity Group Annual Fall Refresher—Kathy

### NOVEMBER 2010

12-14—**RAPID CITY, SD**—Additional Regional Forum—*Singleness of Purpose-Carrying the Message to the Native American*—Carole B.

### MARCH 2011

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

### APRIL 2011

9-10—**LEWISTOWN**—Spring Assembly

### MAY 2011

13-15—**GREAT FALLS**—Spring Roundup

### JULY 2011

11-12—**GREAT FALLS/MILES CITY**—Local Forum—pending request outcome

### SEPTEMBER 2011

10-11—**DAVENPORT, IOWA**—West Central Regional Forum  
17-18—**LEWISTOWN**—Fall Assembly  
22-25—**HELENA**—National A.A. Archives Workshop—Gerry R. traditionsway@bresnan.net

### MARCH 2012

2-4—**BILLINGS**—West Central Region Service Conference

*The Fall Assembly is  
September 18-19, 2010,  
at the Yoga Inn in  
Lewistown.. Make  
your reservations as  
soon as possible!*

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## Fall Roundup Planning

The 2010 Fall Round-up will be held October 1-3 in Butte at the Butte Copper King Hotel. This year's theme is "Gratitude is an Action Word". The July committee meeting included a report from all 14 sub-committees and all is going well. Registration flyers are available on the Area 40 website, [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org) or from any DCM or you may contact us at [fallroundup-butte@yahoo.com](mailto:fallroundup-butte@yahoo.com). The "special" roundup rates are still available at the Copper King. Call 406-221-7070 and mention 2010 Fall Round-up. YIS

Rick P., 2010 Fall Round-up Chair

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## Last Chance

Don't miss out on hearing about the General Service Conference and the decisions made there and other current A.A. news. Our Delegate will be making her final Delegate Reports at the following dates and locations:

- August 14 — District 11, Billings
- August 15 (1 PM) — District 93, Victor
- August 21 (Noon) — District 31
- August 21 (5 PM) — District 12 Columbus (Fireman's Point)
- August 28 — District 21, Fort Peck