

The Triangle

Area 40, Inc.

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Spring Assembly: Our Primary Purpose is...

From Your Editor

This issue contains the agenda for the Area Assembly April 9-10. Your DCM has the background material. This issues contributions surround a theme of getting ready to work at Assembly. In fact, from the content submitted it seems that Committee

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Hello, Area 40!

Looking at our upcoming Spring Assembly, we have some wonderful opportunities to apply our principles and make concrete decisions about how Area 40 wants to deal with some real-life issues. Among many items involving our 12 Traditions, we have two back-to-back items involving our International Journal, and the

A.A. Grapevine. Look at pages 6-7 of our Spring Assembly Agenda (inside this issue), Grapevine, Items A and B (page 6): A. Consider that A.A. Grapevine, Inc., be

permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, e-reader, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products.

B. Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General

Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.

These items make us look at our principles of self-support and non-affiliation, and other traditions as well.

Among other items involving our 12 Concepts, we have two General Service Conference items that address getting the Conference itself more active in setting its own agenda. This results from concerns over the past several rotations that GSO staff and the Trustees Con-

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"Come to the Assembly! ...come and participate."

PRE-ASSEMBLY IS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER

District 81 recently hosted a pre-assembly that was well-attended by members from many districts across Area 40. The event was informative, I had a great time interacting with friends old and new, and I left with that spiritual-tingly feeling that usually lets me know I'm doing something right in AA.

I must say, that

charming paragraph is a complete about-face from my initial feelings regarding hosting pre-assembly. While I was in the first month of my term as DCM I felt a bit overwhelmed with learning the duties of my new position and responding to issues that arose in our district. At that time, I would receive an email or phone call, need to research

how to handle the concern for about forty minutes, and then it would only take about five minutes for me to take the proposed action! Now, I am pleased to report I have cut the preparation time down to about fifteen minutes. That same month, when the call came in that it was

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Chairs and Districts are already "on the job". Thanks to the groups and individuals who have subscribed or renewed their subscriptions!

The next issue of the Triangle will be a post assembly issue, with news from the Assembly. Articles are welcome, and I would like to have them by April 23, please! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Lewistown! Make sure to check out the website

for updates, minutes to a couple of great Tele-conferences we've held this spring, and flyers that go along with the calendar on the back of this issue. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as Triangle Editor! Lee T..

Send Your Cards & Letters

The Delegate always appreciates greetings during the General Service Conference Week (May 1 - May 7). Remember to allow a few days for the mail to get to New York!

Send your cards and letters to:

Terry S.

Panel 61, Area 40 Delegate
c/o Crowne Plaza

Times Square Hotel

1605 Broadway
(at 49th St)

New York, NY 10019

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ference Committee make the decisions about the GSC agenda, and that the Conference itself should have a greater role in agenda-setting.

Look at pages 4-5 of our Spring Assembly Agenda, at Agenda, Item E (near the top of page 5):

A. Consider a request that the Trustees Conference Committee meet annually with the Conference Committee on Agenda and the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions to address matters concerning the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy. Now look at page 7, Policy/Admissions, Item G: Discuss request that a formal relationship be developed between the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions and the Trustees Con-

ference Committee to address matters of policy relating to the Conference.

One item is very specific, the other rather general, but for both items, we are deciding, among other things, whether responsibility and authority for setting the GSC agenda are appropriately shared between Conference, Trustees and GSO.

Closer to home, something that is not on our Agenda, but will still be discussed at our Assembly, is a request from some groups in that small part of Montana not currently within Area 40. They are asking Area 40 to list their meetings on our web site, because lots of folks assume that any meetings anywhere in Montana will appear on the Area 40 web site meetings lists. This request makes us look closely at our own Area Policies and Procedures,

as well as Assembly past actions, and then think about what, consistent with our principles, is the right thing to do. Our primary purpose is still to remain sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety, one alcoholic sharing with another. We hold our assemblies to support that purpose, because we are responsible to assure that whenever any alcoholic, anywhere, reaches out for help, the hand of A.A. will always be there. Come to the Assembly! Come prepared and informed, if you can. Come knowing what your home group thinks about the agenda items. Come with questions. Come with ideas about solutions. But no matter what, if at all possible, come and participate. Terry S., Panel 61 Delegate, Area 40 (Montana)

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Greetings, Area 40! My name is Lori F. and I am an alcoholic and your treasurer for this rotation. I am pleased to report that the checkbook is balanced as of February 28, 2011.

Please take a look at the summary reports I have provided in addition to this article. Our checkbook balance is \$22,603.32. Our prudent reserve is \$12,119.98, the archivist account balance is \$1,255.95, and our current accounts payable is \$268.81, leaving an operating balance of \$8,958.58. We have an ambitious budget

this year of \$36,359.94. According to the most recent information I have, there are 292 registered groups in Area 40. If all the groups contributed to Area 40, and if we spend our entire budget, the amount needed from each group would be \$124.52. In 2009, 133 groups (45.5%) in Area 40 sent contributions to the

General Service Office. In 2010, 110 groups (37.7%) sent contributions to Area 40. I am open to ideas or suggestions on how I can better communicate to the Area 40 fellowship the importance of spiritual action through the 7th Tradition.

In gratitude and service,
Lori F., Area 40 Treasurer

AREA 40 SPRING ASSEMBLY

Yogo Inn
Lewistown, Montana
April 9-10, 2011

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SATURDAY SESSION — April 9

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, Linda B.

Orientation to the Assembly — by the Delegate, Terry S.

Reports from Area Committee Members

Area Chair

Secretary¹

Treasurer¹

Triangle Editor¹

Area Service Chairs¹

DCM's¹

Standing, nonvoting service positions¹

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

10:00-12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**

Public Information/Report and Charter & Website.....Judith

Treatment Facilities/Agenda.....Moccasin

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy.....Kendall Room

Corrections/International Conventions.....Terrace Room

Finance.....Gypsum Room

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC).....Room 412

Literature.....Snowy

CPC/Trustees.....Room 310

(If your committee finished its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair)

Workshop for those not attending committee meetings

Led by past delegate — Bob H. — “We are Responsible for A.A.’s Future — Let It Begin With Us”

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

1:30-2:30 **Workshop** for those not attending committee meetings

Led by past delegate — Loren B. — “How to Increase Participation in A.A. — Striving for Self-Support in All Our Affairs”

2:30-3:15 **Standing Committee Meetings** (continued at same locations as 10:00-12:00)

Delegate's Report — Terry S. (questions and answers)

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- 3:15-3:30 **Coffee Break**
- 3:30-5:00 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
Public Information/Report² — Paula H.
Treatment Facilities/Agenda² — Colby D.
Archives/Structure — Joe H.
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums² — Terry H.
CPC/Trustees² — Libbie L.
Finance² — Lori F.
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions² — Gary E.
Literature² — Mary McC.
- 5:00-7:00 **Recess for Dinner**
- 7:00-8:15 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion (Continued)**
- 8:15-8:30 **Coffee Break**
- 8:30-10:00 **GSR Breakout** — Held by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket and sharing
DCM Breakout — Held by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket and sharing
- SUNDAY SESSION — April 10**
- 8:00-8:45 **Roundup Reports¹: Fall 2010 Butte; Spring 2011 Great Falls; Fall 2011 Helena**
Intergroup Reports¹:
Report from the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) in
Nisswa, Minnesota¹
Report from the Local Forum Committee¹
Report from the National AA Archives Workshop Committee¹
Report from the 2012 WCRRAASC Committee¹
- 8:45-9:15 **Past Delegate Sharing** — Bob H.
- 9:15-9:45 **Past Delegate Sharing** — Loren B.
- 9:45-10:00 **Coffee Break**
- 10:00-12:00 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion (continued)** followed by general sharing as time allows

ADJOURN — PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

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

Pages 3-8 contain the standing committee agenda items. Most of these items come from the General Service Conference and will be fully addressed at the General Service Conference May 1-6. There are 3 Area 40 agenda items — all for the Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee.

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² **Floor comments** are requested to take no longer than 3 minutes

The General Service Conference Agenda and all background materials were sent to all DCM's and committee chairs. This information is then passed on to committee members for research, review and discussion. This process, hopefully, leads to a well-informed *conscience/decision*.
If your Group has any comments, questions, or concerns or would like copies of any background information, please contact the appropriate Area Committee Chair. The names, phone numbers, and email addresses of the Area Committee members are in ***The Triangle*** (the Area newsletter). Your DCM also has this contact information or you can email the committee chair through the Area's website www.aa-montana.org.
 (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. We will then 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. This "sense of the Area" will assist him 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. **[NOTE addition at bottom of issue page 7]**

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

Public Information/Report and Charter & Website— Paula H.

Public Information

- A. Consider 2010 annual Web site report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Consider that the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey.
- C. Consider approval of the General Service Board "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates."
- D. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 2. Consider production of new television P.S.A.s.
- E. Consider revisions to "Understanding Anonymity" which include text on the topic of anonymity in the digital age and answers the question "What should I tell my loved ones about protecting the anonymity of the A.A. members they may meet?"
- F. Consider revisions to "The A.A. Fact File."
- G. Consider a revision to "A.A. at a Glance."
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Report and Charter

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- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2011-2012 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 2. Review draft of description on trustees emeriti.
 - 3. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 4. Review revised text forwarded from the 2010 Conference Committee on Trustees regarding the nominating procedure listed as #2 on page S67.
 - 5. Consider request to change the phrase “new kid on the block” to “a first year delegate” on page S52 under Personal Experience in section “Preparing for the Conference.”
 - 6. Consider suggestion to revise the text on “inactive service workers” on page S37 in Chapter Four to reflect that the appropriate local entity is responsible for addressing inactive G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s and add similar text to Chapters One and Three.
 - 7. Consider request to review and update the section “What Goes On at the Conference” on page S55.
- B. Conference Charter:
 - 1. Consider request to recommend adding “the right of Petition and Appeal” to the Conference Charter as found in *The A.A. Service Manual*.
 - 2. Consider request to “address and remedy the inconsistencies between the Current [Conference] Charter and the Original [Conference] Charter” as found in *The A.A. Service Manual*.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

Treatment Facilities/Agenda — Colby D.

Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2012 General Service Conference.
- B. Presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2012 General Service Conference
 - 1. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2012 G.S.C.
 - 2. Consider reducing the number of presentation/discussion topics planned for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- E. Consider a request that the trustees' Conference Committee meet annually with the Conference Committee on Agenda and the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions to address matters concerning the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy.

Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities

- A. Review draft recovery pamphlet for alcoholics with special needs.
- B. Discuss report from the trustees' Committee regarding changing “Treatment Facilities” Committee to “Treatment” Committee in committee titles and in A.A. literature.

- C. Consider removing line of dialog from video “Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous.”
- D. Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy — Joe H.

Archives

Review Workbook.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Consider Area 40 Ad Hoc Committee’s draft of “Qualifications for Area Committee members” (*tabled from Fall 2010 Committee meeting*).
- B. Consider Area 40 Ad Hoc Committee’s proposed protocol and time line for Area 40 to conduct an inventory of itself.
- C. Consider the following additions to the Area 40 Policy and Procedures:
 - 1. In the event that the Delegate resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate shall become the Delegate.
 - 2. In the event that the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, or Secretary resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Area Advisor shall assume these duties until the next Area Assembly. A Third Legacy Election shall take place at the next Area Assembly to fill the vacancy. All current and past Area Committee Members are eligible to stand.
 - 3. In the event that the Area Advisor resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Area Chair shall appoint a Past Delegate to complete the rotation.

Corrections/International Conventions — Terry H.

Corrections

- A. Review progress report from trustees’ Committee on Corrections on revising the pamphlet “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.”
- B. Consider adding references to the Big Book in the pamphlet “A.A. in Correctional Facilities,” including a proposed section describing Big Book studies as a possible meeting format.
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

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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.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss report on the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and how areas communicate about upcoming Forums in their region.

Finance — Lori F.

- A. Review update from trustees' Finance Committee on gathering personal stories drawn from the Fellowship that humanize the impact of Seventh Tradition monies for the purpose of communicating with the Fellowship about self-support.
- B. Consider two alternative suggestions of ways to revise the pamphlet F-3 "Self-Support: Where Money and Spiritually Mix" forwarded from the trustees' Finance Committee.
- C. Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee develop a Finance Workbook, a draft of which is to be made available for the 2012 General Service Conference, to assist group, intergroup/central offices, district and area service workers in carrying the message of our shared responsibility for the Seventh Tradition."
- D. Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee convert Self-Support packet F-19 to a comprehensive Finance Kit."
- E. Discuss the list forwarded from the 2010 Conference Finance Committee for additional ways to communicate about self-support:
 - 1. Birthday Plan
 - 2. Seventh Tradition Pamphlet
 - 3. Box 4-5-9 or Grapevine Articles
 - 4. Finance Workbook/Tool Kit
 - 5. Report Costs of Services to Members
 - 6. Discuss Effects of Inflation
 - 7. Add Additional Financial Information to the Web site

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC) — Gary E.

Grapevine

- A. Consider that A.A. Grapevine, Inc., be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, e-reader, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products.
- B. Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.
- C. Review request for a discussion on how to best support the Grapevine magazine.
- D. Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2012 or later.
- E. Review and discuss the results of the surveys conducted per the 2010 Advisory Action.
- F. Review revisions to "The A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print" pamphlet.

- G. Review contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve admission to the 2011 General Service Conference of Ron F, alternate delegate, Area 22, Northern Indiana, in place of Donald S., the Panel 61 delegate for Area 22.
- B. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Peru to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.
- C. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Great Britain to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.
- D. Discuss request to change the deadline for the submission of Conference agenda items.
- E. Consider the comprehensive plan and estimated cost from the Conference Inventory Planning Committee for the General Service Conference to conduct a thorough inventory of itself.
- F. Review dates for the 2014 General Service Conference.
- G. Discuss request that a formal relationship be developed between the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions and the trustees' Conference Committee to address matters of policy relating to the Conference.
- H. Consider suggestion that the Conference Committee on Archives meet outside of the time allotted for their joint committee meeting with the trustees' Committee on Archives.
- I. Review report from the General Service Board regarding Concept V Appeal to the General Service Conference.

Literature— Mary McC.

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs."
- B. Review progress report from the trustee's Literature Committee on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- C. Review progress report from the trustee's Literature Committee on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services."
- D. Review draft revisions to the *Living Sober* booklet.
- E. Consider suggestion to replace the text under "When you're a G.S.R." in the pamphlet "G.S.R. General Service Representative."
- F. Consider a request to develop an item similar to the Self-support or "green card" to help promote the use of our literature as a Twelfth Step tool.
- G. Consider a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action that "the trustees' Literature Committee develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous."
- H. Consider a request to include the A.A. Preamble in the front inside pages of the Big Book.
- I. Consider a request to develop a publication about the General Service Office.

CPC/Trustees — Libbie L.

Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC)

- A. Discuss the concept of a compilation DVD of C.P.C. literature.
- B. Discuss a draft sample letter to professionals on how they might use the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne.
- C. Review a draft service piece regarding use of the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne in C.P.C. endeavors.
- D. C.P.C. Kit and Workbook
 - 1. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
 - 2. List of goals and project suggestions for C.P.C. committees.
 - 3. Sharing on formats for one-on-one contact with professionals.
 - 4. Sample guide letter for healthcare professional school administrators.

Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada
- 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.

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GRAPEVINE "... a magic carpet on which each of you can ride to the more distant reaches and watch new brothers and sisters emerge from darkness into light." Bill W., 1959, referring to the AA Grapevine.

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UPCOMING WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL FORUM

This fall, in Davenport, IA—September 9-11—GSO notes :

We Are Coming Together To Share Experience On Several Topics:

- ✂ Why should I care about A.A. beyond my home group?
- ✂ A.A. History-Boring or incredible spiritual journey?
- ✂ How does support of G.S.O. help A.A.s worldwide?
- ✂ Does your home group use the A.A. Grapevine or La Viña as a Twelfth Step tool?
- ✂ The upside down triangle-how are the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards accountable to the Fellowship?
- ✂ How do I have a voice in A.A.?
- ✂ What do the Traditions and Concepts have to do with my home group?

Purpose of this Forum

This Forum is put on by the A.A. General Service Board and is “open” to A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A. Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of the late Chairman of the General Service Board of Trustees, Dr. Jack Norris.

Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office Staff and the A.A. Grapevine.

Forums offer a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the West

Central Region to share their experience, strength and hope.

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I had a question the other day about digital *Grapevine* subscriptions. You can purchase a digital subscription to the A.A. *Grapevine* on-line at AAGrapevine.org (which I just did this morning) for \$19.97 per year. There is discount for multiple version subscriptions, or you can convert your print subscription to digital (extending your subscription term because of the lower price for digital), and you get your issues two weeks earlier. If you have a print subscription and prefer to keep it,

don't worry, it will stay the same unless you call in and convert it to digital (the number to call is on the website). Please share this info with everybody in the fellowship among your usual contact lists. Thanks for your service!

Terry S., Panel 61
Area 40 (Montana)



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our district's turn to host this year's pre-assembly I instantaneously panicked. How could someone who has never even attended a pre-assembly host such an event? My mind immediately awful-ized the situation into some pretty creative disasters that failed to materialize.

So, how could someone who has never even been to a pre-assembly host such an event? The same way that I've ever completed any other task in AA, I found out. I have concluded

that in AA I only need to be willing to serve and willing to ask for help.

Immediately after agreeing to host the event I contacted our alternate DCM as well as a

past DCM from our district. I suppose you could say we were the pre-assembly committee. Then, I sent an email to the Area Committee chairs and through a very long email chain they provided helpful answers that directed me on how to proceed with various matters. I am very thankful that even today when I extend my hand, the hand of AA is there to meet me.

I am grateful that I was able to walk through my fear to do what was asked of me as DCM. When I became a DCM I wasn't entirely sure what the position would hold. In the past, my willingness to serve had provided me with amazing experiences that motivate me to continue serving when the opportunity presents itself.

I consider myself fortunate to have originated in an awesome home group where people fully participated in A.A. and actively engaged in service work. No one ever forcefully told me to get a service position, go to a business meeting or put money in the basket. Rather, I watched enthusiastic people do these activities and I saw what they had. I didn't care that they were at least

twenty years older than I. I didn't care that they had kids, spouses and mortgages—all things I didn't relate. What appealed to me was that they genuinely seemed happy and a part of life. (Plus, no one else seemed that pleased to see me on a regular basis!) Now, I am genuinely happy and feel a part of life. I firmly attribute this to a willingness to participate in service work when I am able, even if my over-active, fear-mongering brain would like to convince me otherwise. Thank you for helping me to participate in the Area 40 AA community.

Erin G. District 81DCM

“I am grateful that I was able to walk through my fear to do what was asked of me...”

Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCM's 2010-2011

Position	Name	Address	City	Zip	email
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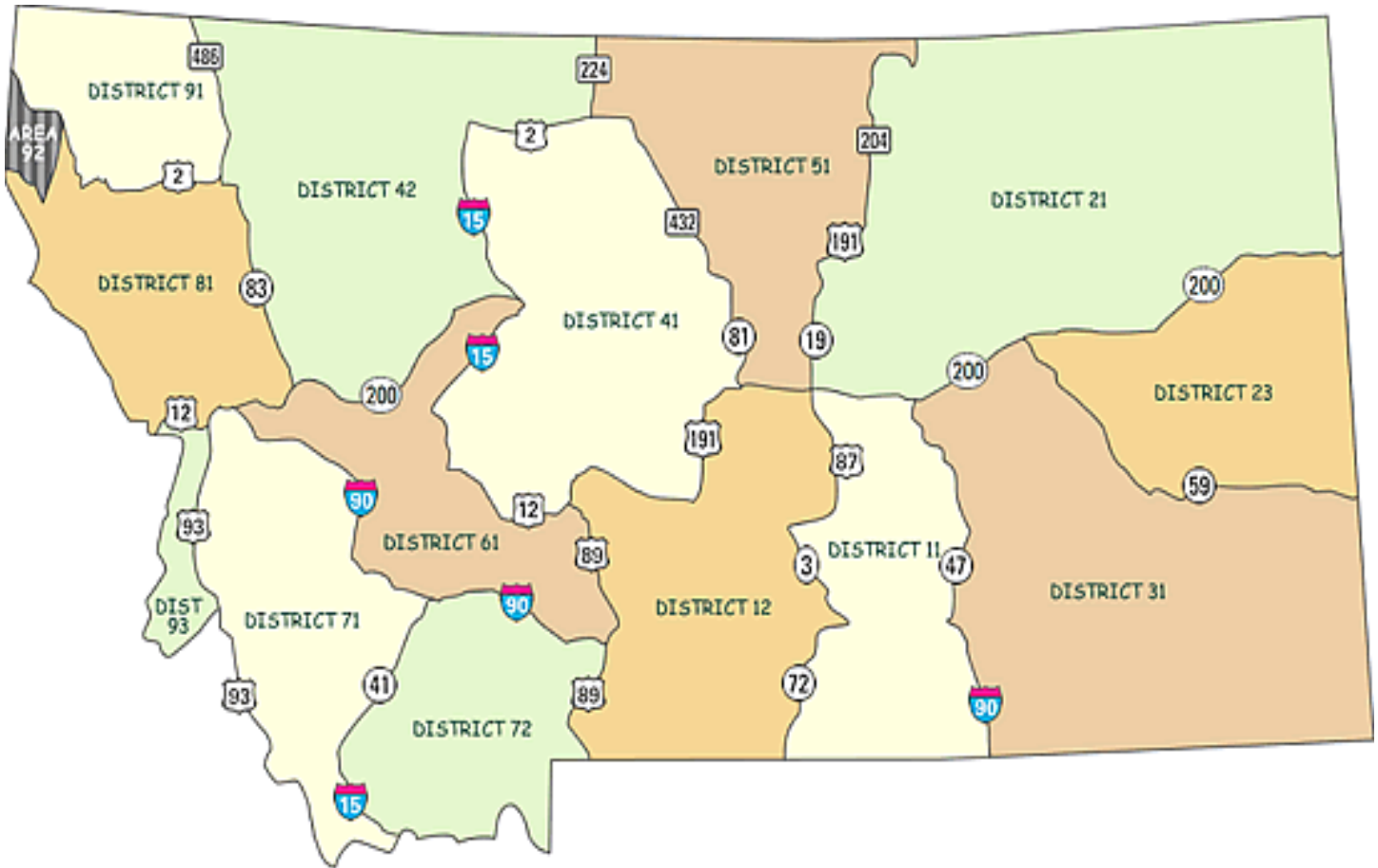
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APRIL 2011

9—**GREAT FALLS**—Big Book 12
Step Study Speaker Polly P.—
Dan D.

9-10—**LEWISTOWN**—Spring
Assembly—Sharon S.
chair@aa-montana.org

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ions & Treatment Work
shop—Dale K.

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6-7—**BILLINGS**—Big Book Week
end—Carole B.
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6-8—**NIAGRA FALLS, ONTARIO**
46th Blossom Time Convention—
btcnfall@vaxine.com;
www.blossomtimeconvention.com

13-15—**GREAT FALLS**—Spring
Roundup—Jaimie L. ; Patty C.
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JUNE 2011

14—**Malta**—AA Cookout &
Campfire Meeting
Trafton Park: Hwy 2 on Central Ave N.

18—**GREAT FALLS**—Local Forum—
Scott W.; Jewel Lea G.

19—**MILES CITY**—Local Forum—
Scott W.; Jewel Lea G.

24-26—**BILLINGS**—19th Annual
Beartooth Mountain
Conference
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SEPTEMBER 2011

9-11—**DAVENPORT, IOWA**—
West Central Regional
Forum—Terry S.
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17-18—**LEWISTOWN**—Fall
Assembly—Sharon S.
chair@aa-montana.org

22-25—**HELENA**—National A.A.
Archives Workshop—Gerry R.
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OCTOBER 2011

14-16—**HELENA**—Fall Roundup—
Karla I.

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5-7—**MISSOULA**—Fall Round
up—Rob H. Andrew W.

MARCH 2012

2-4—**BILLINGS**—West Cen-
tral Region A.A. Service
Conference—Don B.
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SPRING 2012

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Roundup

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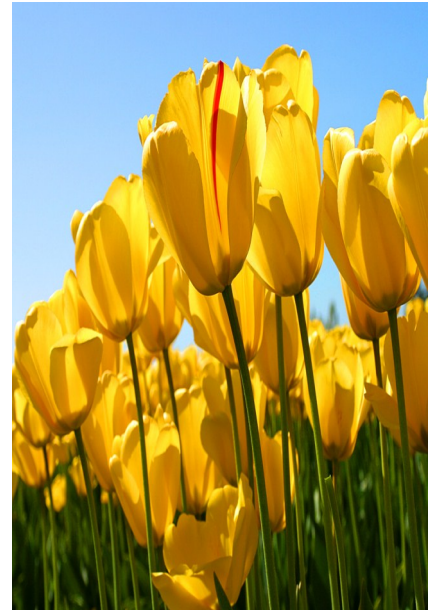
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