

General Service Conference – Selected Items

From Your Editor

What, the last issue came and you missed reading it? No, Marvin. Due to upgrade challenges we haven't been able to use the software—which we receive at a considerable non-profit status reduction—until this issue. Even though the process started in January I found a loophole (we alcoholics are good at

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In a room that seems a little smaller than the one in which Area 40 holds its Assemblies, the 61st General Service Conference met in a hotel near Times Square in New York City. During that week-long conference, I believe that the 135 voting members of the Conference, acting together as guardians of A.A.'s Steps and Traditions, did our best to answer the questions facing our Fellowship. All of the Conference Advisory Actions and additional considerations will be set out in the Final Conference Report. You can already see all of them, as well as my full report of the Conference, in electronic formats, which I am happy to share with those who want them. Also, the Summer Box 459 is out, and contains some Advisory Actions and a few additional considerations from the Conference. What follows in this article are quick looks at some of what happened.

Next year's conference theme will be "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age."

In the past three years, A.A. Grapevine, Inc. was crunched between sharply rising costs and declining subscriptions. The Conference authorized Grapevine to use digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies (such as smart phones, tablets, e-readers, applications, etc.) for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products. This means that we will be able to buy a subscription on line, read it, search

it, go directly to A.A. references from within it, etc., first on Apple mobile devices, then next on Droid mobile devices, and so forth. We have NO plans to stop publishing our paper A.A. Grapevine. The whole point of this endeavor is to broaden our readership by including digital readers, NOT to replace our existing magazine with digital publication, sales and distribution. Grapevine staff and directors tell us that if all goes well, this project could improve Grapevine's outlook considerably within a few years. We will, throughout this process, maintain our ownership and control of Grapevine, and maintain our direct relationships with our customers.

As some of you may recall, our Area 40 Grapevine Committee was unanimously opposed to this item, while the sense of the Area was split, with more opposed than in favor of it, but with no

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Highlights from the Local Forum

Several of us from District 61 were privileged to attend the Area 40 Local Forum. It gave me a great reminder about what we really are doing in our service work: helping extend the hand of AA to anyone, anywhere. We were treated afterwards to a barbeque hosted by District 41 - a great time was had by all. First, a great quote from the Local Forum attributed to a Class A trustee: "AA is the only organization where a knee jerk reaction takes 4 months."

Jim M, GSO staffer, told the most amazing story. It seems there was a riot in a prison, I believe it was Oregon, in early 1990s. While the riot thundered around the prison, guards saw a group of men off to the side, whispering to themselves. Standing off in a group and whispering looks suspicious in prison, much less in a riot. The guards demanded to know what they were doing. One of the men said, "We are AA members. We don't engage in outside controversy."

The warden said "How can we get more of that?" Although the facility was locked down, he directed the guards to let the outside AA members in for the meeting that night. AA had the warden's strong backing after that. Jim's story spoke to me about the power of God and AA, even behind the walls, and about how practicing these principles yields big dividends wherever you are. But the story gets better.

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clear consensus. There was a lot more information about it at the Conference, and I voted in favor of it, based upon a better understanding of it and based particularly the inclusion in it of the specific request that “the Board ensure that all contracts [with outside distributors, etc.] protect our Traditions, with the option to discontinue any and all contracts at any time, and that a financial report be submitted to the 2012 Grapevine Conference Committee.” I also felt a sense of urgency. The Grapevine lost a total of more than \$670,000 in 2008 through 2010, and in 2010, it needed a \$585,000.00 transfer from our reserve fund to continue operations. There are no guarantees in this world, but I believe this Advisory Action is our best chance, while staying within our Traditions, to get A.A. Grapevine back on the tracks. It is too valuable, to our Fellowship and as a recovery tool, to shut down without doing our best to save it.

	PINK CAN ACCOUNT	DEBT	CREDIT	BALANCE
1/1/2011	WORLD SERVICES BALANCE (AAWS)			3066.26
2/4/2011	NEXUS TREATMENT CENTER	285.6		2780.66
2/15/2011	DISTRICT 11 CORRECTIONS CHAIR	285.6		2495.06
3/28/2011	DISTRICT 72 CORRECTIONS CHAIR(BB's)	285.6		2209.46
4/14/2011	DISTRICT 72 CORRECTIONS CHAIR(12X12'S)	263.2		\$1,946.26
5/6/2011	DISTRICT 71 (2 CASES BB'S)	727.2		\$1,219.06
	(1 CASE 12 AND 12'S & 1 CASE DAILY REFL)			
5/19/2011	WATCH EAST (BB'S)	285.6		\$933.46
6/2/2011	DISTRICT 72 CORRECTIONS CHAIR (BB'S)	285.6		\$647.86
6/14/2011	ELKHORN TRMT CNTR-SHARON(BB'S)	285.6		\$362.26
6/20/2011	DISTRICT 11 CORRECTIONS CHAIR (BB'S)	285.6		\$76.66
6/28/2011	AREA 40 CORRECTIONS CHAIR(\$251.64)	76.66		\$0.00
1/14/2011	CHECKING ACCOUNT			
	SEED FROM AREA		100	100
1/18/2011	CLOSED PAST ACCT.		2758.93	2858.93
1/20/2011	PO BOX	58		2800.93
3/6/2011	PAY BACK AREA TREASURER SEED	100		2700.93
3/7/2011	DEPOSIT-GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS			
	DISTRICT 72 \$1503.25			
	MSLA WOMENS GROUP \$7.30		1510.55	4211.48
3/24/2011	DEPOSIT			
	AREA PAID PO BOX RENT \$58.00			
	MSLA WOMENS GROUP \$7.30		65.3	4276.78
4/4/2011	GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS			
	POLSON EARLY BIRD GROUP		71	4347.78
4/15/2011	GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		151.55	4499.33
	TALK STORY GROUP \$83.67(VICTOR)			
	MSLA WOMENS GROUP \$10.60			
	ANACONDA TRADITIONS GRP \$37.75			
	RECOVERY GROUP \$19.18			
5/11/2011	GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		110.37	4609.7
	TALK STORY GROUP \$90.37(VICTOR)			
	RECOVERY GROUP BILLINGS \$20.00			
6/21/2011	CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE			4609.7
6/28/2011	PINK CAN CHECKING ACCOUT & AAWS			4609.7
6/28/2011	AREA 40 CORRECTIONS CHAIR(251.64)	\$174.98		\$4,434.72
7/9/2011	GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		\$30.00	\$4,464.72
	ANACONDA TRADITIONS GRP \$30.00			\$4,464.72
7/9/2011	PINK CAN FUND TOTALS	3399.24	4797.7	\$4,464.72
	\$3241.24 literature distribution Jan-June			
	\$1880.77 contributions Jan-june			

Submitted by the Area 40 Corrections Chair, Terry H. Any questions see contact information in Committee Chairs, page 8.

The Conference Agenda included another Grapevine agenda item intended to address the financial downturn of our magazine in the last three years. That item proposed authorizing Grapevine to accept 7th Tradition contributions from the Fellowship. We took no action on that item.

In Literature, the Conference agreed that the development of literature focusing on spirituality should proceed, gathering stories covering the diverse ways in which our members develop their spirituality, including stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in A.A. It was emphasized at the Conference that this spirituality literature is not focused upon sober members of our Fellowship who consider themselves atheists and agnostics, but simply includes them as part of our broad spectrum of spirituality. The status of this project will be reported again to next year's General Service Conference – we still will have opportunities to see what is actually being developed before deciding whether to approve it for publication. There was no clear sense of Area 40 on this item, but more of us opposed it than favored it. After hearing the very divided comments at the Conference, I voted for this agenda item, because I believe that next year the Literature Committee can take a closer look at what the actual content of this proposed new literature might be. The more we know, the better decisions we can make. So, if your group has strong feelings either way, get ready to express them at Area 40's 2012 Spring Assembly, because the item should be back on the GSC agenda.

No action was taken on the second Literature agenda item regarding the same project, which proposed to reconsider and not go forward with the project at all. In Public Information, we adopted a policy on full face videos, with a change from the proposed policy.

The Conference Advisory Action requires that our videos NOT show full faces of actors portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members UNLESS the General Service Board AND the General Service Conference BOTH (by substantial unanimity) approve the showing of full faces in the particular video.

Our Public Information Committee, at the Spring Assembly, reported that it “agreed with the Conference Committee that full faces of actors be used with disclaimers.” The Conference Committee, at the Conference, recommended the policy above (underlined), which clearly does not approve the use of full faces of actors with disclaimers. The sense of the Area 40 was that we not show full faces in our videos. I voted in favor of the policy, which I believe is consistent with the sense of Area 40. It really became clear to me, at the conference, how very strongly a significant number of members of our Fellowship are opposed to full face videos – they really don't like them at all. I could not see the value in dividing our Fellowship over this issue, and therefore supported the new policy.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Terry S., Panel 61
Area 40 (Montana)

AREA 40 TO TAKE ITS INVENTORY

Area 40 will take its inventory at the Fall 2011 Assembly, September 17-18. Following the protocol recommended by the Ad hoc committee appointed at the Fall 2010 Assembly and passed at the Spring 2011 Assembly, all Assembly attendees (GSR's, DCM's, Officers and Committee Chairs, Guests and Past Delegates) will participate. Four small groups will be formed and one question from each of the following categories will be discussed:

GROUPS/DISTRICTS

- Is Area 40 represented by all districts in Area 40? If not, what is being tried to encourage participation by those groups or districts not yet represented?
 - Are we doing a good job of aiding the flow of information to all the different entities of our service structure?
 - Considerable expense is incurred in presenting Conference reports to the districts across Area 40 with seemingly low participation and attendance. What can we do to correct this or can our funds and efforts be spent more productively?
- Is the business of Area 40 being carried out just at assemblies, or is its' business being recognized by AA groups in Area 40 the year round?

INDIVIDUAL/PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE

- Are we attracting new people to participate in the Area 40 service structure in an enthusiastic way or are we boring them? If not, what could we do to improve this?
- Is the Area Assembly attracting Alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our AA community?
- Do we effectively integrate new people into the Area Assembly?

Do we as members of the Area Assembly, come to participate? What can the Area do to help us be better prepared?

COMMITTEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- What has the Area Assembly done lately to bring the AA message to the attention of professionals in the communities—the physician, clergy, court, law enforcement officials, educators and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help?
- Mindful that holding an office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our area officers with care? What could we do differently?
- In recent years, we have very seldom had the Area Committee Chairs asked to put on workshops in Districts. Why is this? The “Triangle” is a source of considerable expense for Area 40. Is it effective in helping us to carry the message or has it outlived its usefulness. What could we do differently?

AREA ASSEMBLY

- Are we upholding our ‘primary purpose’, to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic? What more can the area do to carry this message?
- Are the steps, traditions, and concepts governing our decisions and actions when we conduct business at the assembly?
- Is the Area Assembly effective in communicating information between the General Service Conference and the Groups?
- How can Area 40 more effectively conduct its' business?

If you haven't already made plans to attend the Fall Assembly, do so now, including making reservations at the Yogo Inn or one of the other Lewistown motels as soon as possible as September is a busy month in Lewistown and the motels fill up early!

The Area 40 Inventory ad Hoc Committee Proposes The Following:

The Area 40 Inventory ad Hoc Committee Proposes that Area 40 conducts an inventory of itself at the 2011 Area 40 Fall Assembly. The inventory will be conducted during the Saturday afternoon session of the Assembly, lasting from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The four hour time period will consist of two and one half hours of four small group discussions answering four questions each. One question from each of the following headings: (Groups/Districts, Individual/Participation/Attendance, Commit-

tees/Committee Chairs/Officers, Area Assembly) on the question list. The Area Chair will appoint a moderator for each group as well as a recorder to take notes on discussions and report to the whole assembly during the later session. We want to be mindful of the make-up of the small groups, trying to the best of our ability to make sure the small groups are as consistent as possible. (E.g. same number of GSR's, DCM's, Officers

and Committee Chairs, Guests and Past Delegates, also striving to get adequate representation from all districts on each of the small groups) The last one and one half hour of the inventory will be done as a whole assembly report on the questions and allowing for additional discussion from the floor. The Area Chairperson shall appoint a non-voting member to moderate this session.

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that) which allowed me to use a trial version for the first issue, and then to get an extension and use a second trial version for the next issue.

Seemed like the easier, softer way. As circumstance would merit, and as those working with me thought the process should be simpler to try to work with what had already been set in place: ordering without updating our old information. It should be "quicker in the long run", and "less hassle". Rotation of positions has many merits, including challenges of position transfers that move more rapidly than typical in the corporate world.

I think we progressed in what we thought was the best manner. While I waited for everything to fall into place some wondered (maybe you, too) where was the Triangle? I purveyed constant assurance that articles were needed, and reassurance that the May-June (after Assembly) Issue was out there from the availability of Spring Assembly minutes—since that is what it primarily consists of. No articles, however, came in. I think we finally made it out of the long winter

and people were just busy with other pursuits: Roundups, workshops, getting ready for camping, camping, resting up from camping. I know I was.

At last, a very valuable tool we have been using for Area updates and communication, a Teleconference, was scheduled in July. The message was out that the Triangle needed articles. Three within two days, and promises of more were flooding in. More powerful than the phone, fellowship, or the internet: a meeting of Area 40 trusted servants. Ideas were drafted, schedules arranged, and a new life seemed to start within the Triangle—or maybe that was just the Fellowship touching my spirit.

So, all is not lost. The "missing issue" will be available on line, and a special mailing to complement the upcoming Fall Assembly issue will be in the mail for those who would like a further complement to the spring Assembly minutes, or just because. Let me know. A printing takes place in about a week.

Some ideas have come up in scheduling the final issues of this year. With a positive confirmed participation of each Area 40 service worker I will have enough ma-

terial to put together the in-between Assembly oriented issues. If every District found one or two people to submit a page of their experiences with AA in this State we could reach our goal. Usually someone in service would be able to write about service, but any drunk needing to find or balance out that third side of the AA triangle would do. Commit to sending in a page or so. Call or email me with at least a proposed commitment. The proposed themes are scheduled for and will be: 1) For the late 2011 fall issue and in conjunction with the National Archives Workshop. The topic: "No Regrets". 2) For a Valentine's issue this next winter. The topic: "Love of Service"; and 3) For about this time next year Mid-Summer Issue "Campout Report" with "Campfire Stories". In fact, while it is still fresh on your mind, right down something about this summer's AA campout event that you took part in. You could include stories about the Roundups, as well. Anything will work just so you don't have to listen to me taking up space in the Triangle going on and on with excuses about 'missing' issues and begging for article contributions! I look forward to hearing from you. Yours in service, Lee T. Area 40 Triangle Editor.

Get your copy of this flyer/registration form below so you can attend. Your DCM should have a copy. The free registration and the hotel registration forms are inside. Make plans by August 22, 2011.


2011 West Central Regional Forum

With our U.S./Canada General Service Board Of Alcoholics Anonymous

September 9-11, 2011
7pm to 10pm Friday
9am to 9:45pm Saturday
9am to noon on Sunday

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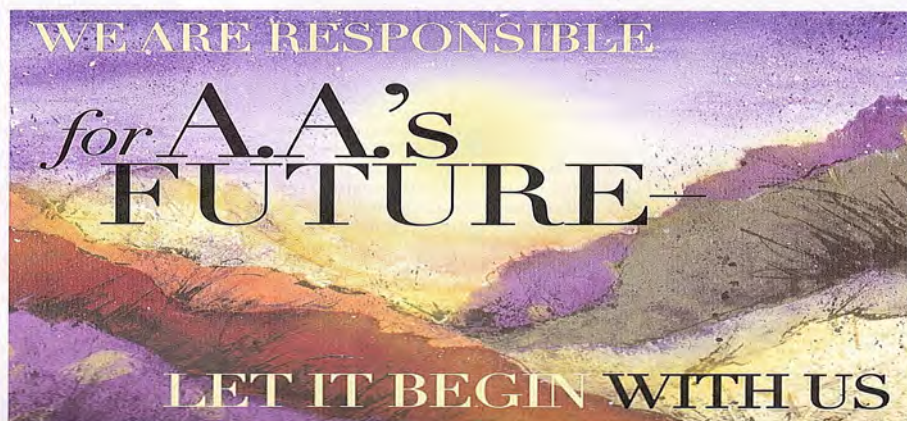
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61st General Service Conference

The 61st General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in the United States and Canada met May 1-7, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square, New York City; the theme was "We Are Responsible for A.A.'s Future—Let It Begin With Us."

The 134 Conference members consist of 93 delegates from the Conference areas of the U.S. and Canada; 20 trustees of the General Service Board; 6 A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Board directors; and 15 General Service and Grapevine staff members.

The Conference was official opened Sunday with the roll call by



Get your copy from any District member. Since this includes every GSR ask your home group GSR about it. Attend your District meeting and get to know your committee members and DCM. Get involved! AA depends on your participation not just to help the drunk we know today, but for future generations, as well. Ask questions, finding out more about this unorganized organization. Do it for you, your loved ones and AA.

G.S.O. Staff Assignments effective July 2011

FUNCTIONAL ASSIGNMENT	COMMITTEES	REGIONAL CORRESPONDENCE	OTHER
Conference Coordinator Eva S.	Secretary, trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference and Conference Agenda Committee; Co-secretary, trustees' and Conference Committees on International Conventions/Regional Forums	Western Canada — June-November; Alternate Spanish Correspondence (US/Canada) — June-November	<i>Final Conference Report</i> ; Conference issue, <i>Box 4-5-9</i> ; Coordinator, 2015 International Convention
Cooperation With the Professional Community Adrienne B.	Co-secretary, trustees' CPC/T/SN-AC; secretary, Conference Committee on CPC	East Central	Liaison with other Twelve Step Fellowships; <i>About A.A.</i>
Corrections TBD	Secretary, trustees' and Conference Committees on Corrections	West Central	<i>Sharing From Behind the Walls</i> ; Corrections Correspondence Service
Group Services Jim M.	Secretary, Conference Report and Charter Committee; A.A.W.S. Services Committee	Southwest	Intergroup/Central Offices Liaison; Service Material and A.A. Guidelines
International/LIM Mary Clare L.	Secretary, trustees' International Committee	International (Outside U.S./Canada)	Coordinator, World Service Meeting; <i>World Service Meeting Report</i> ; <i>A.A. Around the World</i> newsletter; Loners/Internationalists correspondence; <i>Loners/Internationalists Meeting</i>
Literature Gayle S.R.	Secretary, trustees' and Conference Literature Committees; Co-secretary, A.A.W.S. Publishing Committee	Southeast	<i>Box 4-5-9</i>
Nominating Warren S.	Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee and Conference Committee on Trustees	Pacific	Liaison with Remote Communities
Public Information Mary C.	Secretary, trustees' and Conference Public Information Committees		
Regional Forums Julio E.	Co-secretary, trustees' and Conference Committees on International Conventions/Regional Forums	Eastern Canada; Alternate, Spanish correspondence (U.S./Canada) — Dec.-May; French correspondence	Regional Forum reports
Staff Coordinator/Web Services Rick W.	Secretary, Conference Policy/Admissions Committee; A.A.W.S. director	Western Canada — December-May	A.A.W.S. Highlights; Web site Liaison; Grapevine Liaison
Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities Mary D.	Co-secretary, trustees' CPC/T/SN-AC; secretary, Conference Committee on T/SN-AC	Northeast	

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All notes and reports from the small groups along with notes of any additional discussions will be given to a special secretary, appointed by the Area Chairperson, who will make a complete report and provide it to the Area Secretary to be included with the Assembly minutes as well as providing a copy of the report to the "TRIANGLE" Editor for publication and distribution to the groups. These results will also be published on the Area 40 Web Page under the heading of "2011 Inventory Results."

The questions to be used for the Inventory will be available at the 2011 Area 40 Spring Assembly and will be distributed to the DCM's, the Area Secretary, for inclusion in the minutes, as well as a copy given to the "TRIANGLE" Editor for publication and published on the Web Page under a special heading "2011 Inventory Questions". This should allow adequate time for input and shared experience from past participants at the Area Assembly as well allowing the most preparation time for the GSR's and others who will be participating in the inventory process.

As it states in the "Big Book" an inventory is a fact finding and a fact facing process, therefore the ad-hoc committee ask

that we not take any action from the inventory without careful thought, consideration and discussion and we always remember to place principles before personalities.

The Ad-Hoc committee recommends that the inventory become an on-going, regularly scheduled item on the Fall Assembly Agenda, every four years. Questions for the future inventories are to be determined by the Area Chairperson from: submittals from groups, an ad-hoc committee or from shared experience from other Areas and the General Service Conference. The request for questions needs to be made at the Fall Assembly, one year prior to the proposed inventory, so that there is adequate time for response from the groups. Once the questions are determined, no later than the Area 40 Spring Assembly prior to the proposed inventory, they will be published in the Area 40 Spring Assembly minutes, the Area 40 "Triangle" and be published under the heading of "____ Area Inventory Questions" on the Area 40 Web Page. We also suggest that the Area Chairperson appoint a non-voting member as a moderator for any future inventories, to allow for complete participation, and an inventory secretary to record and report the results of any future inventories.

Respectfully submitted,
Area 40 Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee

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The August 2011 Grapevine is Here

This month's special section focuses on relationships in sobriety

In the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Bill W. wrote that as alcoholics, "The primary fact that we fail to recognize is our total inability to form a true partnership with another human being." This month's special section focuses on relationships in sobriety. Read more about the issue...get your subscription today.



Topics

Twelve Traditions AA's guiding principles [Web Exclusive: Unity at the Music Festival](#)

Twelve Steps AA's blueprint for sobriety [Web Exclusive: I May Be On My Last Chance](#)

Powerlessness Powerless over alcohol [Web Exclusive: From the Rodeo to the Rooms of AA](#)

Beginners New to AA? Find sober support [Web Exclusive: They Told Me: "To Drink is to Die"](#)

On the Road Travelling while sober [Web Exclusive: The Gometer on My Bike](#)

Spirituality Get a dose of Higher Power here [Web Exclusive: Living Rough on the Riverbank](#)

From Your Area 40 Treasurer

Greetings Area 40!

Please take a look at the financial summaries provided in this issue of the Triangle. I would like to thank the groups and districts for their enthusiastic support! However, as I am still receiving contributions at the previous rotation's address and also my personal address, I will remind you that the address for contributions has changed to:

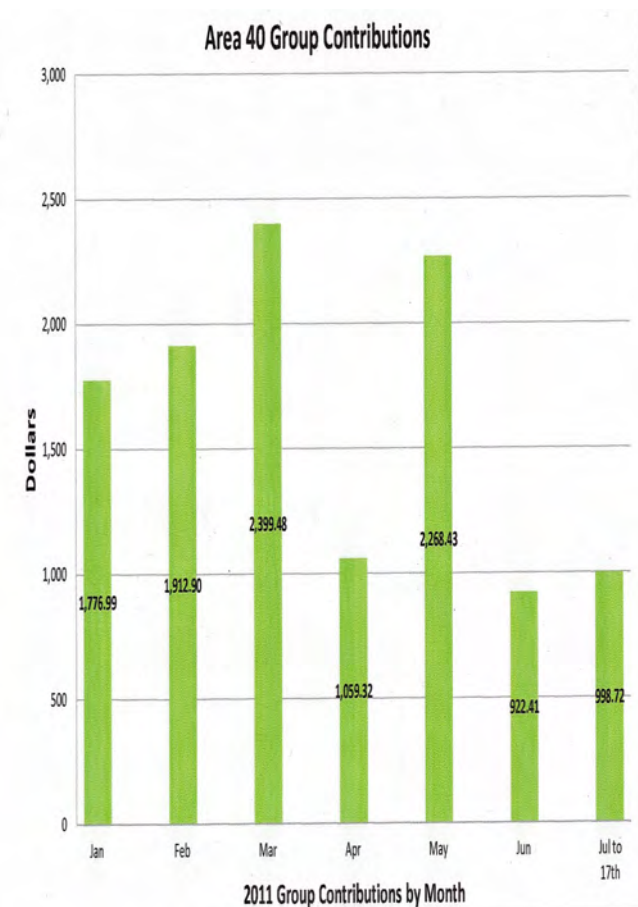
Area 40 Inc., PO Box 863, Ennis, MT 59729.

Total group contributions for the year are \$11,338.25. I have provided a graph which shows the contributions by month. We have spent over half of our budget so far this year - \$5,778.56 more than our total receipts.

Our Hotline Invoice from AnswerNet has been more than \$250.00 for the last three billing cycles. Per past Area action, Paula H., our PI Chair, has been invoicing each district for the pro-rated amounts due. Invoices to the districts total \$420.52 and receipts from the districts to date are \$34.98. The good news is that our hotline is being put to use to help alcoholics find a meeting or another alcoholic to talk to. At my home group last Monday night, we had a visitor who praised our Area Hotline and said it was the best one he had ever called! Let's support it with our contributions so that it can remain top notch!

Please call or email me with and questions or concerns. I hope you all are enjoying your summer!

In service, Lori F. Area 40 Treasurer



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During general sharing a local member spoke up. "Thank you! I have never heard that story shared outside the walls," she said. "My son got sober in that prison. He was a member of that group, and was one of the men off to the side during that riot." There was not a dry eye in the house at that point. But the story gets even better. "He twelve-stepped me, from inside the walls," she said, "Not long after that riot, I got sober, and I'm sober today."

The things we do in AA to plant the seed — bringing the literature, going to the meeting, answering the phone — are like throwing a rock in the middle of pond; it causes ripples across the water. Many times we don't get to see those ripples, but those of us in that room in Montana felt the love and service of a few anonymous AA members twenty years ago reach us from that prison in Oregon.



"He twelve-stepped me, from inside the walls." ... "I got sober, and I'm sober today."

Ken B., the West Central Regional Trustee, gave a financial overview of GSO. We expect our publishing revenue to decline over time. AAWS is investing a lot in digital delivery but other sources are ahead of us already selling digital Big Books for use on mobile devices. GSO is actively looking ahead to make sure we can keep covering the bills into the future — our finances are okay in the present.. Terry S. mentioned that if each A.A. group that currently contributes to GSO averaged \$306.12 each (in 2010), we would meet all our functional service expenses through those group contributions, and would not need to rely upon "literature profits" to fund part of our service expenses..

We made a profit of \$844,000 on the International. That went to the reserve fund.

AA Grapevine only expects a loss of about \$100,000 this year - last year they lost around \$400,000. Grapevine reduced their staff by 4 people, so 8 persons currently edit and publish the magazine. Because of this and other cost reductions, they will be trying to get closer to erasing even that deficit. Grapevine spends \$400,000 per year in postage and digital delivery will decrease this cost. The print version of AA Grapevine will never go away. AA Grapevine will now, by 2011 Conference action, be sold through commissionable sales outlets such as Amazon.

Jim M, GSO Staff, gave a wonderful overview of the services provided by GSO and his experience doing that. GSO staffs 90 and he emphasized that the staff are AA members. When you call or e-mail someone on the Corrections desk, for example, that person is a member of our Fellowship, an alcoholic.

In general sharing, Jim noted that GSO does not decide who gets to be a "real AA group." If you think your group meets the criteria — 2 or more alcoholics gathered together for sobriety with no outside affiliation — GSO will register your group.

Male prison correspondents for the Correctional Correspondence program are urgently needed. Email the corrections desk at GSO! Jim shared some group's solutions to PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) rules that require AA members tell prison administration if a prisoner has reported anything having to do with a rape. Terry H., our Area Corrections Chair, has the info.

(My impression of the Area 40 Local Forum.)

YILS,

Anne B. DCM, District 61

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

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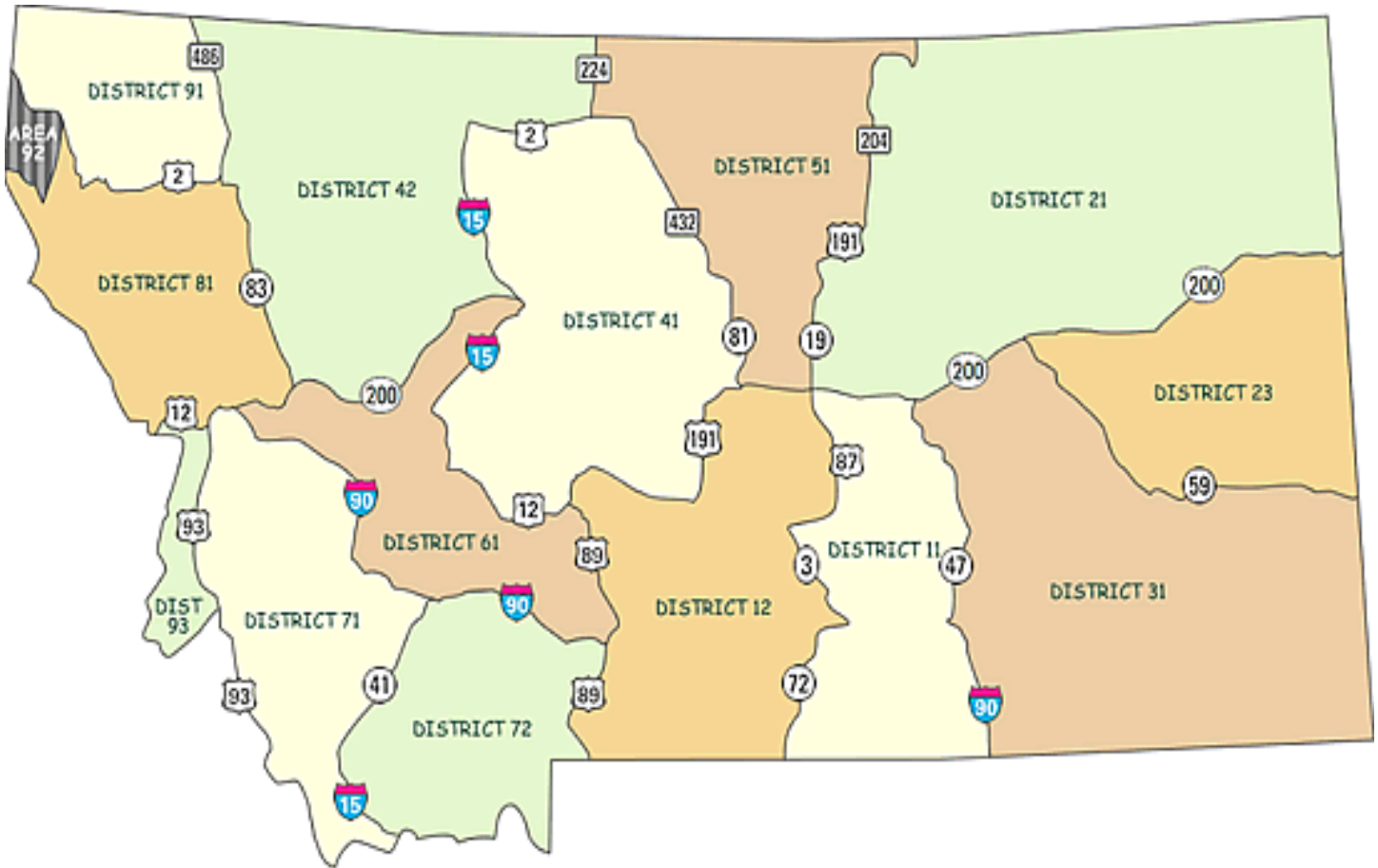
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AUGUST 2011

- 9—**BOZEMAN**—Delegate's Report—Vince Grant Hall—Roberto A.C.
- 12-14 **FORT PECK**—Wild West Sober Fest—Laura S.
- 19-21 **MAKOSHIKA STATEPARK**—@ Lion's Youth Camp—Lower Yellowstone Soberfest—Jim H. LYS Chair
- 19-21 **FIREMAN'S POINT S. OF COLUMBUS**—Campout—Sandy A.
- 26-28 **LOWER BITTERROOT**—@ Lion's Bitterroot Campground—Last Call Campout—Jessie H. or Angela M.

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 2-4 **POLSON**—@ Flathead Lake—Ray of Hope Camporee—Suzanne (evenings)
- 9-11—**DAVENPORT, IOWA**—West Central Regional Forum—Terry S. 4
- 17-18—**LEWISTOWN**—Fall Assembly—Sharon S.
- 22-25—**HELENA**—15th Annual National A.A. Archives Workshop—Gerry R.

OCTOBER 2011

- 14-16—**HELENA**—Fall Roundup—at the Red Lion Colonial Inn Karla I.
- 21-23 **KALISPELL**—@ Flathead Valley Lutheran Camp—20th Annual Women's Recovery—Nikki T.

NOVEMBER 2011

- 4-6—**BILLINGS**—Big Book Study w Rick C. from Muscatine, IA —at the Big Horn Resort Colby D.
- 19 **HELENA**—Attitude of Gratitude—Red Lion Colonial Inn—Contact information TBA

MARCH 2012

- 2-4—**BILLINGS**—West Central Region Service Conference—Don B.

MAY 2012

- 4-6 **KALISPELL**—Spring Roundup—.Mary M. Chair

OCTOBER 2012

- 5-7 **MISSOULA**—Fall Roundup—Rob H. Andrew W. or Heather

SPRING 2013

- TBA—**BOZEMAN**—Spring Roundup

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