

THE TRIANGLE

Fall Assembly: Trust God, Clean House...

From Your Editor

This issue contains the agenda for the Area 40 Fall Assembly held this September 9-10. With the distribution of this issue you will receive your copy of the "not-so-missing" 2011 Spring Assembly Triangle Issue. Use that issue in conjunction with this one to put together a foundation of understanding about what's going on at

(continued below)

Something new! Area 40 is conducting an inventory. This is essentially the 4th Step, to us alcoholics. Searching, and fearless....why not! What took us so long? Why wouldn't we want to "clean our own side of the street"? While it may be a challenge to make this work during our Assembly schedule it should prove to be very advantageous. New, Yes. It has never been done before in Area 40. How did this come about? As Spring 2011 Assembly agenda items, the Archives Committee recommended from Item B. [Consider Area 40 Ad Hoc Committee's proposed protocol and

time line for Area 40 to conduct an inventory of itself.]:

1) ...that Area 40 implement the proposed procedure for an Area 40 Inventory, to be carried out at the Fall 2011 Area Assembly. The questions from the ad hoc committee will be used for this inventory and disseminated immediately following the Spring 2011 Assembly.

2) ...that an Area 40 Inventory be conducted every 4 years at the Fall Assembly, beginning with the 2011, and carried on in 2015, etc. The questions will be disseminated five months prior to the inventory through area communica-

tions, including the Spring Assembly minutes, Area 40 Triangle and Area 40 Website.

This being our first year, ironing out the particulars and for your convenience, we included a printing of those questions in your Volume 19 Issue 4 Triangle; page 2 *AREA 40 TO TAKE ITS INVENTORY*. Based on what 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.

WHOSE VOICE IS RESPONSIBLE ON WHAT COMMITTEE?

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this Fall Assembly. Ask your GSR questions about these agenda items. Find your District Committee member associated with each topic, and help each other discover the particular spiritual

principle that makes each item important to carrying the message. Come up with some questions to have your GSR take to the table. Have fun, and remember to consider putting your thoughts about these topics or this process to

paper in the form of an article contribution to the Mid-October 2011 Issue. Please send them in by October 1st. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Area 40 Triangle Editor. Lee T.

AREA 40 FALL ASSEMBLY

Yogo Inn
Lewistown, Montana
September 17-18, 2011

2011 Fall Assembly

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FRIDAY, September - Sapphire Room

A.A. meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is separate from the Assembly and is self-supporting; a 7th tradition basket will be passed.)

SATURDAY SESSION – September 17

- 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
(Please note – we have a very full agenda, an effort to keep reports under 5 minutes is appreciated.)
 Area Chair¹
 Secretary¹
 Treasurer¹
 Triangle Editor¹
 Area Service Chairs¹
 DCM's¹
 Standing, nonvoting service positions¹
- 9:45-10:00** **Coffee Break**
- 10:00-10:30** **Election of Area 40's Nominee for West Central Regional Trustee** – Terry S.
- 10:30-12:00** **Standing Committee Meetings:**
 Treatment Facilities/Agenda 416
 Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy Kendall Room
 Corrections/International Conventions Terrace Room
 Public Information/Report and Charter & Website 430
 CPC/Trustees 310
 Finance Gypsum Room
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC) 412
 Literature 328
- Workshop** for those not attending committee meetings
 Led by past delegates – Earl F. and Scott W. – “How AA Takes Its Inventory”
- 12:00-1:00** **Recess for Lunch**
- 1:00-1:15** **Area 40 Inventory Orientation** – Area Advisor Carole B.
- 1:15-3:45** **Small Group Inventory Discussion Groups**
 Group 1 – Northeast Sapphire Room
 Group 2 – Southeast Sapphire Room
 Group 3 – Gypsum Room
 Group 4 – Pool Area
- 3:45-4:00** **Coffee Break**

¹*Reports: 5minute time limit with email (or written) copies to the Area Secretary and Triangle Editor*

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4:00-5:30 **Inventory Reports and Discussion** (Entire Assembly in Sapphire Room)

5:30-7:00 **Recess for Dinner**

7:00-8:00 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**

Treatment Facilities/Agenda² — Colby D.
Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy² — Joe H.
Corrections/International-Regional Forums² — Terry H.
Public Information/Report² — Paula H.
CPC/Trustees² — Libbie L.
Finance² — Lori F.
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions² — Gary E.
Literature² — Mary McC.

8:00-8:45 **West Central Regional Trustee Sharing** - Ken B.

8:45-9:00 **Coffee Break**

9:00-10:00 **GSR Breakout** — Held by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket and sharing
DCM Breakout — Held by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket and sharing

SUNDAY SESSION — September 18

8:00-8:45 **Roundup Reports¹**: Spring 2011 Great Falls; Fall 2011 Helena; Spring 2012 Kalispell
Intergroup Reports¹
Report from the West Central Regional Forum in Davenport, Iowa¹
Report from the Local Forum Committee¹
Report from the National AA Archives Workshop Committee¹
Report from the 2012 WCRRAASC Committee¹

8:45-9:15 **Delegate's Report** — Terry S. (questions and answers)

9:15-9:45 **Past Delegate Sharing** — Earl F.

9:45-10:15 **Past Delegate Sharing** — Scott W.

10:15-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-12:00 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion** (continued) followed by general sharing as time allows

ADJOURN — PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

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

The following two pages list the agenda items and the Area Committees they have been assigned to for review. All items originate in Area 40 (including the items about review of what the General Service Conference did this last spring). This is our chance to look at whether we want to respond to any GSC action or inaction.

The General Service Conference Agenda and all background materials is 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 top of issue page 6] or [2011 Fall Assembly Agenda page 5 of 5]**

TREATMENT FACILITIES/AGENDA – COLBY D.

Agenda

- A. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Agenda.

Treatment Facilities

- A. Review the "Bridging the Gap" process within Area 40.
- B. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Treatment/ Special Needs Accessibilities.

ARCHIVES/AREA 40 STRUCTURE & POLICY – JOE H.

Archives

- A. Review draft Area 40 Policy and Procedures which reflects updates as noted in section G2.8.
- B. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Archives.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. That Area 40 split the positions of Alt. Delegate/Area Chair and that the Area 40 Structures and Policy Committee be charged with building qualifications and job descriptions for the two new positions.
- B. Consider Area 40 extend financial support to DCM's in Districts that are financially unable to fully support their DCM's attendance at Area Assembly.

CORRECTIONS/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS – TERRY H.

Corrections

- A. Review the "Bridging the Gap/temporary contact" process within Area 40.
- B. Consider making the Pink Can Fund Program one of the defined responsibilities of the Corrections Committee, and for the purpose of Pink Can Funds:
 1. Jails, Youth Detention Facilities and all programs that are operated by the Montana Department of Corrections, where alcoholics are confined, be eligible for said funds.
 2. All requests for funds from the Pink Can come through the district from which the facility resides.
 3. The Area 40 Corrections Chair will provide a detailed Financial Report at both the Spring and Fall Assembly.
- C. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Corrections.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Review the report of the 2011 Local Forums in Great Falls and Miles City including attendance and financial information.
- B. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for International Conventions / Regional Forums.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/REPORT AND CHARTER & WEBSITE— PAULA H.
Public Information

- A. Review the Area 40 Web site content, with particular attention to consistency between the Web site guidelines and Area 40 Policy and Procedures.
- B. Review the Fall 2011 Web site report from the Area Webmaster.
- C. Consider all business pertaining to the Web site operated by Area 40 Inc.
- D. Review the suggestion by Past Delegate, Carole B., that State officials and agencies be informed about A.A. and discuss and/or propose a method or methods for doing so.
- E. Review the operation of the Area 40 888 number.
- F. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Public Information.

Report and Charter

- A. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Report

CPC/TRUSTEES – LIBBIE L.

Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC)

- A. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Cooperation with the Professional Community.

Trustees

- A. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Trustees.

FINANCE – LORI F.

Finance

- A. Prepare and propose the 2012 Area 40 Budget, with consideration for additional expenses that would result if other committee recommendations pass.
- B. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Finance

GRAPEVINE/POLICY & ADMISSIONS (GSC) – GARY E.

Grapevine

- A. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Grapevine.

Policy/Admissions

- A. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Policy/Admissions.

LITERATURE— MARY McC.

Literature

- A. Review the status of Area 40's request to AAWS to produce a hardbound *Daily Reflections*.
- B. Review 2011 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations for Literature.

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.

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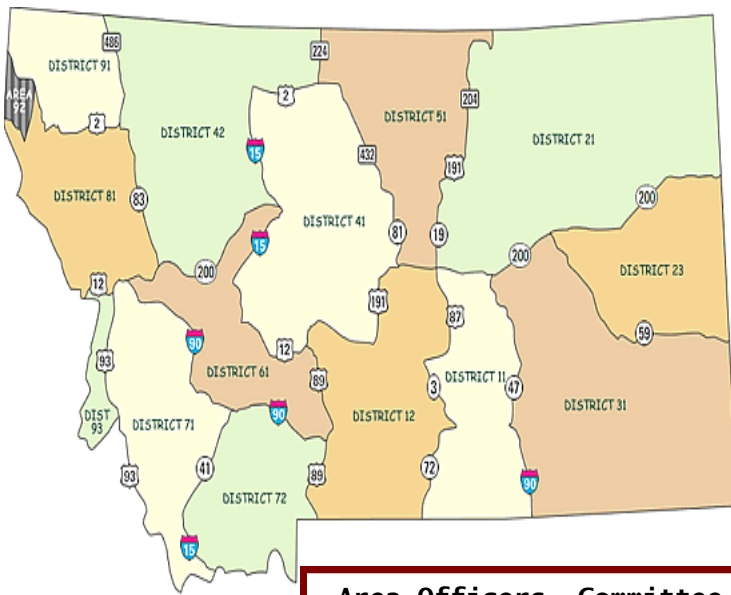
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 District 12—Big Timber, Bridger, Columbus, Fromberg, Harlowton, Joliet, Laurel, Red Lodge
 District 21—Culbertson, Glasgow, Plentywood, Poplar, Scooby, Winnett, Wolf Point
 District 23—Crane, Glendive, Fairview, Savage, Sidney
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 District 41—Fort Benton, Fort Shaw, Great Falls, Lewistown, Stanford
 District 42—Browning, Chester, Conrad, Cut Bank, Choteau, Shelby, Valier
 District 51—Box Elder, Chinook, Dodson, Fort Belknap, Harlem, Havre, Hays, Malta
 District 61—Boulder, Elliston, E. Helena,

Helena, Lincoln, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs
 District 71—Anaconda, Butte, Deer Lodge, Dillon, Drummond, Hall, Jackson, Lima, Phillipsburg, Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Warm Springs, Whitehall
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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2011

2-4—**POLSON**— at Flathead Lake — Ray of Hope
Camporee—Suzanne

9-11—**DAVENPORT, IOWA**—West Central Regional
Forum—Terry S.

17-18—**LEWISTOWN**—Fall Assembly—Sharon S.

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

OCTOBER 2011

7-9—**HAVRE**—Mini-Conference—at District IV HRDC
Building—Gene A.

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

21-23—**KALISPELL**—at the Flathead Valley Lutheran
Camp—20th Annual Women's Recovery —
Nikki T.

NOVEMBER 2011

4-6—**BILLINGS**—Big Book Study with Rick C. from
Muscatine, IA — at the Big Horn Resort Colby D.

19 **HELENA**—Attitude of Gratitude—Red Lion Colonial
Inn—Contact information TBA

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Name of event: _____

Place (city, state and location name, if applicable.): _____

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. 546-2828, Heather

SPRING 2013

TBA—**BOZEMAN**—Spring Roundup

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