

From the Editor

Events had been tumultuous a couple of months ago, but that was no excuse. I failed to publish the last 3 issues of the Triangle in 2011. That was wrong. I want to make amends by finishing this rotation with a better job in 2012. I have promised the Area Officers and the Area Advisor what I would like to promise you: that in 2012 I will publish all of the remaining issues of the Triangle on time. The Area Delegate called for a publishing moratorium until the committee could decide if there was an adequate plan in place to go forward.

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Trust God, *Finish* Cleaning House...

Some of the things we are going to look at this upcoming year are the follow through with our Area 40 Inventory. While this inventory business is not something new—each of us has faced the 4th Step. Follow through is just as important as making a decision. That's what makes this inventory for Area 40 NEW. Half measures are something that we alcoholics come to understand as something that does not work. So we continue with what we started: searching, and fearless....why not! What took us so long? My guess is *participation*. We faced a challenge as it related particularly to our past Fall Assembly schedule. We got a great start. it is proving to be very advantageous. What an order. How did we get started? 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



GET YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER

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

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.

We have had time during these past four months to disseminate the particulars, and we are ready to take on the process of finishing what we started in the fall. For anyone

in Area 40 that is interested begin your part now by planning ahead to attend this Spring Assembly April 14th and 15th. Plan who you are going with, reservations for overnight, and travel arrangements. Let's make this thing work.

FROM YOUR EDITOR (cont.)

While work on the Triangle has never completely stopped, problems had begun to escalate in the absence of my immediate attention. Year-end Issues met with printing and distribution challenges that ultimately failed the delivery. One board member suggested

that I resign because of these challenges. I've looked at that option and considered what would be best for Area 40. I figure the rest of the committee is not abandoning ship so I don't choose to either.

Ultimately, I've looked into other alternatives to make the printing and distribution of the

Triangle a reality. From looking at the spreadsheets on pages 8 and 9 of this issue it almost looks like a blessing that we didn't use the money for the mailings. Costs of sending the Triangle have increased, and the

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UPCOMING W.C.R.A.A.S.C.

In the words of a past DCM:

"The purpose of the conference is to develop greater unity among members, groups, and areas in the West Central Region. Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences, and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent upcoming general service conference agenda items."

The big deal is that it is a great experience for us in Area 40 to not only attend but to participate since it is on our home turf. This circumstance does not come around that often, so when it does we should take full advantage of the opportunity while we can. For example, last year's conference was some 760 miles away. Historically, we of Area 40 have played a part in the proceedings. More importantly, it provides an opportunity for many of us to find out what is going on throughout our region and AA as a whole. It gives us an opportunity to ask the questions about what keeps A.A. thriving and on track, and an understanding about what it is that we can, as an integral part, continue to do to help keep A.A. alive and well.

Concept 2 states, "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". The West Central Regional A. A. Service Conference is an integral part of perpetuating that "active voice". Let's get our plans organized and make the necessary preparations to attend, and be a part of, this upcoming event in

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Billings MT. It would follow that a declaration of Concept 1 be included, that: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. So, make it to the WCRAASC, or at least find out more from your group's G.S.R.. Coordinate with their travel and attendance schedule, and see what your District or local Intergroup plans for participation. Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions? What does your regular group conscience meeting have to say about encouraging participation? For their information, or yours, use this contact information to follow up on your investigation:

Make Checks Payable to:

2012 WCRAASC
2015 Patricia Lane
Billings, MT 59102

Contact Don L. at his email: dandblackbirds@yahoo.com
 or
 Contact Scott W. at: scottw@dtslogistx.com

Editor

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rate of subscriptions hasn't since 2000. Under the circumstances I can't expect to raise subscription rates, but I can't expect that costs will go down, either.

I've added some extra venue in this issue that includes some end of the year material that was in those issues that the Area Board has chosen not to publish at this time. I am hopeful that an allowance will be made to put the pertinent information on the web site, if for nothing else than strictly archival recordkeeping purposes. I offer my deepest apologies for my neglect, and hope to begin serving in an improved responsible manner.

Lee T. Triangle Editor



PLAN AHEAD

2012 WCRAASC Billings, MT

Hello Area 40. The 2012 WCRAASC is going to be held in Billings on March 2-4 at the Holiday Inn. Registration will begin at 2:30 P.M. Friday. The Conference will kick off with an Early Bird Meeting at 3:30. Opening and Welcome is at 7 P.M. The WCRAASC consists of seven states or eight regions: Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Northern Minnesota, Southern Minnesota, Nebraska, and Iowa. This is where the Agenda Items for the 2012 General Service Conference will be discussed at length. It is a great opportunity for group GSR's and DCM's to learn more about the agenda items to have a better idea of the issues to take back to their Groups and Districts to get a well-informed Group Conscience. It is a great opportunity to hear the opinions of other Areas on the items. In turn it gives our Delegates the information they may need to go to the GSC and be the best servant they can be for their Area they are representing.



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March 2-4, 2012

Holiday Inn 5500 Midland Road Billings, MT 59105

A block of rooms is reserved with Special rates until February 1, 2012.

Special rates will not be available after this date.

Special rate for 1 - 4 persons is \$84

Specialty Suites are \$159

Group Rate received by using the code: AAW. Please call 406-248-7701. Fax: 406-248-8954

Friday March 2

2:30 Registration Begins
3:30 Early Bird Meeting
7:00 Opening and Welcome
7:15 **General Session 1**
Service: "Our Third Legacy"
Wyoming panel 62
8:00 Break
8:15 Meet the Delegates and Discussion of
General Service Conference Agenda Items Part 1
First year Delegates will give their two-minute Highlights of their Area for the General Service Conference.

Saturday March 3

7:45 Early Bird Meeting
9:00 **General Session 2**
"Diversity - Lets Keep Our Doors Open for Any Who may Suffer from Alcoholism" Nebraska Panel 62
9:45 Break
10:00 Discussion of General Service
Conference Agenda Items Part 2
11:30 Lunch (on your own)
12:45 **Breakout Sessions I** (1) PI/CPC
(2) Delegate/Trustee (3) Treatment
(4) Grapevine

1:45 Break

2:00 **Breakout Sessions II** (1) Corrections
(2) Archives/Newsletters
(3) DCM/GSR/Area Committee
(4) Literature

3:00 Break

3:15 **General Session 3**
"Social Websites" Northern Minnesota
Panel 62

4:00 Break

4:15 Discussion of General Service
Conference Agenda Items Part 3

6:00 Dinner (on your own)

7:30 **Open AA Speaker Meeting** Nancy H.

8:30 Break

8:45 Ask-It Basket

9:15 Discussion of General Service
Conference Agenda Items Part 4

Sunday March 4

7:00 Early Bird Meeting
8:15 **Regional Trustee Report**
Ken B. West
9:30 Break
9:45 **General Session 4** "Importance of
Sponsorship" South Dakota Panel 62
10:30 Thank You and Close

We will have a much needed Ice Cream Social on Friday night after the Convention closes for the night. The Conference will kick off again on Saturday morning at 7:45 A.m. with an Early Bird meeting. The Conference will resume again at 9 A.M. We have a guest Speaker, Nancy H. At 7:30 P.M. After the speaker we resume into the GSC Agenda Items. Sunday Morning we have the last Early Bird meeting at 7 A.M. Ken B. the Regional Trustee, will give a report at 8:15, then we will continue on with the last of the General Sessions and will wrap up after that. You can take in all the festivities for only \$12. What a bargain to maintain our Sobriety. There will be a Hospitality Room and coffee sold. There is a flyer and registration form on the Area 40 website, aa-montana.org. Hope to

see you all there!

Yours in Service,

Don B., Chairperson for 2012 WCRAASC

Conference Registration Form (please print clearly)

Name _____ Name on Badge: _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Home Group _____ Position (GSR, DCM, etc.) _____

Area Represented _____

Special Needs Request _____

Request for transportation from Billings Logan Airport (scheduled date and time of arrival) _____

Registration Fee \$12.00 per person



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In this January issue:

[Twelve Steps](#) AA's blueprint for sobriety
[Out of the Storm](#)

[Twelve Traditions](#) AA's guiding principles
[Tolerance Is a Two-Way Street](#)

[Oldtimers](#) They've experienced it all ... Sober
[River's Edge](#)

[Beginners](#) New to AA? Find sober support
[The 19th Hole](#)

[Personal Stories](#) AA's tales of recovery
[Born to Raise Hell](#)

Check out Grapevine's *i-say* Forum online meeting with discussion topics the current articles. Percentage of interest in these are as follows:

1. Burning Desires to Share: 25 %
2. Heard at Meetings: 25 %
3. Traditions: 21 %
4. Steps: 13 %
5. New to AA: 10 %
6. Magazine Discussion Topics: 6 %



In this February issue:

Special Section: Now About Sex

[How to Fall in Love](#)

It's simple, once you know where to look

[No More One Night Stands](#)

A woman searches for her sexual ideal in sobriety

[Confessions of a 13th Stepper](#)

Ostracized and alone, a man with eight years finally finds help in the rooms

[Do I Want to be Right ... or Happy?](#)

Rage made her leave the car, but her Higher Power brought her back

[Don't Rush Love](#)

After a first sober relationship turned into disaster, she learned to listen to others

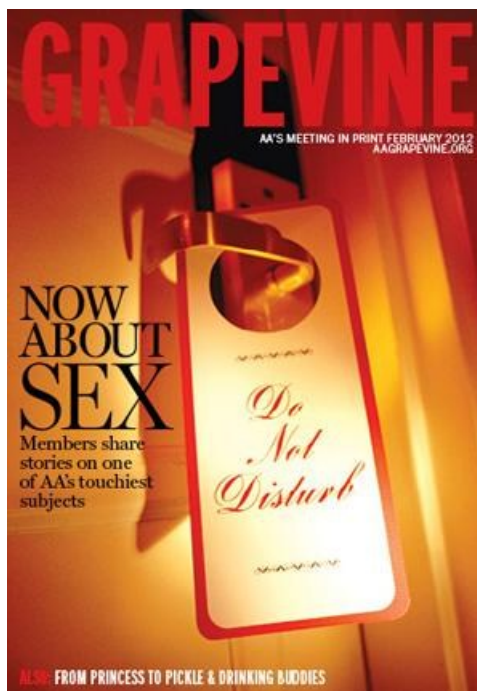
[Steps and Traditions](#)

[Cut Me Off!](#)

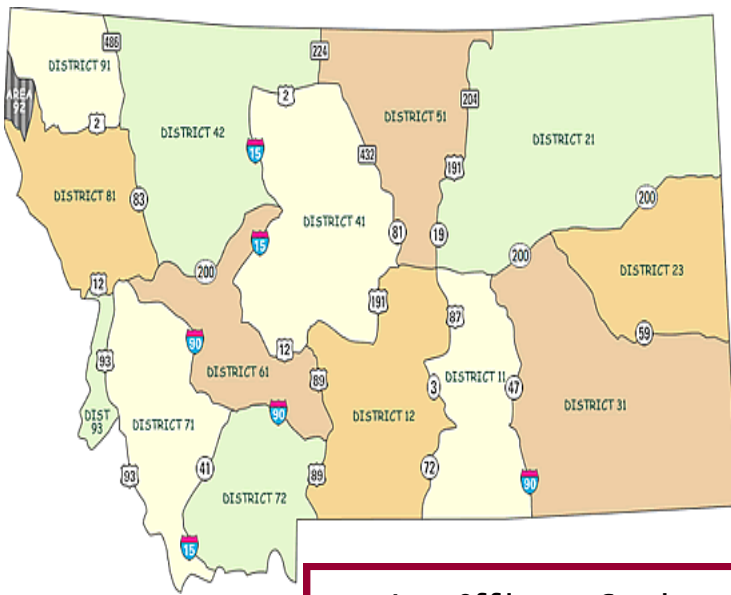
Step Two helped him stop convincing the bartender he could have another beer

[A Tool, Not a Club](#)

Seeing the Traditions as principles, rather than rules



Area Map



- District 11—Billings, Garry Owen, Hardin, Huntley, Lodge Grass, Pryor, Roundup
- 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
- District 31—Absarokee, Baker, Broadus, Busby, Colstrip, Crow Agency, Forsyth, Jordan, Lame Deer, Miles City, Terry
- 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
- District 72—Big Sky, Belgrade, Bozeman, Emigrant, Ennis, Gallatin Gateway, Gardiner, Livingston, Manhattan, Pony, Three Forks, Virginia City, West Yellowstone, Wilsall
- District 81—Alberton, Arlee, Clinton, Frenchtown, Haugan, Hot Springs, Missoula, Noxon, Seeley Lake, Pablo, Plains, Polson, Ronan, St. Ignatius, St. Regis, Superior, Thompson Falls, Trout Creek
- District 91—Big Fork, Columbia Falls, Coram, Eureka, Kalispell, Lakeside, Somers, West Glacier, Whitefish
- District 93—Conner, Corvallis, Darby, Florence, Hamilton, Lolo, Stevensville, Victor

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Corrections Update

Hi Everyone,

Most of you probably know that there have not been AA meetings at the prison for a while. The reason is that the meetings have to have a staff sponsor. Pat Wright, who was the staff sponsor quit. So no meetings. This could possibly be good news for us because of past problems with access and limited meetings. MSP hired a new warden. He started on the 14th of this month. It is our hope to form a working relationship with him. Lee G. has agreed to be the AA contact with the Prison. He is going to let the new warden get settled for a couple weeks before he makes contact and then he will set up a meeting with him. We want to forge a new relationship with this warden and hopefully get more meetings going than we had before. I know there are a lot of dedicated volunteers who have carried the message to the prison for years and hopefully we will be back in soon. Please let me know if you want to be on the committee that meets with the warden. They had not hired a new chemical dependency counselor last time I talked to the prison but as soon as they do I am sure I will hear from them about meetings and I will call periodically, as well. I just wanted to let everyone know that the problem is being addressed and we are excited about the new warden and an opportunity to get AA back with strong recovery efforts going on behind the walls. If anyone has information about this that I don't please call me so we can all be on the same page.

Thanks, Terry H



WHAT ARE THOSE PINK CANS FOR?

AA books and literature carry the message to those who are confined. The literature costs money; lots of money. Those who are confined don't have money, so how do they get the written message that is so valuable to our sobriety? The money comes from the *Pink Cans* we see at some AA meetings.

There are a lot of misconceptions about the *Pink Cans*. Most correctional institutions have only one AA meeting a week, or none at all if their meeting night falls on a holiday, or no outside AA members go into the institution, or when there is a "lockdown". This means that the literature supplied through the *Pink Can* funds are the inmates only contact with our program of recovery.

The spare pennies, nickels, and quarters the AA members contribute to this type of 12th step work goes a long way and it does work. More than one inmate has stated that the literature received from funds from the *Pink Can* saved their lives.

One of the fears expressed in the implementation of the *Pink Can* was that it would subtract from the 7th tradition. This was dispelled by meetings that proved the donations were the same with or without the *Pink Cans*. The can covers state specifically that "we greatly appreciate your donation of *pocket change*". The *Pink Can* should not be passed with the 7th tradition and is typically located by the coffee pot or on the literature table at AA meetings.

Groups collect money in the *Pink Can* from AA members and usually send the money to the district. The District decides either to utilize the money in the district or forwards the money to the Area Corrections Chair to use in institutions all over Area 40. Some groups also send money directly to the Area, they may not have an institution in their district but wish to participate in this form of 12 step work. Some districts have many institutions and cannot afford the cost of needed literature.

Originally the *Pink Can* fund distributed literature to correctional facilities only. As State inmates were sent to treatment our focus for literature became confused. Do we send literature to alcoholics in treatment or just correctional institutions? The cover for the *Pink Cans* says it is for cor-

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PINK CANS *Continued from facing page*

rectional facilities, so AA members donating money were under the impression that was where their money was going. In an attempt to get clarity from the fellowship the following items were passed at the spring assembly.

1. The Area 40 Corrections Committee recommends that the Pink Can Fund Program become one of the defined responsibilities of the Corrections Committee.

2. The Area 40 Corrections Committee recommends that the Pink Can fund be used to supply AA literature to alcoholics who are detained in a facility as the result of a law enforcement action. The detaining facility must be located in the geographic boundaries of Area 40. All requests for literature must come through the district in which the detaining facility resides.

I have printed new covers that change "purchase literature for correctional facilities" to "alcoholics detained in institutions". You may contact me for new covers or, of course, make your own.

I would encourage everyone to read the minutes from the 2011 Spring Assembly regarding the *Pink Can*. There is much concern about too much money in the fund but the average monthly donation to the area is \$40.00 and the average literature order is \$580.

It is my hope that Area 40 Districts are in contact with coordinators in the institutions that confine alcoholics, or will contact them, and offer our help with literature.

I am here to help with procedures and formats for starting meetings and can order your literature for these institutions. These requests should come from the respective district corrections chair or a district representative.

What are those Pink Cans for? They are for the suffering alcoholic.

Gratefully yours, Terry H. Area 40 Corrections Chair

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A.A.'s Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* Now Available in eBook Format

December 9, 2011 (NEW YORK) – Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) is pleased to announce that our two central texts describing the A.A. program of action for recovery from alcoholism are now available in eBook format in English, French, and Spanish.

Publication in this digital media format will give broader distribution and access to A.A.'s basic textbook, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, known popularly as the Big Book, which has helped millions of men and women throughout the world, and in all walks of life, find a new and satisfying way of life without alcohol.

The current, official publisher's version of the Big Book (Fourth Edition), along with *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, can be purchased for \$6 each from the A.A.W.S. Online Store for access on iPhones and iPads. The A.A. eReader App can be downloaded for free from the Apple App store. In the near future, the books will also be available for the various Android platforms.

"We are thrilled at the prospect of reaching an even wider audience to offer A.A.'s message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic who may not have had access to our basic literature,"

said Ward Ewing, nonalcoholic trustee and Chairperson of the General Service Board of A.A. "In addition, this eBook format will enhance the way members can read their favorite A.A. texts."

A.A. members, many of whom read, re-read, and quote from the literature at A.A. meetings as part of their recovery, will be able to search for specific passages quickly and highlight key words and sentences in the highly portable format.

Also, because the font size and type can be changed, these eBooks will be more universally accessible to those members needing larger print.

Alcoholics Anonymous was first published in 1939, when the "Fellowship" of A.A. was four years old and had a membership of about one hundred. It was written by co-founder Bill W., with each chapter being thoroughly edited and vetted by early A.A. members in Akron, Ohio, and New York City.

The second edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* appeared in 1955, when A.A. membership had grown to about 146,000 in 50 countries. Two further editions followed, in 1976 and 2001.

In 1975, the Big Book sold its one-millionth copy in the English language. That copy was presented to then President Richard Nixon. In 2005, the twenty-five-millionth copy was presented to the Warden of San Quentin Prison, where the first A.A. prison group was held. In 2010, the thirty-millionth copy was presented to the American Medical Association, which declared alcoholism an illness in 1956.

First published in April 1953, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* was written by Bill W., with the benefit of hindsight and experience, to offer an explicit view of the principles by which A.A. members recover and by which their Fellowship functions.

Today, more than one million copies of the Big Book are distributed every year in the English language alone (it is translated into 64 languages), and A.A. membership has grown to approximately two million with a presence in more than 180 countries.

To download the free A.A. eReader App, go to the Apple App Store. To purchase these two A.A. copyrighted eBooks, go to the A.A.W.S. Online Store at www.aa.org.

For general information about Alcoholics Anonymous, visit www.aa.org, and for those seeking help for a drinking problem please look for A.A. in your local community at the following link:

http://www.aa.org/lang/en/central_offices.cfm?origpage=373.

For Media, contact: Public Information Desk at the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous at 212-870-3119 or publicinfo@aa.org.

An insanely inebriated man was stumbling down the street with one foot on the curb and one foot in the gutter. A cop pulled up and said, "I've got to take you in, pal. You're obviously drunk." Our wasted friend asked, "Ociiffer, are ya absotutely sure I'm drunk?" Yeah, buddy, I'm sure," said the copper. "Let's go." Breathing a sigh of relief, the wino said, "Thank goodness, I thought I was crippled.

Area 40, Inc.
Budget vs. Actual by Line Item
 January 1 through December 31, 2011

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan 1 - Dec 31, 11</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Individual contribution	73.00		
Group Contributions	20,081.09		
District Contribution	1,316.52 *		
Roundup Contribution	250.00		
7th Tradition	1,560.62		
Triangle Subscriptions	405.00		
Other Income (recouped from)			
Literature	488.39		
Total Other Income (recouped from)	488.39		
Total Income	24,174.62		
Expense			
Travel Expenses			
Gas	3,004.99	4,370.00	4,370.00
Mileage	979.84	1,500.00	1,500.00
Meals	1,587.19	2,895.00	2,895.00
Lodging	5,430.54	6,010.00	6,010.00
Air/Train/Taxi fare	3,166.53	2,270.00	2,270.00
Area 40 contribution to GSC	3,239.00	3,239.00	3,239.00
Total Travel Expenses	17,408.09	20,284.00	20,284.00
Rent			
Archives storage	4,180.75	4,150.94	4,150.94
Meeting space	1,949.75	1,900.00	1,900.00
Total Rent	6,130.50	6,050.94	6,050.94
Literature Expenses			
Lit purchases (not svc manuals)	110.25	100.00	100.00
Service manuals (for resale)	457.44	400.00	400.00
Total Literature Expenses	567.69	500.00	500.00
Photocopies / printing			
Background information	51.41	60.00	60.00
Photocopies / printing - Other	341.70	570.00	570.00
Total Photocopies / printing	393.11	630.00	630.00
Dues, registration, fees	250.12	170.00	170.00
Postage	2,765.40	3,285.00	3,285.00
Supplies	572.66	250.00	250.00
Telephone			
800 Number	5,120.70	3,250.00	3,250.00
Telephone - Other	314.22	0.00	
Total Telephone	5,434.92	3,250.00	3,250.00
Miscellaneous expense	1,823.23	1,940.00	1,940.00
Total Expense	35,345.72	36,359.94	36,359.94
Net Ordinary Income	(11,171.10)	(36,359.94)	(36,359.94)
Net Income	(11,171.10)	(36,359.94)	(36,359.94)

*District Contributions include \$150.14 in Hotline A/R not yet received

Checkbook Balance 12-31-11	\$15,763.44
Prudent Reserve	-\$12,119.98
Archivist Account	-\$1,044.83
Operating Balance	\$2,598.63

Area 40, Inc.
Budget vs. Actual by Committee / Project
 January 1 through December 31, 2011

Accrual Basis

	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 11	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income	24,174.62 *		
Expenses			
Spring Assembly	4,769.10	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fall Assembly	4,341.09	4,750.00	4,750.00
Regional Service Conference	2,035.31	1,800.00	1,800.00
Regional Forum	1,743.41	2,050.00	2,050.00
Regional Trustee	559.50	750.00	750.00
Delegate Expenses			
Area 40 share to GSC	3,239.00	3,239.00	3,239.00
Other Expenses NYC	19.90	700.00	700.00
Travel expenses	1,227.16	1,400.00	1,400.00
Roundups	0.00	400.00	400.00
Other Expenses	461.53	150.00	150.00
Delegate Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Delegate Expenses	4,947.59	5,889.00	5,889.00
Area Chair Expenses	690.17	1,000.00	1,000.00
Archives Chair			
Ad Hoc Committee	30.44	0.00	
Archivist Display & Travel	0.00	500.00	500.00
Archives Storage	4,180.75	4,150.94	4,150.94
Archivist Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archives Chair - Other	258.19	250.00	250.00
Total Archives Chair	4,469.38	4,900.94	4,900.94
Corrections Chair	1,406.07	1,150.00	1,150.00
CPC Chair	59.00	250.00	250.00
GrapeVine Chair	53.07	250.00	250.00
Literature Chair			
General literature purchases	564.54	500.00	500.00
Literature Chair - Other	39.75	250.00	250.00
Total Literature Chair	604.29	750.00	750.00
Public Information Chair			
Directory Listings	1,414.20	1,750.00	1,750.00
Area Hotline Expenses	3,706.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Public Information Chair - Other	56.54	250.00	250.00
Total Public Information Chair	5,177.24	3,500.00	3,500.00
Treatment Chair	41.80	250.00	250.00
Secretary			
Secretary - Mgmt & Gen	78.57	150.00	150.00
Secretary - Other	3.99	0.00	0.00
Total Secretary	82.56	150.00	150.00
Treasurer			
Treasurer - Mgmt & Gen	193.97	200.00	200.00
Treasurer - Other	181.70	200.00	200.00
Total Treasurer	375.67	400.00	400.00
Website	112.46	170.00	170.00
Triangle	3,666.89	3,350.00	3,350.00
Area Workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archivist Account	211.12	0.00	0.00
Program Services - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Program Services	35,345.72	36,359.94	36,359.94
TOTAL	-11,171.10	-36,359.94	-36,359.94

*Includes \$985.83 in A/R from Districts for Hotline, \$150.14 of which is outstanding

QUESTIONS FOR MY HOMEGROUP

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

Why should I care about A.A. beyond my home group?

How do I have a voice in A.A.?

Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate?

Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?

Is A.A. History-Boring or an incredible spiritual journey?

Is the “collective conscience” of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?

Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

The upside down triangle-how are the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards accountable to the Fellowship?

Does your home group use the A.A.Grapevine or La Viña as a Twelfth Step tool?

What do the Traditions and Concepts have to do with my home group?

How does support of G.S.O. help A.A.s worldwide?

Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2012

17-18—**CRESTON**— at Creston Grange Hall — Into Action Weekend— Matt H., Brent J.

17-19—**BOZEMAN**—at the Brackett Creek Inn — Bozeman Women's Retreat— Debbi, Teresa G.

18—**JOLIET**— at the Joliet Community Center— Mid-Winter Social.

24-26—**LAVINA**—at Abba's Haven — 24th Annual Men's Retreat — Pat E., Bob C.

MARCH 2012

2- 4 —**BILLINGS**—at the Holiday Inn — W.C.R.A.A.S.C. — Don B., Scott W.

2-4—**WHITEFISH**—at the Whitefish Mountain Resort — 25th Annual Sober Ski — Jake H.

16-17—**HELENA** — at the 1st Presbyterian Church — Pockets of Enthusiasm — Kevin S., Carleen L., John M.

APRIL 2012

14-15— **LEWISTOWN** — at the Yogo Inn — Area 40 Spring Assembly — Sharon S.

MAY 2012

4-6 — **KALISPELL** — at the Red Lion Hotel — Area 40 2012 Spring Roundup —Mary M. Chair.

JUNE—JULY 2012

29 - 1 — **South of Big Timber** — Beartooth Mountain Conference— Rick T., Jesse V., John S., Cindy S.

OCTOBER 2012

5-7—**MISSOULA**—2012 Fall Roundup—Rob H., Andrew Ware, Heather

SPRING 2013

TBA—**BOZEMAN**—Spring Roundup

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