

FROM THE GSO RECORDS DEPARTMENT

September 13, 2012

Dear Area Delegates and Area Chairs,

It is that time again when approximately half the areas in the United States and Canada are holding elections and preparing for rotation. So we here at the GSO thought it would be a perfect time to talk about the Area Registrar position and how we might be helpful.

About five and one half years ago we rolled out a

new database called Fellowship New Vision (aka FNV). This database allows area registrars access to their own area's records 24/7, access which is virtually identical to that of the GSO Records Department. Along with the access to the area's information come a variety of methods in which information can be exported, printed, sorted, and sent to interested parties.

The majority of the 93 areas use FNV to update records of groups and trusted servants in their area. The few areas that do not use FNV submit paper forms to the GSO Records department. However, these areas can still benefit from the FNV database by using it as a research tool. Often Change of Group Information and New Group forms are submitted to the registrars and the information has already been changed or updated in FNV records. Using the database to check records saves everyone additional effort. If the record is already updated or revised, the

registrar does not have to send the paper form to the GSO Records Department, and the latter does not have to spend time checking an already updated record.

While FNV provides many different ways to use available information, we have found that not every Area Registrar has been prepared to use the database to its fullest extent. In some cases the result has been that area records have not been updated, which can cause GSOs ability to communicate with a group to be interrupted.

We understand that many area registrars have more to do then update records in the database. However, we can only speak to that portion of the responsibilities and skill that can help every area registrar maneuver the database more effectively. We reached out to current and former registrars to get feedback on which skills would be helpful for new registrars in performing the database portion of their responsibilities. While it would be nice if

everyone who stepped into the area registrar position was already instructed in all there was to know about the position's responsibilities, we know that is not realistic. However, a willingness to learn is a great attribute. Below are some of the basic skills that would benefit an area registrar's work with the database:



TIME TO LOOK AT ROTATING ON TO NEW SERVICE POSITIONS THROUGHOUT ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

Computer Skills:

Advanced working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite programs with the ability to perform the following tasks:

- Perform a Mail Merge
- Create PDFs
- Create and edit Excel spreadsheets
- Create mailing labels
- Compile and Export of Group Information Sheets
- E-mail proficiency

<u>Communication Skills:</u> Establish a working relation-

ship with area DCMs, the Delegate and the Records Staff at the GSO. Be willing to communicate directly to group contacts and provide basic information such as:

- How FNV works.
- Explain the 30-day New Group pending process.
- Assist the GSO Records department/follow up on e-mails for additional or missing group records information.
- Explain the 6th Tradition (as it applies to naming

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NOTES FROM YOUR Area 40 CORRECTIONS CHAIR

Hello Faithful Servants of Area 40.

I am trying to get the word out about an orientation at the Montana (men's) State Prison. Both men and women are allowed to take meetings into the men's prison. Applications need to be in no less than 5 weeks before and the sooner the better.

Even though there are no meetings at the current time, we hope this will be changing soon. The policy is that if you haven't volunteered at the prison in the past 6 months you have to go through orientation again. That would mean all AA volunteers have to re-orientate. Let's be prepared to fulfill our commitment to the suffering alcoholics in the men's prison. Thank you so much for your attention to this call for help in your districts.

Meetings will start up again at the Mens' prison in October.

D continue to send out requested literature from the Pink Can.

Reports will be available at the Area Fall 2012 Assembly.

Thank you, Terry H.

FROM YOUR AREA 40 CHAIR

The Fall Assembly (September 22-23) agenda is in this issue. It is also available on the web site. There are several agenda items that may result in committee recommendations. The background information is available through the standing committee, your DCM, or me. Please ask one of us and we'll be sure you get a copy so you can contribute to an informed Area 40 conscience.

In addition to standing committee business, this is an Election Assembly; and groups and districts throughout the Area are conducting elections to select trusted servants. Where will you be able to serve? Who are qualified candidates for the position you now hold? Have you had a chance to read Concept IX and Bill W.'s article "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need"? Thank you for all you do to help the still suffering alcoholic and for trusting me to serve also.

Your Area Chair, Sharon S.

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a new group)

- Provide basic group information to GSRs/Groups
- Status Codes and what they mean
- Group service number

Management Skills:

- Ability to problem solve/ resolve such questions as why a group is not listed in the directory.
- Time management
- Process group/individual updates in a timely manner.
- Meet GSO directory time lines.
- Meet deadlines imposed by the area

A.A. Skills:

- Understand the area and district structure
- Know A.A. position acronyms
- GSR-General Service Representative
- DCM- District CommitteeMember
- LCDC-Literature Committee
 District Chair, etc.
 For a newly ap
 pointed Area Regis-

trar to do well, he/she should have training time with the outgoing area registrar to become familiar with the responsibilities attached to the position. While the database is a very important part of this, it is not the only part that is important. A sitting area registrar can provide a wealth of knowledge to an incoming registrar that only someone who is serving or has served in the position can share.

In addition to the information provided above there is a need to have the correct type of hardware and software available to complete the tasks associated with the record keeping portion of the area registrar's responsibilities. Most areas maintain a laptop that is designated for the area registrar's use but that is purely an area decision.

Miscellaneous Needs:

 Retain a copy of the FNV User's Manual for reference (Can be printed from the FNV site)

- Broadband/High Speed Internet access
- Laser Printer
- Highly recommended:
 (Maintain off site back up of data base such as external hard drive or a service)
- Laptop or PC with a Microsoft operating system- 2003 edition or newer

Regards, *Karen H*.

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HELP WANTED: AREA 40 ARCHIVIST

The upcoming Fall Assembly is an election assembly where we will select Trusted Servants for Area 40. In addition to service positions with the normal two year rotation, we will be selecting an Archivist. Our current Archivist, Gerry R., has served in this position since the spring 2006 and will be rotating on.

Bill W. says "the conductor of an orchestra is not necessarily good at finance or foresight. And it is quite unlikely that a fine banker could be a great musical performer. So when we talk about A.A. leadership we only declare that we ought to select that leadership on the basis of obtaining the best talent we can find". [The A.A.Service Manual, 2011-12 Edition, "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need" page 36-40]. Please help us find and select the best Archivist for Area 40 we can find.

The Area 40 Archivist position is a non-voting member of the Area Committee, serving until they decide to rotate on or the Area decides to elect a new Archivist. The Archivist is expected to attend each Area Assembly and to provide oral and written reports. Expenses for attendance at the Assembly, archival storage, and providing Archives displays at AA events (except Roundups which are self supporting) around the Area are reimbursed by the Area.

The responsibilities and qualifications and for the Archivist and Archival policy are published in the Area 40 Policy & Procedures which are available on the Area website www.aa-montana.org (select Area Committee, then Forms and Other Documents, then scroll down to Other Documents and select Policy & Procedures Spring 2012) and past actions regarding Archives are also available on the website, select Past Actions – revised September 10, 2010 in the Other Documents section.

Although it is not documented, past archivists have suggested that the commitment to this service position be five years. There is a lot to learn and quite a bit of work on the part of both the outgoing and incoming Archivist to make the transition, including finding appropriate local storage and moving the collection.

The GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS for Area 40 Trusted Servants are:

- 1. A minimum of four years of continuous sobriety. The AA Service Manual recommends that GSR's have 2 years of continuous sobriety. Since all Area service positions recommend experience as a GSR, DCM, or District Committee Chair, it follows that 4 years of continuous sobriety would provide a good foundation in service to be successful in an Area position. Certain positions have a longer length of continuous sobriety as a requirement as indicated for those positions (Secretary, Treasurer, Chair, and Delegate).
- 2. An interest in providing leadership in the Area 40 service structure.
- 3. Access to a computer with internet connectivity and the ability to use email and word processing software is suggested of all positions. More and more, computer knowledge is helpful; therefore, additional computer software knowledge and skills are suggested in the specific position descriptions.
- 4. Knowledge of the Traditions and Concepts.
- 5. Organizational skills for keeping good records, leading committee meetings and workshops, and reporting to the Assembly.
- Previous service as a DCM, GSR, District Officer or Committee Chair, or in some other capacity, such as a member of a committee.
- 7. Sufficient time available to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.
- 8. Written and oral communication skills

The duties of the Archivist are:

- to manage and organize the Area 40 Archival Program in accordance with the Area 40 Archival Policy, (see Appendix C).
- to have reasonable access to, and to examine, all current Area Committee records, in person or through a representative.
- to collect, arrange, and make available to authorized persons, at reasonable times, in the Archival Repository, all obtainable archival materials related to Area 40 history.

- to promote, protect and preserve the collection of the Area 40 Archives.
- to keep the Archival Repository organized and accessible.
- to permit the materials to be inspected, examined, abstracted, or copied (except where copyrights apply) under supervision, by any authorized person.
- to furnish certified copies requested, in advance of fees, as prescribed by the Archives Committee.
- to govern and administer the Archives of other agencies and organizations, or the personal papers of individuals entrusted to the custody of the Area, with the strictest archival practices.
- to amend Area 40 policies and procedures governing the use of the Archives (see Appendix C), in conjunction with the Archives Committee.
- to serve as Records Administrator for the Area Archives.
- to examine and report to the Archives Committee the condition of current records.
- to update the Area 40 Past Actions document, with the Archives Committee and the Area Advisor, during the second year of each service rotation.
- to travel (within the approved budget) and display Area 40 Archives at AA functions (including district/regional events) within Area 40 excluding Area Roundups, which, by past action, are intended to be self-supporting.

The suggested qualifications specific for the position of Archivist are:

- An interest in the history of AA in Area 40 and a desire to learn how this history can be used to help carry AA's message to the still suffering alcoholic.
- Knowledge of or the willingness to learn about archival storage techniques.





AREA 40 FALL 2012 ASSEMBLY

Yogo Inn Lewistown, Montana September 22-23, 2012

FRIDAY, September 21 - Sapphire Room

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

7-20 0-00	GSR's and visitors sign in with their District's DCM(DCM's please give the sign in sheets to the Area Secretary
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as you leave for the break and committee meetings)

8:00-9:00 Welcome — Serenity Prayer, Traditions and Concepts, housekeeping

Roll Call, Passed Actions Spring 2012 Assembly — Area Secretary, Linda B.

Financial Highlights — Area Treasurer, Lori F.

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

DCM Reports – starting with District 11, stop at 9 am continued Sunday AM

9:00-9:45 Election Orientation/Posting Nominees for Delegate — Carole B.

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

10:00-12:00 Standing Committee Meetings:

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy Kendall Room

CPC/Trustees TBA

Corrections/International Conventions Terrace Room

Finance Gypsum Room

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC) TBA

Literature TBA

Public Information/Report and Charter & Website TBA

Treatment Facilities/Agenda TBA

(If your committee does not finish its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair)

10:00-12:00 **Workshops** (Sapphire Room) - for those not attending committee meetings (10:00) The Triangle — "More than a Shape" led by past delegate Bob H.

(11:00) "Primary Purpose – Carrying the A.A. Message: How can Area 40 better serve and reach the

alcoholic who still suffers" led by past delegate Maryann W.

12:00-1:00 Recess for Lunch

1:00-5:00 **Elections:** presided by Area advisor, Carole B.

Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, and Area Secretary are elected by Third Legacy

Procedure as outlined on pages s21-22 of the AA Service Manual

Area 40 Service Chairs (CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment, Literature, Archives,

Public Information, and the Triangle Editor) are elected by simple majority

Area 40 Candidate for Class B Trustee at Large is elected by Third Legacy Procedure

3:00/3:15 Coffee Break

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

 $^{1 \}hspace{-0.1cm} ^{\square}$ Reports: 3 minute time limit with email (or written) copies to the Area Secretary and Triangle Editor

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5:00-7:00	Recess for Dinner
7:00-8:45	Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion Archives/Structure — Joe H. Public Information/Report — Paula H. Finance — Lori F. Treatment Facilities/Agenda — Colby D. Literature — Mary M. Corrections/International-Regional Forums — Terry H. CPC/Trustees — Libbie L. Grapevine/Policy & Admissions — Gary E.
8:45-9:00	Coffee Break
9:00-10:00	$\label{eq:GSR} \textbf{GSR Breakout} - \textbf{Led by Past Delegate (Bob H.): Ask-it-basket and sharing} \\ \textbf{DCM Breakout} - \textbf{Led by Past Delegate Maryann W.): Ask-it-basket and sharing}$

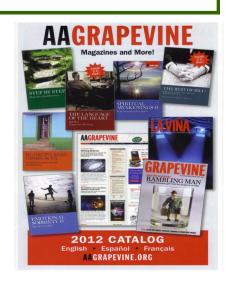
SUNDAY SESSION — September 23

8:00-8:45	Roundup Reports1: Spring 2012 Kalispell; Fall 2012 Missoula; Spring 2013 Bozeman Intergroup Reports1: South Central Intergroup; Park County Intergroup; Mission Valley Intergroup; Flathead Valley Intergroup
	DCM Reports1: Continued from Sat morning
8:4510:15	Continue Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-10:55	Past Delegate Sharing - Maryann W.
10:55-11:20	Past Delegate Sharing - Bob H.
11:20-11:45	Delegate's Report
11:45-12:00	General Sharing

ADJOURN -- PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

The Yogo Inn is a non smoking facility. They graciously place ashtrays/receptacles outside and ask that smoking be limited to the outside smoking area and away from the entrance. Our thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.

Our current balance in the Pink Can Fund is \$1092.88. We have distributed \$2632.77 worth of literature. Our year to date contributions has been \$426.20. Obviously if our literature needs remain the same, next year we will not have the funds available to meet that need. Please go back to your groups or districts and talk about the Pink Can Fund



The following is a list of the Area Committees and their agenda items. The Fall Area Assembly Timeline (page 26 Area 40 Policy & Procedures, Spring 2012) states:

- July 15: Area Chair has assigned these items [ideas, suggestions, questions, and concerns Background information] to committees and has sent Standing Committee Chairs the information.
- August 1 Standing Committee Chairs make certain all information for their committee is out to each committee member.

This timeline allows for research, review and discussion, in turn providing for a well-informed conscience/decision.

If your Group has any comments, questions, and concerns or would like copies of any background information please contact the appropriate Area Committee Chair. Your DCM has the names, phone numbers and addresses of the Area Committee chairs; their names, phone numbers, and email addresses are in *The Triangle* (the Area newsletter; or you can contact them via email through the Area's website www.aa-montana.org. (NOTE: the process by which items are submitted, dispersed, considered and brought to the Assembly is detailed in the *Area 40 Policy & Procedures* manual which is also available on the Area's website. Select Area Committee, then Forms and Other Documents, then scroll down to Other Documents and select Policy & Procedures).

Review I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 for a more clear understanding of our process.

The following Committees/Committee agenda items are listed alphabetically. The committee chairs will present in the order listed on page 2 of the agenda (7 pm Floor Assembly).

<u>ARCHIVES/AREA 40 STRUCTURE & POLICY — Joe H.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Archives

- A. Review the Area 40 Archives Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the Area 40 Archivist Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- C. Review the Area 40 Past Actions document and/or status.
- D. Review the Area 40 Policy and Procedures (Spring 2012).
- E. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Archives.
- F. Discuss the activities of the Archives Committee during 2011-12 Rotation.
- G. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Review the Ad hoc Committee for Non-election Assembly Agenda Framework report
- B. Consider the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation that the non-election assembly framework be modified to include an orientation, allow more time for standing committee work, and engage all in attendance in the work of Area 40 per the attached documents.
- C. Consider the proposal that the Area 40 Chairperson will refrain from placing any agenda item, which they, themselves, have either authored, or co-authored, on any Area 40 Assembly agenda.

GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Archives Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

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<u>CPC/Trustees — Libbie L.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC)

- A. Review the Area 40 CPC Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Discuss ways in which A.A. can continue to be a resource to professionals in Area 40.
- C. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for CPC.
- D. Discuss the activities of the CPC Committee during 2011-12 Rotation.
- E. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

Trustees

- A. Review the responsibilities for Trustee-at-Large.
- B. Discuss the process for electing a Trustee-at-Large.

GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on CPC and Trustees Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

<u>CORRECTIONS/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS — Terry H.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Corrections

- A. Review the Area 40 Corrections Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the Area 40 Pink Can Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- C. Discuss ways in which A.A. can continue to carry the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities in Area 40.
- D. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Corrections.
- E. Discuss the activities of the Corrections Committee during 2011-12 Rotation.
- F. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Corrections and International Conventions/Regional Forums Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

<u>FINANCE — Lori F.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Finance

- A. Review the Area 40 Treasurer Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Consider the proposed Area 40 Budget for 2013.
- C. Discuss group participation in Area 40.
- D. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Finance and Area Treasurer.
- E. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Area 40 Treasurer for the next rotation.

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GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Finance Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

<u>GRAPEVINE/POLICY & ADMISSIONS (GSC) — Gary E.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Grapevine

- A. Review the Area 40 Grapevine Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Discuss the Grapevine and La Viña's roles in the Fellowship today, including e-publishing and the Grapevine website (I-say Forum, daily quote, sobriety calculator, Try it free).
- C. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Grapevine.
- D. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Grapevine and Policy/Admissions Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference

<u>LITERATURE — Mary M.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Literature

- A. Review the Area 40 Literature Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Discuss the role of AA literature in the Fellowship today, traditional publishing and e-formats.
- C. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Literature.
- D. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Literature Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION / REPORT AND CHARTER & WEBSITE — Paula H.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Public Information (PI)

- A. Review the Area 40 Pl Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the operation and status of the Area 40 888 number.
- C. Review the Area 40 Triangle Editor Fall 2012 Assembly Report.

Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCM's 2010-2012

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- D. Review the Area Webmaster Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- E. Consider all business pertaining to the Web site operated by Area 40 Inc.
 - 1. Review the Ad Hoc Committee for Additional Information on the website Report.
 - 2. Consider recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee.
 - 3. Review the status of Spring 2012 action to use the Area 40 website as secure repository for the collection of Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact (BTG) information.
 - 4. Discuss the District 61 ad hoc committee proposal defining responsibilities for the maintenance, use, and coordination of BTG information on the Area 40 website. (Assigned to Treatment Committee)
- F. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Public Information, Triangle, and Webmaster.
- G. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair and Triangle Editor for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on PI/Report and Charter Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

<u>TREATMENT/AGENDA — Colby D.</u>

AREA 40 BUSINESS

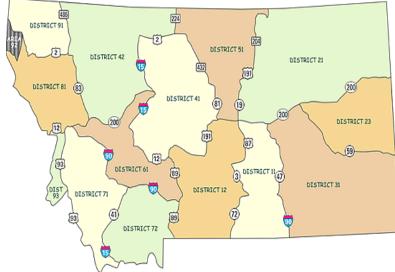
Treatment

- A. Review the Area 40 Treatment Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the status of Spring 2012 action to use the Area 40 website as secure repository for the collection of Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact (BTG) information.
- C. Consider the District 61 ad hoc committee proposal defining responsibilities for the maintenance, use, and coordination of BTG information on the Area 40 website.
- D. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Treatment.
- E. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Agenda Items for Treatment and Agenda at the 2012 General Service Conference.





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, Scoby, 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

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2012

- **22** *MISSOULA*, *MT* at Har Shalom Temple Solution Group Birthday—Laurie B., Chad P.
- **22-23** *LEWISTOWN*, *MT* at Yogo Inn—2012 Area 40 Fall Assembly Sharon S.
- **28-30** *HAVRE*, *MT* at HRDC Building Havre Mini-Conference Gene A. *themamma@itstriangle.net*

OCTOBER 2012

- 5-7— *MISSOULA, MT* at Hilton Garden Inn 2012 Fall Roundup Jo J.
- **13—** *BOZEMAN, MT* —at Fellowship Hall—H.O.W. Annual Speaker Event Teresa G.
- **20-21** CRESTON, MT—at Eastside Grange Hall—Fall Refresher— Kathleen J. at sapphirefit@yahoo.com or Barry W.
- **26-28** *FLATHEAD LAKE* —at the Lutheran Camp—Women's Recovery Weekend Renee D. at remeesuz07@gmail.com
- 26–28— LAVINA, MT—at Abba's Haven—Fall Men's Retreat Bob C. or Dave R.
- **27** *SAVAGE*, *MT* Community Center Hall District 23 Halloween Party—J. Scott W.

NOVEMBER 2012

- **2-4** *BILLINGS*, *MT* at Big Horn Resort Principles In Practice—Neil D., Carole B., Mindi D., Grace F.
- 17— HELENA, MT at the Red Lion Colonial Inn 58th Annual Attitude of Gratitude

MARCH 2013

1-3— *RAPID CITY, SD* — at Western Ramkota Hotel— West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference http://rapidcity.bwramkota.com/

APRIL 2013

6-7 — *LEWISTOWN*, *MT* — at the Yogo Inn — Area 40 2013 Spring Assembly.

SPRING 2013

BOZEMAN, MT — Spring 2013 Area 40 Roundup

SEPTEMBER 2013

- **6-8—BLOOMINGTON**, MN— West Central Regional Forum
- **21-22—LEWISTOWN, MT** 2013 Area 40 Fall Assembly

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