

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

August 31, 2024

4:30pm-6:30pm

Hybrid meeting held in person at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom

1. **Opened with the serenity prayer:** Lenore M.
2. **Read the District 72 Safety Statement:** Lenore M.
3. **Raise your hand if you are a voting member for District 72** (district officers, district committee chairs, GSRs, and Alt GSRs - only if your group's GSR is not here)
 - Voting members in attendance: 23
4. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Meghan R.
5. **Reading of Concept Eight:** Lenore M.

VIII. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, 2 exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

6. **Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the July 2024 minutes?** (meeting held 7/27/2024)
 - **Motion to accept:** passed

7. Introductions & Reports: GSRs & Visitors:

Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Tues, Thurs @ 7pm. Sun is a Step Study meeting. Business meeting held 1st Tues. 8:15pm. Group finally opened a bank account after 10 years. If any other groups need help doing this we can walk you through the process. Kickball event was lots of fun, good turn out. HOW Group changed their speaker meeting that night so there were not 2 speakers same night same time.

Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet Sundays @ 5pm, business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm. Attendance is good. Reading 12x12 right now and enjoying that.

Ron, **Vennis Over The Hill Group** (Ennis) - Meet Mon. Wed, Fri @ 7:30pm, Tues. @ 9am, Sun. in Virginia City @ 10am. Business meeting held 3rd Mon. @ 8:45pm. (Mon & Fri meetings are hybrid) Voted in new group GSR & Alt. GSR. They will attend Area 40 in September. We will be hosting the September district meeting, starting with a potluck at 3:30pm.

Tim K, **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Mon, Thurs, Sat, birthday meeting last Thurs of month. Business meeting 2nd Thurs of month @ 8:15pm.

Group Speaker Event coming up Oct.19 (*see attached flyer*)

Kristi D, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun. @ 11am, business meeting held 1st Sun. of the month. Attendance 12-20, 3rd Sunday is a 10-15 minute speaker meeting.

Jax F, **LGBTQ+ & Friends** (Bozeman) - meet Sat. @ 6pm, good attendance. Have a newcomer that keeps coming back.

Ellen C, **Friday Noon Women's Group** (Livingston) - reading 12x12, getting newcomers.

Dawn W. **Early Risers 11th Step Group** (Bozeman) - Zoom & in person, 11th step meditation meeting, wonderful attendance.

Maurice W, **Friday Men's Group** (Bozeman) - attendance is 25-35.

Maurice W, **Thursday Big Book Study** (Bozeman) - Big Book Study, attendance is 20-25.

Melinda W, **Tuesday at 8 Group** (Bozeman) - things are good, will hold elections at our Sept. business meeting.

Catherine J, **Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - We are a hybrid open meeting. We meet in the Bitterroot Room at Bozeman Health Hospital, celebrating birthdays the last Sun. of the month. This month it will be at 5pm.

Our business meeting is held the 1st Sun. of the month.

Connie L, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) - attendance 15-20, doing pretty good with lots of newcomers.

Ashley H, **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) - meet Monday and Weds at 8pm at Pilgrim Church, attendance is good, book study on Wednesdays, business meeting 3rd Wednesday at 9:10pm. Will start elections in September.

Erica S, **Saturday Morning Third Steppers Group** (Livingston) - Sat. @ 10:30am, attendance 30-40, business meeting held the 1st Saturday of the month

Our group is having an event at the Pine Creek Pavilion right before the Pine Creek trailhead at the campground.

It's a potluck where meat is provided and you bring a side dish. Things go from 11am-10pm w/2 meetings, 8pm is a birthday chip around the campfire. Please carpool.

Visitors: James (Tech. Committee), Jamie (Tech. Committee), Rebekah P. (Alt GSR), Earl F.(Area 40 Archive Committee Chair)

8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

(Reminder to send any reports, flyers or information district72.secretary@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Meghan R. -

- Income of \$1176.76 - most of this was from literature sales. \$258.28 from 7th tradition and \$130.82 for Pink Can.
- Expenses were \$1046.96 and included Q3 rent, some supplies for the tech committee, meeting schedules for PI, reimbursements for last month's special event, and a literature invoice
- You'll see that our Prudent Reserve amount noted on the Treasurer's Report has increased - I realized I'd never added the amount approved by the District for the Treasurer's budget when we voted on registering as a non-profit. This resulted in an increase of anticipated spending of \$295 (\$20 for Articles of Incorporation and \$275 for the non profit application). I updated the Treasurer's budget which impacted the Prudent Reserve since that number is based on 25% of our anticipated spending for the year.
- Our operating balance is still \$178.71 over the max amount we want to see there. I know there had been some discussion in previous months about sending the Bridging the Gap chair to the workshop next weekend. I didn't see an agenda item to request funds for this but if a motion is made, there is money in the bank account to cover this expense.
- We didn't receive any applications for Area assembly attendance. We also have \$500 in the budget for the Area Designated Chair to attend Area assembly. This year that is the Treatment chair.
- At the October business meeting, the Finance Committee will be putting forth a proposed Spending Plan for 2025. All committee chairs, please review your current budgeted amounts and let us know whether you'd recommend increases, decreases, or no change in the amounts for the committee next year. I would love to hear from each of you soon in order to make the most thought out and educated proposal we can!
- And lastly, I don't have an update on our move toward gaining non-profit status - this has been an incredibly busy month for me and my family - however I do expect to be able to get all of the paperwork submitted this month and have an update for you all in September!

(see email attachment D72 treasurer's report August 2024, or find it on the Area 40 in District 72 Mini Site)

Answering Service: Dustin G. -

- Things are going great.
- Thank you to the volunteers who are so willing to pick up their phones when calls come in.

Archives: Gail M. -

- I plan to attend a Zoom Archives event that is scheduled in September. I am waiting for more information on it. It is put on by another organization (or maybe a business), and is not an official AA event, it is billed as an "AA Archives presentation." I'll let you know what I find out.
- If you would like to interview an old-timer who sobered up in the Gallatin, Park or Madison Counties to add to the archives, we would love to have it. Area 40 Archivist, Earl F. told me that we would like to have a recorded version of interviews as well as a transcript. Please let me know if you are interested.
- If you have any materials from your groups or from past District events that you would like to have placed in our local Archives, please contact me and we will arrange to get together. You can text me at 406 570-6917 or email at gm59715@gmail.com. Even if your group is not old, it's important to have these materials on record.

CPC (*Cooperation with the Professional Community*): Karon K. -

- We welcomed an AA visitor who was interested in what our committee does. We also answered questions from another AA member who couldn't attend today but might also be interested in joining the committee next year.
- We had a debrief of the July 29 event with Al-Anon at the Bozeman Kiwanis Club meeting. Adam J was the AA speaker. After our presentations there were many questions from the audience indicating their interest in AA. One was a former judge who is a strong advocate for AA and expressed regret that judges can no longer specifically require DUI and other offenders to attend AA as a part of sentencing conditions.
- Benda C of the PI committee and I attended the grand opening of the MSU Student Wellness Center which now includes all student medical, mental and behavioral health services. We are following up the addiction counselor there.
- Making in-roads with Bozeman Health remains a conundrum as so far, we've not had luck in making contact with or receiving a response from the right individuals for an entrée for presentations. They are opening a psych ward in 2025 which might provide opportunities in the future. For now, we'll attempt to make some contact with Billings Clinic.
- We are investigating the possibility of repeating our presentation to MSU nursing students like we did last fall.
- We have been introduced to Shelby Hall who is the new multi-county outreach coordinator for Communities That Care with Southwest Montana Prevention. She met with one member of the committee and Fellowship Hall representatives and was impressed with the extent of recovery community here. We'll follow up with her.
- We discussed preparations for the November presentation to the Gallatin County Interfaith Council and discussed possible speakers for the event.
- We are attending and exhibiting at the Montana Peer Support and Recovery Services Symposium in Helena September 6. Deborah S of District 61 will collaborate on that.
- We prepared and reviewed a report of D72 CPC activities April – September for the Fall Assembly. We've shared that with the Area CPC chair.
- More thanks to Amy K who consistently delivers literature we need—even on short notice and looks out for our interests by referring us to groups and events relevant to our charge.
- *Thanks to CPC Committee members—Bob E (Madison County), Dennis S, Doreen M, Eleanor W (Park County), Nora D, and Sharon S.*

Grapevine & La Vina / Structure: Savannah D. -

- I have fully restocked the Grapevine and Lavinia boards. Please let your groups know they are welcome to borrow them, and if you have any extras, please consider donating to keep the board stocked.
- This month's featured section is "Young & Sober." Members share about the joys and challenges of getting sober and active in AA in their teens, 20s, and 30s.
- **Grapevine Daily Quote for August 31:**
"By admitting where I was at fault, I was given the ability to forgive ... With forgiveness came a freedom I had not anticipated. The amends had required nothing but courage and faith that my Higher Power would carry me where I had been too afraid to walk alone."
"Scene of the Crime," Sterling, Alaska, September 1993, Step By Step
Sign up to receive GV's Daily Quote
- **New updates:**
YPAA World Tour: Audio Stories from Young People in AA
Now Available in our Audio Project!
- **New magazine editions:**
 - Soaking in the Sun
 - High Fives
 - Making Things Right
 - When Sharing Matters
 - Stories Like Mine
 - On Second Thought
- **SUBMIT YOUR STORY OR ART**
If you have something to share, we are always accepting submissions.
SHARE WITH US
- **BECOME A GRAPEVINE REP at your group level**
Register to become a GVR and spread the word about AAGV.
SIGN UP
- **ATTEND AN EVENT**
Please check our calendar of events to see what's coming up in your area.
VIEW CALENDAR
- **SHARE AN EVENT**
Do you have an event you want to share? Let us know about it!
SUBMIT YOUR EVENT
- **Latest news:**
JANUARY 2024 | EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY
Carry The Message Project
- **Grapevine and La Viña are Great Twelfth Step Tools!**
Want To Help Another Alcoholic in 2 easy ways?
Please follow the instructions below:
1- Gift Certificate
 - Give a Gift Certificate to a family member, a friend, a sponsee, or a doctor's office, or use it for giveaways at anniversaries or events at your home group, district, or area level.
Follow these steps:
 - Go to www.aagrapevine.org/store.
 - Click on the Gift Certificates box.
 - Select the Gift Certificate you want to purchase.

Enter the number of Gift Certificates you wish to purchase. (A volume discount price will be applied for multiple gift certificates.)

 - Add to cart and click checkout in the shopping cart.

- Enter payment and billing information.
- Click on the review button.

Click on Pay and Complete Purchase. Once you have done this, you will receive an order confirmation email, and the gift certificate(s) will be sent to you in a separate email.

Print and hand the Gift Certificate(s) or email it to the individual(s) you purchased it for.

Note: The first renewal notices will be sent to you, and if you do not respond, the last ones will be sent to the recipient.

2. Carry the Message Gift Certificate

- Give a Carry the Message Gift Certificate to someone you do not know (such as an alcoholic in prison). Grapevine will redeem the gift certificate(s) for an alcoholic in need.

Follow these steps:

- Go to www.aagrapevine.org/store.
- Click on the Carry the Message Gift Certificate box.
- Enter the number of Gift Certificates you want to purchase. (For multiple gift certificates, a volume discount price will be applied).
- Add to cart and click checkout in the shopping cart.
- Enter payment and billing information.
- Click on the review button.
- Click on Pay and Complete Purchase. Once the purchase is complete, the order confirmation will be emailed, and the gift certificate(s) will be forwarded to sdominguez@aagrapevine.org to be redeemed. No further action is required.

Note: Your information will not be connected to the subscription record, and all renewal notices will be sent directly to the recipient.

WATCH "CARRY THE MESSAGE" VIDEO ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL HERE

Literature: Amy K. -

- Sold \$787.66, purchased \$452.50 - we are all stocked up
- New items coming soon: Black in AA (pamphlet), Daily Reflections *Large Print* (book), Lots of talk about the Plain Language Big Book, I will be able to order them on Nov. 1. There is no pre ordering but if groups let me know ahead of time how many they want, I can be ready to place a bulk order on Nov. 1. GSRs please let your groups know and have your literature chairs contact me.

PI (Public Information): Katie M. -

- We ordered 200 schedules this month, for a total of 1400 for the quarter.
- The PI committee has delivered schedules to 41 locations, mailed to 18 locations, and emailed to 1 location. We continue during the quarter to monitor these locations.
- Warming Center
 - The meetings are the 1st + 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon.
 - This is not an open meeting. It is a service commitment only.
 - We have made an orientation packet for all volunteers.
 - GSRs could you please announce? We always need more volunteers!
- Next committee meeting is September 20th at 5pm. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

Special Events: Valerie K. - absent

- No report

Bridging the Gap: Tony B. -

- There was 1 male request from MCDC. 3 male contacts reached out to help get him to an AA meeting.....willingness is key.
- There were 3 females at GCDC, matched up with 3 female volunteers.
- Next weekend is the Bridging The Gap Workshop Weekend (BTGWW) in Missoula, MT. I will be attending and will give a full report at next month's district meeting.

Corrections: Jennifer M. - absent

- No report

Treatment: Chris O. - (absent - Joanne M. read report)

- NEED SOME MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR MCDC.
Every month, 3rd Saturday. Please contact me Chris O. to get on the list. 406-220-0792.

Technology: Bradley G. -

- We met this month.
- We've received new supplies: cables; gaffers tape.
- Spoke with a member of our fellowship regarding the tech chair position and the committee.
- Brian S and Bradley will be attending the NAATW virtual workshop the weekend of the 13th this month to better understand how to use our technology to carry the message and serve our fellowship.
- Reminder send screen shares to: Area40.district72@gmail.com

Alt. DCM: Lenore M. -

- Thank you to Ennis in advance for hosting next month's district meeting.
- Thank you to Earl F. for continuing our elections today. We will run elections at each district meeting until done.

DCM: Betty M. -

- **General Service Office (GSO) Updates:**

- 1) International Convention: Planned for July 3-6 2025, Vancouver Canada at the Vancouver Convention Center. Cost: \$160 in September 2024; increases to \$185 a few months later. Theme: 90 Years: Language of the Heart. More information on the A website.
- 2) 74th General Service Office Service Committee report now available on Area 40 site. Go to [2024-FINAL-REPORT-anonymity-EN-0.pdf \(aa-montana.org\)](https://www.aa-montana.org/2024-FINAL-REPORT-anonymity-EN-0.pdf) Kacie will also be bringing some printed copies to Fall Assembly.
- 3) New books:
 - a) The new Plain Language Big Book will be available for sale beginning November 1, 2024 for \$11.00.
 - b) New Literature Workbook service tool (available 9/30/2024)
 - c) New large print edition of Reflexiones Diarias (available 9/30/2024)
- 4) New videos available on [aa.com](https://www.aa.com) (click to view link or access videos)
 - a) ["Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life"](#)
 - b) ["Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist"](#)

Area 40 Updates:

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Area 40 Fall Assembly - September 13-15 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Great Falls: No cost to attend the event itself. Transportation, gas & meals is required. Important: participate in the election of new Area Chairs & Officers for 2025-2026. **Important: If you are a voting member of District 72 please plan to attend online via Zoom or in person** so that you can

Fall Assembly Agenda is attached in this PDF

a) Area 40 Agenda item attached and on www.aa-montana.org/dashboard. This item documents the changes that have been approved to date by A40 to our Policy & Procedures Guide. No additional changes are included.

- i) Userid: dashboard
- ii) Password: xwPa4Sky

- **Area 40 Fall Roundup, Anaconda - October 11-13**

Will be great event with A & A/Anon speakers, variety of entertainment options, good food available. Flyer available online.

Note: For a fuller listing of activities/events, refer the calendar and flyer using the Calendar Tab of Area 40 Montana A site: <https://www.aa-montana.org/>

9. Immediate Business:

- **Impromptu agenda item from Bridging the Gap Chair Report - Tony B.**
Motion: Reimburse the Bridging the Gap chair for expenses related to attending the International Bridging the Gap workshop in Missoula September 6th- 8th, including registration, accommodations for 2 nights, gas or mileage reimbursement using the IRS charitable mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.14/mile, and food.
Passed: YES - 23, NO - 0
- **Current committee chairs, please review your service position descriptions in the District 72 Guidelines to check for any needed updates, changes, etc. and submit them by the end of the year.**

10. Old Business:

- **Continue elections for the district officers (treasurer and secretary) and committee chairs for the 2025-26 district rotation.** Earl F. will lead us!
Elections proceeded using the *Third Legacy Procedure*.
Results: Secretary - Lila H.
Treasurer - Tim K.
Answering Service - Dustin G.
Archives - Joanne M.
Corrections - Tony B.
Grapevine/LaVina - Bob C.
Literature - Savannah D.

Motion to adjourn @ 6:45pm

11. New Business:

The following agenda items were not covered at this meeting.

- **Discussion to add "Provide oral and written reports at the monthly District 72 business meeting" to all service position descriptions in the District 72 guidelines (except for Secretary)- Lenore M.**
 - The reason to not include the Secretary is because the Secretary's monthly minutes serve as their written report
 - Currently the following District service position descriptions don't mention anything about an oral and/or written report: District Committee Member (DCM), Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM), Answering Service, Bridging the Gap,
 - Currently the following service position descriptions refer to an oral and/or written report, but with inconsistent language: Archives, Corrections, Grapevine/La Vina, Literature, Public Information (PI), Treatment, Special Events, District Inventory, Roundup Chair

- Discussion to add “Participates in the Finance Committee as lead by the Treasurer” to the District Committee Member (DCM), Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM), Secretary, and Literature Chair service position descriptions in the District 72 Guidelines- Lenore M.
 - It is currently only mentioned in the Treasurer service position description that the DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, and Literature chair are the members of the finance committee

12. Responsibility Pledge

“I am responsible.

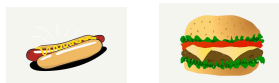
*When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.”*

REQUEST: *If you have any items you want added to the next month’s agenda, please email it to Lenore at lenore.maunz777@gmail.com at least 10 days in advance of next month’s meeting date so there is enough time to add it and send the agenda out. This would be September 18, 2024.*

*Please send any items to be screenshared & displayed at the next D72 meeting to:
area40.district72@gmail.com*

**Next district meeting Saturday, September 28th , 2024, 4:30pm – 6:30pm
at Trinity Episcopal church, 93 Jeffers Rd (right near Ennis) and on Zoom.
See Area website for happenings in our District and the rest of Area 40
as well as current District information:**

AA-Montana.org



**A potluck will precede the meeting beginning at 3:30pm.
Venice Over the Hill Group will provide grilled hamburgers & hotdogs.
Please bring your favorite side dish to share & a beverage to drink.**

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The link to our District mini site is:

<https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>

*If your group has an event flyer you wish to post on the Area 40 Calendar of Events
please send to: webmaster@aamontana.org*

